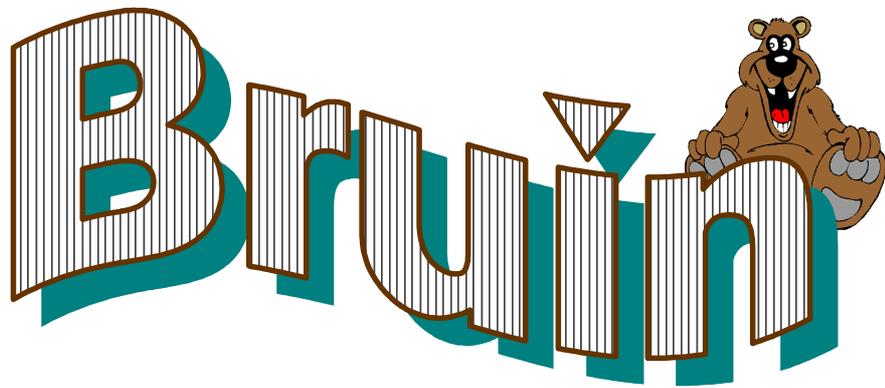


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The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

October 2006

President – Andrew Wakley
Vice President – John Hopkins

Club Leadership Plan

This rather off-putting title describes the brand new administrative structure which is now the recommended structure for Rotary clubs worldwide and which all clubs are being recommended to adopt. It is based on the best practices of the most effective clubs and involves, inter alia, the setting up of a streamlined structure of standing

committees which will do away with the old distinction between Community and Vocational Service and International Service in favour of a Service Projects Committee. A Club Public Relations Committee is also proposed. The office holders of each club will form a small Club Board to which the various committee chairmen will report. The Plan also sets

out nine steps for improving succession planning, continuity and training. A small sub-committee has been formed by our own Club Council to consider the Plan and report back on its implications for our club.



Rare Sighting

A rare sighting of a female Rotarian occurred on 25th September when the Secretary of Great Barr Bromwic RC, Jane Morries, dropped in at our evening meeting. Jane who serves in the TA was staying at the George while attending a training course at Brecon Barracks and noticed that the local Rotary Club was meeting that evening so she decided to join us. Jane was warmly welcomed by President Andrew who presented her with a club pennant. Our own Secretary, Brian, having returned from his travels, also presented a pennant to our President from the Rotary Club of Saline, Michigan, Brecon's twin town.

RIBI President



The President of RIBI, Peter Offer, is joining the Rotary Club of Usk for lunch

on Tuesday 7th November and any member of our club who wishes to attend to hear what he has to say is welcome to do so. The cost is £15 per head. Please let President Andrew know in good time if

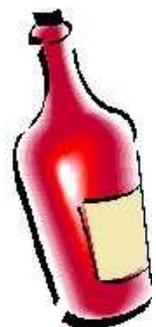
you wish to attend so that the number of attenders from this club can be conveyed to our Usk colleagues.

Bowls

I gather we beat Crickhowell RC but narrowly lost to Brecon Probus in the recent matches.

Bottle Rota

- 9th October - Denzil Hackford
- 16th October - Howard Hoare
- 23rd October - John Hopkins
- 30th October - Peter Jenkins
- 6th November - Cliff Jones
- 13th November - Gerald Jones
- 20th November - Clive Lillywhite
- 27th November - John Mallon
- 4th December - Brian Matthews



Crime and Punishment

I don't know what most of us were expecting when the Dean of Brecon Cathedral came to address us on 25th September - a sermon perhaps? Suffice it to say that very few of us were expecting a treatise on moral philosophy with particular emphasis on the nature of crime and punishment.

Speaking without notes, John Davies gave us a very moving account of his early memories of his grandfather who suffered from Alzheimer's disease which robbed him of any understanding of his actions. His memories of his grandfather who, he was told, 'was not in his

right mind' and his subsequent interest in criminology which developed while studying law at university led him to think very deeply about the nature of a



person's responsibility for his actions. He went on to draw parallels with the 'honest crooks' he was later called on to defend during his time as a solicitor practising before the Newport

Magistrates before he embarked on his new career in the Church. Should we be doing more as a society, he mused, to understand why people commit crimes? Should we be tough on the causes, rather than the 'causers', of crime? The Dean's thought provoking address and his answers to questions clearly revealed that he has pondered at length about these important issues. He also believes that the Church should not be afraid to express its views on the important issues of our age and should be prepared to discuss them and argue them with other faiths. The Dean was ably thanked for his address by Hywel Davies.

What's Brewin'?

Here are some more dates for your diaries:

Saturday 4th November – Caledonian Market
Monday 13th November – Quiz (v Crickhowell RC)
Saturday 25th November – Brecon Christmas Fayre
Friday 22nd December – Rotary Christmas Concert
Thursday 8th February – Rotary Youth Competitions

Distribution of Bruin

In order to save on the ever increasing cost of postage (and printer ink) I will continue sending Bruins out by e-mail to everyone with an e-mail address unless notified that you prefer to have a copy mailed to you in the traditional way. Members who attend the monthly meeting at which Bruins are distributed (usually the first meeting of the month) will continue to get their paper copies. If any member is not getting Bruin by e-mail at the

moment and would be happy to receive it in this form in the future please let me have your e-mail address and I'll add you to my distribution list (Ed)



Visit of District Governor

Three times Mayor of Lampeter and this year's Rotary District Governor, Kistiah Ramaya, attended our lunchtime meeting on 18th September along with his wife, Carol, for the annual 'pep talk'. In a wide ranging address Kistiah brought us up to date on all the current RIBI and District fund raising themes which include projects for the provision of clean water for communities in the developing world, cancer research, the provision of wheelchairs for those in need of them, Rotary Doctor Bank and Dr Barnardo's. He was thanked on behalf of the Club by Nick Morrell.

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