

Braunton Caen Rotary



POLIO UPDATE

In the first nine months of 2021, just two cases of wild polio were reported, one each in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

A vaccination campaign begins on November 8, which will be the first in over three years to reach all children in Afghanistan, including more than 3.3 million children in some parts of the country who have previously remained inaccessible to vaccination campaigns. A second nationwide polio vaccination campaign has also been agreed and will be synchronised with Pakistan's own polio campaign planned in December.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

This year's Rotary International theme for 2020-21 "Serve to Change Lives" was chosen by RI President Shekhar Mehta, who is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

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Ready, steady, jump ...

Charity SkyDive



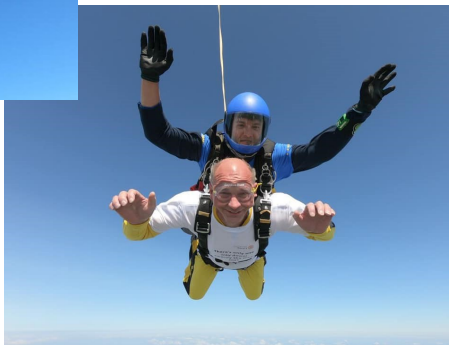
On Thursday 26th August President Chelsea and Rotarian Roger Byrom were falling through the clouds in aid of Umoja Tanzania.

Umoja Tanzania supports disadvantaged youths to fulfil their full potential by providing education in a safe environment, while supporting other aspects of their health and mental well-being. The students of Umoja Tanzania have come from difficult backgrounds, the charity will support them to achieve qualifications, and support them to further education or through employment.

Chelsea visited Umoja Tanzania in 2019 and embraced the culture. She met some of the students and at first hand their stories and experiences, and the effect which Umoja Tanzania has had on their lives and also the local communities. So, due to the current travel



which is unsafe and no longer suitable as an educational environment. The finance manager's office is an old bathroom, and the classrooms are run down. Umoja has two new pieces of



restrictions at the time, instead of flying over to Tanzania, she thought why not jump out of a plane instead?

Since opening in 2009, Umoja has been based out of a rented residential house

land which will allow the intake of students each year to grow, provide emergency accommodation for students, and a larger and safe space.

However, although the site may be structurally sound, it needs a lot of renovation and work to make the buildings suitable for learning and development.

We raised £2,500 to support the new literacy suite, and provide learning resources for the students.

We would like to say a massive thank you for all the support and encouragement for our SkyDive. It was an amazing experience!





Memory Café News

Memory Café Restarts !

Hooray, after 17 long months our Memory Café has reopened at a new venue, The Vivian Moon Community Centre, but at the same time 2 to 4pm on the last Wednesday of the month.

24 people came along on September 29th to enjoy refreshments and a game of Bingo. The most important feature though was the ability to meet and chat with old friends and new. Many of those attending were "old hands" of the Café but several were new

visitors, which was very encouraging to the Rotary volunteers who have been keeping in touch with members during lockdown.

Naturally we had to organise it on a Covid safe basis but hopefully, this did not affect enjoyment of the event and we can now look forward to getting back to supporting those living with memory loss, face to face.

About 20 came along to our meet on 27th October. We started off with a Beetle Drive, followed by Paul Jewells,

who brought his therapy dog Gozo along. Everyone enjoyed stroking and hearing all about him. We had decided prior to the meeting we would hold a free raffle and we had given everyone on arrival 5 tickets. Great fun was had drawing the raffle and handing out the prizes, which everyone enjoyed. It was very noticeable again that people were engaging very well with each other, and were really enjoying chatting.

A very pleasant afternoon again. If you think you would benefit by coming along, you are very welcome.



Next memory cafe is 24th November, Vivian Moon Centre, 2pm - 4pm.

Youth Update

Rotakids have come to Southmead School!

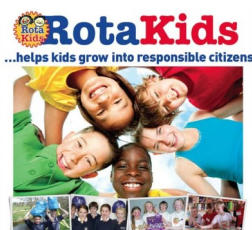
Eleven enthusiastic youngsters have set up this club with the aim of making a difference to the community both locally and internationally.

President Mia together with Vice President Edith began the meeting by reciting the Rotakid Pledge: "As a Rotakid, I endeavour to be fair to all, to serve my community and to show respect for others".

