



## Speaker Report - Mrs Ingrid Gallagher

Once again I am grateful to Peter Jenkins for contributing this article - Ed.

Ingrid Gallagher, the Head of Brecon High School, came to speak to the club, armed with an excellent computer-driven series of pictures and film clips. She has been in post in Brecon since the Spring, after having been at Perry Beeches School, Birmingham for seven years previously. She described the conditions at this school in a multi racial part of Birmingham, and how she had improved the academic results

there from *terrible* to *average* against the background of the difficult life styles of many of the pupils. Compared with that, her Brecon High School pupils were 'diamonds.' She said that her aim was to make them well-rounded ( nothing to do with eating) citizens, and the school, a part of the community. What you needed as a headteacher was humour, strength of character and helicopter vision, she added. Teachers could build somebody up or pull somebody down, and Ingrid's aim was to employ inspirational staff wherever possible. In terms of good

citizenship, she said that Rotary might well be able to provide role models for pupils in practical ways not elaborated upon. John, our President, echoed her remarks about the poor financial settlement schools in Powys were receiving, both Welsh Assembly Government and Powys CC milking the per capita amounts recommended by UK Government. Altogether, Ingrid showed vibrancy and enthusiasm during her presentation and was well received by the Club: she seemed to enjoy herself too!

## Xmas Puds

John Nancarrow is collecting orders for Xmas Puddings which are sold in support of Adopt a Minefield (sounds dangerous! - Ed). Those who tried the puddings last year pronounced them excellent so please let John know if you would like one - they cost £10, which includes the charitable contribution.



## Bottle Rota

5<sup>th</sup> November – Brian Newman  
12<sup>th</sup> November – Morlais Owens  
19<sup>th</sup> November – Maurice Parry  
26<sup>th</sup> November – Ian Richards  
3<sup>rd</sup> December – Peter Scott  
10<sup>th</sup> December – Terry Stephens  
17<sup>th</sup> December – Brian Strawford  
24<sup>th</sup> December – No Rotary  
31<sup>st</sup> December – No Rotary  
7<sup>th</sup> January – Barry Tomlinson

## Cally Market

Although the final result wasn't known at time of going to press preliminary indications are that another record has been broken with this year's final figure likely to exceed an incredible

**£7000!**

Well done Handel and family and thanks once again to all his hardworking team members.

## A Taste of Japan

The Zone Presentation by our Japanese visitors from the Osaka region took place at the George on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. There was a good attendance from other clubs in our Zone and the evening was hosted by our own President John and Assistant District Governor, Martyn Dean. The delegates clad in their colourful

*yukata* told us about themselves and their interests and described the area of Japan which they were representing. They concluded with a demonstration of the Japanese Tea Ceremony when we were all given an opportunity to try some authentic Japanese green tea which was served in traditional wooden bowls. We also learned



how to do calligraphy. A letter has subsequently been received from the Assistant Governor thanking our President for the Club's contribution to a successful evening and in particular thanking our member John Wiggins for kindly entertaining the delegation on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

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