



Rotary Club of Braunton

December Newsletter 2020



A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all



A Christmas Message from our President

Dear Rotarians

2020 a year none of us will ever forget. We probably read in fiction books that the world would suffer a pandemic but none of us thought it would ever happen let alone in our lifetime.

We all have had to quickly adapt to a different way of life. It has been hard.

For me it was from going out nearly every day to staying at home and not driving the car for three months between the end of March and June.

It was the same for many of you - having to shield and limit your contact with the outside world but yet it was wonderful to learn that the Rotarian friendship continued with many of you keeping in regular contact with each other.

Contact came in many ways - emails, phone calls and of course the famous musings, mumblings and ramblings from Tawstock. Lotte and Glenn have certainly kept us entertained with their fortnightly updates.

We also managed to set up monthly Zoom meetings (thanks to Ian) and this has proved to be popular. Someone said "You won't get the Braunton Rotarians to hold Zoom meetings" but you proved them wrong.

Naturally we all look forward to meeting up and having lunch at the Williams Arms (what I would give for a slice of cheesecake!! with the cream - that is for Stan). Fingers crossed that at some point in 2021 this will happen.

This Christmas will be different, I know many families will not be able to meet. We need to be positive and look forward to the times when we can all come together again - it will come but it will take time. Bring on the vaccinations!

Dave and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe stay healthy.

With all good wishes

Beryl



Donations and Support Given This Year

During this very difficult year the club has still been able to help support many organisations here are just a few who have benifitted from donations this year.

Australian Firefighters

Shane Park volunteers of New South Wales.

Shelterbox

Our Continued support to this Rotary Charity

Kira Farm

This Years Student Sponsorship

North Devon Hospice

2 donations this year

Childrens Hospice Southwest

Calvert Trust Exmoor

To help with ongoing support during lockdown

Macmillian Cancer Support

Braunton Volunteer Centre

Continued support during lockdown for local residents.

Braunton Under 7s Football Team

New football kit for this new team

North Devon Hospice Renovation Project

Donation via the Rotary Club of Holswothy

Roay British Legion Poppy Appeal

Donated to Braunton RBL

Water Aid again a matched donation from the UK government

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Donation via a Rotary Club of Putney

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Braunton FoodBank a Christmas Gift



President Beryl hands over a cheque to Natasha O'Dollell at the Foodbank



Latest news from the Fair Committee, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic the date of the Fair has been rescheduled to the August Bank Holiday Sunday
(Subject to confirmation from the Parish Council)

Kira Farm Update

A message from our sponsor student Joel
I hope you are very well my dear friends. It has been a while since I last heard from you. I pray things are moving well with you. Life here has been not bad except for the virus which has kept us locked in one place. I have been okay here in Gulu doing a few building jobs and we have been meeting with other Kira trainees from the community who are helping us gain more skills. It is always a good time when we meet them. I do miss Kira and looking forward to when it opens next year so that I can go back to finish with the training. That is a time I can't wait to see! How have you been? I would love to hear! I will try to write to you next month possibly. Please stay safe always. Blessings and take care.
Best Regards Joel

Kira Farm will hopefully be joining us on ZOOM during our January Meeting. Details to follow.



The Great Braunton Ball Race



We all missed this event in 2020, like so many of our other fundraising activities, the golf balls remained in the bag. Well standby to check those numbered balls, hopefully we will be able to let those pesky little balls roll in August 2021, subject of course to how things play out with Covid restrictions.

News from Braunton Academy

Due to Social Distancing and the Academy's Covid Safety Protocols Year 11 Interviews will not be held during this school year.

A main Club activity supporting the youth of the village, these interviews have been held for many years, hopefully the Club will be able to resume this worthwhile service next year

With the excellent news that a vaccine will soon be available, let us all hope this will allow life to return to normal as soon as possible and we can resume our weekly meetings. In the meantime keep in touch and our Zoom meetings will continue on a monthly basis. Stay safe, keep well.



