

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRAUNTON

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The Slave Trade

THIS EDITION

THE SLAVE TRADE

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In 1788 Parliament passed legislation to limit the number of slaves allowed to be carried on British ships. As a consequence of this HMS Pomona sailed from England to the West African (now Senegal to Angola) coast to monitor slave transports.

One of the officers on the ship was Lieutenant John Incedon-Webber whose family lived in Branton. The voyage lasted 6 months and his diary of the trip survived which can't be said of a considerable number of the crew who died during the voyage. One entry on 31st October 1788 refers to a visit to Cabinda for fresh water. The king of Cabinda was used to being paid for his water but as 'King's ships never pay for water' he arrived with a large body of men to prevent the sailors from getting the water. John Incedon-Webber was sent ashore to sort this out. He states the the situation was sorted by 'bringing the King on board for dinner with all his attendants, made them very drunk and saluted him on his going on shore with eleven guns. The palaver being settled we have leave to wood and water and everything the country could afford'. Even though this was thousands of miles away and many years ago it seems that a discussion over a glass or two could resolve most problems.

Photo Gallery



May Meetings

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MAY

The Williams Arms
12pm International Meeting
Speaker Martin Mather

13

MAY

The Williams Arms
11:45am Community Meeting
Speaker Andrew Shaw

20

MAY

The Williams Arms
11:45am Club Council

25

MAY

Braunton Recreation Ground
Braunton Village Fair

27

MAY

The Williams Arms
11:45am Club Assembly
Speaker Linda Wheelan

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JUNE

The Williams Arms
12pm International Meeting
Speaker Scott Butler

Birthdays

6th May
**Alex
Lain**

8th May
**David
Mansbridge**

28th May
**Gavin
Archibald**

31st May
**Sheila
Jones**



Anniversaries

Stewards, Grace & Loyal Toast

6th May

John Bone

13th May

Chris Cork

20th May

Ben Crawford

27th May

Garry Dadds

3rd June

Stan Dibble

8th May
**Gavin & Kathryn
Archibald**



Laws Not Taught In Physics...

1. Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

2. Law of Gravity: Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

3. Law of Probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

4. Law of Random Numbers: If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

5. Variation Law: If you change queues (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

6. Law of the Bath: When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

7. Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

8. Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

9. Law of Biomechanics: The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

10. Law of the Theatre: At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance. The people in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance.

Modern Marriages

Daughter: "Daddy, I'm coming home to get married. Take out your cheque book. I'm in love with a boy who lives far away from me. I am in the UK and he lives in Australia. We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, had long chats on WhatsApp, he proposed to me on Skype and now we've had a two month relationship through Viber.

kkll. Dad, I need your blessing, good wishes and a big wedding."

Father: "Wow! Really!! Then get married on Twitter, have fun on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon and pay through PayPal. And when you're fed up with your husband ... sell him on EBay".