



Braunton Caen Rotary



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

POLIO UPDATE

BREAKING NEWS...

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

- no cases of polio have been reported in Afghanistan (compared to 2 this time last year).

- 12 children paralysed by polio in Pakistan (compared to 7 this time last year).

40 million children were vaccinated in the December National Immunisation Day campaigns in Pakistan.

A total of 173 cases were reported worldwide in 2019, and 33 in 2018.

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

ROTARY
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This year's Rotary International theme for 2019-20 "Rotary Connects the World" was chosen by RI President Mark Daniel Maloney. He asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

Youth Speaks

Our schools have had mixed fortunes with Rotary Youth Speaks this year. Tackling the new format of a staged debate the Senior and Intermediate teams from Braunton Academy were unfortunately unsuccessful during the North Devon heats.



In the Junior section, however, Southmead Primary School won through to the District Final which takes place at Saltash on Saturday 14th March, with a powerful talk on equality for women. Lexie, the team's main speaker, provided excellent examples from different countries where women are not treated equally to men. Issy, in offering the Vote of Thanks described how she felt when, after a football match in which she was the only girl in the team, boys in the opposition refused to shake her hand at the end of the match. Isla the Chairperson made a super job of pulling the team together, introducing each member and explaining why they had chosen that subject.

They are working hard now to perfect their roles and we wish them luck in the Final.



Our club has been supporting UMOJA (an education centre in Northern Tanzania) for several years. We recently received the following update from UMOJA.

"Thanks to Braunton Caen Rotary Club, The Umoja Centre was able to purchase a new photocopier, 3 toner cartridges, a colour printer and cartridges. Finance Manager, Pascalina Mmari and Director, Caroline Goody (with advice from IT Teacher, Philbert Charles) chose and purchased these items during the Christmas holidays. To the teachers delight, we were able to install the new equipment and have it up and running in the first week of term, before the students returned for the new year.

This photocopier has replaced a tired, old machine which frequently malfunctions. The print quality was so bad that half the page was often missing or difficult to read. We had comments doubting our professionalism from the community due to the quality of our printed materials when advertising programmes at Umoja. Often teachers were forced to head into town to print items that were important, such as exam papers.



By having a new machine at Umoja, we are able to print high quality copies for our students, which is improving the learning outcomes and easing the teacher's workload. This month we have been busy interviewing new recruits to join the programme, so have been printing and copying application forms, various tests and interview sheets. The machine already has been well used and has pleased many of our team (as you can see in the photo!). We were also able to purchase a new office printer, which allows us to print professionally. Again, the quality of print of the previous printer was so poor that often staff printed documents outside of the office. Having a new, functioning printer, will save time and funds for Umoja and our staff. Thank you all at Braunton Caen Rotary Club for making this possible!"

Community Update

Braunton Caen Rotary - Donations

Since the new year, we have been delighted to give donations to the following:

- ◆ £250 towards a Rotary Global Grant application for \$1,000,000 to fund vital surgical equipment for Mercy Ships, the largest charity-run hospital ship in the world
- ◆ £250 to the Rotary's Disaster Recovery Trust in aid of the Australian Bushfires appeal
- ◆ £250 to the Braunton Countryside Centre for their audio-visual project
- ◆ £1,180 to ShelterBox, which will buy two boxes, providing shelter to 20 people



Braunton Caen Rotarians visited the ChemoHero HQ, to pack some of their boxes of kindness. We packed five men's and five ladies boxes, numbers 52 -61 packed so far this year. These boxes of kindness go out to local people on their first chemotherapy treatment. We are now liaising with Lisa Wallis with regard to sponsorship and future fundraising initiatives.



British Heart Foundation

Rotarians from Braunton Caen were delighted to be Heart Stars this month at Braunton Tesco. They joined volunteers from Braunton community cheerfully collecting for the British Heart Foundation. £222 was raised which will help power life saving research into heart and circulatory diseases, keeping families together for longer.

Barrie will be running Heartstart sessions locally in March (see poster for details).



What's coming up in March / April, some key dates

Braunton Caen Memory Café - Wednesday 25th March

At our Memory Cafe on Wednesday 25th March we shall all be hands on creating Easter chicks and cards with paper, glue and cones alongside laughter, chat and refreshments.

