Rotary Club of Braunton
October 2019 News and Views

This Month’s Programme
October 2nd Speaker Linzi Mchpail talking about Mental Awareness.
16th Oct. Speaker Chelsea Buckingham talking about her visit to Africa.
23rd Oct. Club Council
30th Oct. Guest Evening at Ilfracombe Golf Club with a meal at £22.50 per person. After dinner speaker is to be arranged

Meeting Stewards This Month
2nd Ian Welsh
9th Michael Zeale
16th Chris Cork
23rd Lotte Farrar

As usual all subject to change and availability.

The Calvert Trust Exmoor.
Kylie Ford, a member of staff from the Trust, came along and gave an interesting presentation on the works of the Calvert Trust at Kentisbury North Devon. This included a description of the various activities available at the centre, from canoeing, horse riding and abseiling. She also explained how the Trust welcomes volunteers to support the permanent members of staff in helping visitors with their stay. The Club has a standing invitation to visit the centre to enjoy a tour and a cream tea.

International Committee News
Message from Judith, this year’s Club’s Sponsored Student at Kira Farm

Dear Dudley
Thanks a lot for your reply, I am glad to know that everyone at the Rotary Club loves reading my monthly updates. I’m glad to know as well that you have had a good warm summer, how I wish I could send you some of our warm weather that we enjoy almost every day.
I used to worry a lot but my future but with the skills I have I got the nearer I get to the end of my training the more I get so excited about starting a new life. I am happy to inform you that I have finished harvesting my maize garden and I wish you were here to see the joy this brought me after seeing an amazing huge harvest. Because of this my confidence in farming has improved a lot. Because I did everything that I was meant to do in my garden on time, it has given me some spare time to learn something new in farming and this has been tree nursery management. I have learnt how to raise seedlings in the nursery bed and the planting and use of different trees. Together with my friends we have planted a number of trees for fruits, timber, medicine, fodders for animals and for flowers for our bees.
Kira is going to be the most beautiful place around the village in years to come and as our trees grow it is my prayer that more people will be encouraged to plant trees as well. Thanks a lot for enabling me have this wonderful training.
Yours Judith.

“Well done Judith, keep the excellent work up”
News from Braunton Academy

The music department at the Academy are arranging an afternoon Festive Concert with the North Devon Sinfonia on 15th December in the Issac Hall, details will be made available nearer the time.

Also, recently the school choir have made it to the final of the Devon Schools Choir Competition! The final is on the 3rd October in Exeter. If they are successful, they will then perform at Exeter Cathedral at Christmas!

A group of 25 students performed at an informal open mic gig in June to help raise money for Parkinson’s UK. It was an excellent opportunity for year 10 students to practice their GCSE performing skills as well as younger students to demonstrate their talents.

In July Students of the Braunton Academy Orchestra went on a mini tour of some local primary schools to perform to students and inspire them to get involved in music. The first school visited was Caen where Braunton students played to the whole of KS2 in the school hall. In the afternoon they visited Kings Acre where Braunton students worked alongside year 6 pupils to produce a whole school performance at the end of the day. This shows a real commitment to promoting music to the youth of the village. Well done.

Academy Mock Interviews

Once again, the Club has been invited to hold the Year 11 Mock Interviews. These will be arranged on three mornings, during week commencing 20th January 2020. Further details nearer the time.

Additional help with these interviews will be appreciated, so if anyone knows of any “Volunteers” who can interview, please lets us know.

Another Fund Raising Event for Children’s Hospice Southwest

Big Breakfast
Will held at the Vivien Moon Hall
On Saturday 9th November
Doors Open 9.30 to 12.00

For Details Please Contact Rotarian Beryl.

A Sunny Afternoon Tea in Tawstock

Thanks to Lotte and Glenn Farrar for an enjoyable Afternoon Tea and Prosecco at their home in Tawstock. Chat and fellowship on an informal basis on a day without rain. Thanks