There then followed an ideas session producing so many proposals that it might be hard to see them all come to fruition! Among the ideas were a bake sale to raise funds for the South Street Foodbank, a park run again to raise funds, create a capsule to record the Covid

19 pandemic, create a garden within the school to grow seasonal vegetables and plant wild flowers, and to approach the Parish Council to provide more litter bins around the village.

Rotarians Geoff Triggs, Serena Smart and James Benning are providing guidance to the youngsters and at the end of the meeting each Rotakid was presented with a Rotakid T shirt.



2021 Volunteer Awards

Braunton Caen Rotary did very well this year at the Awards. Braunton Caen Memory Cafe were presented with an award for all their hard work throughout the last 12 months during lockdown keeping in touch with all of the members each month with phone calls, distributing gifts and newsletters, nominated by Live Well in Braunton. Jennie Tomlinson and Serena Smart were delighted to accept the award on behalf of the team. Also, last year's Club President Paula Byrom had been nominated by the Club for her 'dedication, enthusiasm, energy and imagination' in keeping the club going with zoom meetings, enabling the club to continue their fundraising opportunities.



Recycling of Blister Packs



Care and support through terminal illness

For some time, we have been collecting empty pill "blister packs" for the Terracycle recycle project with funds per kg donated to Marie Curie Charity.

Our involvement with the scheme has now ended due to the scheme's guidelines. However, we understand that the Pharmacy at Superdrug Ilfracombe will still accept individual household donations.

International Update

Shelterbox Musical Evening

Caen Rotary Club held a live music event at Broomhill Estate on Wed 6th October. It seems an age since International / Shelterbox hosted a gig of this type.

Broomhill is under new management but the staff wanted to continue the association started over 10 years ago by Rinus and Aniet van de Sande. The evening was a huge success. Music was performed by Amy Newton, Katie Kerslake and Sean. We were all treated to a fabulous Mediterranean Supper followed by a first class concert.

The Rotary Club of Braunton Caen thanks Jacqui and her staff for a great night out and hopes to continue this friendship for many more years.

A grand raffle and donations raised £528 to support the Disaster Relief Charity/Shelterbox. We thank Peter & Pat Little for their efforts in arranging another super event!



Fellowship - Summer Outings & Activities

We have enjoyed a variety of activities and outings over the summer months taking in some beautiful walks in the local area.

We also enjoyed a visit to the Exmoor Zoo followed by a presentation from Steve Eddy.

We spent a pleasant evening tending the rosebeds in the memorial gardens in the village, and finished the summer in recognition of the Environmental Awareness campaign, by a clean up around Crow Point and at Velator, filling a good number of black bags with litter. A great morning of fun and friendship whilst helping to keep our local areas litter free. We finished off with a coffee and chat in the Garden of one of our members.



November & December Diary Dates

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Wednesday 3rd November -

Speaker Meeting: Herbert Chatters re Passionately Purple Gin polio fundraising, 19:00 by Zoom

Wednesday 10th November -

Speaker Meeting: Lynda Thomas of Marie Curie, 19:00 by Zoom

Wednesday 17th November -

Open Meeting: 19:00 in the St Brannock's Church Rooms, all welcome

Tuesday 23rd November -

Club Council, 19:00 at James' House

Wednesday 24th November -

Our Club Matters Meeting & Club SGM, 19:00 in St Brannock's Church Rooms

Wednesday 1st December -

Christmas Party at the Williams Arms, 18:30

Monday 6th - Sunday 19th December -

Santa Sleigh Tour

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SANTA IS COMING TO BRAUNTON!

Monday 6th- Saunton Park

Wednesday 8th- Tesco To Barton Lane

Thursday 9th-Williams Arms

Monday 13th- Acland Park to Limetree Grove

Tuesday 14th- Chivenor

Thursday 16th- Lower Park Road

Friday 17th- Field Lane to Kingsacre

Sunday 12th and Sunday 19th- Tesco Braunton

Bring along your letters
and pictures for Santa to
take back to the Elves!

NEW

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Subject to change and weather. All proceeds will be donated to local Rotary supported charities and projects

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Meeting place

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



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