

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRAUNTON

December 2015 - January 2016



## THIS EDITION

WONDERS  
OF CHINA

DECEMBER  
MEETINGS

JANUARY  
MEETINGS

STEWARDS,  
GRACE &  
LOYAL TOAST

CELEBRATIONS

SEASONS  
GREETINGS

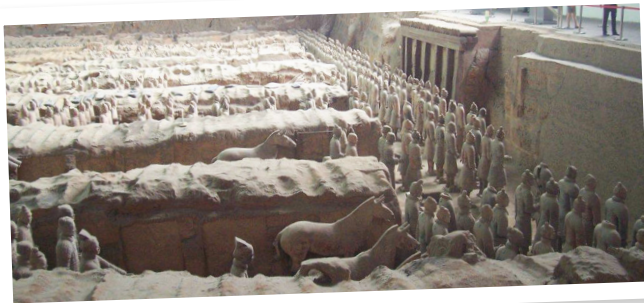


## Wonders of China

**As we strolled through Tienanmen Square passing Chairman Mao's Mausoleum and into the Imperial Forbidden City we marvelled at the amazing Royal complex .....**

We had a rickshaw ride through the old Hutong (narrow streets) and on to the 15th century Temple of Heaven. The next day we climbed the Great Wall, admiring the panoramic views. We then visited the Jade factory and spent the afternoon at the Summer Palace, Chinese Gardens and Kunming Lake.

The following day we flew to Xian where we stayed 2 nights and experienced the wonderful site of the Terracotta Warriors over 7,000 life size soldiers, horses and chariots. The following morning we flew to Wuhan.



After landing we had a coach transfer to Yichang to board our 5 day Yangtze River cruise ship. Over that period we experienced beautiful and dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges Dam, and a massive conservation project. We disembarked from the ship at the city of Chongqing where we visited the Zoo and the Pandas. **Cont'd Pg 4**

# December Meetings

**2**

DEC

**The Williams Arms**  
12pm International  
1pm Open Meeting

**9**

DEC

**The Williams Arms**  
12pm Community Meeting  
1pm Open Meeting

**11**

DEC

**The Square Braunton**  
Carols On The Green

**16**

DEC

**The Williams Arms**  
1pm Christmas Lunch

**6**

JAN

**The Williams Arms**  
12pm International & Community  
1pm Open Meeting

# Birthdays

7th Dec  
**Michael Zeale**

8th Dec  
**John Lain**

9th Dec  
**Alan Jones**

16th Dec  
**Eddie Chichester**

18th Dec  
**Brenda Field**

16th Dec  
**Julia Needham**

## Stewards, Grace & Loyal Toast

2nd December  
**John Bone**

9th December  
**Dudley Chugg**

16th December  
**No Steward**

6th January  
**Chris Cork**

## Anniversaries

19th Dec  
**Dennis & Jenny Watts**



# January Meetings

**6**

JAN

**The Williams Arms**  
12pm International & Community  
1pm Open Meeting

**13**

JAN

**The Williams Arms**  
12pm Club Council  
1pm Club Business

**20**

JAN

**Mercaston Hse, South St.**  
Brazil Evening - Time TBC

**27**

JAN

**The Williams Arms**  
1pm Spk. Helen Wells

**3**

FEB

**The Williams Arms**  
12pm International Meeting  
1pm Open Meeting

**Birthdays**

28th Jan  
**Roland Field**

31st Jan  
**Ben Crawford**

## Stewards, Grace & Loyal Toast

13th January  
**Ben Crawford**

20th January  
**Garry Dadds**

27th January  
**Stan Dibble**

3rd February  
**Roland Field**

## Anniversaries



# Wonders of China Cont'd

Our next flight was to Guilin, a picturesque town surrounded by mountains where we stayed for 1 night and visited the Reed Flute Caves and China Sea Pearl Exhibition. We then cruised along the beautiful Li River, passing tranquil farming and fishing scenes as well as picturesque villages. Our destination was Yangshuo where we stayed for 2 nights. It was captivating, lush and green, a complete contrast to the Chinese cities we had seen.

Next we flew to Shanghai, China's great metropolis. We strolled around peoples square and a river front area called the Bund recognised as Shanghai's 'Wall Street', the peaceful Yu gardens and experienced the atmosphere of the

old town. In the evening we enjoyed a cruise on the Huangpu River to view the city by night.

Following the tour we flew to Hong Kong for 3 nights where we had a half day tour to Stanley Market, Aberdeen Fishing village, home of the boat people, and saw Hong Kong's skyline from Victoria peak. The following day we visited Lantau Island visiting Ngong Ping Plateau, The Giant Buddha and an interesting ride on the sky rail cable car.

It was a full packed tour and it was just amazing to see and experience so much of China, a wonderful trip of a lifetime!!

*Kathy & Gavin Archibald*

## Seasons Greetings...

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!!!

