

Rotary Club of Braunton

February Newsletter 2020

This month's programme.

12th Feb Committee Meetings
19th Feb Talk by Paula Byrom and Chelsea
Buckingham on their visit to Africa
26th Feb Club Council

Stewards for the Month

12th Ian Welsh
19th Chris Cork
26th Stan Dibble

Braunton Academy Interviews

The Academy Mock Interviews for year 11 students were held during January. We interviewed over 130 students. The feedback from the academy has been very positive.

The students were able to engage in the very real and most valuable experience of being interviewed. The academy asked students to evaluate their experience on a scale of 1 (not very) to 5 (very), with 2 questions,

1. How prepared were they for interview,
1 to 3 = 24%, 4 = 52%, 5 = 24%
2. How useful was the interview
1 to 3 = 10%, 4 = 35%, 5 = 55%

This clearly shows that effort and time we give to this Community Service is well received and a valuable benefit to the youth of the village. The Club thanks all those who gave up their time to help with these interviews, members and our volunteer supporters, thank you. Hopefully we will be able to continue this exercise next year.

News From Kira Farm Uganda

We have had a few correspondences from Kira Farm in January the first being, the graduation of Judith, our last sponsored student, who left the Farm along with the rest of her year. She writes "Its time for me to say goodbye, I want to say thank you for your support which has enabled me to receive this valuable training."



We've also received a note from Phil Pugsley from the Amigos Charity he writes, "May I take this opportunity to thank you once again for your generosity and encouragement towards these amazing young people. We honestly could not run Kira Farm without your valued support, you truly are life savers." He goes on to introduce our new sponsored student for this year.

Meet Our New Student Joel

Letter sent to Dudley and Hilary,
I hope you are doing well my friends and that all is well with your family. I am having the greatest time of my life here at Kira Farm. My name is Joel Opiyo Goddi, I am 23 years old and come from Gulu, a district in the Northern part of Uganda. I have been told that you will be sponsoring my vocational training at Kira Farm this year. Receiving this news has made me feel loved. Thank you so much for your loving hearts and may God bless you so much. Since my being on Kira, everything has been of a learning experience. We are being exposed to different cultures, language and a completely different living environment. I have always dreamt of a place like this, with big hopes for a brighter future.

I am settling in well. Everyone is lovely and there is plenty of food to eat. I sleep in my own bed, the



showers are amazing and the best part has been talking to Uncle Phil, the Mzungu person. I am excited about being able to learn hairdressing and tailoring, and I would love to build a hairdressing business and tailoring workshop from the skills I gain this year. From

now on, I know the future is bright and that is because of your blessing – I am forever grateful! Please expect communication from me during my stay on Kira Farm. I would also love to know you more if that is okay? Yours Joel'

The Club's International Committee has donated £500.00 to the Amigos Charity to cover the cost of Joel's training at Kira Farm this year.

Dates for your diaries

18th Feb Ilfracombe Rotary Club evening at Ilfracombe Golf Club with a talk by the Ilfracombe Harbour Master. Contact Chris Nicholas
19th Feb Minstrel Walk Meeting at St Brannocks Meeting Room Braunton, Contact Glenn Farrah for details.

12th March Thursday Torrington Rotary Sports Night at Langtree Village Hall, Club Team Names to Ian Welsh.

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February News and Views

President Chris hands a cheque to Sophie at the Williams Arms as proceeds from a Club Starvation Lunch for Motor neuron disease research



Rotarian Ian hands a cheque for £250.00 to Kate Rogers a local dental nurse at the Riverside Dental Practice who is off the volunteer of a Mercy Ship in Senegal

Braunton Academy Receive the Swimming Hats sponsored by the Club



President Chris and Ray Hanson handover the cheque to Charlotte Squire the Project Manager of Freshspring Trust for the development of STEM Boxes to be used in Braunton Primary Schools



STEM Engineering Boxes

The Freshspring Trust is an educational charity that aims to fully restore the SS Freshspring to operational condition, ensuring her preservation and sustainability.

The Freshspring Trust welcomes educational opportunities both on board and in the school setting, with the STEM Engineering Boxes, being the main classroom based education project.

The STEM Engineering Box Project is stored in five easily portable boxes. It demonstrates basic engineering principles and is targeted at the Upper Key Stage 2 (ages 9-11) of the National Curriculum.

It also has the potential to meet objectives set out in Design & Technology and History with hands on construction and air powered exercises.

There are six linked lessons to be delivered in sequence, each building on the previous one. Throughout the children will be investigating and creating a range of mechanisms which are used in most engines.

Why use Freshspring's Engineering Box Project?

- It's a free resource
- It has six linked lessons, to be delivered in sequence
- It's linked to the National Curriculum
- It's a complete kit with no prior knowledge required
- It allows hands on investigation and creativity
- Young learners love it.

Registered Charity No. 1151907

Following an interesting talk on the Braunton Countryside Centre, President Chris hands over a cheque for £500.00 to Ken Rutherford as a donation towards the new Audio-visual system which is being installed at the centre.



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We meet at the Williams Arms at 12.30 on Wednesdays, please contact us if you are interested in coming along to meet the Club.