



Rotary Club of Braunton Christmas Newsletter 2021



**A Very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all**



A Christmas Message from our President

Dear Rotarians

2021 is drawing to a close and again it has been a year when Covid has been in all our minds. The vaccination programme was impressive and I can honestly say that I have had more needles put in my arm this year than in the last twenty years. During the early part of the year we managed to hold a monthly meeting via zoom (thanks to Ian) and I know we enjoyed our speakers and the laughter and smiles it brought to everyone. Who can forget Sophie making a guest appearance? Sadly we lost Rotarians Terry Webber, Eddie Chichester and Roland Field and I know we will be thinking of their families during the festive season.

We are now back meeting weekly at the Williams Arms and I am pleased to say I am now able to have my weekly "fix" of cheesecake and Stan is able to have my clotted cream.

2022 - what will it bring - who knows - we will have to learn to live with covid. I sincerely hope that during 2022 we will be able to get back to meeting the public and hold fund raising events especially the Golf Ball race which is normally held in August and brings fun and laughter to Heanton Street.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their help and support you have given me over the past year.

Dave and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Beryl President
November 2021

Donations and Support Given This Year

During this very difficult year the club has still been able to help support many organisations here are just a few who have benefitted from donations this year

Braunton Academy

Donation for computers during covid.

Additional donation to help with travelling expenses for 2 students collect a national award.

Amigos Kira Farm

Sponsorship of this year's student

Lend with Care

Investing in new business initiatives

Braunton Cricket Club

Donation to the Cricket Clubs new all-weather practice nets

ShelterBox

Donation to fund a Shelter Box for overseas disaster aid.

Over and Above

Donation to the charity at North Devon Hospital

Send a Cow

Overseas Charity Supporting Food Supplies.

Purchase of a new bench for the memorial gardens.

Braunton Volunteer Bureau

Donation to support the running of the bureau

Kira Farm Update

A message from our sponsord student Joel

Dear Dudley and Hilary,

How are you doing my dear sponsors? I am so excited to be writing to you again this month. I hope that my letter finds you happy and healthy. I am very happy to inform you that next week, I will graduate from training at Kira. this has been wonderful news for me. I am using this remaining time to master everything, every skill that I will need, from building to conservation farming and to improve on my English speaking, I have joined a group of friends to be sharing in devotions





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every evening. I'm happy about everything this year has given to me. In carpentry, we have been making dining tables and chairs but also mastering how to draw a house plan in building class. Very soon I am going to be building on a real house at Kira Farm. That's exciting that my first job will be at this place, I'm really happy. I am looking forward to going back home. I don't know how I feel to see people I haven't seen in a long time, but I know things will be okay for the rest of my life once I arrive at home. Thank you so much for the opportunity of Kira Farm and I pray for very many rewards for you. I will write to you very soon before I leave. Greet every one of your family members and friends. With love Joel

Dear Joel

Thank you for your e mail. We are pleased to hear that you have completed your stay at Kira Farm, after all the trouble with Covid. It has taken a long time to complete your training, but hope you will have found it beneficial and you can go back to



your village with renewed enthusiasm and carry on the good work there. The skills that you have

learnt should put you in good stead for many years to come. It has been a good summer here and the harvest is now done and the winter crops have been sown and beginning to look well. We are now settling into autumn and the leaves are turning colour.

We wish you all the best for your future. Best wishes Dudley and Hilary, Braunton Rotary



The Great Braunton Ball Race



We all missed this event in the last 2 years like so many of our other fundraising activities, the golf balls remained in the bag. Well standby to check those numbered balls, hopefully we will be able to let those pesky little balls roll in August 2022 subject of course to how things play out with Covid restrictions.

News from Braunton Academy

Hopefully Year 11 Mock interviews will be back in the New Year, subject of course to Covid restrictions within Braunton Academy.

The interviews are scheduled to be held in February 2022 and the Club will be looking for volunteers to act as interviewers. Details of the actual dates will be circulated in due course. If you're interested in helping please contact Ian by email.

Amazon Smile Shopping

We all like to support our local shops, but sometimes, especially during these difficult days we turn to online shops.

Many of us are now shopping online with Amazon. You can support the Rotary Club by nominating Rotary Club of Braunton Charity Trust Fund, as your chosen charity, Amazon will then donate .05% of the purchase to the Club. Just visit the Amazon site and look for Amazon Smile.





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A Childhood Memory Of Christmas by Beryl.

