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Citizen of the Year Award

This years Citizen Of The Year Award was presented on 5th June to John Wensley.

John is a key figure in our community and always keen to participate in local fundraising events. He is a keen sportsman and often gets involved with sports, especially football. He can often be heard commentating at charity events and football matches. Congratulations John, well deserved.



Greetings From New Club President Chris Cork...

Firstly, I am very honoured that you all have faith in me to be the Braunton Club President for the year 2013-14.

It is not a good idea to look back, but now 17 years, after my first time as President, I realise how different things are, not only in Rotary, but in the world and in our own lives and families. So, with the help of you all, and with hopefully some new members with some new ideas we can move forward and enjoy our Rotary.

I hope our club can work more with Braunton Caen Rotary and our Inner Wheel club too, for the benefit of the local community and the needs of the world, as we are all small cogs in a much bigger wheel.

Although we had some sad times, in the club, last year, our thanks must go to Immediate Past President Alan, as under his guidance, we enjoyed a happy and successful year. Alan, I know, at the beginning of his year was full of trepidation but he had no need to worry as he did an excellent job (with no bonuses)!!!!!!!!!!!

I welcome Clair Joselin as our President elect and our Committee Chairmen and Members of Council and I look forward to working with them. My best wishes to everyone and together we can follow this year's Rotary motto.

'Engage Rotary - Change Lives'

Yours in Rotary Chris







Photo Gallery



Battle of Gettysburg

July sees the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg which was fought on the 1st to the 3rd of July, 1863.

Union troops were led by General George G Meade and Confederate troops were led by General Robert E Lee. Over the three days 158,300 troops were involved. The battle resulted in a Union victory and is regarded as the most important battle in the American Civil war. Casualties over the three days were 23,000 on the Union side and 28,000 on the Confederate side. Of these over 7,000 were killed. (The US population today is 10 times what it was

then!)In November of that year the war cemetary at Gettysburg was dedeicated and Lincoln made the world famous Gettysburg address. The whole speech amounted to only 272 words. The speaker prior to Lincoln talked for 2 hours without notes but nobody remembers his name. (Edward Everett for those who want to know!). The moral of this is that if you have something to say make it short and to the point and then sit down.

