

## **RIDING FOR THE DISABLED – BRYANSTON GROUP**

### **B&D U3A Charity of the Year 2018**

RDA has been providing opportunities for people with all types of disability to ride or carriage drive for over 50 years. There are now 500 groups nationwide and many similar affiliated RDA organisations worldwide.

The Bryanston Group was formed in 1975 at Deer Park Stables and has run continuously from that time, changing location on occasion, but now settled at the Bryanston School Equestrian Centre. The Group caters for adult riders and rides take place weekly on Monday mornings.

The Group is always keen to hear from potential volunteers, male and female, who are confident with horses and riding, as well as those who would just like to help with the activities – the aim is for a fun time to be had by all!

Anyone wishing to help should contact Mrs Jackie Abbott, tel: 01258.863683

## **FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

### **B&D U3A Charity of the Year 2017**

We were delighted to welcome Mac McLaughlin, Deputy Chairman of The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital, to our open meeting in January 2018 and to present him with a cheque for £402.64 collected during the course of the previous year from the proceeds of the sale of tea & cake at open meetings, raffles at social events and other donations.

Mac sent us a lovely 'thank you' which was published in our Spring 2018 newsletter and it was great to know that the money will go towards a project to enhance the lives of dementia patients at the hospital.

Members were also busy during 2017 knitting Bravery Bears, Twiddlemitts and blankets, which will be distributed to various units at the hospital – the Craft Group continue to knit for the hospital.

