



The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

March 2005

Award for Denzil

Our luncheon meeting on 21st February was attended by a surprise guest. District President Michael Rye came along to congratulate us on our Club's achievements in this important Centennial Year for Rotary International. He also took the opportunity to present one of our club's longest serving members, Denzil Hackford, with a certificate signed by RI President Glen Estess commending Denzil for his long service and invaluable contributions to the achievements of Brecon

Rotary. Although Denzil has been unwell of late his fellow club members were very pleased that he was able to attend the meeting to receive his well deserved award

Quiz Final

The Zone Final of the current year's inter-club quiz competition will take place at the George on Monday 14th March when we shall be meeting Knighton. The quiz will start promptly at 7:30pm and will be followed by refreshments.



Youth Speaks Zone Final



Our Club was one of only three sponsoring teams in this year's Zone

Final of the Youth Speaks Competition. Of the four teams competing the winner was adjudged to be Abergavenny's King Henry VIII High School 'A' team. A very high standard of public speaking was achieved, the motion debated by the winning team being 'The American psyche is unsuited to the modern world'. Regrettably, as no voting is permitted, we don't know if it is or isn't!

President – Terry Dewan
Vice President – John Nancarrow

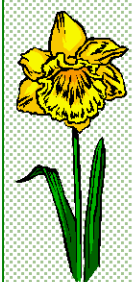
What's Brewin'?

Wednesday 16th March, 7pm.
Young Musician Competition, Theatr Brycheiniog.

Friday 22nd April, 7pm.
Young Musician Zone Final, Pavilion Theatre, Llandrindod Wells.

Birthday Boy

One of our three honorary club members, Sylvan Rhys, attained the remarkable age of 94 recently! Well done, Sylvan, and congratulations on a splendid attendance record at our Club luncheons!



At last - a Result!

After constant badgering by Peter Jenkins Powys County Council are finally constructing the long promised riverside walk from Llanfaes bridge to Captains Walk. The walk is to be properly surfaced and lit and our Club will provide a sum of £1000 (which has been earmarked in our accounts for some years!) to help meet the cost of two information boards at either end of the path.

Centennial Bash

Peter Jenkins has filed the following report on the Centennial Dinner held on 23rd February:

It was thanks to Mike Tompkinson (the organiser) that the Rotary Club of Brecon celebrated the actual centenary day of the foundation of Rotary in such grand style. 28 of us (including former member, past president John Marsden and his wife Maria) enjoyed the delights of the Lake Hotel, Llangammarch. There was

afternoon tea, a champagne reception, and a deliciously cooked and beautifully presented dinner with accompanying wines...but that was not all. Dancing to a duo, (the one with the moustache singing all the sixties favourites), turned out to be a popular way of completing the evening, which went on for most of us until the small hours. Maria was able to demonstrate how to do the samba with a wine bottle on your head, but nobody else tried it. Why we stayed up so long when there were luxurious

bedrooms to enjoy was a mystery but, whatever happened, a full breakfast was available from eight o'clock on the following morning. Maybe this will become an annual event: it is good for the Dinner Jacket to come out of the wardrobe every now and again.



New Club Member

Our Club's newest member, Eddie Coates, was inducted at the meeting held on 14th February. Eddie has relocated to our area from Somerset where he was formerly a member of Yeovil Rotary Club. He was previously employed as a project manager in the Construction Industry. Welcome to the Club, Eddie - it's good to have you on board! Eddie's arrival brings the total membership of the club up to 40.

Car Boot



Handel informs us that the Rugby Club have now said that they do not want their rugby ground used for a car boot sale on 30th May so only one Rotary Club sale will take now place in May that being on Monday 2nd May, the May Day Bank Holiday. The two sales last year raised enough to meet the cost to the club of sponsoring the Kids' Day Out for the pupils of Ysgol Penmaes. This year a small charge is to be levied

for car parking as well and, sufficient manpower permitting, a Rotary stall will be included to raise additional funds for the Club.

Bottle Rota

14/03 - Leslie Gwynne
21/03 - Denzil Hackford
28/03 - Easter Monday
4/04 - Howard Hoare
11/04 - John Hopkins
18/04 - Peter Jenkins
25/04 - Cliff Jones

From our Foreign Correspondent



If you think it has been cold and snowy here you should see the latest pictures e-mailed by Bob Wood from Skopje which were circulated at a recent club meeting. He writes that temperatures have been as low as -19°C and one day it snowed for 13 hours. Although

snow is a regular feature of the weather in Macedonia Bob says that the locals seem totally unprepared for it and traffic accidents, luckily not usually serious, are frequent. Some of the outlying villages in the mountains are cut off for days with no water, food or power but this is accepted as a fact of life and there are few complaints! At

work Bob has been very busy as he is now director of the largest branch in the Mission with 9 staff of different nationalities working for him at HQ and 80 police officers in the field. He hopes to be able to come along to one of our meetings when he returns to Brecon for a visit around Easter.

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