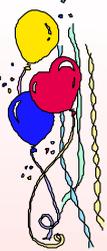


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The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

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President John wishes all Brecon Rotary Club Members a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



President – John Hopkins
Vice President – Maurice Parry

Paul Harris Awards

District Governor Roy Blacker attended our Dinner meeting on 3rd December to hand out Paul Harris Awards to past Presidents of our Club. Members will recall that Club Council decided on this course last year on learning that our Club's past financial contributions to Rotary Foundation (Rotary's charity) entitled us to make no less than 29 Awards. It was decided that these should be awarded in the first instance to those Past Presidents of the Club who remain Club members. Although the decision was not without controversy, with one prominent Club member declining to accept the Award, the majority of past Presidents agreed to accept the honour on the

understanding that it was not for themselves but in recognition of the fund-raising activities of the whole Club during their respective years in office. Several past presidents were unable to be present on 3rd December and one of them, Brian Strawford, was presented with his award at the Christmas Lunch at the George on 17th December. Our current President will make arrangements for Awards to be presented to the remaining Past Presidents at the earliest opportunity.

Young Musician Final

Club Treasurer Nick Morrell reported at the last Club Council Meeting of 2007 that the District Treasurer had failed to reimburse the Club for the full cost of staging the 2007 Young Musician Final at Theatr Brycheiniog. Apparently, due to an oversight, insufficient provision had been made in the District accounts. It was agreed by Club Council that the Club would recoup its loss by deducting an amount equal to the shortfall from our contributions to Rotary Foundation for the year.

Bear Facts No8



Did you know that Rotarians who introduce new members are now entitled to wear a special pin?

Walford Morgan deceased

It is with sadness that we record the passing towards the end of last year at the age of 79 of our member Walford Morgan. Walford was a retired electrical engineer and the youngest of six children. He is survived by his widow, Mollie to whom he was married for over 50 years, and by two sons and four grandchildren. Most of Walford's working life was spent in the electricity supply industry in South Wales and he was based in Brecon for a time during the 1970s and returned here to live at Bwlch in retirement. He had been an enthusiastic Rotarian for many years and was a former president of Pontypridd Rotary

Club. He joined Brecon Rotary Club in 2004. He was also a keen caravanner and a freemason. About 120 mourners, including a number of Brecon Rotary Club members, attended a service for Walford on 7th December in the small parish church at Bwlch where he and Mollie worshipped. The service was conducted by Rev. Alan Jevans and a former industry colleague and Brecon Club member, Mervyn Woodward, delivered the eulogy. Walford will be remembered by us all as a true gentleman. He was described as 'a quiet man with a quiet sense of humour' and will be greatly missed.

Shelter Boxes



One of the many initiatives which have brought relief to distressed regions of the world in recent times is ShelterBox. This UK based charity is organised and administered by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard and, to date, has provided help for an estimated 500,000 victims of natural disasters all over the world. Each ShelterBox contains

a 10 person tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools and a multi-fuel stove. Each individually numbered box costs £490 which includes the cost of materials, packing, storage and delivery to its destination. The most recent area to benefit from this form of aid is Bangladesh which was battered by Cyclone Sidr last year leaving many hundreds of



thousands of people homeless. More help is always needed and ShelterBox are appealing to all Rotary Clubs and other organisations to provide the means to send more boxes to areas where they are so desperately needed.

New Vice President

Anthony Edwards has agreed to replace Bob Wood as Vice President next year and will become President in July 2009 when the Club celebrates its 50th anniversary. This will maintain our, so far, unbroken record of electing a different President for every year of the Club's existence.

Mrs Cherie Hoare

The Club's condolences are offered to Rtn Howard Hoare on the recent loss of his wife, Cherie, after a long illness.

Bottle Rota

7th January – Barry Tomlinson
14th January – Mike Tompkinson
21st January – Andrew Wakley
28th January – Bob Wood
4th February – Mervyn Woodward
11th February – Geoff Wooltorton
18th February – Handel Davies
25th February – Hywel Davies

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