



# The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

May 2005

President – Terry Dewan  
Vice President – John Nancarrow

## Young Musician of the Year Competition

All members are reminded that the District Final of the Rotary Young Musician of the Year Competition will be taking place at Theatr Brycheiniog on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May when a good turnout by club members would be appreciated. Denzil is hoping that all members will purchase at least two tickets for the evening - they're still excellent value at £5 each. Andrew has allocated duties on the evening to all members who have said they are able to attend. This is an important event in the District 1150 calendar and we will once more be in the spotlight as the host club. In addition

we have our own finalist competing for the first time. Matthew Sun, who won our own club competition on 16<sup>th</sup> March and the zone final on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, will be competing for the District title so let's turn up to give him our support. The compère this year will be Jeannette Masocchi who has acted as one of our competition judges in the past.



## Bowls

Our friends in the local Probus Club have challenged us to compete again for the Jim Wells trophy and arrangements are in hand for the competition to take place at the bowling club on the evening of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Please let our Vice President know if you are willing and able to join the team for this match.

Meanwhile the Annual District 1150 Bowls Competition will be taking place at Llandrindod Wells on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July this year. If there are any keen bowlers out there who are interested in joining in please contact Bill Watkins of the Briton Ferry Club.



## Stroke Awareness Day

350 members of the public ranging in age from 16 to 94 had their blood pressure taken and were given general medical advice at the very successful Stroke Awareness Day staged by the Club at the Guildhall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. The event was reported in the Brecon & Radnor Express

and even got a mention on local radio. Six paramedics were on hand to carry out the tests including our own member Howard Hoare from the Red Cross. At a subsequent club meeting Gareth, the event organiser, thanked them all for their hard work and also thanked Keith and Gail Rofe for providing at their own

expense coffee and biscuits for the 'patients' and helpers on the day. Some £140 was raised from donations and as a token of our appreciation of the help given by the medical teams the Club has agreed to donate £300 to Usk House and £100 to the Red Cross. £200 was also donated to the Stroke Association.

## A Bigger Boot

The Club's third car boot sale (and the only one to be held by the Club at the Rugby ground this year) was another big success despite the intermittent showery weather which had the 'booters' hurrying to protect their wares from the rain. Although the sale was again billed to start at 2pm the old hands experienced in these matters started turning up by mid morning and the rugby pitch was almost full of stalls by lunch time. Handel had worked tirelessly to

advertise the event as widely as possible. In fact he must have been drumming up business in Ireland judging by the number of Irishmen who turned up selling portable generators! Despite the weather everyone seemed to have a good time and a lot of attics must have been cleared. The event raised the remarkable sum of £1200 towards the cost of the Ysgol Penmaes Kids Day Out on 8<sup>th</sup> June with 130 pitches being taken up. A big thank you is owed to the dozen or so Rotarians who turned out to

help Handel and Gareth with collecting pitch fees, directing traffic, shaking collecting boxes and so forth, and to our President and Linda for running the Club stall. It's good to know that the Club has established a reputation for the first class way in which our car boot sales are organised.



### Bottle Rota

9<sup>th</sup> May - Gerald Jones  
16<sup>th</sup> May - Christian Aid Lunch  
23<sup>rd</sup> May - John Mallon  
30<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday  
6<sup>th</sup> June - Brian Matthews  
13<sup>th</sup> June - Jim Mellor  
20<sup>th</sup> June - Walford Morgan  
27<sup>th</sup> June - Nick Morrell



## Speakers Evening

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May our evening meeting will be attended by Sue Hitch from Powys Young Carers who will be giving us a talk accompanied by a slide show. Also attending that evening will be former club member Howard Vaughan along with the Regional Operations Manager of Landmark and the new SENTA Commandant, Lt. Col. Christopher Sernberg. Landmark is the organisation that now has responsibility for running the army ranges on the Epynt. Our

President will be presenting the Commandant with a cheque for £500 for the Army Benevolent Fund in appreciation of the help given to the club by the Army in staging fund raising events.

### Correction

The Annual Christian Aid Lunch at St Mary's Church will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May and not as listed in the Club booklet.



## Glass Pig Centennial

This month our redoubtable Sergeant at Arms, Peter Jenkins, will be delivering his one hundredth set of quirky questions. He started the series in October 2001 and, so far, has set nearly 1000 questions for our entertainment and education raising well over £1000 in the process. The funds raised are credited to the

Club's Administration Account where they are utilised to offset costs such as speaker fees and gratuities, thus ensuring that as much as possible of the sums realised for charitable causes can be used for their intended purpose. Peter tells me that he uses a dictionary of dates of famous persons as his starting point for setting his weekly list

of questions and they have evolved over time from relatively straightforward questions to the, sometimes obscure, multi-choice questions of today. Congratulations, Peter, on a splendid initiative which has produced substantial financial benefits for the Club as well as improving our general knowledge.

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