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The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

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President – John Hopkins
Vice President – Maurice Parry

Theatr Brycheiniog



Guest speaker Andy Eagle very kindly agreed to come along in place of David Gedge, who is unwell, to be the speaker at our dinner meeting on Monday 24th September. Andy is Director of Theatr Brycheiniog and last spoke at the Club about five years ago. He gave a very upbeat overview of the theatre's achievements which are remarkable for its size. The theatre which originally cost over £6 million to build is now in its tenth year of existence and is financially

secure - so much so that plans are already afoot to add to it by building on a 100 seat additional venue for smaller performances. The theatre provides employment for 10 full and 15 part time staff and has returned over £500,000 to local groups (including Rotary) who have staged events there. It currently has a turnover of more than £1 million per annum and presents some 170 events each year. Average attendances are very encouraging and analysis of ticket sales shows that a very wide catchment area which

stretches far beyond Brecon itself is served. Recently the theatre has moved beyond its original concept as a presenting venue staging only bought-in shows to the more challenging rôle of a producing venue devising shows to go on tour. Andy gave many examples of the range of attractions presented and of the types of activity which go on at the theatre which provides a venue for numerous local organisations. He was thanked for his talk by Ian Richards.

Young Chef

The first of the Youth Competitions to be staged this year will be the Young Chef Competition which will be run at Brecon High School on Monday 12th November. Committee Chairman Clive Lillywhite has been making the arrangements and has already lined up the two judges. For space reasons the competition will be limited to about 8 or 9 entrants. In



Bear Facts No.7

Did you know that the loyal toast is not a vital component of a Rotary Meeting?

order to accommodate this event it has been decided to postpone until next year the 10 pin bowling match with Crickhowell RC originally scheduled for that evening.

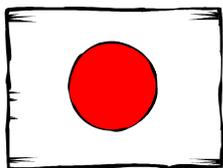
New Member

An application for membership of the club has been received from Major Derek Adams. Derek is aged 51 and is currently serving as a quartermaster at Dering Lines Camp in Brecon. He attended a recent dinner meeting at the George. All club members have been notified of Derek's application to join us.



GSE Update

Members are reminded that the Zone 7 Presentation by the Group Study Exchange delegation from Japan, which we are hosting, will take place at the George Hotel on Monday 15th October at the slightly earlier than normal time of 7pm. The price of the two course meal will be the usual one of £11 per head. The programme for the delegation's visit to Zone 7 has now been finalised and it is our Club's turn to entertain the delegation after lunch on Wednesday 17th October. To this end our newest member John Wiggins has very kindly offered to show the Japanese visitors around his workshop on the industrial estate where vehicles are adapted for disabled use. Afterwards they will be taken for afternoon tea at the National Park Mountain Centre at Libanus before returning to their Zone hosts at Crickhowell.



Quiz Report

Abertillery were our very keen opponents in the first match of the Zone 7 Quiz competition to whom, I regret to report, we narrowly lost in an away contest at the Rolling Mill pub in Abertillery on Monday 17th September - despite our success as Zone winners last time. Once again we were let down by our lamentable lack of knowledge of

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The Youth Activities Committee have decided to see if a suitable candidate for sponsorship can be found to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Scheme camp next year. If any Club member knows of a teenager in our area with leadership potential who would benefit from being sent on a five day camp (possibly at Dolygaer Outdoor Centre) with other young leaders please let Clive Lillywhite know.



Bottle Rota

8th October – Walford Morgan
15th October – Ivor Morgan
22nd October – Nick Morrell
29th October – John Nancarrow
5th November – Brian Newman
12th November – Morlais Owens
19th November – Maurice Parry
26th November – Ian Richards
3rd December – Peter Scott

Caledonian Market

Handel has already been busy getting 5000 flyers printed for the Caledonian Market on 3rd November so its time to start thinking about clearing that stuff out from the attic and getting it ready for the great occasion. Please note that this year the start time will be 12 noon. The non-Rotarian volunteers who provide invaluable help before, during and after the sale will be invited along to the Caledonian Dinner on 5th November this year as guests of the Club.

Wishing Well

Amongst other less salubrious items extracted from the Wishing Well in Bethel Square recently was a mobile phone. Fortunately, a reasonable haul of coins was also extracted which required the usual extensive disinfecting! Thanks to Geoff Wooltorton and John Nancarrow for undertaking this unpleasant task. It's only a matter of time before our Health & Safety Officer recommends the wearing of full biohazard protection suits for this job.

Club Finances

Thanks to Nick Morrell's careful stewardship we completed the Rotary Year ending 30th June 2007 in good financial shape with £936 in our Administration Account. As ever Peter's Pig made its very useful contribution to the total, boosting the receipts by nearly £500.



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