



Braunton Caen Rotary



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020

POLIO UPDATE

BREAKING NEWS...

At the time of going to print, the latest polio figures are as follows:

- 29 children paralysed by polio in Afghanistan (compared to 13 this time last year).

- 56 children paralysed by polio in Pakistan (compared to 50 this time last year).

A total of 85 cases so far; which is very disturbing when just 3 years ago, the total for 2017 was just 16.

Meanwhile in Nigeria, no cases have been reported since 2016.

Since the pandemic began, polio programme workers across the country have pivoted to use messaging applications, especially WhatsApp, to disseminate COVID-19 prevention and care messages to communities. This is one aspect of the extensive support being offered by the Pakistan polio programme to the COVID-19 response.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



This year's Rotary International theme for 2020-21 "Rotary Opens Opportunities" was chosen by RI President Holger Knaack. "Rotary is not just a club that you join. It is an invitation to endless opportunities. It opens opportunities to serve in a project as big and historic as End Polio Now and also in a small community project, where you just plant a tree. It opens opportunities for you to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values.

Monster Challenge!



We have made a pledge to North Devon Biosphere www.northdevonbiosphere.org.uk and we have teamed up with Plastic Free North Devon www.plasticfreenorthdevon.org and invite you to take a look at their websites. We are arranging speakers from both these groups with the intention of inviting entrants to a Zoom meeting to hear what they have to say and ask questions. We shall be announcing other opportunities and prizes through the course of the Challenge.



We set out to think of something to involve everyone in our community safely and to celebrate the creativity that has been a hallmark of the last few months. The obvious answer might not be a

Plastic Monster Challenge

but it would be fun for the summer holidays and at the same time convey a serious message: the damage plastic is doing to our world.

Our challenge to you is to create a plastic monster from your household plastic rubbish and recycling, the more monstrous the better, and to send in a photo and we shall display as many as possible on Braunton Caen Rotary www.brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk/plastic-monster-challenge

Please visit our website for full details, the entry form and T's and C's.



We want persons of all ages and families to take part. Why should the children have all the fun? You should live in the Braunton area which we have widely defined to

include villages from Morteohoe and Woolacombe to West Down through Georgeham and Croyde to Chivenor, Ashford and Marwood or to have a significant connection to the area having grown up here even if you have now moved away.

If it is safe to do so, we wish to hold a physical exhibition on Saturday 29th August so please keep your monsters to bring along.

So start saving your plastic, build a monster and send us a photo.

more.

Good Luck!

Rotarian Geoff Triggs



Virtual Braunton Wheels

Normally we are fighting against rain and wind on the last Sunday in July for Braunton Wheels, but this year we had a greater challenge with the Covid-19 pandemic gripping the world. We held out for as long as we could before deciding to cancel this year's Braunton Wheels just in case restrictions were lifted and we were given the go ahead to hold the event. A little down-hearted, we didn't want to just leave it for this year, so we decided to have a Virtual Wheels. Over the last 2 weeks we have asked all previous participants

of Braunton Wheels if they would share an image of their pride and joy, with a printed plaque, on our Facebook page.

We didn't know if we would get any takers or not, and to our surprise the wheeled photos started to roll in. We ended up with 70 vehicles being shown. And even more surprising was that we had a large number of items that we had never seen at Wheels before, from unusual Fords made into a flat



bead delivery vehicle, an old Wheel Bier to a motorised child size car.

Planning has started already for the 2021 Wheels so do make a note in your diaries for Sunday 25th July 2021 when hopefully we will see some of the new and interesting items we had this year.



Want to get involved? Message us on Facebook or email admin@brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk

Braunton Wheels 2020

FIRST EVER VIRTUAL EVENT
SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2020

