



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:

- 56 children paralysed by polio in Afghanistan (compared to 29 during 2019).

- 84 children paralysed by polio in Pakistan (compared to 147 this in 2019).

A total of 140 cases; compared to the total for 2019 of 176; and 33 in 2018.

Last year, the Africa Regional Certification Commission certified the WHO African Region as wild polio-free after four years without a case, a remarkable milestone.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary



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.



Caen Memory Cafe

When the pandemic started we really did not know what lay ahead and that in January 2021 we would still not be a lot further forward - what a roller coaster ride it has been for all of us.



Braunton Caen Rotary Best Wishes Braunton Caen Rotary

Our aim during these times has been to maintain contact with those who regularly came along to the memory café, the team each contacting 3 or 4 members on a regular basis to keep in touch.



We were concerned that many lived alone, and in these difficult times were very isolated. So we devised a monthly newsletter, which was based on a monthly theme eg VE Day, Guy Fawkes, Braunton Village Fair, plus many more. We also incorporated fun word searches and jokes etc. Our

memory cafe attendees were invited to become involved and we received several poems, stories about their lives which were added to the monthly newsletters. We also delivered at times various gifts, such as cream teas, fish & chips, goody



bags, and at Christmas, a cake, hand crafted card and tree decoration. They were all gratefully received and we had so much feedback on how much they welcomed the letters and our visits. Obviously we had to adhere to all the Covid rules, by wearing our Rotary masks, social distancing with the clients and also ourselves.

During the pandemic we have got to know these people very well, and we are sure it has got them through these difficult times; and we will continue to do so until we can all meet up as a group again.



Christmas gift

I personally have received a lot of pleasure in being part of this exercise, and the joy on people's faces when we have called has made this so worthwhile. If anyone has anything that you think might be interesting please contact us.



Jennie & Karen

Thank you to all the team who have helped out with deliveries, everyone has contributed so much.

From Jennie, a member of the Memory Café team.



Santa Sleigh Christmas Tour



What a fabulous time we had with Santa last month; he visited our village on seven nights over a fortnight, as well as appearances at Braunton Tesco and on the Village Green.

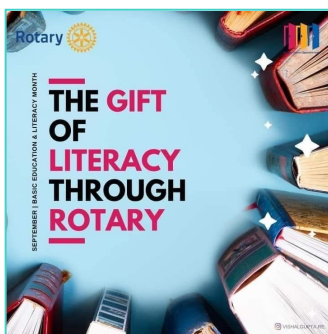
Santa also made a flying visit around Braunton on Christmas Eve with one of his merry elves.



This year we were unable to make our usual Christmas Collections, and therefore set up a JustGiving Page. We are delighted to say that donations totalled £2,035, which were supplemented by a very generous charity donation of £250 by Howdens' Joinery.

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

Youth Update



Despite the constraints and difficulties the Literacy Programme was successfully delivered at Southmead Primary School last term.

Mrs McIntosh again took four young pupils who struggle with reading and brought them up to a high standard, with all of them progressing 18 months in the eight week programme. Mrs McIntosh also re-tested the pupils who had been through the programme this time last year and it was

encouraging to note that they had all maintained their development in reading skills.

We are extremely grateful to Mrs McIntosh for her perseverance with the programme under difficult circumstances and to the head and staff at Southmead Primary School for identifying those who need this so important boost in their literacy skills.

Unfortunately, due to the current lockdown, the programme has been temporarily suspended, but will resume when safe to do so.



Random ramblings from youth:

A little boy was listening to his grandfather relate stories

of his time as a soldier. "I fought with Montgomery, I fought with Wavell and I fought with Alexander". The little boy, more than slightly puzzled by what he had heard, said, "Grandad, could you not get on with anyone?"

Another small boy said to his grandfather, "If you are happy, why don't you tell your face?"



In the October 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. These have been advertised widely on Braunton social media forums and in this month's

edition of the EX33 magazine. If you would like further information on Young Artist, Young Writer, Young Photographer, Young Film Maker and Young Environmentalist competitions, please email: admin@brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk or check out our website: www.brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk.

Closing date: 31st January.

