A Walk from Braunton Museum/Countryside Centre

To St. Michael's Chapel Walk3

Time: 50 minutes + return

By kind permission of the owners of Boode Farm

Please check on www.brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk before setting out if there will be cattle in the field at the Chapel and extra restrictions. Please do not take children or dogs on this walk when there are cattle in the field and consider your own safety

Take care: keep to pavements – crossing roads – especially with children and dogs accompanied please by a responsible adult – please use dog poo bags in the field as it can cause neosporosis, an infectious disease, causing miscarriages in cattle – please shut gates behind you – do not climb into the Chapel ruins.

- Museum/Countryside Centre. Collect a card from here if this is your first walk. Walk to the main road crossing the entry road to the car park by The Green Newsagents. Have you ever noticed the French post box on the wall by the Museum marking the ties between Braunton and Plouescat through the active Twinning Association
- Cross the main road at the Pelican crossing to the Anchor seating area. There is an inscription here to the seafaring history of Braunton
- Continue on along the Tarka Trail on the bed of the old railway line. There is a Boules Court on your right. In Plouescat there is a 'Place Braunton' to mark 50 years of twinning. Go past a lovely small play area and across the pedestrian bridge over the River Caen and continue until you reach a pedestrian X roads. There is a very good information board here about the once busy railway.
- Turn right into the Butts. If you were required to improve your longbow skills in the Middle Ages presumably you would come here.
- Continue down to the river where the path bends to the left. Looking over the wall, you will see the flood measuring devices installed and the flood prevention measures put in following the floods first in 2004 and then 2012
- Proceed and cross the main road Take great care in crossing.
- Turn left and shortly on the right take the pedestrian route to St. Brannock's Churchyard over a little bridge and walk straight on through the graveyard. You might notice the inscription at the base of the tree planted by the US forces stationed here during World War II.
- Proceed under the arch into Church Street. There is a defibrillator here one of a dozen looked after and some funded by Braunton Caen Rotary. The building has a rich history worth finding out about at the Museum
- Almost opposite to the right there is a cul-de-sac. Walk up this cul-de-sac and take the path on the right at the end which leads into a housing estate known as Acland Park. Keep going straight along Hazel Avenue on a gentle slope upwards to the end. At the end on your left there is a permissive footpath through a pedestrian gate. This at first leads along a fenced section with a hedgebank and trees on one side. You will have the first feeling of being in the

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countryside. Go through the gate and bear left up the hill. On your right you will pass in the middle of the field an abandoned agricultural implement. Please do not climb on it. However, can you identify what it is? Isaac's Yard (now Isaac Hall at Braunton Academy) was an agricultural machinery hub in the 19th and early 20th centuries serving the local farming community.

- At the top you will reach St. Michael's Chapel. The Chapel itself is fenced because the ruins are unsafe. The tokens box is secured to the locked gate on its West side. **Please do not return by any other route than the path up**.
- Please take a token, closing the lid and return to the Museum/Countryside Centre to stamp your card
- Enjoy the extensive views from here. The Great Field and Braunton Marches. The straightened Pill when the dykes were installed. The estuary across to the Torridge and behind various hamlets including Ash, Boode and Buckland Manor

We do hope you have enjoyed your exploration of Braunton. We would love you to make a donation using the QR code, by card on www.brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk or cash at Braunton Museum or Countryside Centre

Rotary International's extensive public health infrastructure—built over decades for the global polio eradication effort—serves as a vital foundation that health organisations adapt to tackle other crises.

The ways this infrastructure and experience are utilized for other diseases include:

- **Logistics and Supply Chains:** The "cold chain" networks (freezers and transport systems designed to keep polio vaccines cold) are frequently leveraged to transport fragile medical supplies, treatments, and vaccines for other diseases.
- **Disease Surveillance and Labs:** Rotary supports an extensive network of laboratories and environmental surveillance sites (e.g., testing sewage and water systems). During outbreaks like Ebola, these monitoring systems help health officials track the virus and trace contacts.
- **Community Health Workers:** The millions of health workers, volunteers, and mobilizers trained to go door-to-door for polio drops pivot quickly during epidemics. They are redeployed to educate communities on prevention, distribute hygiene and safety kits, and refer the sick to medical centres.
- **Infrastructure Adaptation:** The temporary clinics, community centres, and local medical facilities originally set up to reach remote populations with polio vaccines are repurposed to triage and treat patients during other health emergencies
- **Education and Trust:** In regions affected by outbreaks, public trust is crucial. Rotary leverages its established relationships with local tribal leaders, community members, and national governments to dispel myths, promote safety protocols, and encourage people to seek medical help.

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