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President's Remarks

Hello to Friends and Fellow Lions.

Well, here we are again during a very foggy, grey and windless week. Just a few words to say hello and thank you for your continuing support and kindness to me and my family. After three challenging months Andy passed away at Dorothy House on 2nd November. We knew what the outcome would be, but it didn't make it any easier.

We raise monies for many deserving causes and with Christmas not too far away, I know Phil will have been behind the scenes sorting the float and organising rotas to enable routes to be covered. Please do give your support this Christmas to enable the floats to run smoothly. The money we raise has never been more needed whether it's for the Hub to enable a larger shop at Sainsbury's to fill up the Christmas bags or a donation to the charities of our choice. Our small actions of giving time to raise monies bring huge rewards to those who are in the greatest need of funds.

Finally, a huge thank you to Brian and Judy for representing the Lions on Remembrance Sunday in our town park at the cenotaph. The courage of so many people from the past respected and never to be forgotten. Courage is something we all need at different times. I was sent an encouraging quote which I will share with you. 'Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of day that says I'll try again tomorrow.' By Mary Ann Radmacher.

Bye for now and I hope to see you soon.
Lynn

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for November Meeting – Liz Foot please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.
Present
Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th October 2026.
For Action or Decision: Trustees
Treasurer
Community Services
Fun Day
Fund Raising
Social
Correspondence
Any Other Relevant Business

MINUTES

1. Minutes of a meeting of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on Monday 19th October 2026.
2. Attendance. There were 12 members present.

3. Apologies. Lions Lynn, Pete, Ron, Ken, Mark, Janie and Brian C.

4. Guests. Anna Korzhova and Vladyslav Zokordets (winners of Young Peoples Award 2026), Mrs Korzhova and Mrs Zokordets (parents), Holly Whittle, Rachel Shepherd and Mr & Mrs Walker (sponsors of Vlad and his mother when they first arrived in the UK)
a) Lion Mike introduced our guests to club members.
b) Lion Phil made a short introductory speech explaining the aims of this annual competition. Phil then made the presentations of a plaque and a cash prize of £100 to each winner. Anna and Vlad both made a short speech thanking all those people who have supported them since their arrival in the UK. The two winners showed just what remarkable young people they are. Both proved to be worthy winners of this competition.
5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 21st September 2026. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting.
a) 6a - Voice recording at meetings, ongoing. **Action Brian C.**
b) 9d3 – Refreshments for October club meeting, complete.
c) 10c1 – Choir Concert 2027, booked and complete.

7. Treasurer.
a) Admin account £111.74, Charity/Activities account £8509.54.
b For all other information, please see the October Newsletter.

8. Community Services.
a) No report. Next meeting is on November 5th 2026.

9. Fund Raising.
a) Santa Float.
a1) Collection rota is now available.
a2) There will be three drivers.
a3) There will be 9 collection routes, starting 11th December.
a4) Collections will start at 5-00pm
b) Dog Show
b1) John suggested that we make the presentation to the town mayor of a donation of £631 from the Dog Show.
b2) John confirmed that the Dog Show 2027 will be on Poulton Field on 11th September 2027. The town council have again waived the cost of hiring the field and have confirmed that any donation will be spent on the playing field.

10. Social.
a) Charter.
a1) There will be 51 guests at the event.
a2) The District Governor and his wife and the town mayor have accepted our invitation to attend.
a3) The members agreed to make a £50 donation to Sebastian's Action Trust, which is the DGs wife's chosen charity.

11. Correspondence. The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.

12. Any other business.
a) Keith reported that Lion Ron is making a good recovery and he and Christine will be attending the Charter lunch.
b) It was agreed that there will be no club meeting in December.

13. Raffle.
a) The raffle was won by Hilary.

b) Raffle prize for November meeting, Liz please.

Phil, who chaired the meeting in Lynn's absence, closed the meeting in record time at 8-00pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report 10th November 2026

The balance on the Admin account is ££2422.74 (Oct £1118.74)
We received payments for the charter lunch from various members, the raffle monies and paid for the choir. The Cumberwell invoice for £1572.00 is due to leave the account this week.

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is ££7,148.09 (Oct £8,509.54)

Incomings
None

Outgoings
Cash for YPA, town council share of dog show profits,

Donations this month
Grow for life £500 and £50 donation to charity of district chair partner.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Community Services Committee Meeting on Thursday 5th November 2.00 pm@ Bob's .

1 **Present:** Jon, Mike, Bob.
2 **Apologies:** John, Janie, Ken and Lynn.

