

ROTARY CLUB OF BRAUNTON DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

What's on This Month

7th Lunch Meeting
12th and 13th Carol Singing at the Residential Homes

14th Christmas Lunch and Horse Racing at the Williams Arms
16th Carols on the Green
21st Lunch Meeting Social
28th Lunch Meeting Social

1st January New Years Day Walk followed by buffet lunch. To be confirmed

4th International and Open Meeting
11th Community and Speaker
18th Club Council and Business
25th Open Meeting



President Roland and wife Brenda

Birthdays and Anniversary

7th Michael Zeale
8th John Lain
9th Alan Jones
16th Eddie Chichester
Julia Needham
18th Brenda Field

Wedding Anniversary

19th Dennis and Jenny Watts

Stewards Graces and Loyal Toast

7th December Chris Nicholas
14th Keith Oades
21st Terry Webber
28th Ian Welsh
4th January Michael Zeale
11th January Gavin Archibald
18th January John Bone
25th January Eddie Chichester

All Subject to Confirmation.

There will be no Bulletin in January

Any items for February Issue to Ian Welsh by 18th January

Mock Interviews at Braunton Academy
By Rotarian Alan Jones

Mock Interviews for Braunton Academy school leavers are currently underway. Some 150 students spread over three sessions: approximately 6 students per interviewer at 40 minute intervals. Time enough to get to know one another! Pre-interview the student prepares a C.V. and a "Letter of Application". The latter is to a College or as an actual job application. Our interview is based upon that paperwork. Before the mocks the students have attended a presentation by Patrick Farrelly of the Caen Club on what to expect and how to conduct themselves. A most useful intro. for 15/16 year old's most of whom have no experience of such heady matters.

How do they perform? Inevitably they are a mixed bunch from various backgrounds but I am strongly of the opinion that they come across very well indeed. Alert, anxious to make a favorable impression, modest (too much so at times) and sensibly purposeful. Clearly The Academy is serving its student population well. I, and my co-interviewers, sense that they will aspire to make good "John Citizens".

At the end of each interview a form is completed for each student with various categories of their performance marked accordingly. Again, mostly plusses with, hopefully, a gentle comment as to areas for improvement. That form is for their own consumption.

All in all an uplifting experience for the interviewer and a useful exercise for the students.

AND it can have its moments of challenge. At another school I was once faced with a couple of students, in succession; one claimed he wanted to open a tattoo parlour, the other claimed she wanted to be a pole-dancer. I was assured by the teacher it was not a set up!

**A very merry Christmas and a
happy new year to all**

Braunton Inner Wheel Celebrates

40th Anniversary of the Club Charter

**At Saunton Golf Club on Saturday 12th
November 2016**



Reminder

**14th December Christmas Lunch at
the Williams Arms
Followed by Horse Racing**

1st January

**New Year's Day Walk
Around Capstone in Ilfracombe
Pitons not Provided
Followed by Buffet Lunch at
Ilfracombe Golf Club
£12.00 per head Contact
Garry Dadds for details**

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