

Bruin

District 1150



editor is peterjenkins18@btinternet.

BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

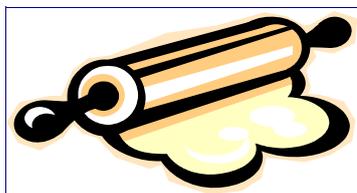
December 2010



President **BOB WOOD**
Vice President **DEREK ADAMS**

Points from Council Meeting 23rd November

1. John Mallon and Terry Dewan have been our men obtaining the Christmas Hampers for disadvantaged families for some years, and it is hoped that they will do it again this year if asked nicely
2. New Zealand Rotarians have offered to find accommodation for any of us planning to attend the World Rugby Union Cup.
3. Hand in your candle ends to Green Heat Wales Ltd, St Mary Street. (presumably the Stove Shop) if you have any left over after Christmas.
4. By giving £1000 again to the Cathedral Choir Endowment Appeal, 21 young people every year are being helped in receiving a unique musical education. The Appeal is expected to close after next year's Christmas Concert.
5. It was agreed to switch Raffle Proceeds from the Charity a/c to the Admin a/c since nearly all the contributors are Rotarians.
6. Nick is to find a better rate of interest for £10k of our balances.
7. There are 10 entrants for the Young Cook Competition (heat 1) and a camera to allow us to see them cook. The Final is on 3rd Feb 2011



Forthcoming Events

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

**Nov 29th Bowls with Probus at the Leisure Centre. Food afterwards
Be there at 5.45pm**

Dec 1st . Rotary Quiz at 7.30pm at the White Hart Hotel, Crickhowell

**Dec 2nd Young Chef at Gwernyfed
A 7 o'clock arrival will be okay, but a CCTV will be watching the cooks throughout.**

Dec 6th Dinner then a Business Meeting at 7.30pm

Dec 13th Dinner at 7.30pm

**Dec 20th . Xmas Lunch at 1pm
(wives included)**

Dec 20th 7.30pm Christmas Concert at the Cathedral. One hour duration. Town Band and Cathedral Singers, and Holly Taylor and all. Pilgrims will be open beforehand for light suppers and afterwards for mince pies and mulled wine.



Bottle Rota

6th Dec Pat Blake

13th Dec - Pat Butler

20th Dec - Hywel Davies

10th January - Terry Dewan

CALLI-TASTIC!

This year's Caledonian Market was a success in so many ways. Gareth, who masterminded the event acknowledged the terrific support he had received from Rotarians, plus many other volunteers, and this was not just on the day itself. He said that there was not much left to send to the tip, because the RSPCA had been given 64 sacks of clothing, Ystradgynlais Woodstore had taken the unwanted furniture, and the Red Cross and Air Ambulance had had their pick of the rest. He wondered whether the bottle stall should die a death, and be replaced by some other gambling type stall. The gross yield on the day was £8000 which was a 3% improvement on last year. It was good too to see the happy faces of those people who had secured absolute bargains! All in all, it was a win, win situation. We just need to remind everyone more effectively that it is a Rotary Event. Council thanked Gareth profusely



TALKING THE TALK

Joanne Williams was a young lady from Llanelli who is the fund-raiser for. Royal National Institute for the Blind for the whole of Wales. She was quite unperturbed when the George Hotel's swish monitor could not interface with her powerpoint presentation. We learnt about how talking books are produced and in what quantity. It costs £1000 to record a book for adults and £500 for children's books, and well-known people are used. (e.g Michael Palin, Joanna Lumley, Cherie Blair) . Listening equipment is sophisticated. There are 20,000 registered blind people in Wales. RNIB have used their balances, and spend £6m per annum, so how will they manage in future, you ask?

Price of a litre of petrol /diesel at 26th November
 Petrol 118.9 Diesel 122.9 pence

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH -27 DEREK ADAMS



Derek's military career has spanned 39 years, and he joined the army at the age of 15. His wife Pippa was at the 6th Form College in Brecon when Derek was stationed at Cwrt y Gollen. They met and married whilst young, and have travelled to such places as Northern Ireland, West Germany, Berlin,(see photo above), Bosnia, Czech Republic, Belize, Malawi, Kenya, and Canada but have always returned to Brecon. Derek says that his main achievement was rising from being a mere sprog to the rank of major. He has a son of 32 who works as a warehouse operative and a daughter (younger) who works in HR for a large distribution company. When asked what he thinks of Brecon, Derek describes it as a lovely market town which could nevertheless do with a sprucing up. If it were made more inviting, more tourists would come, [and we do need more tourists-Ed]. As for Brecon Rotary, he says he sees no reason why after 51 years, it shouldn't last many years longer. Many societies are finding it hard to recruit, Rotary being no exception, and yet obtaining new members is the key and we must persevere. When it comes to music, Derek favours anything from the 60s. Tom Jones is a particular favourite of his, having met him in person, and also having been to five of his concerts! Being a Newport lad, Derek is a life-long supporter of Newport-Gwent Dragons, and he and Pippa are season ticket holders. [He is a very fit man, and regularly runs to the top of Pen y fan, maybe out of frustration after some poor results from the Dragons-Ed]. Derek's most memorable holidays have been in Kenya for the wildlife, and British Columbia for the white water rafting. In conclusion, he says that the world is in a very uncertain state at the moment with terrorism at its highest, and the hard times ahead with all the job cuts and pay freezes on account of the West's financial implosion. He is starting a new job with the Ministry of Defence at Sennybridge. Given the current economic climate how long will it last he wonders. [If it doesn't he'll have more time for Rotary!-Ed]