

The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

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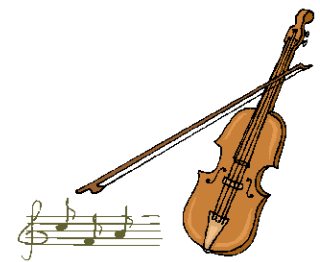
President – Gareth Griffiths
Vice President – Terry Dewan

New Young Musician of the Year

Jun Arimitsu from Tokyo was the worthy winner of the club round of the Rotary Young Musician of the Year 2004 Competition held recently at Theatr Brycheiniog. Although Jun has only been playing the violin for five years he played his two difficult pieces with great skill and was chosen as the winner by adjudicator

Helen Braithwait. The runner-up was Ambrose Chen from Hong Kong. A total of eight musicians competed, most of them being students at Christ College, while the youngest competitor, nine year old Ned Blackburn from Cradoc Primary School, played the cello with an assurance that belied his age. President Gareth thanked the Youth

Activities Chairman, Andrew Wakley, for organising the event which was attended by about 14 Club members.



Meetings this Month
Monday 12th April - No Rotary (Easter Monday)
Monday 19th April - lunch meeting at the George
Monday 26th April - dinner meeting (venue yet to be decided)

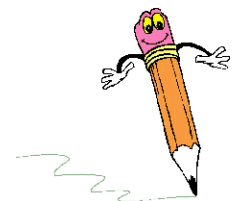
Peter's Quirky Questions

Our industrious Sergeant-at-Arms, Peter Jenkins, reports that since his introduction of the infamous 'Glass Pig' in 2001 over £700 has been raised. Peter has compiled more than 70 of his weekly quirky questions for our edification and delight (and education) and this

represents over £10 per meeting - see, I can do sums too! This money goes into our administration account and helps pay for some of the running costs of the club. Thanks for all that effort spent poring over those obscure reference books, Peter!

Calling all Scribblers!

If any of you have any information you would like to impart to your fellow members about a future event or just want to get something off your chest and would be willing to write a short piece for a future issue of Bruin I shall do my best to fit it in. Please do try to keep articles short though (about 200 words maximum). Any other short items, jokes, puzzles, crosswords, racing tips, etc. would also be welcome if space permits.



Speakers Corner

Dave Coombs of Brecon Mountain Rescue was the guest speaker at our dinner meeting on 8th March. The Brecon Mountain Rescue service began operating in the 1960s and two of the original members are still actively involved! The Team needs to raise £16,000 each year to cover their costs and the bulk of this is raised by voluntary effort by the Team members themselves. In addition the Team is currently attempting to raise £30,000 to replace their ageing control vehicle.

The Team works closely with a number of other organisations including the RAF who provide back-up in the form of the familiar yellow rescue helicopters with their invaluable winching capability, several Police forces and the Air Ambulance service. In 2002, their busiest year so far, the Team received 72 call-outs many of them to inadequately equipped walkers caught out by the changeable mountain weather. The Team receives regular training in rescue techniques, use of

specialist equipment and first aid and members engage in simulated rescue exercises with other agencies. The President presented the speaker with a cheque for £500 as the club's contribution to the work of the Mountain Rescue Service.



What's Brewin'?

Friday 23rd April - Young Musicians Zone Final (Llandrindod Wells)

Saturday 15th May - Young Musicians District Final (Theatr Brycheiniog)

Monday 7th June - Club AGM

Monday 14th June - Club Assembly

Quiz Latest

We have been drawn against Newport St Woolos Rotary Club in the quarter finals of the District 1150 quiz competition and the contest will take place on neutral territory at the Lamb and Flag, Abergavenny on Thursday 15th April. Bob Wood will be absent from the team

as he is now keeping the peace in Macedonia (presumably with some help) although he will no doubt be with us in spirit (and watching our performance closely!). Bob's place on the team will be taken by Peter Jenkins. The quizmaster for this series will be Ray Davies.

The Cecil Armitage Cup

This cup used to be the prize in an annual Challenge Competition played out between the respective Rotary and Lions clubs of Brecon and Brynmawr. It is currently held by Brynmawr Rotary Club and our President is trying to arrange a further contest which will probably take the form of a ten pin bowling match in order to wrest the trophy from them!



Camera Offer

Left over from the Caledonian Market were two single lens reflex cameras which appear to be in good condition and which come with additional lenses and accessories. Because of the shift to digital photography we have been advised that the cameras are of little re-sale value but they would make

good basic cameras for anyone starting out in conventional photography. If any member knows of an individual or organisation who would like either or both cameras would they please advise Handel. This is a free offer but if the recipients would care to make a small donation to club funds in lieu of payment I'm sure that would not go amiss.

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