

# The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

# May 2004

**President – Gareth Griffiths**  
**Vice President – Terry Dewan**

## Young Musician Final – Saturday 15th May



The most prestigious event of our Club's year, the Final of the District 1150 Young Musician of the Year Competition, is fast approaching and once

again the organisers are asking for your support on the night. This event has almost become a fixture in our annual calendar and the District has again honoured us with the hosting of the event which will take place at Theatr Brycheiniog on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Andrew is circulating a list of duties to be undertaken by Club Members at the event and

both he and Denzil hope that each of us will purchase at least two tickets - the price is still a very reasonable £5 per ticket! Also will any Rotarians willing to donate raffle prizes for the interval raffle please hand them in to Brian Matthews at the shop.

## Up the Crug

Following the success of the much appreciated (although sparsely attended) summer evening walk and picnic at Pen y Crug on the longest day last year plans are afoot to repeat the event again this year on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Rotarians, wives and friends are all invited. More details will follow.



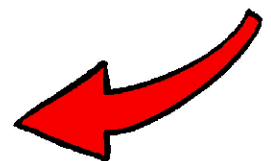
## Meetings this Month

Don't forget that there will be no dinner meeting on the second Monday of this month (the 10<sup>th</sup>). It will be replaced by the annual Christian Aid Lunch at St Mary's Church. The following Monday meeting (17<sup>th</sup>) will be replaced with an evening meeting (plus speaker) at the George and the

Monday after that (24<sup>th</sup>) will be our scheduled dinner meeting when we shall have a representative from the President's Charity, Ty Hafan, present to receive a donation. The President will also be making a Good Citizen Award on behalf of the Club at this meeting.

## And some more dates!

- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Car Boot Sale
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Club AGM
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Club Assembly
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Charter Night



Also coming up next month - all the latest news from our correspondent in Skopje (Bob Wood)

## Stroke Awareness Day

Handel's concerns that the Club's first attempt at this initiative might prove to be a waste of effort were unfounded as the hard work he and his helpers put in both on and before the day paid off magnificently. In all some 340 members of the public had their blood pressure taken and were provided with advice on what can be done to reduce the risk of a stroke. The testing centre at the Guildhall was open continuously from 10am to 4pm and Handel calculated

that the throughput was approximately one 'patient' per minute - try beating that, NHS!



Although the service was provided free of charge members of the public donated about £120 to club funds on the day which was an added bonus. At the

subsequent Club Council meeting it was unanimously felt that this event had been an excellent public relations exercise for Rotary and we may even gain a couple of new members for our Club as a result! A number of you will no doubt have seen the report of this event, and the photograph of Cathy Morrell and Sue Davies which accompanied it, in a recent issue of our rival publication, the B & R.

## Bottle Rota

10<sup>th</sup> May - No Rotary (Christian Aid Lunch)  
17<sup>th</sup> May - Gareth Griffiths  
24<sup>th</sup> May - Leslie Gwynne  
31<sup>st</sup> May - No Rotary (Bank Holiday)  
7<sup>th</sup> June - Denzil Hackford  
14<sup>th</sup> June - Howard Hoare  
21<sup>st</sup> June - John Hopkins  
28<sup>th</sup> June - Peter Jenkins

## Kids Day Out

Once again we shall be sponsoring this annual outing to the seaside for the pupils of Ysgol Penmaes, their teachers and carers. The event will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June and Handel has already been busy organising transport, official T-shirts, hats and packed



lunches. We expect that this year about 50 children and 35 adults will be going on the trip to Barry Island where they will be joined by hundreds of other children from other Rotary Club areas in South Wales.

## Five Minute Talks

Several club members have now given short talks about foreign parts they have visited. Peter Jenkins, whose International Committee originally put forward the idea of these lunchtime talks, led us off with a short sketch of his visit to Cuba. This was followed, amongst others, by talks about visits to Texas and New Orleans in the United States, and we took two

journeys to Venice - one by hydrofoil across the Adriatic and the other overland via the Orient Express.



## Quiz Latest

Our luck finally ran out in the quarter final of the competition to find the top quiz team in Rotary District

1150 when our team went down to a 38/25 defeat against Newport St Woolos at the Lamb & Flag, Abergavenny on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April. At least the team can now take a well earned rest before it starts all over again in the Autumn when the Club is drawn against Abertillery. Many thanks to Terry for organising the final event and to the Rotarians who turned out in support.

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