

Braunton Caen Rotary

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BREAKING NEWS...

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

- 56 children paralysed by polio in Afghanistan so far this year (compared to 29 in total during 2019).
- 82 children paralysed by polio in Pakistan this year (compared to 147 in total during 2019).

A total of 138 cases so far this year, compared to a 176 in 2019, and 33 in 2018.

After a pause in polio campaigns due to COVID -19, Chad and other African Region countries vaccinated 40 million children during November in order to boost immunity.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary

year's 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.

Santa Sleigh Christmas Tour

Once again, Santa and his elves from Braunton Caen Rotary are starting their annual tour of Braunton, Wrafton and Chivenor.

Due to the unprecedented times in which we find ourselves, we have had to adapt how Santa and his sleigh tour the village this year.

Even though we must comply with government rules we knew how important it was to get Santa on his way.

We will not be able to knock on doors this year and there will be no jangling of buckets, but we will be raising money via a JustGiving page.

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BrauntonSantaSleigh





All monies raised will go towards local Rotary supported charities and projects, especially helping young people and the elderly.

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So if you see Santa, or wish to support us, please give generously.

Like last year, we will be joining Santa for seven evenings over two weeks commencing Monday 7th December. For full details of dates, routes and timings, please look at the poster on the back page of this newsletter.

This year, we will also be at Braunton Tesco on the coming two Sundays.

Finally, we will be parked by the Christmas Tree on the two late night shopping Fridays this month—11th & 18th—from 3.15pm in the afternoon. Please come along and say hello!

FROM EVERYONE AT BRAUNTON CAEN ROTARY WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS!





Our Memory Café team delivered the latest newsletter last month

to members of our Memory Café, as a way of keeping in touch whilst not able to meet up face to face at the moment. Our theme was Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day, with many local stories of relatives who had fought in the Great Wars. A delightful read.

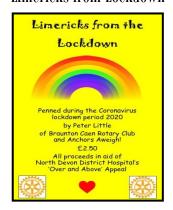
Our team are also supporting members with regular telephone calls, which are welcomed and enjoyed by everyone.

Community News





Limericks from Lockdown



We are delighted to announce that Rotarian Peter Little raised in total £1,004.50 for the Hospital's Over & Above Charity and, last month, Peter & President Paula met up with Julie Whitton, the Senior Hospital Fundraiser, to hand over the cheque. They also enjoyed an informative tour of the newly built North Devon Cancer and Wellbeing Centre. Well done Peter!



Youth Update

At half term we launched a number of Rotary youth competitions which do not need school or teacher input or face-to-face contact with other pupils. Keep a look out on the Braunton Community Facebook pages for information on Young Artist, Young Writer. Young Photographer, Young Film and Young Maker Environmentalist.

Further information will also appear in the January edition of the local EX33 magazine.



Devon Air Ambulance Donation



Fundraising this year has been tricky for every charity and organisation.

None more so than those who have continued to operate, but with additional costs. The Devon Air Ambulance being one such charity where every mission is costing around an additional £150, just in the provision of PPE for the crew.

Our annual Charity Car Tour and Braunton Wheels had nominated the Devon Air Ambulance as a benefactor from these events in 2020. As we were not able to hold either event we felt that we should still support the charity.

We were delighted to send a donation of £1,000 to help with the costs of PPF and were pleased to receive a certificate of thanks. Additionally we will still support the Devon Ambulance during 2021 at both the Charity Car Tour on Sunday 18th April, and Braunton Wheels on Sunday 25th July 2021.



Foundation Update

Holsworthy RC - District Grant for North Devon Hospice

We have answered a request from Holsworthy Rotary to pledge support for the North Devon Hospice who need to refurbish their "stop over" accommodation and joint use/dining facilities which are available for relatives and friends visiting from much further afield at times that may be critical for patients and their families. That accommodation is now the subject of a phased refurbishment programme with a projected cost of approximately £8,500, exclusive of funds raised by the Hospice. Works are planned to begin in March 2021.

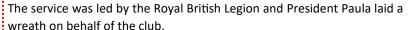
Our commitment of £250 will go towards other donations to enable a District Grant to be made to progress the refurbishment.



Remembrance Service

The coronavirus pandemic meant that the usual well attended commemorative parade in the village was pared down to a simple service with limited numbers.

On Sunday 8th November, President Paula, President-Elect Chelsea and Vice-President Geoff represented Braunton Caen Rotary at the small remembrance service outside St Brannock's Church to honour those who have fallen in the wars.





Village Christmas Trees - Braunton in Lights

Christmas nearly bypassed Braunton this year, but was saved by some generous "JustGiving" donations which were enough to invest in 35 Christmas trees and lights.

A few hardy volunteers in the guise of James Benning, Roger Byrom, Jason Little, Darrin Pimlott, Phil Powell and Karl Richardson, helped to get these trees up into the tree brackets over shops around the village last Sunday morning.

It's not for the feint hearted! Climbing ladders, avoiding traffic and getting attacked by the pine needles is all in a morning's work for this merry band. And 2½ hours later they were back at home glowing in their efforts. Job well done!

This is our 6th year of helping to make the village a festive place and particularly so this year for obvious reasons.

So wander round the village and enjoy the lights!!



December Diary



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Usual meeting place

The Mariner's Arms in South Street, Braunton. Wednesday Nights at 7.00pm—8.00pm