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A very Happy and Healthy Year to all.

As the New Year starts and our first meeting has been delayed because of health concerns with the spread of the covid, there are a few items that need to be shared with the club.

Kira Farm update,

A new chapter begins. Letter from Joel



Dear Dudley and Hilary,

I am so happy to be back with my family but also able to write you a letter from home. Thank you so much for everything you have done to see me go through Kira Farm training. I am a very changed person, I feel it inside. Thank you for supporting me for these two years 2020 and 2021.

I got a big opportunity to build at the new government offices after one week of my return. It has been good so far. I am really happy because the skills I have are changing my life.

I hope you enjoy this season and all your family will enjoy it with you. Please send my greetings to all your friends and family. Joel.



Graduation Day at Kir

Dudley received this email from Amigos prior to Christmas

Dear Dudley and Hilary and all at Braunton Rotary Club

We want to express our sincere appreciation for sponsoring Joel to undergo vocational and life skills training at Kira Farm. Although it's taken two years due to the Covid pandemic, as you know, he has now finally graduated! You have played a huge part in preparing him for a new future. We are extremely grateful indeed.

We look forward to sharing with you news of his progress in Autumn 2022 and we hope and expect he will have not only blossomed himself but begun to make differences in the lives of others.

If you would like to sponsor another trainee in 2022, please let us know. The cost is still £500.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

With best wishes
Tim and the Amigos team







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Braunton Academy A Chance to Shine Awards

A few meetings ago we agreed to help fund a trip to Lords Cricket Ground for 2 students at the Academy. This email was received after that trip, from Jamie Frickleton at the Academy

"Just giving you an update and some photos so you can take to your meeting. Please pass on our thanks to the Rotary Club for their contribution. All details below.

Thanks again. Jamie"

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"A few weeks ago, I took two students in year 8, Bella Broad and Rosie Creely to London to attend a very special awards evening at Lords Cricket ground. We were nominated for secondary school of the year at the Chance to Shine cricket awards for our engagement and progress towards girls' cricket participation and leadership.

We then found out that we won the category.

Myself and the girls were invited up on stage to collect the award in front of 100s of guests and professional cricketers. Both girls spoke incredibly well and were an absolute credit to our Academy. Please congratulate them both.

It's also important to know that although I only took two students, almost all our female students in KS3 took part in the programme of which they thoroughly enjoyed and were superb throughout, gaining some very positive feedback and praise from the coaches and the chance to shine charity.



Photo of the 2 Students at the awards, with Jamie Frickleton and Former England Ladies Cricket Captain Charlotte Edwards with Anne-Marie Presswell who is a Devon County Cricket Coach.



Certainly, an event that the girls will remember and an award the Academy will be very proud of. Also, Bella (the tallest girl in the photo) is Sophie's daughter.

Finally, Congratulations to Max Woosey on the award of a BEM in the New Year's Honours List. The Club can safely say our award helped kick start Max's national recognition





