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BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

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Young Chef-Ist Round

On 14th January, 7 competitors plus their sous -chefs spent the best part of the evening at the High School preparing full three course meals, with proper place settings for two, and written menus. Apart from one of them narrowly avoiding setting fire to the school, the cooking went well, as did the judging. Our old friend Ivan Langford who now lives in Swansea and Cherry Jones of Brecon High awarded the prize to Ben Prosser from Gwernyfed School, and he went forward to the second round in Llandoverly and was runner-up to Eirlys Davies from Builth. Our thanks go to Clive for planning and executing the arrangements so well.



Council 29th January THAT EXTRA MILE

It was agreed to recommend to the Club that a Paul Harris Award be presented to Dr Ailsa Dunn, in recognition of her exceptional diligence in caring for stroke patients at Bronllys Hospital, and for her work with the disadvantaged in Sri Lanka. It is a rare honour to bestow, but Council felt that since she goes "that extra mile", then maybe we



Young Musician Ist Round

On 15th January, 3 competitors were at Gwernyfed School to compete against each other, a cellist, a pianist and an alto sax player. As you might guess from the picture above the last mentioned won. His name was Jack Taylor, from Gwernyfed School and he goes forward to the next round which is not for some weeks. Clive, who organised the event, was critical of District Officers who had stipulated such an early date for Round 1 without realising that this would preclude many of the most eligible candidates from entering, because of exams. The adjudicators, Tim Cronin and Meirion Wynn Jones gave very constructive advice to those who performed, and it was an enjoyable evening and quite



President MAURICE PARRY
Vice President ANTHONY EDWARDS

Forthcoming Events

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RING THE GEORGE IF YOU ARE NOT COMING
Feb 2nd-Evening meeting (7.30pm) with a hot meal and whatever business there is
as a result of Council which met earlier
Feb 9th-Evening meeting (7.30pm)
Feb 16th-Breakfast at 8am
Feb 23rd-Evening meeting (7.30pm)
The speaker is expected to be Ian Arundale the new Chief Constable of Dyfed/Powys
(Try and be there for that one)
March 2nd- like Feb 2nd (see above)
March 9th- like Feb 9th (see above)
March 16th-Breakfast at 8am AND
Plan ahead your destination for the Scatter Week
in March: (3rd week). Prizes awarded by the President for the furthest scatter, the most other clubs been to in the week, and the most original destination.
March 23rd- Evening meeting (7.30pm)
The joint speakers will be William and John Gibbs whose subject is Black Mountain Artists including Reg Gammon.
March 30th Breakfast meeting 8am



Rotarian of the Month –8
RICHARD DOYLEND



Although he did not become a Rotarian until after he retired, this was at quite a young age. Richard came to Brecon in 1986 in succession to Franklin Jones as Chief Executive of Brecknock Borough. As we all know, this local authority disappeared in 1996 when Powys CC became all purpose, and as Richard says “ I grasped with both hands the opportunity to take early retirement and have been enjoying my new lifestyle ever since.” For him, family is all important, and you can see in the picture his grand-daughter Lu-chan, the only daughter (so far) of his only son. Richard likes Brecon because it is so small, and he has always lived in smaller towns, Weymouth being the last one he and Jill had lived in. The restricted shopping available in Brecon which is more obvious than ever these days does not worry him unduly, because as he says the internet is available for everything except the basics. Brecon’s wonderful setting is more than a compensation. Richard says that he enjoys Rotary less than he once did, and thinks it a shame that so few of our members are able or willing to attend on a regular basis. Acknowledging that it is proving difficult to attract new members, he applauds the decision to invite women to join us. When asked to name his favourite piece of music, he impishly suggests the Anvil Chorus from Verdi’s Il Travatore as he purports to be into heavy metal. (believe that?!). If pressed, he says he likes all types of good music with the notable exception (Terry D shouldn’t read this) of Welsh Male Voice choirs. Richard went to a rugby playing grammar school in Dorchester, so inevitably this is his favourite sport, and he supports Wales except when they’re playing England.. As for holiday venues, he and Jill are keen on Venice, but since Peter Scott introduced them to Holiday Property Bonds, they have visited lots of HPB’s very well managed sites. Richard has told the editor that his views on sex, religion and politics might be of more interest than the above, but since these topics are forbidden, he volunteers that his favourite pizza topping is pepperoni and pineapple.

Price of a litre of petrol /diesel at 20th December	
Petrol 88.9 pence	Diesel 99.9 pence