



Friends of Bradford on Avon Lions Club

Newsletter No 60 October 2026

Introduction.

Dear 'Friends'. This Newsletter covers the period from the beginning of July 26 until the end of September 2026.

Our President until the end of June 2027 will again be Lynn O'Pray who has agreed to remain in post for another year.

Our Membership now stands at 19, however we always seeking new Members. Thus, if you know of anybody who would like to join us, then please contact our Membership Secretary Phil Courage on Tel. No. 01225/864154.

Our Club Meetings are now held on the third Monday of the month commencing at 07.30, in the Village Hall at Holt.

However, without the assistance of partners and friends such as yourself, we would not be able to put on some of our Fund Raising events. Our thanks go to those of you who have assisted in the past. Should you know of any people who would like to become one of our 'Friends' then please contact me on Tel. No 01225/865851 or by Email judy.hersee@btinternet.com

Remember you are always welcome to attend our social events. We hope that if you attended any of our past events, you found them welcoming and enjoyable.

Community Service.

Our latest bench has now been installed at Westbury Gardens.

A donation of £500 was made to B.O.A. Dementia Alliance.

A donation of £500 was made to Dorothy House.

A donation of £500 was Julia's House.

A donation £500 was made to Lion's Clubs International Foundation.

A donation of £168 was made to Holt Scout Group.

A donation of £200 was made to a resident of Holt for Skip Hire

A donation of £500 was made to Brain Tumour Research.

We continue to supply local surgeries with "Message in a Bottle".

We continue to collect used spectacles from 4 collection points within the town as part of Lion's "Spectrek" campaign. For more info on this subject, or if you wish to donate used spectacles, please contact our "Spectrek" officer Lion Mike Sullivan on Tel. No. 01225/519857.

Fund Raising

a) Dog Show.

This was held on September 12th in the Poulton Field. As a result of sponsorship, our on line raffle and dog entry money we were able to show a profit on the day of £2500. This will be placed in our Charity Account.

It was decided at our latest Club Meeting to hold the event again next September.

b) Choir Concert in Trinity Church.

This was held in Trinity Church on Saturday 19th September. Two Choirs took part, The West Wilts Young Singers, & The Mendip Male Voice Choir. There was a small Wine Bar and a Raffle.
It was well supported and as a result we were able to show a profit of around £800 for our Charity Account.

Social.

a) Annual Garden Lunch.

This was held in August at Southway Park on a lovely sunny Sunday. Lots of good food with a few drinks for those not driving. A very sociable few hours culminating with a not too serious pairs game of Boule.

b) Coffee Mornings.

Members held a number of coffee mornings at local restaurants.

Donations.

A number of Donations were made over this period from our Charity Account:-
See **Community Service** above.

Future Events.

1. Fund Raising.

a) Christmas Float.

This will be paraded around the Town and local villages during December. Details of dates and routes will be published later.

b) Carol Concert on Christmas Eve in Westbury Gardens at 6pm.

Although not an official Fund Raiser, any donations on the night will be gratefully received.

c) Fun Day and Car Boot Sale 2026.

This is being held on May 31st in the Victory Field and Culver Close. Car Boot Plots are pre booked.
Contact Phil Courage on 01225/864154 for details.

d) Craft, Choirs, Coffee & Cake 2026.

This is being held in June in Trinity Church Bradford. Details to follow.

e) Dog Show 2026.

This is being held in September in the Poulton Field. More details to follow.

f) Choir Concert 2026.

This is being held in September in Trinity Church Bradford. More Details to follow.

g) Christmas Float 2026.

This will again parade through the Town and villages during December.

2. Community Service.

a) Easter Bonnets and Egg Hunt.

This is being held on Easter Monday March 29th in the Victory Field. Commencing at 10am for Bonnet Judging. Free to children under 12. Prizes for Bonnet Winners. More details to follow.

3) Social.

a) Club Charter Lunch

This is being held at Cumberwell Park Golf Club on Sunday 1st November. 12.00 for 12.30. 3 courses £38.00. 2 courses £33.00. Entertainment by the Courage Choir. Choices and payment by 10th October. See email sent 29th September for details of courses and method of payment.

b) Club Christmas Lunch.

This will be held at Cumberwell Park Golf Club in the Wraxall Bar in December. More details to follow.

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Regards,
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