



Brecon Rotary Update Information News

2011-2012 President DEREK ADAMS Vice President BARRY TOMLINSON

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Just sit back and relax, just let it all happen around you and enjoy your term as President. Famous last words from all the Past Presidents on my Installation evening. This seems to have been the busiest month I can remember in my relatively short time in the Club. It all started on the 31st October with an excellent Treasure Hunt in the Museum and supper in the Tipple & Tiffin. After threatening Peter with 'we'd better not come last again', Pippa and I came 2nd. Thank you to Peter and Joyce for organising the evening.

Then came the Caledonian Market, what an achievement, over £9,500.00 raised, a great result. Well done to all the Club for a great team effort, especially to Bob and the Community Committee.

This was closely followed by the Young Musician Competition, a wonderful afternoon of good singing and music. The eventual winners were Cerys Price in the vocal section, and Tara Bowen in the instrumental section, lets hope they do well in the next round in Abergavenny on Saturday 7th Jan 2012. Well done to Clive and Terry for organising the event.

The following day was Armistice Day, and after laying the Wreath at the Memorial I attended the Service at the Cathedral, where many of the Club Members were also in attendance. Following on from the Service, Barry had organised a Sunday Lunch at the Castle, where about 20 of us sat and enjoyed a hearty roast dinner. December is going to be just as busy, with the next round of the quiz, a Special General Meeting, Christmas Lunch and the Cathedral Sing a Long.

Am I enjoying my year, you bet I am.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

John Mallon has kindly taken this on again. Unfortunately there are no Rotary Christmas Puddings available to contribute this year. If you wish to contribute a cash donation in lieu of a pudding to this worthwhile cause then please hand it to Nick Morrell.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Mike Stratford is organising a Rotary Tree for the Festival in the Cathedral from 8th to 11th December. Afterwards it will be on display in a prominent vacant shop window.

BOTTLE ROTA

- 5/12 Ian Richards
- 12/12 Terry Stephens
- 19/12 Mike Stratford
- 9/1 Brian Strawford
- 23/1 Barry Tomlinson
- 30/1 Mike Tomkinson

DECEMBER EVENTS

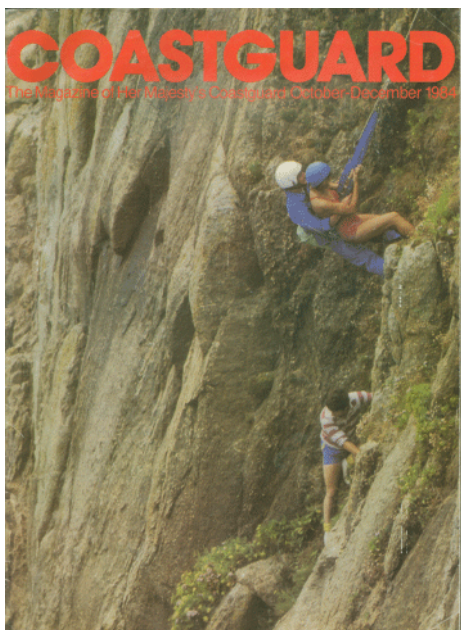
- 5/12 Quiz v Abertillery with buffet after. Wives invited. Normal time. Note change.
- 12/12 Special Business Meeting.
(postponed from 5/12)
- 19/12 Christmas Lunch at 12.30 for 1 p.m. and Carol Concert in the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m.
- 26/12 and 2/1 no meetings.

FUTURE EVENTS

- 7/1 Young Musician Area Final
- 9/1 Dinner meeting
- 12/1 Young Chef Competition at 4.30 at Gwernyfed.
- 16/1 (provisionally - to be confirmed) Ten pin bowling with ladies. In lieu of formal meeting.
- 23/1 Dinner with speaker
- 30/1 Breakfast meeting
- Visit to Gurkha Restaurant in the Bulwark in February.
- Visit to Film Club on 2nd April to see "The Guard".

Our speaker on Monday 28th November was Laura Gillow of Powys Carers.

This was a re-arranged visit postponed from September. We learnt that Powys Carers is an independent voluntary organisation. Carers save the NHS vast amounts of money every year. Some of the facts are quite shocking. The youngest carer in Powys is just 5 years old and the oldest (a lady caring for her husband) is 96. Altogether in Powys there are 900 adult carers and 300 young carers. 1 in 8 adults will be a carer at some time in their lives. Carers tend to neglect themselves. The organisation offers information on rights and benefits, advocacy and emotional support and can arrange consultations at home or at a neutral location. They operate a volunteer scheme to help with social, transport and administration needs and also run a friends' group. Any volunteers would be very welcome.

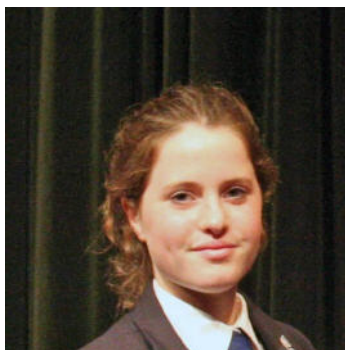


Congratulations to Peter and Joyce!!

Who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 6th November 2011. We wish them many more.

Brian Newman has returned safely from his sponsored climb in Nepal.

Our Club has voted to donate £250 to Llanfaes School in recognition of his efforts and he will give us an illustrated talk in due course. Here you see him in action in his younger days!!



The Club Round of the the Young Musician Competition was held in the Memorial Hall in Christ College on 12/11. Here you see the vocal and instrumental winners. The winners of the older age group go through to the area final on 7th January