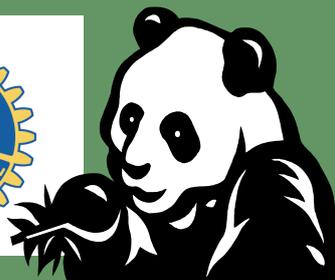
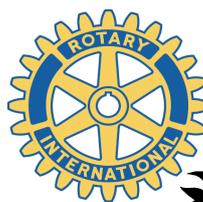


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BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

April 2009

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On 1st March, our good friend and fellow Rotarian, Peter Scott, died after a long struggle with kidney trouble and C.diff. Louvain had much praise for the Intensive Care Unit at Nevill Hall, but she knew the odds on his survival were long. It is a romantic story to be told that Peter came back to Brecon in 1989 after an absence of nearly 30 years just to redeem a promise made to his wife, who was born over the mountains in Godrergraig, near Pontardawe.

He left Brecon as a bombardier and came back as a major. They had travelled the world together, Malacca, Dortmund and Aldershot being just 3 of the places lived in. After his return as the civilian administrator at Sennybridge Camp, he joined our Club in 1992, becoming President six years later. Always the gentleman with time to talk to everyone, he

Notes from Rotary Council

There are 3 nominations for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership) this July. A candidate to be sponsored for the Tall Ships Experience had been identified.

We are being invited to pledge for 3 years some £00s for Polio Challenge.

Two Primary Schools were asking for small grants for outdoor activities.

Rotary Foundation is to be re-hashed, with GSE costs relegated to District Level.

The 7 Zones of District 1150 will probably be changed to 9 Areas, Brecon being in Area 9 which loses Llandovery.

The trip to Penderyn Whisky Distillery was interesting.

The entrance fee of £3.50 was a surprise though.

Goodbye Rob, Hello Ian

Rob Jones has left the George and now manages the Castle Hotel which has new owners. He has served us well over a number of years. The new manager of the George is Ian, and we wish him

DRAMA FESTIVAL A WOW
On 19th March, 220 tickets were sold at the Theatre for the very successful and varied Schools Drama Festival, the event which replaces Youth Speaks. There was a letter of thanks from one of the participating schools. Thanks to Clive, Brian N, Terry and Linda for all their hard work.

Forthcoming Events

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL THE GEORGE HOTEL IF YOU ARE NOT COMING TO A MEETING (01874-623422)

April 27th-Evening meeting 7.30pm. Speaker is Kathryn Roberts, Glassmaker of Brecon

May 4th-NO MEETING

May 9th-Young Musician Final at Millennium Centre 7pm £10.

May 10th-Car Boot Sale first of three. (proceeds to Help the Heroes). *List going around*

May 11th- Christian Aid Lunch at St Mary's Church from 12.30pm. You pay £6 for bread and cheese a cup of tea or coffee and the fellowship of course.

May 18th-Evening meeting, with wives. The speaker is Ailsa Dunn who will also receive a Paul Harris Award

May 24th- Car Boot Sale second of three (proceeds to Rotary)

May 31st- Car Boot Sale (proceeds to Usk House)

Jun 1st- Evening Meeting 7.30pm. Business.

Jun 8th- Club Assembly and \AGM 7.30pm

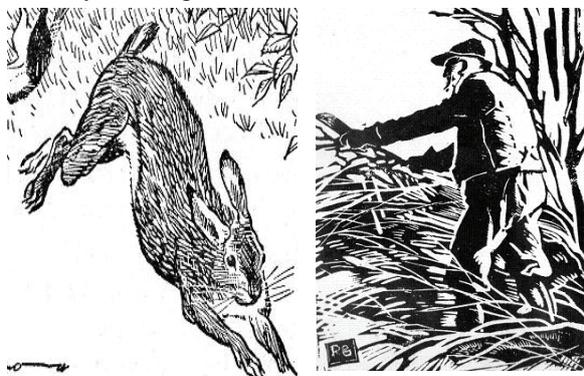


Bottle Rota

Mar 30th .Morlais Owens
 April 6th ..Mike Oxnard
 April 20th Maurice Parry
 April 27th.....Ian Richards
 May 11th. Terry Stephens

GAMMON NOT HAM

On 23rd March, we were treated to a very polished presentation of the life, whilst in the Llanthony Valley, of the artist and cyclist Reg Gammon. Two of the Gibbs brothers, William and James (there are three others), gave a stirring account of this man, who lived until he was 103, but was aged between 45 and 60 when he was a local. He and his wife had bought a derelict hill cottage during the second world war, and in spite of shortages, managed to renovate it, and enjoy country life. William's powerpoint showed us many of Reg Gammon's pictures and drawings, and James embroidered the accompanying talk with interesting readings from Reg Gammon's diaries. Apparently, Reg was going into the coal business, but came into contact with Frank Patterson, a cycling artist, so he followed in his footsteps (or pedals) instead, and became an illustrator for the Cycling Gazette, and the News Chronicle. He later met the Rev Bramwell Evens, an exotic, whose gypsy background had so enchanted the BBC, and he illustrated many of his articles. We even heard a recording which the Reverend Romany first made in the 1940s. It was very entertaining. It emerged during questions that Reg's last 43 years were spent in the West Country where he took up oils. and we were told that his best paintings fetch £2000 to £3000 these days. Examples of his work are in Brecknock



Price of a litre of petrol /diesel at 30th March
 Petrol 90..9 pence Diesel 99.9 pence

Rotarian of the Month –10 GARETH GRIFFITHS



This is quite a serious photograph of Gareth, and was obviously taken for a passport. He is the youngest of five siblings brought up on a 200 acre farm in Talgarth, inhabited with extra uncles. His older brother inherited the farm, and Gareth went to Bristol to study land management. A Brecon Grammar School product, Gareth (Dip.LA), was a shoe-in for a job at a local Estate Agents and Auctioneers, and has been a partner there for many years. Although he has had a successful career, he lists his main achievement as building a close and loving family. What he feels about Brecon these days is that it is suffering along with other country towns by the presence of supermarkets making it difficult for the local shopkeepers to compete. All those traffic lights and the lack of long term car-parking have not helped either. He says that Brecon Rotary is enjoyable, particularly the fellowship, but is typically modest about the great contribution he makes. Gareth says that he likes all music, but his favourites are The Blues and Eric Clapton. His favourite sports team is Gwernyfed RFC, for which club he once played, and was also its secretary. His most memorable type of holiday is to go skiing, hence the passport photograph above. He first did this at the not so tender age of 50, and does his best to keep up with the kids both on the slopes and later at the apres skiing. He missed his adrenalin rush this year. Let's hope that in 2010, he can enjoy

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