

Happy New Bear

The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

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Tsunami Disaster Appeal

RIBI has moved swiftly to send assistance to the areas hit by the terrible disaster which has devastated the shores of the Indian Ocean. They were able to despatch 250 Shelter Boxes to Sri Lanka within days of the disaster striking. Many more will be needed in due course, as will Aqua Boxes and Emergency Boxes. Our own District Governor, Michael

Rye, has written to all Club Presidents explaining how help can be provided and giving contact names and addresses. Cash donations remain the most useful of all forms of help particularly as money buys much more in the countries hit by the disaster and, if spent locally, will help local economies to recover - a process which will nevertheless take many years. Fishing communities

have been particularly hard hit but research undertaken by RIBI has established, for example, that a small fishing boat sufficient for the needs of one family can be provided in Sri Lanka for as little as £150. President Terry will be discussing with us at the earliest opportunity how we as a Club can play our part in the relief effort.

Holiday Week

Barry Rotary Club have an eight berth caravan at Trecco Bay, Porthcawl which they are willing to make available to us for a week in June next year for families who need a break but would not otherwise be able to afford one. The cost to the club would be £250 which includes the

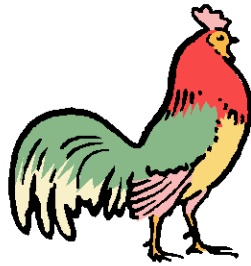
provision of a food hamper at the start of the holiday. We have agreed to take a provisional booking and will be seeking to identify a deserving family who might benefit from this offer.

What's Brewin'?

The local heat of the Youth Speaks Competition which was tentatively set for our first meeting of the New Year on 10th January, as mentioned in the previous issue of Bruin, will now be taking place on 24th January instead.

Bottle Rota

17th January - Bert Banning
24th January - Handel Davies
31st January - Hywel Davies
7th February - Terry Dewan
14th February - Richard Doylend
21st February - Anthony Edwards
28th February - Graham Giles



**2005 is the Year of
the Cockerel**

Membership News

Howard Vaughan has resigned from the Club. Howard explains that since Pat Butler's departure from the scene at Sennybridge Camp he has had to take on even more work which will prevent him from attending our meetings for the foreseeable future so he felt that he had little option but to relinquish his membership. We hope that Howard may be able to come back to us eventually when his work load eases off. In the meantime Pat Butler remains in membership of the Club despite the fact that he has now left the army and is currently working temporarily in Iraq.

100 Years of Rotary

The forty sixth year of existence of Brecon Rotary Club also marks the centenary year of Rotary International - the actual Centennial Day, for all you sticklers for accuracy, being Wednesday 23rd February. Members will be aware that we have already agreed that our Centenary Project should be a

substantial contribution to the ongoing re-development of Ysgol Penmaes, a Brecon school with which we have close links. The school's principal, Ian Elliott, has accepted an invitation to come along to one of our meetings in the near future and tell us about all the work that has been going on.

Christmas Concert

Brecon Cathedral was the setting for our Third Annual Christmas Concert on the Tuesday before Christmas when an encouraging number of townspeople and visitors turned up to join in with the carols and listen to the choir

and Cathedral Singers. The Club's thanks go to Peter Jenkins once again for organising this event and to the Dean, the Very Reverend John Davies, and the Choirmaster, David Gedge, for making the occasion possible. The retiring collection raised

nearly £500 which, together with an additional donation from Club funds, will provide £1000 for the Choir Endowment Fund to help keep our fine tradition of choral music in Brecon Cathedral alive.



Cancer Research UK

Our only dinner meeting in December was attended by Dawn Williams, a community fundraiser from Cancer Research UK (Cymru) based in Cardiff. Dawn came to thank us for our help in collecting for the charity at the performances of Owen Money's pantomime and to receive a cheque from our President. Cancer Research UK was formed in 2001 by the merger of the Cancer Research

Campaign and the Imperial Cancer Fund and is now the largest single contributor in this field. It has spent £230m over the last five years on funding research into all types of cancer. Only 1% of the funds raised go on administrative expenses. President Terry thanked Dawn for coming along to tell us about her charity and presented her with a cheque for £250.

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