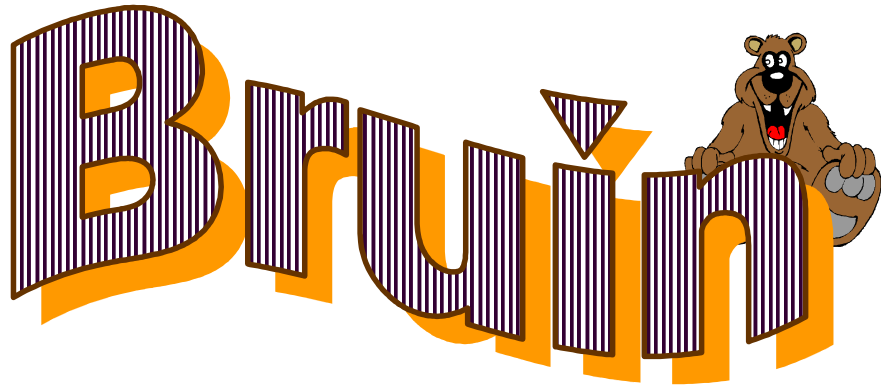


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The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

September 2007

President – John Hopkins
Vice President – Maurice Parry

BRUIN is back!

There was no newsletter last month but BRUIN is now back from his summer holiday well refreshed although in common with most of us he hasn't felt much sun on his bearskin (geddit?) this year. Don't forget that if you are not there to receive your monthly copy of BRUIN in person (I usually hand them out at the first meeting of the month) you will get a copy by post or by e-mail if you have notified me of your e-mail address. Ed.



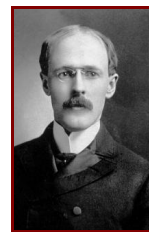
Group Study Exchange 2007

The District selected to exchange delegations with ours this year is District 2640 in Osaka, Japan. Osaka which is Japan's second city and located on the Japanese island of Honshu is currently hosting the World Athletic Championships. The Japanese team will be visiting Zone 7 from Sunday 14th to Thursday 18th October and our Club will be hosting the Zone Presentation at the George Hotel on Monday 15th October. We have also been

Paul Harris Awards

We have been informed that as a result of our various fund-raising efforts for Rotary Foundation over the years we have amassed a surprising 29,000 credit units. Under RI rules a credit is given to a club for each US dollar or equivalent donated and when a club has made contributions totalling \$1000 they are permitted to nominate a named individual (who need not be a Rotarian) to become a Paul Harris Fellow. Accordingly we are entitled as a Club to create

29 Paul Harris Fellows. Discussion took place at the Council Meeting last month on whether and how such awards should be made and the favoured view was that all Past Presidents who remain members of the Club should be made Paul Harris Fellows. This will account for 21 of our allocation of 29 Awards which will enable us to create some further Fellowships in the future if deemed appropriate.



Paul Harris, the Founder of Rotary

asked to help show the delegation around Brecon on the afternoon of Wednesday 17th October following their visit to the Llangorse Outdoor Centre in the company of their hosts from Crickhowell RC. The Team Leader is Masaru Nakagawa (60) who is a Professor of Information Science and Database Technology at Wakayama University. Two of his team of young delegates aged between 28 and 33 (one male, three female) work as teachers, another is a research assistant at Wakayama University specialising in computer

science and one works in the Japanese patent office.



Bear Facts

No. 6: Did you know that our District Governor, Roy Blacker, has been a member of no less than 7 Rotary Clubs?

Cancer Research Wales

The guest speaker at our dinner meeting held on 13th August was Maggie Hughes who happens to be a member of the Cardiff Breakfast Rotary Club. She had come along to address us on the subject of Cancer Research Wales which is an entirely independent charity and is not part of Cancer Research UK. All monies raised by and for the charity are spent in Wales and fund, amongst other things, a leading research facility at Velindre Hospital. The Velindre unit tracks the latest cancer treatment methods around the world via the internet as well as developing its own methods. Cancer

Research Wales also funds a cancer helpline and provides funding for research graduates. There are currently eleven such graduates in Wales working towards their PHDs with funding provided by the charity. A regular newsletter is published which details the research work being undertaken. Maggie told us that at an annual conference held in the United States last year on developments in cancer research only four awards went to the UK, all of them being for work funded directly by Cancer Research Wales. All of this effort is very expensive with £1.2 million being awarded only

recently for further research into diagnostic testing for prostate cancer alone. There is therefore a good deal of fund-raising to be done and Maggie told us about some of the very successful fund-raising ideas she has been involved in developing such as the Million Mile Challenge and the Silly Socks Appeal. In thanking her for her address Richard Doylend reminded everyone that our Club had contributed the proceeds of this year's two car boot sales organised by Handel Davies to Cancer Research Wales.

Bottle Rota

3rd September – Clive Lillywhite
10th September – John Mallon
17th September – Quiz Night at Abertillery
24th September – Brian Matthews
1st October – Jim Mellor
8th October – Walford Morgan
15th October – Ivor Morgan
22nd October – Nick Morrell
29th October – John Nancarrow
5th November – Brian Newman



What's Brewin'?

Tuesday 2nd October - Indoor Bowls Match v Brecon Probus Club
Monday 12th November – 10 pin Bowling Match v Crickhowell RC
Both fixtures will take place at Brecon Leisure Centre.

President Nominee

Bob Wood has decided to stand down from the post of Junior Vice President as he expects to be out of the country for a large part of the next three years and therefore does not feel able to fulfil his duties to the Club. As a consequence Maurice Parry will be looking for a replacement President Nominee (as they are now called) to deputise for him next year and, all being well, assume the Presidency of the Club in 2009/10.



Golf Match

Will all golfers please note that the Annual Golf Match v Crickhowell RC has been arranged for Monday Oct 8th at Cradoc Golf Club. It will be followed by the customary dinner at the George for Rotarians of both clubs when presentations will take place to the winners. Thanks go to Brian Strawford for organising this event for us.

It's Quiz time again

The quiz timetable and fixture list for Zone 7 has now been published and we are due to meet Abertillery on Monday 17th September at Abertillery. It has been agreed that this evening fixture will replace the lunch at the George on that day. Rotarians and spouses are invited and a decent turnout would be appreciated. Volunteers for the team are also required!

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