

Rotary Club of Braunton

Late Summer Newsletter 2021



Message from President Beryl

Dear Rotarians

September is here - the nights are drawing-in, there is a nip in the early morning air and you know autumn is here because Strictly Come Dancing is back on our screens. Where has the year gone?

The positive thing is that we are now able to meet face to face and enjoy the facilities of the Williams Arms. Stan is of course delighted because it means he can have my clotted cream and I can of course enjoy the cheesecake!!!! I sincerely hope that over the coming months we can plan various events. Glenn and Lotte have made a provisional booking at the Ilfracombe Golf on December 29 when we will be able to enjoy a meal followed by music from the 60s and 70s so get those dancing shoes on and boogie the night away.

It goes without saying that all the various events, fund raising activities are subject to any Covid restrictions that may be implemented. We all want to get back to a normal life but Covid is not going to go away and will be with us for many years. We will have to learn to live with it and no doubt continue having vaccines on a regular basis.

We do need to keep positive and more forward with trying to find new avenues for fund raising activities and attracting new members as our aim for the coming months.

Best wishes President Beryl

Rotary Club of Braunton Supporting Sport in the Community

Rotary Club of Braunton President Beryl Lloyd and Rotarians Chris Cork, Dudley Chugg and Ian Welsh present a cheque for £2000.00 to Andy Jones and Nigel Cross from Braunton Cricket Club to support the Cricket Club's project to install all weather practice nets at the cricket ground. Funded from the Rotary Club of Braunton's Brian Whitting Trust Fund.

Nigel Cross comments, "Braunton Cricket Club intend to utilise Rotary Club funding to help finance a two-lane artificial grass training facility

with nets due for completion around the end of 2021. The new facilities will be very frequently used by their own men's, women's, and youth teams and other teams registered to the Devon and North Devon Cricket league. Local schools are also most welcome to use the new facilities along with touring cricket teams from around the UK and abroad. It's a state of the art training facility that will enhance the game in the local area."



News From Kira Farm

A message from our student Joel,

How are you doing my dear sponsors? Let me hope that everything is well with you. It is a lovely warm afternoon at Kira Farm, and I can write to you. I am doing fine learning so many things. This month we are making pillars and plastering walls for a house in the building class. In just a few months I can now do so many things to better my life and family, I also really proud of myself.

I have just finished harvesting my maize and the harvest has been mind-blowing. I have never seen such big maize come out of a small plot of land. Because I have done so well with my farming, this has given me a lot of spare time that I have used



wisely to learn more about goats. I was surprised to find goats for milk at Kira and taking their milk, I had never heard of anything like that from my village in Kaliro. We only have goats for meat. I



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believe it is the best milk because of my experience and the things I have learned so far. I might try raring them when I go back home. Do you have people who keep goats in your country?
Please stay safe Blessed Joel

Recycling old mobile phones

Old mobile phones that have a working charger can be donated to Amigos in Barnstaple, where they will be used by the students of Kira Farm in Uganda. Phones will need to be reset to factory settings and sim card and micro-SD cards removed.



News from the Freshspring Educational Trust



The Trust has contacted all the Braunton schools to offer them the opportunity to use their STEM box project. Georgeham School has been the only school to respond and see the possibilities and the value of the project; unfortunately, it does not fit with their rolling scheme of work, so they are unable to use it in the coming year. The Trust are hopeful that they may be able to use it as a one off during a dedicated STEM week. None of the other schools responded before the end of term, the Trust will resume contact with them at the start of the Autumn term.

Club members will remember we donated £1500.00 to the Trust to produce additional educational material for use in Braunton Schools. Obviously, the pandemic has made life difficult for both the schools and the Trust's Educational Team. We shall continue to monitor the Trust initiative in our local schools

Members News.

A new item where Club Members can place items of interest

A Postcard from Tawstock



Having a wonderful time at our forever home, see our "in progress" photo and a couple of photos of the completed project! Our view is as good

as ever, but our lawn will take a little time to recover from spending eight weeks as a builder's dump. In the meantime, we have a wonderful vantage point for watching the grass re-grow.

Love Lotte and Glenn

Terry's Lunch Photo Collage



Our Club's first get together at the William's Arms, was hosted by Gill Webber as a tribute to Terry's life. Very well attended and enjoyed by all, especially Stan Dibble's sharing his memories of Terry. Chardonnay is definitely off the wine list!!!

Last Month we lost another stalwart member of the Club with the passing of Eddie Chichester. Digging through the Club Archive has uncovered photos of Eddie and a few other past members, page 3 of this news is dedicated to Eddie and Co.



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Ready Steady Eddie



Roland Field Happy Days



Garry "the books" Dadds



LOOK WHOSE COOKING



Bill Harvey counting at Bingo Night



Bar-b-q boys at the Fair



ALAN JONES STEADING THE SHIP



John "the Butcher" Bone, Hard Days Cooking