

The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

July 2005

President – John Nancarrow
Vice President – Andrew Wakley

A New Rotary Year

Former proprietor of the Lansdowne Hotel in the Watton and keen golfer, John Nancarrow, was installed as the Club's 47th President at our annual Charter Night held at the George Hotel on Monday 27th June. Some 25 club members attended along with their wives and our guests representing neighbouring Rotary Clubs and other service organisations in the town. Also present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Brecon. Before installing John as our new leader outgoing President, Terry, gave an account of his stewardship of the club over his year of office and thanked all those who had

Bowled Over

The annual bowls match against the Brecon Probus Club for the Jim Wells Challenge Trophy was played at the bowling club on 22nd June. It ended in the predictable defeat for our club despite the sterling efforts of our Immediate Past President and his two colleagues who won their game by a handsome margin. Sadly

helped him during the year. John's guest speaker for the evening was his brother-in-law, David Yendoll, from Abergavenny Rotary Club who provided excellent entertainment with a constant stream of jokes delivered at a blistering pace. Andrew Wakley, who had been invested as our Senior Vice President earlier in the evening, thanked David for his address. It was good to see former club president John Marsden, now a member of Llandaff Rotary Club, and his wife, Maria, at the dinner and also our new Junior Vice President, Bob Wood, who was back temporarily from his policing duties in Macedonia.

their superb play was not matched on the other rinks and the club went down to an overall 40/25 defeat. Since the trophy was first presented in 1985 we have won on only three occasions! The pressure is now on our new President to reverse this lamentable decline.

Rotary Caravan Club

The dinner meeting with the Rotary Caravan Club members which we hosted at the George last month was attended by nearly 60 Rotarians and spouses but only nine members of our own club were present for the occasion. Despite this low turnout the evening was enjoyed by those present.

Up the Crug (Again)



The club's annual pilgrimage to the top of the Crug to celebrate the summer solstice attracted a mere three Rotarians (two with wives) but they were accompanied by a bottle of champagne (Krug presumably?). No Druids were encountered.



Subscriptions

As you should by now be aware it was decided at the Annual General Meeting last month to raise the annual club subscription to £70. It had remained at £60 for several years and an increase was becoming inevitable. In a surprise proposal from the floor it was also agreed that the annual Rotary Foundation contribution by club members should increase to £30 from its previous level of £12 at which it had remained for many years. RI recommend that each Rotarian should contribute the equivalent of \$100 per annum

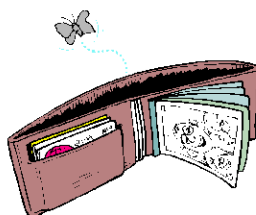
Bruin Reminder

Yours truly has been asked to continue producing Bruin for a further year so you'll just have to put up with these random jottings for a bit longer I'm afraid. Once again may I remind you that I shall be only too happy to incorporate contributions from club members (as long as they are not too scurrilous!). As an innovation this year I shall also from time to time be nominating a club member selected at random to be guest editor of Bruin for the month (only joking!). I'll try to have

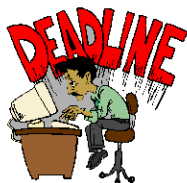
Club Assembly 2005

Our annual club assembly meeting (now sensibly combined with our AGM) was held at the George on Monday 13th June in the presence of the redoubtable Don Carsley who was kindly standing in for our Assistant Governor. President

to Foundation so even at £30 we are still well below the recommended amount. It has also been agreed that the total amount of £100 (£70 subscription plus £30 Foundation levy) can be paid by standing order either annually on 1st July each year or in four quarterly instalments. It is to be hoped that members will find this a more convenient method of paying their annual club dues.



each monthly issue ready for distribution at our first meeting of the month and will post or e-mail copies immediately thereafter to members not present at the lunch. If any of you are willing to accept copies via e-mail and have not already notified me of your e-mail address please can you supply it by e-mailing me at the address given at the foot of this newsletter. Many thanks. Ed.



Elect (as he then was) John outlined his intended programme for the year ahead with the help of the members of his 'team' and was commended by Don Carsley for a very full schedule of events.

Bottle Rota

- 11th July - Brian Newman
- 18th July - Morlais Owens
- 25th July - Mike Oxnard
- 1st August - Maurice Parry
- 8th August - Ian Richards
- 15th August - Keith Rofe
- 22nd August - Peter Scott
- 29th August - Bank Holiday

Returning Member

I'm sure we are all pleased to learn that Howard Vaughan has returned to the Club after a short absence last year because of work commitments. He has not been able to attend many of our meetings in recent years because of his heavy work load at SENTA but he is hoping that he will be able to join us more often in the future. Howard was present recently at one of our evening meetings when he introduced the new Commandant of SENTA, the Landmark Regional Operations Manager, and Col. Charlie Nutting representing the Army Benevolent Fund, who were attending as guests of the Club.

* Don't forget, by the way, that we still need to boost our membership numbers (we are supposed to show a net gain of at least one member by the year's end) so if any of you know of any potential new members please bring them along to a meeting and introduce them. I'm sure we shall all do our best to make them welcome.

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