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# The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

July 2004

President – Terry Dewan  
Vice President – John Nancarrow

## Hail to the (new) Chief

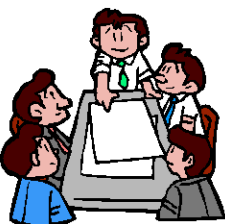
The Club celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> Charter Night on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June with yet another enjoyable dinner for members and guests at the George Hotel. After the meal President Gareth gave an account of his very active year in office and thanked all those who had assisted him before handing on the baton to his successor Terry

Dewan - and so the easy affability of President Gareth gives way to the boyish charm of President Terry! In his turn Terry introduced his 'team' to the Club and outlined some of his plans for the important year ahead as Rotary International celebrates its centenary. Terry is still our youngest member despite the Club's best efforts to

attract younger members but he is determined to shed this accolade before the year is out. The evening ended with a lusty performance by the powerful lungs of the Aberhonddu Male Voice Choir including, of course, those of our new President who is a member of the choir - well done Terry and have a great year!

## Meetings this Month

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July - lunch at the George
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July - no meeting (Concert)
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July - lunch at the George
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July - dinner at the George



## Terry's 'Team'

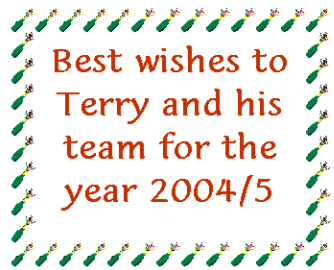
Incoming President Terry Dewan announced details of his new team at the Annual Club Assembly on 7<sup>th</sup> June. Several Chairmen have been persuaded to carry on for another year but amongst the changes Richard

Doylend will be taking over the running of the Membership Committee from John Nancarrow who will move to Club Service as President Elect. Immediate Past president Gareth Griffiths (who is either a

glutton for punishment or was unable to dodge swiftly enough!) will be taking over the Community and Vocational Service Committee from Handel Davies.

## Bottle Rota (2 months)

- 12<sup>th</sup> July - Cliff Jones
- 19<sup>th</sup> July - Gerald Jones
- 26<sup>th</sup> July - John Mallon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> August - Brian Matthews
- 9<sup>th</sup> August - Jim Mellor
- 16<sup>th</sup> August - Walford Morgan
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August - Nick Morrell
- 30<sup>th</sup> August - No Rotary (Bank Holiday)
- 6<sup>th</sup> September - John Nancarrow

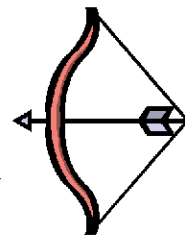


## Speakers Corner

A recent speaker at one of our meetings was Terry Ottewell, a member of the British blind archery team, who came along with his wife, Avril, and guide dog, Fergus. Terry moved to the Brecon area as a child and was educated locally. He joined the army after leaving school but was invalided out at the early age of 21 because of his failing eyesight. Despite his disability he set up and ran several businesses in the town until he and Avril decided to

move to Devon where they remained for 20 years. They then came back to Brecon to live. While living in Devon Terry was introduced to archery through the St Dunstan's charity for the blind. He found he possessed a natural aptitude for the sport and now shoots with his team all over the UK and abroad. He can hit a target at a range of 90 metres but competition shooting requires a shorter distance with smaller targets.

Avril acts as his 'spotter' and in blind archery the bow is fixed to a tripod. Terry said the trick is to remain very still at the point of release as the slightest movement will cause the arrow to fly off course. Terry thanked the club for the financial support which we had given him.



## What's Brewin'

**Thursday 8th July - Beating Retreat at Sennybridge Camp**  
Another chance to witness this colourful ceremony - tickets £10 from Mike Oxnard.

**Monday 12th July - African Concert at Theatr Brycheiniog**  
Experience the rhythms and vitality of African music featuring young performers from KwaZulu-Natal.

**Sunday 12th September - Walk on the Wild Side**  
Get those boots on for another day on the Eppynt ranges.



Next year is RI Centenary Year - here's the official logo

## Balkans Despatch

Bob Wood has sent his latest despatch from the Balkans where temperatures in Skopje are now well over 30°C on average and the air conditioning is running all night. He spends his leisure time on Saturdays in the old Turkish part of the city which is now predominantly Albanian, and was the part which survived the 1962



earthquake, where he drinks beer, reads the Daily Telegraph (2 days old and costing £3) and watches life go by. As part of his duties in Macedonia he recently visited the Greek border where he spent time inspecting border structures along with colleagues from Germany and Italy in preparation for the transfer of responsibility for the

border crossings from the military to the police in 2006. He also attended a reception at the British Embassy last month on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday and met the British Ambassador. He comments that it is interesting to see how our taxes are spent and he enjoyed the evening greatly despite consuming too much raki! (& Ferrero Rocher? Ed.)

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