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The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

July 2006

President – Andrew Wakley
Vice President – John Hopkins

Welcome No. 48, Goodbye No. 47

Congratulations to Andrew Wakley, our new Club President, who was installed as our 48th President since the foundation of the Club in 1959 at our annual handover ceremony on 28th June. Although Andrew has only been a Rotarian for four years he has already proved to be an enthusiastic and conscientious club member who promises to be an equally active and hard working President. Andrew has lots of ideas on how to take our club and Rotary forward into the future and will, I am sure, be keen to canvass our views on such

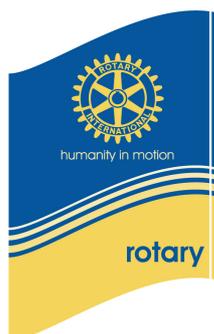
difficult and potentially controversial issues as how to attract younger members and female membership. The Club's thanks are also due to our departing President John who has deftly steered the club through another highly successful and busy year and, despite other pressures on his time, succeeded in recording perhaps the best club attendance for a President in recent times - well done John! Now you can take a well earned rest and let others take the strain for a bit.

New Honorary Member

We are pleased to welcome Colin Butcher as an honorary club member. Colin is a past member of the club and has been a good friend and supporter of the club for many years. He joins Tony Elston, John Morrell and Sylvan Rhys as our honorary members. John and Sylvan are regular attenders at our lunchtime meetings and it was good to see Tony and Liz Elston at our Charter Night last month.

New Look for RIBI

RIBI have had a makeover as anyone who has seen any recent correspondence from them or visited their web site will have noticed. Here's a sample of the new RIBI logo.



Denzil Hackford MBE

We were all delighted to learn that Denzil had received the MBE in the Queen's birthday honours list in recognition of his many years of service for children with learning difficulties. Denzil has been Chairman of the Governors of Ysgol Penmaes for a number of years and has done a tremendous amount for the school which is now nearing the completion of an ambitious building programme. Sadly Denzil learned the news of his honour while in Brecon hospital where he has had to spend some time recently. Congratulations on a well-deserved award, Denzil, and we hope you make a good recovery.

Bottle Rota

- 17th July - Andrew Wakley
- 24th July - Bob Wood
- 31st July - Mervyn Woodward
- 7th August - Geoff Woollorton
- 14th August - Eddie Coates
- 21st August - Handel Davies
- 28th August - Bank Holiday
- 4th September - Hywel Davies
- 11th September - Terry Dewan

'Over to you, Jamie'

The Guest speaker at our 47th Charter Anniversary Dinner on 28th June was the writer and BBC Wales broadcaster, Jamie Owen. Jamie is a former pupil of Christ College and the son of a Pembrokeshire lawyer. He started his career in broadcasting with Radio 4 and by the early age of 25 was already anchoring the 6'o clock news having been sacked from his previous job! Since that time he has worked freelance for the BBC which gives him the freedom to undertake other things. He spoke amusingly about the pressures of live

broadcasting and the frequent gaffes that result from these pressures illustrating his talk with many examples including the inevitable Ron Davies resignation story. Jamie also recently presented a sailing programme in which he and his crew sailed an elderly sailing boat around the coastline of Wales. Jamie was perhaps most interesting in the replies he gave to questions from the floor revealing that he was not greatly interested in sport at school but that he had acquired there a lifelong love of music. His school days gave him some of the

happiest (and unhappiest) days of his life, he said, and taught him to be self reliant. He has travelled extensively around the world with his career in broadcasting and has wide experience of fund raising - indeed he told us that he receives 600 letters a week seeking help with fund raising for various causes. He also had some interesting and revealing thoughts to impart on the nature of news and the best way of getting a story across in today's fiercely competitive media environment.



What's Brewin'?

Monday 10th July - Twenty20 Cricket Match
Wednesday 12th July - Annual Bowls Match v Probus
Thursday 27th July - My Fair Lady
Thursday 7th September - Beating Retreat
Monday 18th September - District Governor's visit

'Kids Out' Annual Treat

This annual trip to Barry Island was replaced this year by a party for the children of Ysgol Penmaes held on the King George V playing field alongside the theatre. As this is adjacent to the school transport was not required this time. Nearly 100 kids and staff attended with our Club paying for the hire of a marquee, a packed picnic lunch and drinks along with entertainment which included no less than two bouncy castles, a Punch and Judy stall and a magician. Handel and Gareth worked very hard to ensure our

annual treat for the kids of Ysgol Penmaes went smoothly and the Club is very grateful to them for their efforts and those of the other club members who helped out with this event which is much appreciated by the school.



Cricket Match

Now that we've got the World Cup out of the way we can devote our attention to a proper game. Barry still has tickets available for the Twenty20 match at Sofia Gardens on 10th July. There should be plenty of action at the match and we'll be stopping for a meal on the way back. Transport is included in the cost so you don't have to worry about drinking and driving. Spouses and other guests are very welcome to come along and join in the fun - the more the merrier! The cost is £22 per head which I'm assured is excellent value for money - and a lot cheaper than the World Cup.

Footnote

Last month's car boot sale raised over £750 for the Club. Well done Handel.

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