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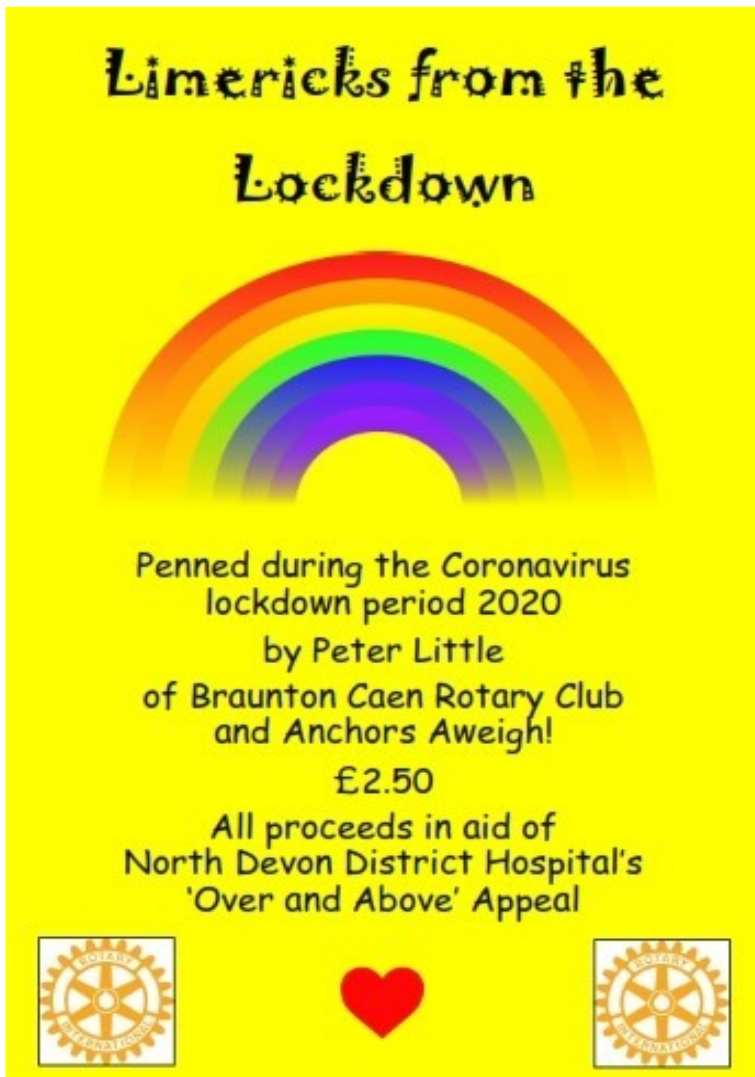
Youth News

Churchill College, Cambridge, Archives holds archives of importance writings from famous people. The Archive challenged 11-16 year olds asking them to submit a 500-word piece on what is happening to the world. We approached Braunton Academy, suggesting that those who enjoy writing submit a piece; all submissions will be held in the Churchill College Archives. The best piece will receive an award from the college. Braunton Caen Rotary Club agreed to give a certificate and book token to the submission considered the best from the Academy. This will be publicised and submissions passed over to the Braunton Museum. Three submissions were submitted. Here is a link to the results:



<https://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/news/2020/may/18/results-are-our-diary-competition-winners-are-here/>

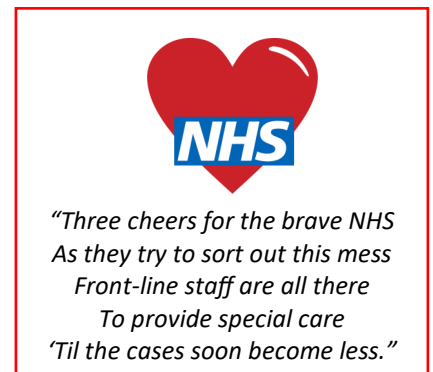
“LIMERICKS FROM LOCKDOWN”



Rotarian Peter Little

One of our members, Rotarian, Peter Little, has been very busy during lockdown, writing limericks. Peter has now gathered them altogether, all 50 of them, and published a booklet entitled very aptly “Limericks from the Lockdown”, all written between 27th May and 6th July 2020.

On behalf of Braunton Caen Rotary, President Paula thanked Peter for producing such an amazing array of limericks. She said: “Peter has done an incredible job, we had no idea that he was so talented. He will now be known by our club as the ‘Poetic Bard of Woolacombe’! We are so pleased to be able to support the **Over and Above** Charity who make such a difference to the work of the Northern Devon Healthcare Trust.”



*“Tourism is down on its knees
Hotels, bars and clubs in deep freeze
But one day quite soon
We’ll be over the moon
When tourists buy Devon cream teas.”*



Copies of the booklet are on sale in various outlets locally in Woolacombe and Braunton, and in the Hospital’s charity shop. If you would like to purchase a copy, Peter can be contacted at peterlittle48@outlook.com, or email admin@brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk.

If all booklets are sold, the Over and Above Charity will benefit by £1000. Sponsorship from Rotary Club of Braunton Caen and a generous contribution from Anchors Aweigh! have enabled every penny of sales to be given to Over and Above.

Memory Café News

The Memory Café team have been keeping in touch with all the people who would usually attend the Café at Mariners Close by the use of regular phone calls, a monthly newsletter and treat. In June, the theme of the newsletter was Devon Day, celebrating the patron saint of Devon, St Boniface, as well as one of Devon's delights, the Cream Tea.



Linking the monthly treat to the newsletter, the team sent a Cream Tea box to each of our attendees. These boxes, beautifully presented and full of a delicious cream tea with some little extra such as chocolates, were provided by Fine Foods of Braunton. We thank them for their help and can say that their lovely boxes were warmly received by everyone.



