



# Bruin



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## BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

### January 2010

President **ANTHONY EDWARDS**  
Vice President **BOB WOOD**



#### A CHANGE AT THE TOP

Vice President Pat Butler informed the club that due to the loss of a business contract he had hoped to secure which would have enabled him to work from home, he was reluctantly foregoing his opportunity to become President next June. He said that he hoped the Club would accept him in two years' time instead. In his place, the Club is fortunate to have Rotarian Bob Wood. In contrast to Pat, his own circumstances have changed too, but enabling him to remain at home, and not go to Montenegro or Bosnia or Anywhere!

The Price of Petrol/Diesel according to Morrisons per litre  
Petrol 20 Dec 08=88.9p  
29 Dec 09=107.9p

Diesel-20 Dec 08=99.9p  
29 Dec 09=109.9p



#### ANOTHER £20 PLEASE

At the December 14th meeting of the Club, a long discussion took place, centring on our Treasurer's view that a one-off payment (later agreed at £20) would restore the balance in the Admin Account, and prevent his having to recommend a permanent increase in subs next June. If each Rotarian would send Nick a cheque for £20 within the next few weeks, this would be excellent. The rotarians present that evening have already handed over their twenty pounds.



The new manager at the GEORGE is Les Rees. We wish him well, don't we.

**CAROL CONCERT 2009**  
The 8th Annual Rotary Organised Concert took place at the Cathedral on 21st December. There was a similar turn-out to last year's, and a similar yield too (£356). The Dean of Brecon, Geoffrey Marshall has since written to thank the Club for its latest cheque of £1000 in aid of the Choir Trust Appeal



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

**January 4th**-no meeting  
**January 11th**-Dinner at 7.30pm  
**January 18th**-Breakfast meeting at 8am  
**January 25th**-Dinner at 7.30pm with speaker later  
**February 1st**-Dinner 7.30pm followed by Business Meeting

CALEDONIAN MARKET POSTSCRIPT

An eagle eyed Andrew Wakley spotted that one of the pictures handed in for sale at the Caledonian Market in November was a water-colour by Devon artist, Walter Widgery. An opportunist Gareth Griffiths, who visits Devon frequently on account of his mother-in-law, who lives there, took the picture to an Exeter firm of Auctioneers, the head of which happens to be a rotarian and supportive. Accordingly, on 2nd December, our lot, Lot 500, “a wooded stream with waterfall” by Walter Widgery was sold for £380. Even after the expenses of the sale, this will bring the total net yield for this year’s Caledonian Market above £8000. for the second year running Brilliant!



“A wooded stream with waterfall”

Bottle Rota	
January 11th	-Mike Oxnard
January 18th	Maurice Parry
January 25th	Ian Richards
February 1st	Terry Stephens
February 8th	Brian Strawford



The Brecon & Radnor Express  
on a Dead Sea Roll

Rotarian of the Month –19  
CLIVE LILLYWHITE



Clive’s connection with Brecon began 20 years ago. It was when his eldest daughter, Sophie, took her degree in Music and Italian at Cardiff, and he and Lesley used to visit this area for walking etc.. The etcetera would include pubs, and the only one which would take dogs then (and they had two) was the Bear at Crickhowell. In 2004, they bought a property west of Brecon, and that’s when Clive transferred his Rotary membership to here from St Neots. He says his main achievement was having four healthy girls who have all turned out well balanced individuals despite their father. He adds that Lesley should take all the credit for this, and notes that he is still on marriage no 1! As for his views on Brecon, he says that it has much going for it, with first class facilities for a town so small . However, as a place to visit, it pales, in comparison to Hay, and thinks that the Council should provide affordable properties for small retail outlets, and hopes the proposed redevelopment of the library/ indoor market area could put Brecon back on the map. He thinks that the only way Brecon Rotary will continue is to recruit young members. We all think that, of course, but Clive observes that in India the Rotaract members automatically transfer to Rotary and are proud to do so. His most memorable holiday was his trip to India on a Rotary Fellowship Exchange in 2007, so he is speaking from experience { Ingrid has promised to explore the possibility of starting a Brecon Rotaract, so what about it?-ed} Clive’s favourite piece of music is Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No 6– otherwise known as The Pathetique– it is not as sad as it sounds. When it comes to sport, he says that he has never had a passion for football and used to hate rugby at school (because as a winger when tackled, he often collided with a live electric fence), but admits to enjoying the six nations on TV since moving to Wales. A good game of tennis is what he prefers watching. Faced with the question of how he sees the world today, He is naturally concerned for his grandchildren. Clive says it would be very interesting if the clock could be turned back to see the world as it would have been had George Bush not won the Presidency of the United States– but did he really win it, asks Clive?