

'End Polio Now' Cream Tea
at
St George's Church
Saturday 19 August
2.30 to 6.00 pm.
£10.00

Rotary



When I was at school in the 1950's everyone knew some one who had contracted Polio. They wore callipers or were in a wheelchair. Some were to ill to go to school and there was/is no treatment or cure. We were all vaccinated and now in England I do not know of a single person who has contracted Polio.



In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In the 1980s, there were about 1,000 cases per day.

There are only three countries left with the polio virus: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. In 2014 there were 340 new cases of Polio in these three countries. Last year there were 37. This year there have been just 7 new cases. Soon there will be none but that last step is the hardest. If we can reach ZERO cases and then maintain it, children everywhere will no longer need to be vaccinated because the risk of the virus coming into England or any other country will have been removed.

Tiptree Jam have given us the Jam for the Cream Tea. Bill Gates has promised to match every penny we raises 2-to-1 so our goal is to sell 50 tickets and raise £500 and Bill Gates will add £1000 to our total. We are so close to making history and Eradicating Polio. Please buy a ticket and come along and enjoy a cream tea and help Bill Gates give more.