



# Bruin



## The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

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President – Andrew Wakley  
Vice President – John Hopkins

### The Twenty20 Cup

A full coach load of Rotarians, together with their guests and members of the local cricket club enjoyed a very different kind of outing for the Club on 10<sup>th</sup> July when we went to see Glamorgan play Gloucestershire in the Twenty20 Cup at Sophia Gardens. Gloucestershire won the toss and decided to field so we began with some highly entertaining fast-paced batting from the Glamorgan batsmen with fours and sixes being knocked all over the field - including one through the commentary box window!

Thanks mainly to Grant and Powell, the two openers, the home side scored 190 runs for the loss of five wickets in 20 overs but, unfortunately, this was not enough to secure victory which was achieved by Gloucestershire in the final over of an exciting match. There was general agreement that this innovation for the Club was a big success despite the less than perfect weather conditions at the ground. Clearly the cricketers enjoyed themselves too as they were in lusty (albeit tuneless) voice on the return trip. The evening was rounded off with a (rather

late) but excellent meal at the Tamarind Indian Restaurant at Abercynon on our return and we eventually wound up back in Brecon at 1:30am! The Club's thanks go to Barry Tomlinson for suggesting and organising the trip and to all Rotarians who supported this event.



### Brecon in Bloom

Members will have noticed the large flower arrangements which have appeared in Brecon Town Centre this summer. The Club has donated £200 towards these displays and John Nancarrow is investigating the possibility of having our donation recognised by fixing a plaque to one of the displays.

### Group Study Exchange

This year the District's exchange is with South Carolina, USA and the team will be visiting our Zone from 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October. The Zone presentation evening this year will be hosted by our colleagues from the Abergavenny RC and will be taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Watch this space for further details.



### Bottle Rota

- 14<sup>th</sup> August - Eddie Coates
- 21<sup>st</sup> August - Handel Davies
- 28<sup>th</sup> August - Bank Holiday
- 4<sup>th</sup> September - Hywel Davies
- 11<sup>th</sup> September - Terry Dewan
- 18<sup>th</sup> September - Richard Doylend
- 25<sup>th</sup> September - Anthony Edwards
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Graham Giles
- 9<sup>th</sup> October - Gareth Griffiths



## All Talk

Peter Jenkins got off to a good start as our new Speaker Secretary by lining up speakers for the entire year before even taking up his appointment! All the speakers and the relevant dates are now listed in the diary section at the back of the club booklet and it looks as though we shall be having an interesting year with a good variety of speakers attending to address us on a wide range of topics. The Club is grateful to the outgoing speaker secretary, Brian Strawford, for the equally interesting programme he lined up for us last year. Our regular speakers are an important feature of our club's activities

and will, as space permits, continue to be covered in future issues of Bruin (unless you want me to write about something else!). As there are bound to be some speakers I may miss, if any club member would be good enough to prepare short reports on these talks for me (not more than 200 words) I shall include them in the next available issue of Bruin.



## What's Brewin'?

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Beating the Retreat  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September - District Governor's visit (spouses are invited)

## Attendance Record

I have carried out a final analysis of the attendance figures for last year's meetings. A mere 14 of the 36 club members (excluding honoraries who are exempt from the attendance requirement) who were with us at both the beginning and end of our last Rotary year achieved the 60% attendance criterion. This is roughly the same level as last year. Two members attended no meetings at all during the year! For the sake of simplicity the figures ignore authorised absences and also attendances

at other meetings which may count towards attendance as I have no record of the latter. As indicated in the June Bruin the post of attendance officer has now been abolished (no redundancy payment is available unfortunately) and the weekly taking of attendances has been replaced by a system of 'self assessment' (sounds taxing). All members should by now have been supplied with a self assessment form which sets out the incomprehensible attendance rules which Peter Jenkins will explain in more detail to anyone

## Jim Wells Trophy

I understand we won the annual Jim Wells Trophy bowls match last month for only the fourth time since the trophy was first presented in 1985. I'm sure we would like to argue that this was down to our superior playing skills but I gather the Probus team strength was much reduced as their club membership has dropped off considerably in recent months and they are finding it increasingly difficult putting a winning team together.

## The George is sold

As you are all no doubt aware by now our HQ for the past six years or so, the George Hotel, has been sold by its previous owners and is now under new management. The new owners have assured us that we continue to be welcome at this venue and there are no plans to relocate.

who is interested. Incidentally, under the 'rule of 85', which is not mentioned on the form, any member whose age plus length of time as a Rotarian exceeds 85 years is exempt from the attendance requirement.

## Footnote

Adding to our already close links with Ysgol Penmaes the Club has presented the Most Improved Communicator Shield to Deri Davies, a pupil at the school.

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