

# Braunton Caen Rotary



## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

### POLIO UPDATE

#### BREAKING NEWS...

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

- 37 children paralysed by polio in Afghanistan (compared to 17 this time last year).

- 65 children paralysed by polio in Pakistan (compared to 67 this time last year).

A total of 102 cases; which is very disturbing when compared to the total for 2019 of 176; and 33 in 2018.

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

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.

## Braunton FC Ability Team

The Braunton FC Ability Team was formed just one year ago this month with 9 players and 4 coaches. It now has 25 players (10 juniors and 15 seniors), 4 coaches and 6 assistant coaches. All are volunteers, some have children in the junior team but 6 don't. They volunteer purely to enable the squad to play football safely and to develop their ability and skills.



The players have a variety of conditions including autism, epilepsy, Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy and learning difficulties with an age range of 7 to 58y.

The Braunton Caen Rotary Club recently became aware that this team were in need of rain jackets so that they could train



throughout the year. The Rotary Club was delighted to buy personalised jackets for the whole team and coaches.

At the end of August, Paul Cockcroft, the Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club, ably assisted by club members Debbie and Gary West, attended the Saturday

Clearly both groups looked forward very much to these sessions.

The Braunton Caen Rotary Club and the Braunton FC Ability Team plan to keep in touch with each other and, hopefully will do some fun things together over the coming months and years especially once COVID is conquered! A match is to be planned once we no longer have to be socially distanced.



morning training session and at the end, presented the team with their new jackets (suitably socially distanced). They were extremely impressed with the enthusiasm of the team and the dedication of the coaches.



# Memory Café News

We hold in Branton every month a Memory café to support those with Memory problems. During Covid we have been unable to meet, but to continue support to our members, we have phoned them regularly, created a monthly newsletter, and given a monthly treat, which has included a gift bag, a cream tea and other gifts.

This month we visited all those who would usually attend the Café at Mariners Close and delivered a Squires Fish & Chips lunch, and a copy of the latest newsletter which is based on

the fishing trade over the years at Velator Quay. All deliveries were greeted with smiles and thank you's, and enjoyed by all. Thank you so much to Jennie Tomlinson for organising the delivery and all who helped.

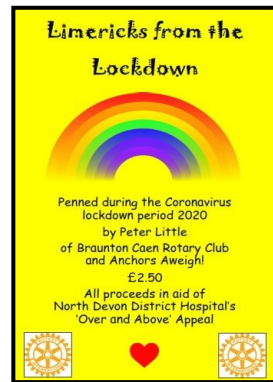


## Limericks from Lockdown

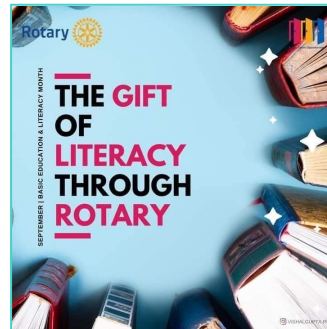
One of our members, Rotarian Peter Little, has continued to promote his book of limericks this month, which was written during the lockdown period. Sales are going extremely well and so far almost £850 has been raised. If all booklets are sold, the **Over and Above Charity** will benefit by £1000. Sponsorship from Rotary Club of Branton Caen and a generous contribution from Anchors Aweigh! have enabled every penny of sales to be given to **Over and Above**.

Peter has performed two book signings - one at a very windy Woolacombe on a Saturday morning and another at Barnstaple Tesco outside the Over and Above Charity Shop.

Copies of the booklet are on sale in various outlets locally



in Woolacombe and Branton, and in the Hospital's charity shop. If you would like to purchase a copy at just £2.50, Peter can be contacted by email at Peterlittle48@outlook.com, or by emailing admin@brantoncaenrotary.co.uk.



## Youth Update

We are delighted to hear that the literacy programme in Southmead School is planned to recommence at the end of September.

We appreciate the support from personal individual donations and from Professor Jean Crabtree of the Ritchie Charitable Trust who has kindly providing funding towards the continuation of the programme for the past four years. To date, 28 children have taken part in the programme at Southmead School so far, 14 boys and 14 girls, all of

whom were reading significantly below their chronological age at the start of the programme, and all of whom made significant improvements in their levels of comprehension.

## International Update Beirut Collection

Members of Branton Caen reacted quickly after the Beirut disaster and organised a collection to raise funds for those affected. Grateful thanks to Branton Tesco for allowing us to collect outside, and thank you to everyone who donated. We managed to raise £205.53 on the day and increased it to £250 from club funds.



## Mad Monster Competition

Over the Summer holidays we have been holding a Plastic Monster Challenge inviting photos of monsters made from household plastic rubbish and recycling. Entries of considerable variety have come in largely from our young people and we were pleased to award three prizes for a workshop at Cross Tree Glass and a session at Paint-a-Pot as well as a home kit. We would like to thank Paint-a-Pot for their kind donation towards the prizes. We also thank Andy Bell of North Devon Biosphere joining our President to judge the entries.



*Three worthy winners!*



We wanted to draw attention, in a light hearted way, to the monster we are creating by using and throwing away plastic every day. We teamed up with Plastic Free North Devon who also came along on Bank Holiday Saturday morning with their stand outside the Surf Museum showcasing their wooden board in place of plastic boards which they have been running this Summer.

## Fellowship & Remembrance

### Walkies with Patrick

Many members and their partners gathered at Crow Point Car Park and enjoyed a walk to the landing craft, where President Paula laid a wreath in memory of Allied Forces lost on D Day 06.06.1944. We then walked up Sandhill Ridge and enjoyed extensive views of the estuary and marshes. An evening of fabulous views, blessed with good weather and a rare opportunity of meeting up face to face for a socially distanced outing.



Earlier in the month we enjoyed great talks by Dave Viner and Danny Greeno of the local Veterans Charity, and our own Rotarian Patrick Farrelly. We also remembered the VJ Day anniversary by laying a wreath at the Burma Star Memorial in the village to remember all the fallen of the conflict in the Far East 1941-1945.



### Gardening Team

Members have enjoyed tending the rosebeds at the Memorial Gardens in Chaloners Road over the summer, which have certainly benefitted from regular weeding and deadheading. This has formed part of our 'big village clean community project, and has supported the Parish Council's gardening team.



# September Diary Dates

## Braunton Caen Rotary



Tuesday 1st September	Judging of Mad Monster Competition entries, 10:00
Wednesday 2nd Sept	Strategic Plan Workshop Meeting, 19:00 by Zoom
Wednesday 9th Sept	Speaker Meeting: Plastic Free North Devon and North Devon Biosphere, with fun quiz to follow, 19:00 by Zoom, all welcome
Wednesday 16th Sept	Beach Clean at 18:00, meet at Downend Car Park at Croyde
Tuesday 22nd Sept	Club Council, 19:00 by Zoom
Wednesday 23rd Sept	Speaker Meeting: Devon Air Ambulance, 19:00 by Zoom
Wednesday 30th Sept	Our Club Matters Meeting, 19:00 by Zoom

### 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](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