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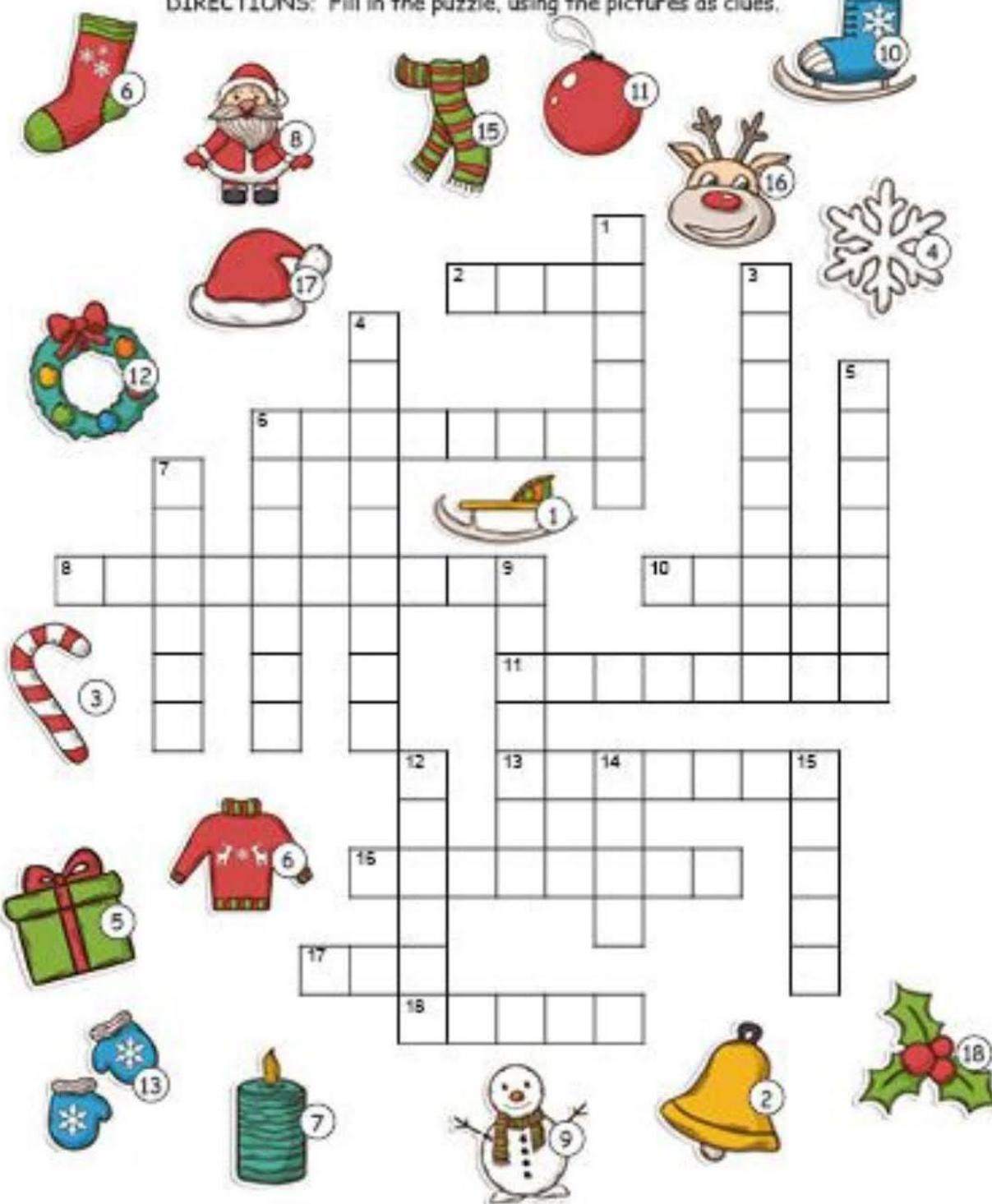


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Christmas Crossword

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the puzzle, using the pictures as clues.



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Christmas Quiz

1. On which day of the week was Christmas Day 2019?
2. What colour are the berries found on the European mistletoe plant?
3. Which journalist, writer and poet wrote the first ever King's Christmas message - it was for George V in 1932?
4. What did Tom Smith of London invent in 1847 after getting the idea on a trip to Paris?
5. What is the name of Bob Cratchit's youngest child in the book, A Christmas Carol?
6. The modern Santa Claus was based on traditions surrounding which fourth-century Greek bishop?
7. If you were born on Christmas Day, what is your star sign?
8. Which song plays out the end credits of the film Die Hard?
9. What, with parts called 'lametta', was invented in Nuremberg, Germany in 1610?
10. Who played Kris Kringle in the 1994 film Miracle on 34th Street?
11. Who were the English Protestants in the 16th and 17th centuries that objected to celebrating Christmas?
12. Lloyd Christmas is roommates with best friend Harry Dunne in which 1994 film?
13. What do Americans call reindeer?
14. At what time on Christmas Day each year does the Queen broadcast to the nation?
15. In 1989, a record TV audience of 22 million watched the UK premiere of which film on Christmas Day?
16. On the fifth day of Christmas what new items did my true love give to me?
17. What cake is offered typically during Christmas throughout Italy?
18. Which item of clothing brought Frosty the Snowman back to life?
19. Which Christmas carol is noted for the Latin line "Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!"?
20. What did Henry Cole give us in 1843?
21. Eating a Kentucky Fried Chicken meal is a Christmas tradition in which country?
22. Which American state's Spanish translation literally means 'covered in snow'?
23. Who plays aspiring entertainer, Private First Class Phil Davis, in the 1954 film White Christmas?
24. Which festive song is the biggest-selling single in UK chart history not to reach number one?
25. What was the name of the lady who was handed divorce papers on Christmas Day 1986?
26. Who married Alice Fitzwarren?
27. Who first appeared in a 1939 booklet written by Robert L. May?
28. How old was Kevin in the 1990 Christmas comedy film Home Alone?
29. The General Post Office stopped delivering letters on Christmas Day in England in which year: 1940, 1950, 1960, or 1970?
30. Often used in Christmas floral displays, what is Euphorbia pulcherrima?

Just a bit of fun, enjoy, answers available soon, I hope !!!!

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