It is December 1963, and I am five years old and Mum is taking me to meet Father Christmas for the first time. We are going to Exeter to see him in the departmental store that was in the High Street called Waltons. Travelling from our farm at Highampton to Exeter in those days was a "big day out". We set off early because it would take us over an hour and a half to get to Exeter. We eventually arrived and decided to go direct to Waltons. We had to queue and eventually after walking through the Christmas displays it was my turn to see Father Christmas. His first comment was "Would you like to sit on my knee little girl?" "No" was my reply - I was very shy in those days. "Ok I hear you have been a good girl so what would you like for Christmas" asked Father Christmas. I replied "Please can I have a colouring and puzzle books, crayons, reading books and a doll with a pram. Father Christmas then gave me a small gift and off we went. It was lunchtime so Mum said, "Let's go to the British Home Stores restaurant and have fish and chips". Wow! A treat indeed. In those days eating out did not happen very often. Mum and I spent the afternoon Christmas shopping and travelled home during the late afternoon. In the evening I became quiet, and Mum soon asked me if anything was troubling me. I did not reply and promptly burst into tears. "Whatever is the matter dear" Mum said. I replied with tears running down my face that I was frightened and did not want any strange man coming into my bedroom leaving my Christmas presents. At this point Mum found it difficult to keep a straight face and had to think quick on how to answer my concerns.



"I know" she said. "We will leave a note for Father Christmas asking him to leave your presents underneath the Christmas tree in the front room. I sure it will not be a problem". My tears soon stopped, and I felt relieved. Christmas Eve arrives and we write the note and left it on the mantelpiece by the chimney so that Father Christmas would read it. Two chocolate biscuits were left in case he was feeling peckish. Everything went to plan and when I woke up in the morning, I found my presents had been left by the Christmas Tree. When I was older my Mum would often love to remind me of the time that I did not want a strange man in my bedroom, and we had a good laugh. This is a childhood memory I never will forget.

Rotary Christmas Lunch

Our Club Christmas Lunch will be held
on Wednesday 8th December
At the Williams Arms
12.00 for 12.30pm
Lunch is £24.50 per person for a
3 course meal.

We shall be holding a Raffle with Prizes
In aid of Rotary Charities

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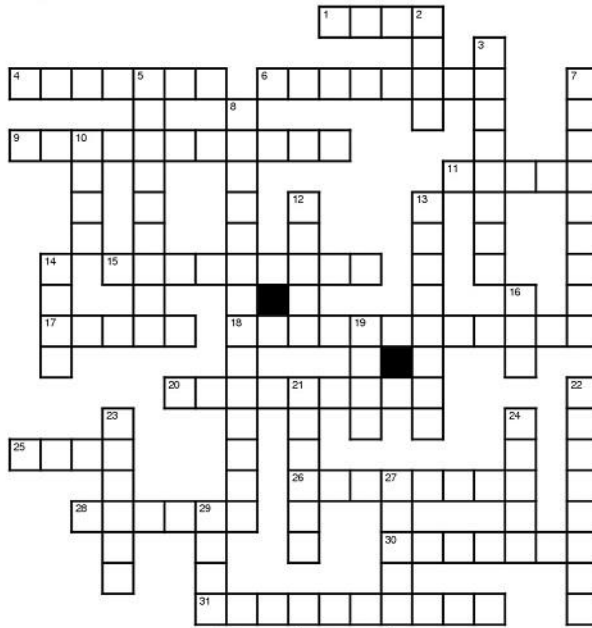




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Christmas Crossword



Merry Christmas!

Across

1. Another word for present.
4. Santa's door?
6. Animals that pull Santa's sleigh.
9. What people put on their Christmas tree.
11. Something on Santa's face.
15. The day after Christmas.
17. Santa's helpers.
18. The day before Christmas.
20. A piece of snow.
25. What Santa gives to bad girls and boys.
26. A sock that hangs by the chimney.
28. People put these bright things on there house.
30. A reindeer with a red nose.
31. A jolly man in a red suit with a beard.

Down

2. Something people decorate.
3. What people give each other.
5. Where Santa's workshop is located.
7. A striped Christmas treat.
8. Drink and food left for Santa.
10. Something people send to each other to say 'Merry Christmas'.
12. The presents are usually _____ the tree.
13. The month of Christmas.

14. Look at a present before you should.
16. The color of Santa's suit.
19. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
21. A famous snowman.
22. The place where Santa makes toys.
23. Santa's car?
24. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
27. A Christmas song.
29. What Santa gives to good girls and boys.



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Twelve Days of Christmas

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CALLING BIRDS
CHRISTMAS
DAYS
DRUMMERS
DRUMMING
FRENCH HENS
GEESE

GOLDEN RINGS
LAYING
LEAPING
LORDS
MAIDS
MILKING
PARTRIDGE

PEAR TREE
PIPERS
PIPING
SWANS
SWIMMING
TURTLE DOVES
TWELVE

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