

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRAUNTON

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## World Heritage Galapagos Islands

Dr Richard Beer kindly joined us on Wednesday 3rd April to give an informative talk about the beautiful Galapagos Islands. Sitting on the Equator, west of Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands were discovered in 1535 by Tomas de Berlanga, the Spanish Bishop of Panama, when his ship drifted by the islands. The islands became Ecuador's first national park in 1959, and these now aggressively-protected islands and the surrounding marine reserve are World Heritage sites.



# Rotary Party

**The North Devon Rotary Party will be held on Saturday 22nd June 2013 from 4pm onwards at Blindwell, Ashford EX31 4BZ, organised by the Rotary Club of Braunton...**

Make sure you have booked the event in your diary and are spreading the word. To date I have visited and gained support from Braunton Caen, Barnstaple Link, Barnstaple, Bideford, South Molton Ilfracombe and Bideford Bridge. I will be visiting Ilfracombe Compass on 13th May.

This leaves the outlying clubs such as Torrington, Hatherleigh, Holsworthy and Exmoor but I will need some support from our members before I contact them, I can't do this alone, it is our club event so please contact me if you are able to help. As numbers are needed by 31st May, these visits need to be arranged as soon as possible. Guests are of course very welcome.

We need at least 150 people @ £12.50 to cover costs so we need to get out to these clubs to ensure the event is well supported and money is made for the two local hospices. Parking, marquees, band and hog roast have all been organised – sunshine may take a little longer.

*Reg Gale*

## Holiday Awareness



### Future dates for your diary

**19 JUNE**

**PBR Bar at  
The Williams Arms**  
11:30am Club Assembly  
**The Williams Arms**  
1pm Lunch

**26 JUNE**

**The Williams Arms**  
Changeover

# May Meetings

**1**  
MAY

**The Williams Arms**  
12pm International  
1pm Award Certificate

**8**  
MAY

**The Williams Arms**  
11:45am Community  
1pm Spk. John Jeal

**15**  
MAY

**The Williams Arms**  
1pm Spk. John Wensley

**22**  
MAY

**The Williams Arms**  
1pm Finalising Fair

**23**  
MAY

**Braunton Cricket Club**  
7pm Club Service  
7:30pm Club Council

**29**  
MAY

**The Williams Arms**  
1pm Club AGM

**5**  
JUNE

**The Williams Arms**  
1pm Open Meeting



## Birthdays

8th May  
David  
Mansbridge

28th May  
Gavin  
Archibald



## Anniversaries

8th May  
Gavin & Kathryn  
Archibald

23rd May  
Clare & Paul  
Joselin



## Stewards, Grace & Loyal Toast

1st May  
John Lain

22nd May  
Chris Nicholas

8th May  
David Mansbridge

29th May  
Terry Webber

15th May  
John Masterson

5th June  
Michael Zeale

# How It All Began...

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot.

And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called **Amazon Dot Com**.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband: "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said: "How, dear?"

And Dot replied: "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messaged saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Stable Pony (**USP**)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success.

Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew.

It was called 'Must Send Drum Over Sound' (**MSDOS**), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures, 'Hebrew To The People', (**HTTP**).

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabeaus did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and began to

siphon off some of Abraham's business. But he was soon discovered, arrested and prosecuted for insider trading.

And the young man did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung.

They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Ritch Dominican Sybarites, or **NERDS**.

And lo the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and deafening sound of drums that one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land.

And indeed did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or **eBay** as it came to be known. He Said "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"**YAHOO**", said Abraham.

And because it was Dot's idea, they named it **YAHOO Dot Com**.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (**GEEK**) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (**GOOGLE**).

And this is how it all began.