

# Rotary Club of Braunton

## September/October Newsletter

### **This Month's Programme**

12<sup>th</sup> September Open Meeting  
Garry Dadds will sing for his supper by giving a talk on the Prison Service  
19<sup>th</sup> September Community Committee  
Guest Speaker Mr Neil Floyd on the Diplomatic Service.  
26<sup>th</sup> September Club Council and Business Meeting.  
3<sup>rd</sup> October International Committee  
10<sup>th</sup> October Community Committee with an update on the Village Green Proposals.  
17<sup>th</sup> October Open Meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> October Club Council and Business Meeting  
31<sup>st</sup> October Guest Night at the Williams Arms with a Quiz and supper

### **Stewards and Graces this Month**

12<sup>th</sup> September Garry Dadds  
19<sup>th</sup> September Alan Jones  
26<sup>th</sup> September John Lain  
3<sup>rd</sup> October Clive Lewry  
10<sup>th</sup> October Beryl Lloyd  
17<sup>th</sup> October John Masterson  
24<sup>th</sup> October Chris Nicholas  
31<sup>st</sup> October our Hosts at the Quiz are Dudley and Quizmaster Clive.

*All subject to change. General rule is if the listed member is not available then next on the list becomes that week's steward.*

### **Meeting Times**

Weekly lunch meetings now start at 12.30 with lunch being served at 1.00pm

### **Club List**

All members should have received a copy of the updated Club List, either by email or a hard copy, if you have not please let me know and I will forward a copy on. Please let me know of any amendments to email or phone contacts.

### **Whats on This Month**



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### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**



### **Dudley's Rotary Bingo Night At the Parish Hall**

Doors open at 6.30pm with Eyes Down at 7.45  
In Aid of our International Charity Work

### **20<sup>th</sup> September Barnstaple Fair Lunch At the Park Hotel**

### **31<sup>st</sup> October Guest Night at the Williams Arms with a Quiz**



### **3<sup>rd</sup> November Saturday. Big Breakfast at the Parish Hall**



With Craft Stalls, Raffle, Inner Wheel  
Cake Stall and Rotary Bric a Brac  
In Aid of Livewell in Braunton

**Kira Farm**

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**Dudley has received a further note from this year's sponsored student at Kira Farm, which tells us of how our sponsorship is helping in teaching land management skills. The note has been edited.**

"How are you doing my dear friend, hope all is well with you. I enjoy updating you on our progress and look forward to the chance to communicate with you. I am happy to tell you that I am really enjoying my training at Kira, more so this time as I have been farming. I am really proud of the farming skills we have been taught. I have been harvesting maize from my garden and I have enough maize to feed my family at home for 3 months. I have also been learning about tree nursery management which involves replanting different types of trees from our nursery. Together with my friends we have planted many trees on Kira. This is a very important skill that I can share back home

Thanks a lot for your support to learn all these skills. Yours Kennedy

### Recycling Glasses

Over 200 pairs of glasses collected by the Club from Braunton Medical Centre are sent to Vision Aid Overseas via Specsavers. This is what happens to those glasses pictured here.



Vision Aid stopped sending donated second-hand glasses in 2009 when the [World Health Organisation](#) (WHO) and the [International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness](#) (IAPB) recommended that sending second-hand glasses overseas was not the best way to establish sustainable eye care in developing countries. Instead, they recycle the donated second-hand glasses for their precious metal content (gold frames) and any retro or vintage glasses are sold on their eBay shop or to specialist buyers. They also recycle plastic glasses. The income generated through the recycling process enables Vision Aid to deliver sustainable eye care services in their partner countries. Over 700 Opticians have been trained by the Charity.

**This is just another simple way Braunton Rotary continues to support overseas charities. The Club thanks all who donated these glasses and the Medical Centre for their support.**

### **The Village Green Project Rotary Working with the Local Community**

Members of the Club's Community Committee recently met with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the options available for replacing the lost tree on the village green. The Club has expressed a willingness to make a substantial contribution towards the project. The Club explained they were keen to ensure that any street furniture would be traditional design and of the highest quality, possibly with a circle of seating around the new tree. A number of ideas were discussed including the possible use of the type of hard standing surface outside the Countryside Centre to enable wheelchair access to the seating and perhaps help to protect the surface around the seating. The council felt that free wifi and adequate phone reception could be included, based on work being done on the old police station.

The Council was very receptive to the Club's suggestions and have already sought funding from appropriate bodies. The council is to carry out further planning and costings for the project. **A further meeting with the Council is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> September, an update on progress will be reported to the Club at Wednesday's meeting.**



**Presentation of cheque to the Barnstaple Branch of Parkinsons UK. The £1,500.00 proceeds from the Village Fair.**



**Terry and Gill Webber with Lynda and Terry Smith from the Branch.**

**Past President Dudley Presenting a cheque for £600.00 to Dr Susanna Hill for the Live well in Braunton Project**



**Finally this month, Surprise, Surprise, Secretary Robert Haynes receives this year's Rotarian of the Year Award, The Denis Watts Shield from President Ray.**

