

Rotary Club of Braunton

September/October Newsletter

This Month's Programme

12th September Open Meeting
Garry Dadds will sing for his supper by giving a talk on the Prison Service
19th September Community Committee
Guest Speaker Mr Neil Floyd on the Diplomatic Service.
26th September Club Council and Business Meeting.
3rd October International Committee
10th October Community Committee with an update on the Village Green Proposals.
17th October Open Meeting
24th October Club Council and Business Meeting
31st October Guest Night at the Williams Arms with a Quiz and supper

Stewards and Graces this Month

12th September Garry Dadds
19th September Alan Jones
26th September John Lain
3rd October Clive Lewry
10th October Beryl Lloyd
17th October John Masterson
24th October Chris Nicholas
31st October our Hosts at the Quiz are Dudley and Quizmaster Clive.

All subject to change. General rule is if the listed member is not available then next on the list becomes that week's steward.

Meeting Times

Weekly lunch meetings now start at 12.30 with lunch being served at 1.00pm

Club List

All members should have received a copy of the updated Club List, either by email or a hard copy, if you have not please let me know and I will forward a copy on. Please let me know of any amendments to email or phone contacts.

Whats on This Month



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Friday 14th September



Dudley's Rotary Bingo Night At the Parish Hall

Doors open at 6.30pm with Eyes Down at 7.45
In Aid of our International Charity Work

20th September Barnstaple Fair Lunch At the Park Hotel

31st October Guest Night at the Williams Arms with a Quiz



3rd November Saturday. Big Breakfast at the Parish Hall



With Craft Stalls, Raffle, Inner Wheel
Cake Stall and Rotary Bric a Brac
In Aid of Livewell in Braunton

Kira Farm

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Dudley has received a further note from this year's sponsored student at Kira Farm, which tells us of how our sponsorship is helping in teaching land management skills. The note has been edited.

"How are you doing my dear friend, hope all is well with you. I enjoy updating you on our progress and look forward to the chance to communicate with you. I am happy to tell you that I am really enjoying my training at Kira, more so this time as I have been farming. I am really proud of the farming skills we have been taught. I have been harvesting maize from my garden and I have enough maize to feed my family at home for 3 months. I have also been learning about tree nursery management which involves replanting different types of trees from our nursery. Together with my friends we have planted many trees on Kira. This is a very important skill that I can share back home

Thanks a lot for your support to learn all these skills. Yours Kennedy

Recycling Glasses

Over 200 pairs of glasses collected by the Club from Braunton Medical Centre are sent to Vision Aid Overseas via Specsavers. This is what happens to those glasses pictured here.



Vision Aid stopped sending donated second-hand glasses in 2009 when the [World Health Organisation](#) (WHO) and the [International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness](#) (IAPB) recommended that sending second-hand glasses overseas was not the best way to establish sustainable eye care in developing countries. Instead, they recycle the donated second-hand glasses for their precious metal content (gold frames) and any retro or vintage glasses are sold on their eBay shop or to specialist buyers. They also recycle plastic glasses. The income generated through the recycling process enables Vision Aid to deliver sustainable eye care services in their partner countries. Over 700 Opticians have been trained by the Charity.

This is just another simple way Braunton Rotary continues to support overseas charities. The Club thanks all who donated these glasses and the Medical Centre for their support.

The Village Green Project Rotary Working with the Local Community

Members of the Club's Community Committee recently met with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the options available for replacing the lost tree on the village green. The Club has expressed a willingness to make a substantial contribution towards the project. The Club explained they were keen to ensure that any street furniture would be traditional design and of the highest quality, possibly with a circle of seating around the new tree. A number of ideas were discussed including the possible use of the type of hard standing surface outside the Countryside Centre to enable wheelchair access to the seating and perhaps help to protect the surface around the seating. The council felt that free wifi and adequate phone reception could be included, based on work being done on the old police station.

The Council was very receptive to the Club's suggestions and have already sought funding from appropriate bodies. The council is to carry out further planning and costings for the project. **A further meeting with the Council is scheduled for 11th September, an update on progress will be reported to the Club at Wednesday's meeting.**



Presentation of cheque to the Barnstaple Branch of Parkinsons UK. The £1,500.00 proceeds from the Village Fair.



Terry and Gill Webber with Lynda and Terry Smith from the Branch.

Past President Dudley Presenting a cheque for £600.00 to Dr Susanna Hill for the Live well in Braunton Project



Finally this month, Surprise, Surprise, Secretary Robert Haynes receives this year's Rotarian of the Year Award, The Denis Watts Shield from President Ray.