The theme for July is Devon's inspiration to authors and poets through its scenery and buildings. We feature poetry by three poets, local to the area, as well as a book written by a local jazz Musician, Steve Tucker. We compliment the newsletter by giving out a fellow Rotarian's 'Book of Limericks' which



Peter Little has written to raise monies for North Devon Hospital's Over and Above Appeal (see page 3).

An Honorary Braunton Caen Rotarian, Keith Worthington, has written a delightful poem called "Food for Thought" which is featured on the front page of our Memory Café newsletter.

No doubt Peter's book will bring many a smile to the recipients faces as they enjoy it along with a bar of chocolate, which Keith's poem assures us is the one food we all love!

The Memory Café Team are now working towards August's theme and continuing to contact and support by our phone calls.

Supporting the Community / Fun & Fellowship

Gardening Team

Braunton Caen Rotary has been out again in the village recently for the second 'big village clean'. They all wore their new Rotary Facemasks, which ensured they could work safely. Their task this evening was to provide hands on support to the Parish Council's gardening team by working in the Memorial Gardens in Chalenors Road, weeding and deadheading the roses. Well done team, great effort!



Braunton Caen Rotary Awards

Rotarian of the Year award

Our outgoing President, Paul, chose Roger Byrom as his Rotarian of the Year. Roger has been and is a stalwart of the club, attends absolutely every meeting and event, and gets stuck into virtually all the jobs that need doing. In addition, he has often provided transportation and storage services to the club, IT support for real meetings, for Zoom meetings and in many ways has helped us to carry on our business and our fellowship activities despite lockdown. He has also led our End Polio Now activities, taken part in polio immunisations in India on three separate occasions and been a District Governor.

Paul is most appreciative of his support and help through the last somewhat strange Rotary year.



Paul Harris awards

WHEN A PERSON IS RECOGNISED AS A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW, THEY ARE PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE, SIGNED BY THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, ALONG WITH A LAPEL PIN.

IT IS THE HIGHEST HONOUR THE ROTARY CLUB CAN BESTOW UPON A PERSON, AND REPRESENTS A COMBINATION OF FELLOWSHIP AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.



Rotarian Stan Westlake was recently awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for his long and active membership of the club, notably, as a Charter Member of Braunton Caen, Past President, Treasurer and founder organiser of the Braunton Memory Café. He was previously a member of Ilfracombe RC.



Rotarian Peter Little has also recently been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for his long and active membership of the club, notably as the club's International lead and his very successful efforts in raising funds for Shelterbox and for Mary's Meals. He is an official speaker for Shelterbox. Peter joined our club in 2011 from Braunton RC.

Supporting the Community

South Street Foodbank

South Street Church started a valuable initiative in the pandemic, launching an appeal

for food & baby items and pet food for those in need. Braunton Caen was pleased to have contributed £250 to support this initiative.

If anyone is in need, please email southstreetfoodbank@gmail.com or message on facebook.

Well done South Street Church!



International Support

It appears that almost everywhere on Earth has been affected by Covid-19. Many countries have been “locked down” and some are facing dire situations. Braunton Caen Rotary has a strong reputation of supporting two International charities.



Approximately £30K has been donated to Shelterbox and Mary’s Meals over almost 10 years since the formation of the club. These fantastic amounts are due to the generosity of club members and the general public. Our greatest supporters of Shelterbox are Rinus & Aniet Van de Sande (Broomhill Art Hotel & Sculpture Gardens). They have hosted 10 different concerts and raised substantial funds. Appreciative audiences have enjoyed musical entertainment and fabulous Mediterranean Suppers.

Street collections, talks and film shows, coffee mornings & huge

Rotary support helped achieve the Grand Total. Our most recent donation of £1,180 which will fund two Shelterboxes has coincided with the 20th Anniversary of ShelterBox, a charity which started out life as a Rotary Club project for Helston, and is now Rotary’s global partner in disaster relief.

Mary’s Meals is a Scottish charity that provides school meals for 1.7 million children living in severe poverty. It costs less than £15 to provide a child with a daily nourishing meal for a whole school year. £900 was donated to Marys Meals—£15.90 is all it costs to feed a child for a whole school year.



