



## The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

November 2005

**President – John Nancarrow**  
**Vice President – Andrew Wakley**

### Cally Market

After what seemed like a slightly slower start this year the Caledonian Market got into its usual stride and once again we ended up doing a roaring trade with buyers lingering for longer than in past years. Despite the rival attractions of Bonfire Night and the Wales v New Zealand rugby match there were plenty of townspeople about looking for that elusive bargain. Handel and his team

had once again planned the event for us with meticulous attention to detail which, this year, even included a safety announcement before the doors opened alerting us to the position of the exits - luckily no-one took the opportunity of running for them! Preliminary indications are that this year the total amount raised will exceed £6000

which means Handel and his team will have achieved their stated aim of beating last year's figure. As usual Nick will be giving the details at the Caledonian Dinner at the George on Monday evening. Well done Handel and to everyone who helped before, after and during the event!

### Bottle Rota

14<sup>th</sup> November - Eddie Coates  
 21<sup>st</sup> November - Handel Davies  
 28<sup>th</sup> November - Hywel Davies  
 5<sup>th</sup> December - Terry Dewan  
 12<sup>th</sup> December - Richard Doylend  
 19<sup>th</sup> December - Anthony Edwards  
 26<sup>th</sup> December - Boxing Day

### What's Brewin'?

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 10 pin Bowling Match  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Brecon Christmas Market  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Club Special Meeting  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Cathedral Concert  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Young Chef/Youth Speaks

### Quiz Competition

The first match of the season against Ebbw Vale was a bit of a see-saw but I regret to announce that it ended in a 33/28 win for our opponents. At least we won't have to try to remember where Knighton is for the next round! Many thanks to those loyal supporters who turned out in foul weather to cheer the team on at the

Rhyd y Blew in Beaufort where the customary large buffet was laid on for us. Thanks also to our accurate scorer, Peter Jenkins, for keeping an eye on how well (or badly) we were doing. The team on this occasion consisted of John Hopkins, Andrew Wakley and yours truly, and our question master was Ray Davies (no,

not that one!) as Mandy is busy with her postgraduate studies in Healthcare Management. I am now resigning from the team - my brain can't take any more and I'm sure there are many of you out there who are dying to have a go next year.

## Bollywood comes to Brecon

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October was the date and the function room at the George Hotel was the venue for the Zone 7 Group Study Exchange Presentation evening when our District's guests from Bangalore were present to tell us about themselves and their part of the



world - and what a talented bunch they were! The highlight of the evening was a demonstration of the elements of Indian classical dancing by 26 years old dancing queen Divya Raghuram wearing traditional costume. Divya is a dancer and actress who is a local celebrity in Bangalore as she appears as one of the regular characters in a TV soap opera there. She is also a

Bert Banning and Vi have recently celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Well done Bert - I guess that makes you a

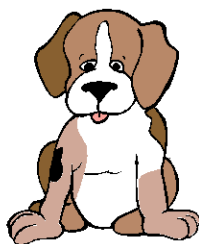


## Christmas Market

Keith Rofe has been making good progress with the arrangements for our stall at the Christmas Market on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. He has secured an excellent location for us right in front of the Guildhall where, amongst other things, we shall be selling chances to

trained classical dancer although she told us she started late at the age of ten - most girls start when they are aged about 4! Divya also performed a favourite dance sequence from a popular Bollywood film for us and all five members of the team

sang a selection of Indian folk tunes. Beforehand they had each given a short illustrated talk about various aspects of life in Bangalore and Karnataka state. The pictures of the newly developed technology park on the outskirts of the city where many big name international companies are located shown by IT expert Anoop Gopinath were most impressive. The GSE Team Leader Rtn. Ambli Suresh showed us slides of the many projects his and the other local Rotary clubs in his area are currently involved in. He said it is not unusual for clubs in India to have as many as 250 members!



win prizes of beautifully made soft toy dogs each with individual names. Keith brought a representative selection along to our last Council Meeting to show us where they were an instant hit.

## Speakers Corner

Our speaker for 28<sup>th</sup> November will be Ian Price who is a senior executive with the BBC who lives at Felinfach. He is responsible, amongst other things, for the TV detector vehicles which patrol the country seeking out viewers who have forgotten to buy their TV licences so make sure you get yours before the meeting!

## Information panel

Peter Jenkins has been collaborating with the National Park on the design of a weatherproof information panel to be placed on the Usk bridge near the start of the new riverside walk. It will incorporate the Rotary logo and Peter has added a brief note explaining our club's involvement with this project.

## Mike Oxnard

As most of you will be aware Mike Oxnard is at present seriously ill in Nevill Hall hospital as a result of complications following major surgery. Our President has been in touch with Ivy and offered the club's good wishes for a safe recovery and has asked her to let us know if the club can assist in any way. The latest information I have is that although Mike remains seriously ill there have been some recent signs of improvement. I am sure we all hope and pray for his return to health and our thoughts are with him and Ivy.

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