



BRUIN



NEWSLETTER OF BRECON ROTARY CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

12th Paddle Boarding 9.30am
at the Prom

14th Bowls Match

19th Llyswen Show **URGENT**
prizes needed for Hoopla

21st Breakfast Meeting
and Council Meeting

28th Summer Bank Holiday

SEPTEMBER

2nd Brecon Pride

4th Business Meeting

11th Projects

18th Golf Match V Crickhowell
Rotary

25th Breakfast Meeting
and Council Meeting

The Roman God Janus had two faces; one to look back over the previous year and the second to look forward to the forthcoming year. In this edition of Bruin Past President Cath and Current President Carol have provided respectively reflections and ambitions of their years in office.

Cath's Reflections

Since I joined Rotary in 2016, I have valued new friendships and connections that have enhanced my life. Being engaged in the workings of the Club has enabled me to grow as a Rotarian. Our Club enables members to connect and serve local and international communities through fund raising, service, and social events.

The past year has been one of recovery and renewal following the pandemic. Support from members, neighbouring clubs and our District Team has made my time as President enjoyable and stress free. Sincere thanks to all.

During my year I have learnt that having a great Council and team members makes a Presidential year so much easier.

Rotarians do more when inspired not instructed. Engaged members originate and support projects I would not have thought about.

Feedback, good or bad enabled me to learn more about the Club and develop my skills as President

Rotarians support significant Club projects but also small matters of service to fellow Rotarians and members of the public which build up over time into the way of life of a Rotarian.

It has been an honour to be Club President. Any members that have not served as President need to take up the challenge to ensure the future of the Club.

Cath

Carol's Ambitions

You have probably already notice that I am not keen on formalities and wish to streamline business to facilitate more good works and fellowship. Supporting members in need by visits and providing a helping hand. Welfare is becoming more important owing to the aging profile of the club. After years of service "social" members are welcome to join in all Club activities.

Nurturing and attracting new members is essential for the survival of the Club. This can be achieved by becoming more relevant to modern society and changing the public's perception of what Rotary stands for.

I am keen on Rotary being recognised as a local champion by cooperating with other local organisations to deliver practical, not just financial benefits to the community. The population is aging and so I am interested in "intergenerational" schemes that brings together the young and elderly.

I will welcome suggestions that the Club should be involved in. One caveat – the Rotarian making the suggestion should be prepared to take it to forward having due regard to the human resources available.

Apart from the Rotary Mantra of "Family Work, Rotary", I have a few I follow: -

"Help if you can as one day you may be in that position"

"Rewards are not always immediate"

"Share the load- we are all unique, some people are better at some things than others."

Here's to a good year full of Facilitation, Fellowship, Fun and a little Frivolity

Carol

Paul Harris Awards

Past President Cath presented the following with awards

Hayley Ridge Evans

Sapphire awards to Clive Lillywhite, Brian Newman, Nick Morrell

Birthday Greetings

To Jeff Opland on becoming an octogenarian.

Farewell

To past president John Hopkins who has moved further north to be closer to his families.

Club Reports and Activities

June 21st - 8 members enjoyed a Summer Solstice walk up Y Crug on a glorious evening. (What a difference a year makes !)

July – Donations of surplus clothing made to “Homeless Wales”

July 7th -Brian Newman, Paul Tambling and Maurice Parry secured a creditable 2nd place in the District Bowls competition at Llandrindod Wells.

July 8th – Nicky Grist Car Rally. A creditable £480 was raised by selling Spectator Safety Guides. The early birds experienced torrential rain whilst by mid-morning the weather was much kinder for the later arrivals.

July 17th – The 2024 Calendar was launched, in the Guild Hall with the support of the Mayor of Brecon Cllr Michaela Davies.

Aug 5th – Brecon Show. Kinder weather than was forecast resulted in a busy day for members manning the main pedestrian access.

Notes

Spotlight of the month has been carried over to the next edition of Bruin.

Any Rotarian who has carried out quiet service to the community is invited to report details to the Editor mikemellors@yahoo.co.uk for possible inclusion in Bruin.