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## The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

December 2006

President – Andrew Wakley  
Vice President – John Hopkins



President Andrew wishes all  
Brecon Rotarians a very

Merry Christmas



### The George Hotel

Following its recent acquisition by a Welsh brewery our Club HQ has been undergoing extensive renovations. The Regency suite has now been carpeted and redecorated and the Past Presidents' board has been relocated to a wall near the Regency suite bar where it can be more readily seen. Our first lunch in the hotel was a splendid feast although I understand we shall be reverting to the more normal soup and sandwiches once the refurbishments are complete.

### Quiz Competition

We won the quiz against Crickhowell on 14<sup>th</sup> November at Bishop's Meadow by 36 points to 31. Our team consisting of 'Captain Bob' Wood, John Hopkins and Peter Jenkins got off to a cracking start and opened up a big lead in the new style quiz format devised by Assistant Governor, Martyn Dean, although Crickhowell fought back strongly towards the end. We now go on to play Knighton at the Baron of Beef on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (7:30pm start). It would be nice to have some support for this match so if you can make it please be there to cheer the team on.



### Ysgol Penmaes

Possibly our largest donation to a single cause in the Club's history occurred this month when President Andrew presented a cheque for £6,000 to the head boy and head girl of Ysgol Penmaes as our Club's contribution to the 'soft play' facility at the school. Our gift represented the centenary project for the Club marking the 100 years existence of Rotary International which was celebrated in 2005. Rotarians attending the presentation were taken on a guided tour of the superb facilities at the £5 million new school by headteacher Ian Elliot.

### Speakers

Although attendance on the night was disappointing I understand that Nic Paravicini's talk in October about his family history was most interesting as was Paul Silk's talk about the Welsh Assembly last month. If anyone who heard either would like to do a short note for a future issue of Bruin I shall make space for them.

## Service above Self

I'm sure you all know this already but I thought I'd put in a reminder about what our (and every other Rotary) Club is all about. This is the official text:

*The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:*

*FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;*

*SECOND: High ethical standards in business and*

*professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*

*THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;*

*FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

## Sylvan Rhys

It is with great sadness that we report that our oldest member, Sylvan Rhys, passed away last month at the age of 95. His funeral service took place at the Watton Presbyterian Chapel on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and was followed by cremation at Aberdare Crematorium. Six Club members acted as pallbearers. Sylvan had been a regular attender at our lunch meetings until comparatively recently. Sylvan was a former County Road Safety Officer and was a founder member of Brecon Rotary Club. Our sincere condolences go to the members of his family. His daughter told President Andrew that Sylvan was very proud to have been a Rotarian. The Club has made a donation to the Brecon Stroke Club in Sylvan's memory.

## Christmas Events

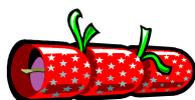
Christmas Fayre - our very professional looking stall at the Brecon Christmas Fayre netted nearly £450. All the wild animals were won with the exception of a large elephant which appeared to have eaten Handel. A big thank you to Geoff, Handel, Clive and everyone else who helped produce and run the stall.

Christmas Puddings - these have arrived and are available from Geoff Woollorton so if you've ordered and paid for one please make sure you claim it or he'll eat it himself.

Christmas Dinner - as previously announced this will take place at Roberto's on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Christmas Lunch - at the George on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Wives (and girlfriends?), and widows of former members, are also invited and the cost will be £15.50 per head.

Christmas Concert - our annual carol concert will take place at the Cathedral on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.



## Mock Interviews

The Club has once again responded to a request from Gwernyfed High School to carry out practice job interviews with the year 11 age group (they're the ones who will be doing their GCSEs next year). Ivor Morgan and Richard Doyle spent a day at the school last month conducting the interviews.

## Bottle Rota

11<sup>th</sup> December – Jim Mellor  
18<sup>th</sup> December – Walford Morgan  
8<sup>th</sup> January – Ivor Morgan  
15<sup>th</sup> January – Nick Morrell  
22<sup>nd</sup> January – John Nancarrow  
29<sup>th</sup> January – Brian Newman  
5<sup>th</sup> February – Morlais Owens



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