

Rotary Club of Braunton

Newsletter September 2020

Greetings Fellow Rotarians and Friends. Hope you are all Safe and Well, A much reduced newsletter this month, no meetings, no speakers, no lunches, no cheesecake and of course no Stewards. Just a few notes and some photos.

A message from President Beryl

Our Rotary Picnic on 6 September was a great success. Thanks again to Michael and Jenny Zeale for their hospitality. Many of those present had not seen each other since March so there was plenty of laughter and conversation.

We had planned to meet again in October at the Tawstock Court for afternoon tea, but this has had to be put on hold because the restrictions applicable at the moment prevent us from meeting.

The Rotary Newsletter for Members has laid out the restrictions and it means we cannot have face to face meetings.

What can we do? Ian has come forward and suggested we try and hold a Zoom meeting. This will be something new for many of our members. I regularly attend Zoom meetings for Live Well in Braunton which have proved to be very beneficial. I sincerely hope you will give it a try. Ian is kindly setting up the meeting for 12 noon on Wednesday 30 September and it will last for 40 minutes. I hope we can then go forward and hold a monthly meeting starting with our AGM in November. I am asking Robert to prepare an agenda for the Zoom meeting and treat it as if it is a Club Council meeting. It is not possible to have the usual Community /International meetings prior to the club council but when(?) things get back to normal we can bring back and follow the laid down procedures.

Moving away from Corvid I have heard from Brian Harris from the Shanes Park Australian Fire brigade saying that the donation that we sent them is being used to upgrade their communication system at the station. They currently work off hand held units and they are looking to move to an external antenna system and base set up which would increase their direct coverage to local incidents. Photos of the equipment will be sent once the purchase is complete.

I would also like to thank Glenn and Lotte for their regular "News and Musings from Tawstock". It is

certainly entertaining and I end up laughing. It is much appreciated during these difficult times. We do not know what the coming months hold for us all but I know we will all pull together and get to the other side until then - keep healthy keep safe.

Best wishes,

Beryl, September 2020

Message from Rotary GBI. Extract from Rotary Member's Newsletter

The announcement made by the Prime Minister, and now contained in the official [Government Guidance](#), is that the "Rule of Six" is now law and not guidance which is a change to previous Government guidance. The Rule of Six is effective from Monday 14th September 2020.

At its meeting on 15th September the Governing Council discussed the subject of Clubs and Districts returning to face to face meetings. The message from the Council is that "until further notice face to face Rotary meetings are not permitted.

Note, this is included in our Club News in case members didn't receive the email from GBI

lendwithcare

By Keith Oades

Fellow members it is about time I gave you an update on our donation/loan to the charity Lend With Care. As you may recall over a year ago, we voted to give the sum of £500 to Lend With Care a charity which raises funds to help people all over the world but mainly in Asia and South America. The stated aim is to lend money to enable borrowers to expand or set up small businesses and thus become self-sufficient or raise small amounts of capital to expand their present operations. Robert and I were greeted with a few raised eyebrows when we suggested it, but you all took it on board in good faith and I can now report that the money has now been nearly all repaid. The £500 we sent was loaned in various sums to four people, two of whom were small farmers, which should please our farming fraternity. The charity asks for a donation of £10 per loan to help with running costs and the rest goes directly to the recipients. The operation works more or less as a crowd funding scheme with each donor giving an amount they can afford until the recipient has reached the cash sum they needed.



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Once given the cash is paid back in monthly or quarterly instalments and we now have £407.96 in our account. I must confess I am amazed that we have had no defaults (it's the Yorkshire man in me).

The operation seems to be something that we can continue to support as the money comes back (fingers crossed) and can be sent out again to help others.

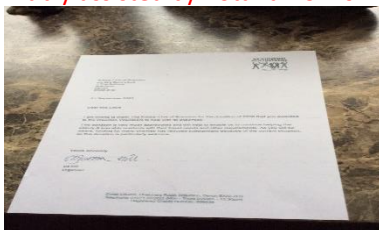
A new Bench for the Village



Copy of a Facebook Page posted on Braunton Community Chat. The response from the site has been excellent and our donation has been well received.



Cheque Presentation to Dr Peter Simms of the Braunton Volunteers Bureau. President Beryl is ably assisted by Rotarian Chris.



Copy of thank you letter from Braunton Volunteers

National Memorial Arboretum

A quick break to friends in Shorpsre gave us the opportunity to visit the Arboretum in Staffordshire. Beautiful, peaceful surrounding gives time to enjoy and reflect the memorials displayed around this 150 acre site with over 25,000 trees and over 400 memorials.



Rotary International Memorial

Inner Wheel Garden of the Innocents



If your ever in Staffordshire this place is well worth a visit, free to enter, donations appreciated, but pay a display car park £4.00 for the day and its dog friendly

Lets all hope that life will return to normal as soon as possible in the meantime keep in touch, stay safe, wash your hands and wear the mask when necessary.

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