International Update

Shelterbox

We were very sad to hear that Rinus & Aniet van der Sande are leaving Broomhill Art Hotel & Sculpture Gardens and relocating to Spain at the end of the month. Rinus & Aniet have been great supporters of both Shelterbox and our Rotary Club over the past ten years and have hosted annual fund raising events at the Hotel, donating proceeds from the ticket sales on the night. At last year's event, £1,040 was raised, which enabled 20 homeless people somewhere in the world to benefit from two Shelterboxes.

Rotarian Peter Little (International Lead)



and President Paula presented Rinus & Aniet with a small memento thanking them for all the years of support to Caen Rotary and Shelterbox - a Club pennant and certificate of recognition - to remember us by. We wish them well as they start a new chapter in their lives.

Braunton Village Fair 2021

Both Braunton and Braunton Caen Rotary Clubs have met to start early planning for this year's Village Fair.

It has been agreed to change the date from the usual late May Bank Holiday weekend to Sunday 29th August 2021, when it is hoped that the things will be a lot brighter than and the event can take place. The music stage, the beer tent and the Rotary BBQ have been booked.



Please hold this date in your diaries!

Amazon Smile

Good news – you can now shop online whilst helping to contribute to our charity account. Just log in to - smile.amazon.co.uk and chose our charity "Rotary Club of Braunton Caen Trust". Shop as normal and we receive 0.5% at no cost to yourself.



The Rotary Foundation

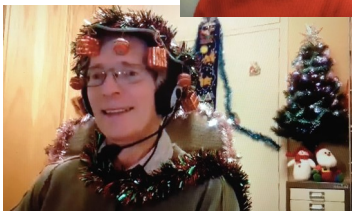
Like all other Charities, 2020 will be a year of significant shortfalls for Rotary Foundation, our own charity, that to a large extent relies on events and activities such as The Village Fair, Braunton Wheels and providing a BBQ for the annual football tournament in Braunton. Needless to say none of these took place. On a national level this has badly affected funds raised. However, despite this over the last six months 25 grants were made by Rotary in Great Britain & Ireland totalling over £1.8Million. Of these 14 were made for disease prevention and treatment which is very appropriate.

February 23rd is designated as Rotary Day when normally Clubs would highlight our activities both Nationally and Globally eg the End Polio Now campaign. This may be more difficult this year but Braunton Caen Rotary will continue to serve the community wherever possible.



Our Rotary Birthday!

On 14th December, Braunton Caen Rotary celebrated its 10th birthday! This year, our celebration was very different, but we had a lot of fun at our virtual Charter/Christmas party, playing games and quizzes. Prizes were awarded for the best Christmas jumper and wackiest hat! We also took a trip down memory lane, looking at a slideshow of all of our activities and fellowship over the decade.



January & February

Diary Dates

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Wednesday 6th January	Fellowship Meeting, 19:00 by Zoom, all welcome
Wednesday 13th January	Speaker Meeting: Jess Burford Redgrove - North Devon Hospice, 19:00 by Zoom, all welcome
Thursday 14th January	Village Fair Committee Meeting, 19:00 by Zoom
Friday 15th January	Vaccination stewarding at the Leisure Centre, Barnstaple - all day
Tuesday 19th January	Club Council, 19:00 by Zoom
Wednesday 20th January	Our Club Matters Meeting, 19:00 by Zoom, all welcome
Wednesday 27th January	Fun Evening with Barnstaple Link: "Would I lie to you?" by Zoom, all welcome
Wednesday 3rd February	Speaker Meeting (tbc) - all welcome
Wednesday 10th February	Fellowship & Friendship Meeting, 19:00 by Zoom, all welcome
Wednesday 17th February	Speaker Meeting (tbc) - all welcome
Wednesday 24th February	Our Club Matters Meeting, 19:00 by Zoom, all welcome

Hold the Date - Rotary Charity Car Tour

Good News :

The 2021 Rotary Charity Car Tour WILL take place on Sunday 18th April 2021. This will be the 10th Anniversary of the event. The venue has been booked and all entrants for the 2020 event can have their entries carried over to 2021. If you would like further information, or to put your name down now for 2021, please email Jan, j.lewis175@btinternet.com. Hopefully see even more cars drivers and navigators then.



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 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