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The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

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**President – Gareth Griffiths
Vice President – Terry Dewan**



What's Brewin' in 2004?

Andrew Wakley in his capacity as Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee is organising a Youth Speaks Competition evening for our evening meeting on 26th January.

RIBI President Brian Stoyel will be visiting District 1150 in February and Brecon has been chosen as the venue for a joint lunch meeting with other neighbouring clubs on Thursday 5th February.

There will be no Monday meeting that week.

Friday 2nd April is the date pencilled in for our Stroke Awareness day this year when it is planned to operate the campaign from the Guildhall.

The Club is hoping to repeat the Kids Out scheme again this year after two successful years of supporting this excellent cause. The date for the event

this year will be 9th June.

We shall be hosting another visit by The Young Zulu Warriors this year. Theatr Brycheiniog has been booked for a joint concert with the Brecon Town Band on Monday 12th July.



Christmas Cheer for the Needy



John Mallon has now taken over the organisation of this service which members will recall was previously undertaken each year by our late member Roy Richards. The club donates £500 for the purchase of groceries from a local supermarket each Christmas and the goods purchased are divided amongst local families and

individuals in need identified by Powys Social Services. John tells me that Co-op Deputy Manager Rob and his assistant Linda Smith were particularly helpful in ensuring that our contribution went as far as possible and a trailer load of supplies was delivered to the Social Services for distribution in good time for Christmas. Thank you John and the Co-op for providing this service and helping to spread a little festive cheer to those in need.

Xmas Lunch

Lured, perhaps, by the prospect of free wine provided by the generosity of our President nearly thirty Rotarians turned out for an excellent Christmas Lunch at the George on Monday 15th December. The President even managed to get a few announcements in amidst a background of much convivial badinage!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Treasurer's Report

Thanks in large part to a highly successful Caledonian Market last November our Service Account, from which our donations to worthy causes are made, has reached an all time high of £12,577. Well done all those of you who have been involved in putting on and supporting our various fund raising events. Not all of this money is available for distribution however as about

£3500 of it has already been earmarked for various purposes such as the Club's Centenary Project upon which Vice President Terry and his team are currently engaged. Although a number of suitable centenary projects have been investigated Terry is open to further suggestions. All ideas to Terry by the end of the month please.

Annual General Meeting

At a General Meeting last month Members elected Andrew Wakley as our next Junior Vice President. He will succeed John Nancarrow in that rôle next July. I'm sure Andrew carries the good wishes of all Club Members. It's good to see a relatively new member of our club joining the Presidential team.



We're in the Final!

Congratulations to our Quiz Team who beat Abertillery by the narrowest of margins to secure a place in the final of the Zone 7 competition when we shall be facing either Llandrindod or Ebbw Vale. The contest was a nail-biter from start to finish with both teams very evenly matched, but eventually a combination of obscure general knowledge,

inspired guesswork and sheer luck brought our team through with a final score of 23/22. One of our Abertillery



colleagues with long experience of Rotary quizzes thought this was one of the hardest ever and the low scores confirmed that. Still, one point clear is sufficient, so well done the team which consisted of captain, Bob Wood, helped along (more or less) by John Hopkins and Richard Doylend.

What a Load of Rubbish

Stimulated by a recent visit to the Club by the County Recycling Officer a successful bid has been made to Powys County Council to run a new recycling centre which is to be located near the entrance to Cradoc Golf Club. Powys County Council encourages local voluntary organisations to look after and promote their sites for them in return for payments based on the value of waste collected. As an example the current payment for bottles is £20 per tonne. A number of

Rotary Clubs have taken up this challenge. Crickhowell Rotary Club for example currently earns several thousand pounds a year from the recycling centre in the main car park in Crickhowell! It will be necessary to draw up a rota of Club members who will each agree to look after the site for one week at a time, visiting the site daily if possible during that period to ensure that it is in a tidy condition. While the proposed new site will inevitably not be as well used as town

centre sites this does present an opportunity to raise funds for good causes while achieving a worthwhile objective and it is hoped that as many members as possible will agree to take an active part in the scheme. Following a risk assessment for the site there will a trial period of one month after which members will be asked to put their names down for the rota.

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