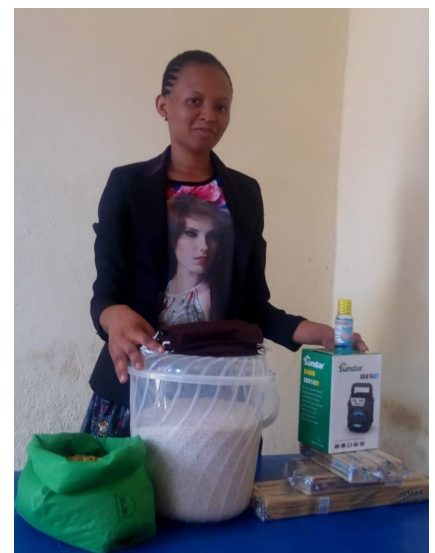
The humanitarian crisis in many of the poorest countries caused by conflict continues to grow as does the spread of the Covid-19 virus. The populations in the poorest countries do not have access to clean water, soap, sanitation or adequate medical care. For the last two years, Aquabox and its partner charity JOY (Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire) have sent humanitarian aid packages to support the people of Yemen, in the form of supplying safe drinking water and humanitarian aid to those suffering unimaginable suffering. Braunton Caen was delighted to donate £300 which will fund two Aquaboxes, for the next joint shipment to Yemen next month.



A member of Braunton Caen Rotary kindly purchased a Covid-19 crisis pack for Martha, a student sponsored by Rotarians from Braunton Caen. She was very thankful to receive the pack and was able to purchase a radio for learning, five kilograms of beans, five kilograms of rice, a sanitizer, five bars of soap, and five masks.

Attached is a photo of Martha with the pack.

For many Tanzanians, the Covid-19 crisis has meant a total loss of income as well as serious health risks. There is no financial support from the government and families are struggling.



The Rotary Club of Braunton Caen

Our club plays a vital role in the local and wider community to support and help those in need. We raise funds by holding events for the local community and donate funds to provide opportunities to individuals and to charities who help others.

We employ a literacy teacher at Southmead Primary School in Braunton, through our Ready Steady Read Literacy Programme. Four children each term are selected by the School and receive dedicated 1:1 tuition by our teacher. Feedback from the School shows that children progress with their literacy, self-esteem, confidence and focus.

We also run a Memory Café in Braunton. During the pandemic we are not able to meet face to face, but are keeping in contact with members by regular phone calls for a chat. We have sent each member a rainbow card, monthly newsletters, a small goodie bag containing activity books and a few luxuries, a Devon cream tea, and this month Rotarian Peter Little's book of Limericks, which was very well received and appreciated by all. We are now planning the next treat for them.

Internationally we support charities such as Shelterbox and Marys Meals (a school feeding programme; and Umoja (a children's education centre in Tanzania); all of which have given huge benefit to many. We also support End Polio Now - Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years and since 1988, we've seen a worldwide reduction in polio cases of 99.9%.

Some of our regular events include:

- *A Charity Car Tour, which takes everyone on a round 80-mile drive in the Devon countryside navigated by a tulip map with a quiz for added entertainment. A fun day out for all the family*
- *Braunton Village Fair, a joint event with Braunton Rotary Club, a day full of fun and entertainment for all the family*
- *Braunton Wheels, a day when anything on wheels is shown off. There's fun for all the family with cars, side shows, refreshments by the Rotary BBQ and kids rides.*
- *Santa Sleigh, our favourite event, when we join Father Christmas as he tours the streets of Braunton with his little Rotarian elves spreading the Christmas cheer.*

Rotary is always looking for people who want to give back to their communities. Through membership of your local Rotary club, you will become part of a network of 1.2 million members, in 35,000 Rotary clubs all over the world.

Rotary provides endless opportunities for people – to meet new people and make lasting friendships, for service projects, to travel the world, and to live a richer, more meaningful life.

If you are interested in finding out more or about joining Rotary, please contact us at admin@brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk and we will put you in touch with your nearest Rotary club.

Braunton Caen Rotary usually meets at the Mariner's Arms in Braunton on a Wednesday at 19:00. During Covid-19, however, we have embraced modern technology and are currently meeting weekly via Zoom online video conferencing.

We would be delighted to welcome visitors to any of our meetings from the comfort of your homes! If you would like to join us, please contact us at admin@brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk and we will send you a meeting link.

August & September

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 5th August 2020	Speaker Meeting: Dave Viner & Danny Greeno of The Veterans Charity; 7pm
Wednesday 12th August 2020	Our Club Matters Meeting at 8pm; Guest: DG William Wells
Wednesday 19th August 2020	Speaker Meeting: Rotarian Patrick Farrelly regarding his military career
Tuesday 25th August	Club Council at 7pm by Zoom
Wednesday 26th August 2020	Fun & Friendship/Service tbc
Wednesday 2nd September	Strategic Plan Workshop at 7pm
Wednesday 9th September	Speaker Meeting at 7pm (tbc)
Wednesday 16th September	Beach Clean Activity at 6pm (details tbc)
Wednesday 23rd September	Speaker Meeting at 7pm (details tbc)
Wednesday 30th September	Our Club Matters Meeting at 7pm

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Meeting place

The Mariner's Arms in South Street, Braunton.

Wednesday Nights at 7.00pm—8.00pm