

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRAUNTON

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Presidents Night

I was very pleased with the success of our Presidents Night.

Our guest speaker, Tony Beard, entertained us in his usual inimitable style, which everyone enjoyed..... not so sure about the warm-up double act though! District Governor Barry (or was it Garry) Rendal-Jones was delighted with his birthday cake, which he shared with the Youth Speaks participants the following day. President Phil and I were delighted that the new venture of a combined Presidents Night went so well. My sincere thanks to all club members for your support A truly super evening.

President Chris



Photo Gallery



May Meetings

7

MAY

The Williams Arms
12pm International Meeting
Speaker from ND Hospice

14

MAY

The Williams Arms
11:45am Community Meeting

21

MAY

The Williams Arms
Fair Update

22

MAY

Braunton Cricket Club
7:30pm Club Council

26

MAY

Braunton Recreation Ground
Braunton Village Fair

28

MAY

The Williams Arms
1pm Club Business

4

JUNE

The Williams Arms
12pm International Meeting
Speaker Joe Dunbavin



Birthdays

6th May
**Alex
Lain**

8th May
**David
Mansbridge**

28th May
**Gavin
Archibald**

31st May
**Sheila
Jones**



Anniversaries

Stewards, Grace & Loyal Toast

7th May

Terry Webber

14th May

Michael Zeale

21st May

Gavin Archibald

28th May

John Bone

4th June

Ben Crawford



8th May
**Gavin & Kathryn
Archibald**

Spanish Computer!

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

“House” for instance is feminine: “la casa”. “Pencil”, however is masculine: “el lapiz”

A student asked, “What gender is a computer?”

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher divided the class into 2 groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether “computer” should be a masculine or feminine noun. Each group was asked to give 4 reasons for its recommendation.

The men’s group decided the “computer” should definitely be of the feminine gender (“la computadora”), because:
1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic. **2.** The native

language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else. **3.** Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval and **4.** As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay check to buy accessories for it.

THIS GETS BETTER

The women’s group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine (“el computador”) because:

1. In order to do anything with them you have to turn them on. **2.** They have a lot of data but still can’t think for themselves. **3.** They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem and **4.** As soon as you commit to one, you realise that if you had waited a little longer you could have gotten a better model.

THE WOMEN WON!

Rotary Book Fund

Sadly we have lost one of our most profitable outlets- Fresco, at Golden Coast, because of lack of space has called it a day. President Chris has written to Mrs Camp to thank her for all the help she has given us over the past eight years, during which time the proceeds of books that have been sold on her premises amounted to nearly £4300.

However most fortunately, the Café, also at Golden Coast, are providing space for a book rack

which Jennie and Michael Zeale have kindly donated. This is now up and running and already sales look promising for the coming season.

Once again I would like to thank those Braunton Club Members who, over the years, have unstintingly provided me with books.

I am glad to say that the age of electronic books has not yet entirely overtaken us.

Garry Dadds