



Rotary Club of Braunton Spring Newsletter 2021



Message from President Beryl

It has been a long hard winter but here we are at the start of Spring with Easter just around the corner. We have made it - the birds are singing and starting to build their nests and yet again the rare bird seen in garden last year at 1 The Brittons is back. For a second year I patrol the garden looking for weeds and trying to keep it tidy.

I am being watched by a pair of pigeons who are nesting in one of our trees. They had their nest there last year and brought up their young. I know it is the same pair has one of the pigeons has a deformed leg and hops around (we have given him the name Hop-a-long) the garden leaving his trademarks here and there. He sits on the fence and watches me - what he must be thinking is anyone's guess.

Restrictions still mean that we cannot meet with family and friends and our Rotary meetings still have to be held via Zoom. I hope you have enjoyed the monthly meetings and it is a big thank you to Ian for mastering the role as "host" and sending out the invitations. It was great fun when Sophie joined us in February. The laughter she brought along I know cheered up everyone - let's hope it will not be too long before we are able to go back to the Williams Arms.

A thank you to Glenn and Lotte who continue to delight us with their musings, mumblings and ramblings from Tawstock which always brings a smile to my face.

The date for all restrictions to be lifted is planned for 21 June but realistically we all know that this may change but here are two dates for your diary. We are hoping to hold the Golf Ball Race on Friday 6 August and the Braunton Fair is scheduled to take place on Sunday 29 August. Only time will tell if these events can take place.

Easter will be a quiet time for everyone but I know that the Rotary friendship and support for others will be amongst us all.

Dave and I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Beryl
President



Roland Field and Terry Webber

It was with great sadness that we heard that Roland and Terry had passed away.

Roland passed away on 13th March at the North Devon Hospice after a short fight with cancer. He was our Club President in 2016/17. He was also heavily involved with the Live Well in Braunton as Treasurer helping set up the project and working with the Braunton Volunteer Bureau.

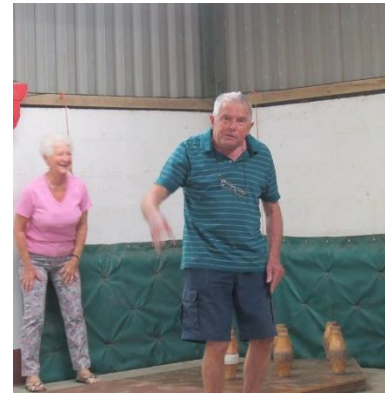


Roland and Co presenting Citizen of the Year Award to Shirley Curtis in May 2017

Terry passed away at North Devon Hospital on 23rd March, President of the Club in 2007/08, he was also an active member of the Barnstaple Parkinson's UK Branch.

Both were committed to serving the community through Rotary and played an active roll in our Club meetings with friendly humour and fellowship. They will be greatly missed.

We send our condolences to both Brenda and Gill and their families at this very sad time,



Terry and Gill enjoying a games afternoon at Eastleigh Beara in June 2019

Donations to the North Devon Hospice can be made in Roland's memory and to Parkinson's UK or Alzheimer's Society in memory of Terry. Cheques made payable to the charity c/o L. Clark and Sons, Braunton EX33 1EE.



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Musings, Mumblings and Ramblings of Braunton Rotary Club in lockdown.

(A Blog by Glenn, read with a smile)

The master plan of those in charge was to keep us in isolation, locked away, due to our ages and health. But you cannot keep us from helping others and having our mischief! We mastered Zoom, video calls, emails, made a run for it, and are now making plans for our great escape.

Cheesecake was smuggled out of the Williams Arms for Beryl, and Stan has had his flash of Sophie with the clotted cream on Zoom.

We were so impressed with the younger clubs helping the vaccination centres that I have offered our help to marshal cars at the next Oval Test Match, that's more our style.

Braunton schools needed help with extra computers. Ian rushed about and managed to procure a hundred abacus boards very quickly, like those we used at school. But unfortunately, they were so advanced no one at the schools knew how to use them.

Later this year Lotte and I are planning an educational tour of gourmet restaurants to refresh our taste buds after taking the Covid 19 vaccine. Being ever helpful and understanding a tour for younger Rotarians can also be organised and this will take in KFC, McDonalds, Doner Kebabs, Burger King and Fish and Chip shops. Litter picking training will be included. This will be open to other clubs at a hefty charge to fund our planned litter picking weekend in the Channel Islands, who are having to clean up after we left the EU.

Beryl will be holding a Cheesecake eating contest at the Williams Arms, soon after the 21st June, and there will be a sweepstake to raise funds.

Looking forward to seeing lots of beautiful people at the next Zoom meeting. That should set you all a challenge for this month. Remember a smile is beautiful!

News From Kira Farm

Dear Dudley, Hilary, and all members of Braunton Rotary, I am hoping that you are very fine my dear friends. It has been weeks since I last sent you a letter. How are you and how is everyone at the Rotary? Have you received the vaccine?

Back to me, I am very fine. We are very busy here and the sun has been really hot this time. So far, we have



been learning how to make fallows in our plots, manure, and doing the framing measurements. I will be planting maize and beans the moment rain starts coming. I cannot wait to see my garden.

On the building side, I have been with my team building the goat's house and also learning how to make junction walls in a building. There is very much to learning and I am learning them all. I am very grateful for your help. Stay safe and greetings to everyone Joel

Spring Competition Pothole Hunting

We are about to launch our April competition, who can find the biggest pothole, also the prettiest pothole. Entries should be photographed with the GPS co-ordinates attached, along with full measurements of depth, width and position in the road. The winner will receive a wheelbarrow of the finest tarmac to refill the pothole and Ian will present a framed photo of you and your pothole. We would like to see them planted for the summer with colourful flowers if they cannot be repaired before the influx of visitors.



Please note that full HSE regulations should be followed, appropriate PPE should be used and partners will be required to operate Stop Go Boards Thank you for supporting our community pothole filling initiative which starts on 1st April.

Club Programme

7th of April Zoom Meeting with guests Louise McCance-Price from Putney Rotary Club and President Habib of the Rotary Club of Beirut to tell us about the recovery of the hospital after the devastating explosion last year.

May Zoom Meeting Guest Speaker Peter Little talk on Mary's Meals

June Guest Speaker Roger Mills giving us an insight to times at West Buckland School with Master Chris Cork !!!!

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Citizen of the Year Awards



President Beryl Presents the Citizen of the Year Award to Carol Burgess at the Braunton Village Post Office

Special Award Youth Citizen of the Year



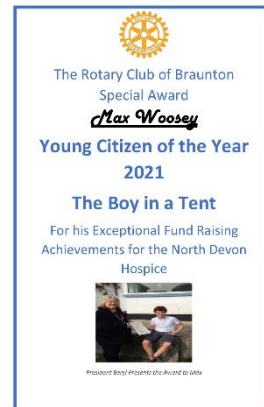
President Beryl, with Rotarians Chris and Dudley Present the Award to Max



The Certificate and Dartington Rose Bowl Award



The Commemorative Award for Max



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