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The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

March 2007

President – Andrew Wakley
Vice President – John Hopkins

Youth Competitions

Despite a last minute change of date because of the snow Keith Rofe and his hard working team produced an excellent evening for us on Thursday 22nd February when Gwernyfed High School provided the venue for our two annual Youth Competitions. Adjudicators Timothy Cronin and Claire Walker had a hard time choosing the winners but eventually selected as overall prize winner in the Young Musician competition 16 year old Ben Evans from Christ College who played a Bach sonata for viola da

gamba and the first movement of the notoriously difficult Elgar Cello Concerto. The Elgar was a bold choice which paid off handsomely for Ben who was a popular winner having been a regular competitor at our annual competitions since his primary school days. He now goes on to represent us at the Zone Final which will take place at the King Henry VIII School, Abergavenny on Tuesday 27th March. The winner of the 11-14 age group was 13 year old Jack Cripps from Gwernyfed High School who

played both jazz and Beethoven on the piano with an equally assured touch that belied his years. The Young Chef Competition was won by 15 year old Bronwen Lally, a pupil at Brecon High School, who cooked and presented a 'Valentine's Day meal for two'. Adjudicators Ivan Langford and Cherry Jones were particularly complimentary about Bronwen's superb main course of duck with mangoes.

Ties with CORD

President Andrew has received a letter of thanks from CORD (Christian Outreach - Relief and Development) for the donation of £250 given by our Club towards the charity's work in Northern Uganda. CORD is currently involved in helping the displaced Acholi people of Northern Uganda with



education and employment programmes for young people and women in the

refugee camps as well as with HIV/AIDS awareness. CORD was founded 40 years ago and is based in Leamington Spa. The charity's patron is the Rt. Rev. Colin Bennetts, Bishop of Coventry. It specialises in helping people affected by conflict and is currently operating in 11 countries including Uganda, Burundi and the Congo. Club members will recall that our President's son, Brian, who works for the charity spoke to us about the work of CORD last year.



Bear Facts

This is the first in an occasional series of topical facts about Rotary matters.

No 1. Did you know that one of the speakers at next month's RIBI Conference in Bournemouth will be Heather Mills?

Quiz Victory

Our invincible intellectuals became Zone Champions in a close contest against Llandovery on 1st February. The unchanged team throughout the Zone rounds was captained by the focused force of Bob Wood determined on success. Able support came from teammates John Hopkins, discreetly exhibiting a very safe pair of hands, and the incomparable Peter Jenkins, club mascot and academic will-o'-the-wisp, who together provided the sound foundation for victory.

(Incidentally, our royal mole predicts this year will see a gong awarded to at least one of the trio! - odds are said to be available locally). Final scores of 39 to 36 ensure Brecon now enter the District heats where it is hoped to avoid Milford Haven, who apparently are to the Quiz what Chelsea is to the Premiership.

Thanks for this note, Mike. To avoid possible libel actions I'm disclaiming all responsibility for its content! - Ed

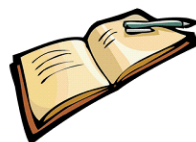
Bottle Rota

12th March – Terry Stephens
19th March – Brian Strawford
26th March – Barry Tomlinson
2nd April – Mike Tompkinson
16th April – Andrew Wakley
23rd April – Bob Wood
30th April – Mervyn Woodward

New Sign

Peter Jenkins has been successful in securing a replacement for the vandalised sign on Usk Bridge which the Club paid for. The new sign is more secure than its predecessor and has been placed in a better position. The additional cost to the Club was a mere £10. Well done Peter!

What's Brewin'?



Here are some more dates for your diaries:

- Thursday 26th April – Rotary Schools Drama Festival
- Saturday 28th April – Stroke Awareness Day
- Saturday 12th May – Rotary Young Musician District Final
- Monday 11th June – Club Assembly

RIBI Environment Award

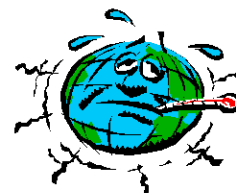
As part of Rotary's response to the challenge of global warming Rotary Clubs in the UK are being encouraged to submit entries for an RIBI Environment Award. This Award encourages clubs to promote and recognise environmental awareness projects within their communities. The objective of the award is to promote the improvement and protection of the environment locally and to develop awareness of environmental issues throughout the world. It is

hoped that every club will develop local competitions involving schools, local community groups, business and agriculture. The Environmental Awards are presented in 2 categories, Club Projects and School Projects. The winner in each category will receive a small bursary award to be spent on an environmental project and the winners will be announced at the RIBI Conference in Bournemouth next month. Ahead of the game as ever, Brecon Rotary Club has already invited pupils at each of the local primary schools to

St David's Day Dinner

If any member who attended this event would like to provide me with a short account of it I shall include it in the April issue of Bruin.

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towards a worthy project of their own devising and 6 schools have come forward with ideas ranging from environmental improvements in the school grounds to the provision of a 'friendship bench'. All six schools will receive an award which will be presented personally to the pupils at the school by President Andrew.

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