



# Braunton Caen Rotary



## NEWSLETTER

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### POLIO UPDATE

#### BREAKING NEWS...

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

- 1 young boy paralysed by polio in Afghanistan and 1 young boy in Pakistan (while the total number of 2020 cases was 140).

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is greatly concerned by the United Kingdom's proposed cuts to contributions toward polio eradication in 2021. The proposed 95% reduction will result in an enormous setback to the eradication effort at a critical moment.

#### 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.

## Max Woosey - Winner of Rotary Young Citizen of the Year



Braunton Caen Rotary were delighted and very proud to hear that Max Woosey, who has raised more than £534,000 for North Devon Hospice by sleeping in a tent in his garden for over a year received a Rotary Young Citizens Award 2021 following our nomination, at the Awards Ceremony on 22nd May.

The Rotary Young Citizen Awards were started in 2007 to celebrate the amazing achievements of inspirational young people across Great Britain and Ireland, many of whom have assumed important responsibilities at a very young age. Nominations are put forward by Rotary Clubs across the UK making this award a very prestigious achievement.

Max decided to camp out from the start of the first lockdown in March 2020 after his neighbour Rick Abbott gave him a tent before he died of cancer and told him to "have an adventure" in it. He has

slept out every single night since then - even over Christmas, on his birthday, and through winter storms.

Max said: "Since COVID, the North Devon Hospice who took care of him, their fundraising was cut. So, I just wanted to help them out in the biggest way I could. So, I started sleeping in the tent and I have raised over half a million pounds now."

Celebrities including Jonny Wilkinson and Bear Grylls got in touch sending video messages to wish Max luck with his adventure.

To mark one year of Max's epic challenge, about 1,000 children from as far as America and Singapore took part in "Max's Big Camp Out!" sleeping outdoors in a tent or indoors in a home-built den to raise funds for their local hospice or chosen charity.

Stephen Roberts, CEO of North Devon Hospice, said: "Single-handedly,



Max has recouped well over half of our losses because of COVID. Max has been an absolute fundraising tour de force in probably one of our darkest times. He's essentially paid for over 15 of our community nurses. So, I can honestly hand on my heart, look Max in the eye and say, Max, you have looked after over 480 terminally ill people in North Devon hospice, thanks to your amazing efforts."



# Memory Café News

The latest Newsletter was hand delivered to members of our Braunton Caen Memory Café last week along with a pot of honey from Quince Honey Farm. This newsletter focused on the joys of spring and we hope was enjoyed by all readers.

A meeting of the Memory Café team will be held soon to discuss the reopening of the memory cafe when we can.



## The Peter Kingdon Young Person's Community Achievement Award - First Recipient

The Rotary Club of Braunton Caen sadly lost one of its most able and experienced members in 2020. Peter Kingdon was particularly keen to help the younger generation to achieve their full potential and was supportive of all youth projects both in the local community and in developing countries around the world. In discussion with Peter's wife, it was decided to commemorate his work as a Rotarian by establishing a new award "The Peter Kingdon Young Persons Community Achievement Award", the criteria for which can be found on the club website: [www.brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk](http://www.brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk)



The Braunton Caen Rotary Club and the family of the late Peter Kingdon are delighted that the award is going to such an inspirational young person. Max has told them that the prize money will go towards financing another adventure in the next few years.

Club President Paula Byrom, Paul Cockcroft, Patrick Farrelly and Sue Kingdon presented Max with his award.



## Recycling of Blister Packs



One of our members, Debbie, heard of an excellent national recycling scheme to benefit the Marie Curie Charity by collecting used "blister-packs" from medication. The Ilfracombe branch of Superdrug are receiving the packs, which are then collected by Terracycle, weighed and on a "points per kg" basis money is donated to Marie Curie Charity. We have central "drop-off points" in Braunton at L

Clarke & Sons Funeral Directors and Bennings Estate Agents. After 3-4 weeks, Debbie & Gary took a bulging carrier bag off to Superdrug! They'll continue on a monthly basis until the scheme finishes. Debbie says: "I think the lady on the pharmacy was a little overwhelmed when I approached with "my donation"! I did explain it was from a local Rotary Club, and customers awaiting scripts smiled saying how well we'd done."



## Defibrillators

Do you know where your nearest Defib is?



- Pixie Dell Stores**, Saunton Park
- Wensleys Newsagents**, Braunton Car Park Entrance
- Cross Tree Centre**, Chaloners Road end by Siam Bistro
- Black Horse**, Church Street in the arch to the churchyard
- Williams Arms**, Wrafton
- Knowle Phone Box**, on the main road by bus stop
- Georgeham Post Office**, on the main road through village



# The Rotary Foundation & End Polio Now Donations

Braunton Caen Rotary was very proud this month to make two substantial donations of £1,000 to each of the two main Rotary Charities: The Rotary Foundation and End Polio Now.

The Rotary Foundation transforms all donations into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion or £2.8 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

All donations to the Rotary Foundation support End Polio Now, Disaster Response Funds and the seven key areas of focus: Preventing disease, Providing clean water, Supporting education, Growing local economies, Saving mothers & children, Promoting peace, Supporting the Environment.

## Virtual Balloon Race

The Rotary Club of Braunton Caen, in partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Barnstaple, Barnstaple Link, Bideford Bridge, Bideford Tarka, eClub South West Peninsula, Holsworthy and Ilfracombe, worked together to raise money for the much loved and respected North Devon Hospice, by taking part in the Virtual Balloon Race last month.

We are delighted to say 827 colourful balloons launched in aid of North Devon Hospice on Easter Sunday from Istanbul in Turkey, and finished seven days later. 'Phoebe' the winning Balloon travelled an incredible 776 km and was last seen heading for Alexandria!



Representatives of the participating Rotary Clubs handed over a cheque for £2,500 to Jess Burford-Redgrove, Community & Events Fundraiser, at the Hospice, which were proceeds from the balloon race and from a social evening held to boost funds.

Jess said: "It is fantastic to receive the support of Braunton Caen and the North Devon Rotary clubs. They have raised such wonderful amount with the Virtual Balloon race, which means that patients and family members who are living with an incurable illness can have support in their own homes as well as on the bedded unit today. We could not keep caring without the support of local Rotary. I am so grateful for their energy, enthusiasm and hard work, it will really help us all in North Devon."

## Gardening Team

This month, members have enjoyed their first 'big village clean' community project of the year, ready for the summer! We were pleased to do some weeding through the centre of the village, and support the Parish Council's gardening team.



# June Diary Dates

## Braunton Caen Rotary



Wednesday 2nd June	Speaker Meeting: Gay Ross recounting a true story regarding her father's incredible walk through Italy during World War II; 19:00 by Zoom, all welcome
Wednesday 9th June	Club Assembly: President Elect Chelsea will be telling us about her plans for the new Rotary year, 19:00 by Zoom, all welcome
Tuesday 15th June	Club Council (an officer meeting), 19:00 by Zoom
Wednesday 16th June	A chance for some fun and fellowship - a visit to the Arlington Court Estate, 18:00
Wednesday 23rd June	Speaker Meeting: Rotarians James & Gary talking about the recent refurbishment of Braunton Museum, 19:00 by Zoom, all welcome
Sunday 27th June	Club Handover at Paula & Roger's home, 15:00, all welcome
Wednesday 30th June	No meeting

*Although we're not able to meet face to face at the moment, we have embraced modern technology and are currently meeting weekly via Zoom on line 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](mailto:admin@brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk) and we will send you a meeting link.*

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#### Meeting place

The Mariner's Arms in South Street, Braunton.

Wednesday Nights at 7.00pm—8.00pm