



# The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

# September 2004

President – Terry Dewan  
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## Anthony Edwards returns to jail!



Club member Anthony Edwards (a former senior member of HM Prison Service) went back to jail recently accompanied by Denzil Hackford, Hywel

Davies and Handel Davies when the four of them took 1500 pairs of spectacles down to Usk Prison. As recorded in the November issue of Bruin Anthony does excellent work collecting unwanted spectacles for Vision Aid. These are cleaned and sorted by prison inmates before being despatched to third world

countries where they are much appreciated. Anthony has already shown one video about the work of Vision Aid to club members and now has a further film available if members are interested. I understand all four members were offered accommodation at the prison but declined the offer!

## PolioPlus

As part of the attempt to rid the world of the scourge of polio by next year, which coincides with the centenary of Rotary International, all clubs in our District were encouraged to contribute

over a period of three years to the PolioPlus campaign which is supported by Rotary Foundation. We agreed to give £2000 with half already having been paid last year and two further payments of £500

due this year and next. Although several clubs have yet to contribute the District PolioPlus officer, David Warrell, is confident that our District will meet its target for this excellent cause.

## Ray Rich

We were all saddened to hear of the loss last month of our friend and colleague, Ray Rich. Ray, who was Club President in 1967, had been unwell for some time but continued to take an interest in the Club's activities right to the end, attending meetings whenever he could. In the address at his funeral service delivered by Lord

Livsey we heard of the terrible privations which Ray experienced as a prisoner of war in Poland during the Second World War. On his repatriation his doctors gave him little chance of survival but survive he did until the ripe old age of 85! Ray came from a long line of members of the Rich family who have had associations

with Brecon and he was himself a former Mayor of the Town. His fundraising work for the National Children's Home recently earned him a Volunteer of the Year Award. Ray will be sadly missed by present and former Rotary colleagues and the Club's condolences go to his widow, Pearl, and the family.

## Attendance Rule

It has recently been re-emphasised by RIBI that the 60% attendance rule which has been in existence for a number of years is still operative. The rule, as stated on the information sheet put out by RIBI, states as follows:

“Each member, other than an honorary member of this club, must:

- attend or make up at least 60% of club regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year.
- attend at least 30% of the regular meetings of this club in each half of the Rotary year.”

That's what the official rule says although if you can make any sense of it you're a better man than I am, Gunga Din!



## Christian Aid

The annual Christian Aid bread and cheese lunch at St Mary's raised a sum of £133 this year. We have received a letter from the charity organisers thanking us for our efforts.



My contacts in the media tell me that now Catherine Zeta Jones has become firmly established in

Hollywood the Welsh film industry is to receive additional funding to step up production.

## Change of Address

Your attention is drawn to my new e-mail address which is reproduced at the foot of this newsletter. If you have articles you would like to contribute to future issues please feel free to

send them to me. E-mail is my preferred method of contact as it saves me having to re-type any information you submit which, being only a 'two-fingered typist', takes a bit of time!

### *Bottle Rota*

13th September - Brian Newman  
20th September - Morlais Owens  
27th September - Mike Oxnard  
4th October - John Parry



## Good news for the Welsh Film Industry

They are going to remake many well-known films, but this time with a Welsh flavour. The following are among those planned for release next year...

Trefforest Gump  
An American Werewolf in Powys  
Dai Hard

The Wizard of Oswestry  
The Magnificent Severn  
Haverfordwest Was Won  
Seven Brides from Seven Sisters  
The Bridge on the River Wye  
The Welsh Patient  
Evans Can Wait  
Where Eagles Aberdare, and  
Dial M For Merthyr

## What's Brewin'

The **Group Study Exchange** visitors to District 1150 this year are coming from Norway and will be arriving in our Zone in early October. They will be making their presentation to the Zone 7 clubs at a dinner in Brecon on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October when a good attendance is hoped for from the nine clubs in the Zone.

The team leader is Knut Knutsen who is a member of Ferder Rotary Club in Norway and he will be accompanied by the four team members who are:

Stephen Edwardsen (39)  
Siw Knutsen (26)  
Linn Norberg (24), and  
Silje Rasting (27)



I am sure we shall be giving the team members a warm welcome during their stay in our area.

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