



The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

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President – Andrew Wakley
Vice President – John Hopkins

Wishing You Well

The official opening of the Rotary Wishing Well in Bethel Square took place recently and I am sure most of you will have seen the report in the *Brecon & Radnor Express*. Several smiling Rotarians were pictured casting their coins into the well alongside Brecon's Mayor Cllr. Mark Morgan who declared the well 'open'. Persistent vandalism of the wishing well remains a problem along

with misuse of the facility as a rubbish bin but, despite this, over £100 has been retrieved so far which has more than paid for the materials used in its construction. The job of emptying the well, disposing of the accumulated refuse and cleaning the coins is a messy process and the Club is extremely grateful to Eddie Coates and his team for undertaking this task on a regular basis. In order to

combat vandalism it has been agreed that all future incidents of damage will be reported to the police so that we can be categorised



by them as a 'repeat victim' with consequent benefits in following up the reports swiftly in the hope of catching the culprits.

New Member

We are pleased to welcome Ivor Morgan as our newest Club member. Ivor lives at Aberbran and joins us with the classification of 'schools inspector'. He was inducted into the Club at our lunch meeting at the George on 4th September having been proposed for membership by Keith Rofe. 21 club members turned up to see Ivor inducted. The addition of Ivor means that our membership remains at 41 (including our 4 honorary members) and compensates for the recent resignation of Graham Giles. Our Membership Committee chairman Peter Jenkins is currently pursuing one or

two other potential members and Club Council have asked him to write to two other members who, although they continue to pay their subscriptions, do not attend meetings to enquire whether they wish to remain in membership of the Club.

District Conference

This year the District 1150 Conference will be taking place at Plymouth on 13th to 15th October. The registration fee is £20 and Registration Forms for the Conference can be downloaded from the District Website.

Bottle Rota

- 18th September - Richard Doylend
- 25th September - Anthony Edwards
- 2nd October - Gareth Griffiths
- 9th October - Denzil Hackford
- 16th October - Howard Hoare
- 23rd October - John Hopkins
- 30th October - Peter Jenkins
- 6th November - Cliff Jones
- 13th November - Gerald Jones



Scatter Week

It has been decided to revive the long established Rotary custom of a 'scatter week' for the Club and it has been agreed that this will now take place during the week commencing 28th January next year. We have a breakfast meeting scheduled for the Monday of that week. The proposal is that we form ourselves in to groups of four or so (a carload) and head off during that week to another club of our choice to attend their weekly meeting. The clubs we are intending to visit should be notified in advance so that our arrival doesn't come as too much of a surprise! The clubs

we visit can be anywhere - they don't have to be in our Zone or even our District and we shall of course extend invitations to the host clubs to reciprocate with return visits to us.

Golf Match

Brian Strawford has asked me to remind all golfing members of our Club that the annual golf match against Crickhowell RC will now take place at Cradoc Golf Club on Monday 9th October. A minimum of 8 participants are required to form our team so if you haven't signed up yet please

see Brian to offer your services. We lost last year so it's down to you chaps to redeem the honour of the club! The Crickhowell team members will be joining us for dinner at the George in the evening.



Inter Club Competitions

As next April our Club will be staging the new venture of a Rotary Festival of Drama at Theatr Brycheiniog Club Council have decided not to organise a Youth Speaks Competition next year. All the local senior schools, including Christ College, have shown great enthusiasm for the drama festival and are keen to participate and it was felt that it would be too much to ask of them to put together teams for the Rotary Youth Speaks competition as well. Keith Rofe and his Youth Activities Committee will be running the Young Musician and Young Chef competitions again and are investigating the possibility of holding them on the same day at the same venue. John Hopkins has suggested Gwernyfed High School which offers excellent facilities for both competitions.

What's Brewin'?

Monday 18th September (lunchtime meeting) – Visit to the Club by this year's District Governor Kistiah Ramaya. The District Governor will be accompanied by his wife and spouses of Rotarians are also invited to attend this meeting.

Bowls Matches – On Friday 15th September there will be a bowls match versus Crickhowell RC and on Wednesday 20th September we take on Brecon Probus Club (again), this time at indoor bowls.

Wednesday 18th October – Group Study Exchange Presentation Evening. The Presentation Evening for our Zone will be hosted this year by Abergavenny Rotary Club and our President hopes that as many of our members as possible will be able to attend. This year the Exchange is with South Carolina, USA.



Christmas Extravaganza

I know it seems as though summer has only just ended but here in Rotary we like to think ahead so a small sub-committee has been formed to plan our

contribution to this year's Brecon Xmas Fayre which proved to be a very popular event in the town last year.

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