

district 1150

# Bruin

## The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

July 2007

President – John Hopkins  
Vice President – Maurice Parry

### Charter Night 2007

The Club's congratulations go to John Hopkins who was installed as our 49<sup>th</sup> President at the annual Charter Night Dinner at the George on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Before passing on the baton to President John our outgoing President Andrew Wakley gave a brief summary of his busy year. He also conveyed good wishes on behalf of the Club to all those members who were unable to be present in person due to ill health. As a result of a number of very successful fund-raising events

during the year it has been possible to donate over £14,000 to a variety of local and domestic causes and a further £1,000 to international causes. Andrew also referred to an album compiled by one of our founder members, Sylvan Rhys, who died last year, which has been presented to the Club by his daughter, Ann. Amongst much interesting information the album reveals that the Club's inaugural lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1959 was attended by no less than 117 persons!

### Speaker's Corner

The guest speaker at our Charter Night Dinner was Brynach Parri who entertained us with a number of amusing anecdotes about his exploits as a provider of translation services. Brynach was born in the Struet and attended Brecon Grammar School where he was one of the first pupils to study German. He went on to obtain a degree in German and Swedish at Cardiff University and initially entered the teaching profession before starting the translation business which he still runs under the



name of Drudwy Starling Language Services (drudwy is the Welsh for starling, a bird which is taught to speak in one of the tales of the Mabinogion). The firm offers a wide range of translation services in many languages and our speaker has also acted as an interpreter for courts and tribunals. Amongst his many other interests and activities Brynach was the Plaid Cymru candidate in recent Parliamentary Elections.

### Peter Jenkins MBE

Congratulations to Peter on his richly deserved award which Mike Tompkinson reminds me was hinted at in an article he wrote for the March issue of Bruin. Flushed by this success Mike has now agreed to write a regular column for Bruin under the pseudonym of 'Gypsy Tompy' in which he will attempt to predict future events such as further awards to Rotarians, the demise of the Monarchy, the End of the World, and so forth.



### Trecco Bay

As in previous years the Club has agreed to sponsor a week's holiday for a family of four at the Trecco Bay caravan site.

### Bear Facts

No. 5. Did you know that the new President of R.I., Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, is the first Canadian for over 50 years to hold the title?

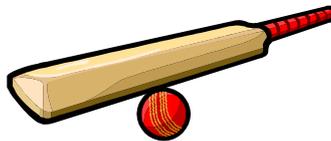
## Lovely weather for ducks!

Four Rotarians plus a number of high school students from Gwernyfed and Aiken, South Carolina High Schools respectively, together with their teachers, braved the cold and rain of a typical July evening to watch the Glamorgan Dragons play the Warwickshire Bears in the Twenty20 cup series at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The dismal weather delayed the start until after 8pm and only ten overs were played before the rain set in once again. In total only 20 overs were played, 11 with Warwickshire batting and 9 Glamorgan. Warwickshire scored 94 off their 11 overs but by some alchemy know only to cricket aficionados Glamorgan were set a calculated total of 83 to win which they were unable to manage despite a heroic effort by Mark Wallace. Your Editor and his wife were nearly felled at one point by a mighty six from the Warwickshire wicket keeper,

## AGM and Club Assembly

Once again our Club's Annual General Meeting and Annual Assembly were held in combination on the same evening at the George Hotel. The meeting took place on 11<sup>th</sup> June and was attended by Zone 7 Assistant District Governor Martyn Dean of the Llandrindod Wells Club. After receiving reports from the various committee chairmen who had formed Andrew's 'team' for the year just ended, the incoming chairmen set out

Tim Ambrose, which came hurtling towards them at the back of the stand where they were sitting. Deciding that discretion was the better part of valour they both decided to duck rather than attempt a catch! Thanks go to our new President John Hopkins who kindly arranged for Rotarians to join the outing organised by Gwernyfed for their American guests - goodness knows what they made of it all!



## Bottle Rota

16<sup>th</sup> July – Denzil Hackford  
23<sup>rd</sup> July – Howard Hoare  
30<sup>th</sup> July – John Hopkins  
6<sup>th</sup> August – Peter Jenkins  
13<sup>th</sup> August – Cliff Jones  
20<sup>th</sup> August – Gerald Jones  
27<sup>th</sup> August – No Rotary  
3<sup>rd</sup> September – Clive Lillywhite

their stalls for the forthcoming year. Members should all by now have received their booklets listing committee memberships but, just for the record, the new chairmen for 2007/8 are as follows:

Foundation - Brian Strawford  
Membership - Walford Morgan  
International - John Nancarrow  
Community - Anthony Edwards  
Youth Activities - Clive Lillywhite  
Club Service - Maurice Parry

## Car Boot, Part 2

The second of Handel's car boot sales took place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Fortunately the threatened rain did not materialise and a large number of buyers turned up to inspect the wide variety of goods for sale at over 50 pitches. The two events together made enough to enable the Club to donate £1000 for Cancer Research Wales - a tremendous result once again thanks to Handel's meticulous organisation.

## Bowls Match

The annual match against the Brecon Probus Club will take place at the bowling club on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

## Mock Interviews

We have been asked to lend a hand with the Year 12 mock interviews at Brecon High School. We have helped out with these at Gwernyfed for several years but this is the first time that we have been asked to assist Brecon High. Four Rotarians (Richard Doylend, Geoff Woollorton, Andrew Wakley and Ivor Morgan) will be conducting interviews at the school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July to help the pupils gain confidence at interviews and improve their presentational skills.



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