

Rotary Club of Braunton

November 2017 Newsletter

A word from the president

Reflecting on my first three months as President I'm struck by how appropriate is the Rotary Gearwheel symbol. At club level our busy annual cycle has seen several thousand pounds invested in a variety of worthwhile causes. Overseas we have continued our support for Kira Farms, Mary's meals, Shelter Box and others and we have been gratified to hear of the continuing successes of our sponsored students. Locally we have given substantial support to the Local Volunteer Bureau; helped North Devon Sinfonia, our local award winning amateur orchestra, represent the UK internationally and made grants to local youth organisations and students. As the autumn days grow short one of the highlights of the year for me is our annual partnership with the Braunton Academy supporting a mock interview programme for the final year students.

As if this was not enough the world is changing and we are changing with it. Gone are the old rigid rules around how local Rotary Clubs can be organised; to be replaced by more flexible and inclusive patterns to better reflect the modern that we as a club can learn more about our community and perhaps attract people who have not previously thought about Rotary. Of course the one thing that has not changed is the idea of Fellowship so we continue to enjoy a wide range of social activities with just a minor tweak; we now organise Guest rather than Ladies nights!

President Ray

This Months Programme

8th November Marie Ash talk on Mental Health

**International Committee Meeting
Community Committee**

15th Speaker

22nd Club Council

29th Guest Night at the Williams Arms

Birthdays this Month

Diana Mansbridge 1st

Glen Dadds 5th Hilary Chugg 7th

Bill Harvey and Chris Nicholas 10th

John Masterson 15th

Ian Welsh 26th

Anniversaries

Garry and Glenn 23rd

Stewards and Graces this Month

8th Ian Welsh

15th Michael Zeal

22nd Dudley Chugg

29th Chris Cork

All subject to change

Sad News

At the weekend we heard of the sad news that Rotarian John Bone had passed away, all our thoughts and prayers are with John's wife Pam and the family



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Events held in Sept

Rotary Trip



Day at the races in Taunton
Finished off with supper at the Williams Arms



Caroline Mcpherson gave an excellent talk on the Ups and Downs of organising a street party in East Street in the summer.



News signs on the boat, supplied with the help of Stan Dibble and John Lain.

New signs have also been erected on the cart outside St Brannocks Rooms on the Ilfracombe Road. More signs will be put on the display on the Saunton Road. Thanks again to those who supported and of course to Gill and Terry Webber and the members of Inner Wheel who help maintain these displays.



Kira Farm Student Susan shows off her maize crop after the Second Rains. Susans also tell us she has been learning new skills to obtain clean and safe water by using Bio-Sand filters. Other skills

she is learning include dressmaking, sewing, and hair dressing. Susan send her best wishes to the Club.

Academy Mock Interviews

It's that time of year again. Alan Jones is looking for volunteers for the annual mock interviews for year 11 Students at Braunton Academy. Dates are

Tuesday November 28th and Friday 12th January 2018

Thursday 8th February 2018

Alan now has all his crew for the interviews in November and will be sending out the paper work in the near future

Future Dates for your Diaries

29th November Guest Evening Williams Arms

6th December Nicki Ross will talk on Eyes for Asia

8th December Bingo at the Parish Hall

11th December Carol Singing at Harriet Nanscawen and Tyspane

12th December Carol Singing at Cheshire Home

13th December Rotary Christmas Lunch with Horse Racing

15th Annual Carols on or around the Green

1st January New Year's Day Walk details to follow.

Donations approved in October

£50.00 to North Devon Food Bank from Community

£200.00 to A Gift for Sight from International

Not a lot else to report this month. If anyone has news or photos of the events that will be held in November and December please pass them on to jan.welsh75@gmail.com, to be included in future newsletters



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