Our memory cafes are an opportunity for people with memory problems and their carers to meet with others in a relaxed social setting.

(Please note that it is drop off only outside the entrance; there is parking in the car park nearby.)

MEMORY CAFE

**Come to our Craft afternoon.
Create your own Easter Chick
or Greeting Card**

**Wednesday 25th March
2.00 to 4.00 p.m**



Chat, Coffee, Tea, and Biscuits

MARINERS CLOSE

Side entrance Sings Lane, Braunton

Free

Friendly and informal

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For More Information
Contact Stan on
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Sunday 19th April - Charity Car Tour

Our Charity Car Tour takes everyone on a round 80 mile drive in the Devon countryside navigated by a map, with a quiz for added entertainment. A fun day out for all the family, which includes a delicious bacon butty breakfast at the Williams Arms. This year we will be finishing at Woolhanger Manor, with a cream tea, and entertainment provided by Anchors Aweigh. We will be raising money for Devon Air Ambulance and Devon Freewheelers.

A great day out for everyone. There's still time to enter; application form on our website www.brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk.

International -

Shelterbox

Earlier this month, Rinus & Aniet van der Sande hosted the 9th annual Shelterbox musical event at Broomhill Art Hotel & Sculpture Gardens. Local entertainers Elysian provided entertainment to an appreciative audience, who enjoyed a superb Mediterranean supper. A total of

£1040 was raised on the night from ticket sales, a raffle and generous donations, and with additional funds added by Braunton Caen Rotary, enough money was raised to enable 20 homeless people somewhere in the world to benefit from two shelterboxes. Grateful thanks to Peter & Pat Little for their hard work in organising such an enjoyable event for such a

worthwhile cause, and to Rinus & Aniet for their generosity in donating proceeds from the ticket sales on the night.



Fun & Fellowship

Star Trek Charity Night Walk - Saturday 7th March

Our StarTrek team - Karen, Patrick and Anthony - are busy training for this year's Star Trek event and looking forward to the challenge. We are currently looking for a fourth team member; all volunteers welcomed!

Inter-Club Skittles

Braunton Caen have played 5 games so far this season and have topped 1,592 pins, with our captain being top scorer overall. Although we came a close second in some of the games, we had lots of fun and fellowship with Rotarians from local clubs.



March Diary Dates

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Wednesday 4th March	Open Meeting, 19:00 The Mariners Arms, followed by a skittles match at 20:00
Wednesday 11th March	Speaker Meeting, Richard Beer - Bird Life of Braunton & Saunton 19:00 The Mariners Arms
Thursday 12th March	Inter Club Sports Evening at Langtree
Saturday 14th	Junior Youth Speaks at Saltash
Wednesday 18th	Open Meeting, 19:00 The Mariners Arms
Tuesday 24th	Club Council, 19:00, hosted by Paula & Roger
Wednesday 25th March	Caen Memory Café 14:00-16:00 Mariner's Close - all welcome
Wednesday 25th March	Speaker Meeting, Sue & Ivan Godfrey (Rotary fundraising bike ride (LE to JO'G) 19:00 Mariners Arms
Thursday 26th March	Village Fair Committee, 19:00 Williams Arms



Free defibrillator training by the British Heart Foundation

You are invited to come to a FREE session about how to use the defibrillators in the village and where most of them are located.

Also a bit about first aid for an unconscious person.

Sessions are two hours – Participation is encouraged but not needed. No charge is made but there is a BHF collection.

Georgeham Village Hall 7 to 9 pm on 10th March
 Braunton Bowls Club 7 to 9 pm on 12th March
 Heanton (top) Village Hall 10.30 am to 12.30 am 14th March
 Kingsacre Primary School 7 to 9 pm on 16th March

Also maybe Ashford & Saunton Sands Surf Life Saving Club

E-mail barriebudge@gmail.com or phone 01271 813816 to reserve a place or if you have any questions

Beat heartbreak forever

Beat heartbreak from heart diseases and all circulatory diseases

SAVE THE DATE!!

16 May 2020: Joint Presidents' Night with Ilfracombe, Ilfracombe Compass and Braunton Caen Rotary Clubs @ The Barnstaple Hotel

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Meeting place

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