



The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

April 2005

President – Terry Dewan
Vice President – John Nancarrow

Quiz Final

Unfortunately we narrowly lost the Zone Final of the Quiz Competition against Knighton Rotary Club on 14th March by 39 points to 44. It was, however, a good humoured contest with some very tough questions on both sides and no less than three picture rounds. Our opponents, whom we beat in the first round of last year's competition, were on cracking form. Although we got off to a bad start we came back from about eight points down to just one behind in

the second half then lost it in the last two rounds - we even scored two points in the Rotary round! Thanks to all the members and guests who turned up (we only just managed to squeeze them in to the dining room at the George) and to my two team colleagues, Peter Jenkins and John Nancarrow. Once again Andrew Wakley was our scorer and, as Mandy wasn't available, Subrahmanyam Ganesh from Merthyr Tydfil acted as our excellent quizmaster.

Specsavers

Anthony Edwards reports that during the last twelve months some 2500 pairs of unwanted spectacles have been collected and delivered to Usk Prison for refurbishment and redistribution to third world countries. He also

takes the opportunity to remind us that unwanted mobile 'phones (plus accompanying chargers if possible) are also much in demand and he is collecting these as well.



What's Brewin'?

- Monday 2nd May - Car Boot Sale
- Saturday 14th May - Young Musician District Final
- Wednesday 8th June - Kids Day Out
- Thursday 1st September - Beating Retreat
- Sunday 11th September - Walk on the Wild Side

Our Model President



Already noted for being a dapper man-about-town my sources tell me

that our President has recently added male modelling to his many talents. We eagerly anticipate hearing all the latest insider gossip about Naomi, Kate and the rest of the supermodel set!



Vintage Car Tour

Rotarian Mike Dingley-Jones from Carmarthen is undertaking a fund-raising tour of our Rotary District next month in a 1931 Model 'A' Ford towing a caravan of similar vintage. He plans to be in Brecon on the evening of 28th May and would like to meet us. Also, if any member would be willing to provide a parking space for Mike for the night with a hook-up point for mains electricity please let him know - our President has all the details.

A Bright Future for Matthew

Seven talented young musicians played in The Brecon Rotary Club Young Musician of the Year competition held at Theatr Brycheiniog on Wednesday 16th March. Rachel Podger, who is a well-known Baroque Violinist, adjudicated. She complimented all seven on their performances on cello, violin and saxophone. The winner was Matthew Sun playing violin, with Ben Evans on cello in second place. Steffan Raw-Rees was given a special mention for his saxophone

playing. Peter Jenkins thanked the adjudicator, the musicians, the audience and all concerned for a wonderful evening. Matthew will compete in the next round in Llandrindod Wells on 22nd April. The Rotary District Final with the winners from all seven Rotary zones in South Wales will be held for the seventh year running at Theatr Brycheiniog on Saturday 14th May - an evening not to be missed. Tickets available from the theatre box office.

Subscriptions

Club Council have been considering the possibility of consolidating the £12 Foundation levy (paid by most members) and the club subscription (currently £60) into a single annual payment. Nick Morrell also agreed to investigate whether members could pay the consolidated amount by direct debit. Council felt these changes would considerably simplify the process of collecting the annual fees from club members.

Notice Board

An application has been submitted to Powys County Council to place a Club noticeboard in the market arcade near to the existing Lion's Club board. It is understood that the application has been favourably received. Once permission has been obtained a board will be purchased and this will provide a useful means of bringing our Club's activities to the attention of the public.

Bottle Rota

18th April - Peter Jenkins
25th April - Cliff Jones
2nd May - Bank Holiday
9th May - Christian Aid Lunch
16th May - Gerald Jones
23rd May - John Mallon
30th May - Bank Holiday
6th June - Brian Matthews
13th June - Jim Mellor
20th June - Walford Morgan
27th June - Nick Morrell



Cradoc Bottle Bank

A further quarterly payment of £132.22 has been received from Powys County Council as our contribution to the maintenance of the Cradoc recycling site. In addition to their prescribed duties our two honorary dustmen, Mike and Cliff, often need to arrange for the removal from the site (or do it themselves) of various extraneous items which should not have been dumped there. They both deserve the Club's commendation for their sterling efforts.

Tsunami Appeal latest

Further to our report in the January issue of BRUIN President of RIBI Gordon McInally has confirmed that to date RIBI has sent over 7000 tents to the affected areas with still more to follow. Although the governments of Sri Lanka and Indonesia have now requested that no further tents be sent in order to encourage

their displaced citizens to start rebuilding their homes there are still many ways in which the international Rotary movement can help. Ways are being investigated of despatching 'shelter boxes' without tents but with additional and much needed ancillary equipment such as water purifiers and cookers. Much work is being done in

conjunction with Rotary Clubs in the affected areas and local area agents. Over £4 million has now been donated to RIBI's ShelterBox campaign about half of which has come from the general public independently of Rotary Clubs' own fund-raising efforts.

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