3 **New Items:**

1. **Saxon Group – Riding for the disabled** This is the only riding for the disabled based in Bradford on Avon. The horses are cared for in private homes but on Mondays that have their weekly session. They have had a fund raiser to buy a lorry but need some more funds to purchase a vehicle. **Committee Suggest £500.00 donation – Club decision.**

2. **Kindwaves:** Kindwaves , who we supported recently – are looking to buy a new computer so it can develop its first pilot. They are in real need of a new computer and so their work can

progress and have sourced a new Macbook Neo at £699. **Committee Suggest £699.00 – Club decision**

3. **Bradford-on Avon Hub**. Have requested a donation of £250.00 to help with Christmas bags that go to local school families. **Committee suggest £250.00 . Club decision.**

4. **Sunflower Home Support.** This fairly new support group have asked us to pass on names and addresses of older people who might need help because of loneliness etc. Committee felt this was not within our remit – we decided not to take this any further.

The date and place of next meeting will be decided when it is required.

FUND RAISING

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for November 2026

Thank you to all those who supported our recent Charter event. It was a very enjoyable lunchtime, also greatly enjoyed by 21 Lions from visiting clubs, the Mayor, District Governor and his wife. Thank you also for the raffle contributions.

Coffee morning reminder – Timbrells is booked for 1030 on Friday 20th November.

Now, on to the next celebration lunch – our **Christmas lunch** on Monday **21st December**. 12.30 for 1pm in the Wraxall Bar at Cumberwell. See menu below – menu choices to Hilary by 6th December (hilaryspence@hotmail.co.uk)
Payments to: Bradford on Avon Lions Club - SC 30-98-75 Acct 01612856

Lions Christmas Lunch
Wraxall Bar Cumberwell
1230 for 1pm on 21st December 2026

Starter

Roasted Pumpkin and Sweet Potato Soup with Croutons.
Chicken Liver Pate, Toasted Wholemeal Bread,
Red Onion Marmalade, Dressed Leaves

Main

Traditional Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Pig in Blanket, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy.
Salmon en Croute, Gratin Potato, Seasonal Vegetables,
Lemon and Dill Cream Sauce.
Festive Falafel Loaf, Roast Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy.

Dessert

Traditional Christmas Pudding, Brandy Sauce
Topped with Redcurrants.
Double Chocolate Brownie (White & Dark),
Chocolate Sauce, Vanilla Ice Cream.

Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies

Gluten free, Dairy free, Vegan options available

1 Course £19.00 per person
2 Courses £25.00 per person
3 Courses £30.00 per person

Bradford on Avon Lions Club Charities Account 2026/27

Payments from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027

Date	**Amount**	**Recipient**
7/26	£500.00	Dementia Support
7/26	£500.00	Dorothy House
7/26	£500.00	Julia's House
7/26	£500.00	LCIF
7/26	£168.00	Holt Scout Storage
9/26	£200.00	Skip Hire
9/26	£500.00	B on A Dementia
11/26	£500.00	Grow for Life
Total	**£** 3368.00	

Club Diary November and December 2026

November	1	Charter Lunch	1200hrs	Cumberwell
	16	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
	20	Coffee Morning	1030hrs	Timbrells Yard
December	21	Christmas Lunch	1230hrs	Cumberwell
	24	Xmas Eve Carols		Westbury Gdns

Dates to Remember

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: Monday 14th December

Black is budget	BUDGET FORECAST 2026/2027											
Red is Actual												
Event	Jul	Jul	Aug	Aug	Sep	Sept	Oct	Oct	Nov	Nov	Dec	Dec
Young Peoples Award L	100											
Christmas Tree L									800			
Christmas Parcels L											800	
Dementia Support L	500			500							500	
Sight Savers I									500			
British Legion L									100			
Julia's House L												
Lions Youth Projects N			120									
Water Aid I												
LCIF I												
Medic Alert I												
SPLASH L												
Easter Egg Hunt L												
Brain Tumour Research N					500							
Dorothy House												
Other Causes	350		350		350		350		350		350	
Amy Louise Ford				200								
BoA Council								**242**				
YPA								**200**				
Mrs Renwick							16	**16**	16			
Disrict charity (Mrs Tim Hanton)								**50**				
Budget	£950.00		£470.00		£850.00		£350.00		£1,766.00		£1,650.00	
Actual		£0.00		£700.00		£0.00		£508.00		£0.00		
Running Total Budget	£950.00	£0.00	£1,420.00		£2,270.00		£2,620.00		£4,370.00		£6,020.00	
Running Total Actual		£0.00		£700.00		£700.00		£1,208.00		£1,208.00		
Difference		**£950.00**		**£720.00**		**£1,570.00**		**£1,920.00**		**£3,670.00**		
Bank Balance						£7,078.00		£7,148.09				
Projected Income						£1,600.00		£0.00				
Projected Expenses						£500.00		£89.00				
Balance						£8,178.00		£7,059.09				
Retained Balance Floor						**£2,000.00**		**£2,000.00**				
Budgetted disbursments						**£850.00**		**£1,766.00**				
Available for Disbursement						£5,328.00		£3,293.09				