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## BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

### January 2011

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



#### Quotes From the Past

Glenn C Mead, RI President in 1912/13 said this;-  
A Rotary Club gives us an opportunity that no social, political or specialized business club can do. It is strong on the human side: it stands for the individual, unfetters him, appeals to his originality, brings out his latent powers, and puts him at his best by extending him the full measure of his confidence and appealing to the best that is in him.-  
‘Service not self’

Frank J Devlyn, RI President in 2000/01 said this;-  
I would like to remind you that today’s world is very different from the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world.

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[Rotary has nearly 188,000 female members now. There are 2.1 million Rotarians worldwide, so given that as a ratio, our Club should have two and half women members!]

#### Forthcoming Events

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

**January 3rd**-no meeting

**January 6th**-Young chef at Gwernyfed. Please try and be there by 7pm

**January 10th**-Dinner at 7.30pm

**January 17th**-Breakfast meeting at 8am

**January 24th**-Dinner at 7.30pm with speaker

**January 31st**-Breakfast meeting at 8am

**February 7th**-Dinner at 7.30pm followed by business meeting

## THE RYLA CAMP REMAINS A HIT

Four sixth-formers from Brecon High School joined us for dinner on December 13th, and afterwards gave a presentation of their attendance at this year's summer camp for young leaders. The four could hardly have been more enthusiastic, at least one of them saying that it had been a life changing experience Team building and banishing demons were aspects of the week which they had not anticipated but had found very beneficial. This is the third year when participants have come back and spoken to the Club so glowingly about the course, and it is clear that this is one of the best ways of spending some of the charity money we earn..



Richard Marsh      Bronwen Gardner  
Fiona Price      Rhiannon Forsyth  
Our own VP

### Christmas Singalong Success

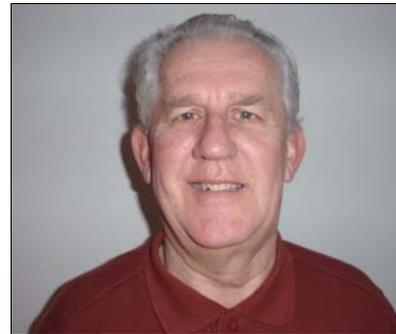
As the Dean Very Revd Geoffrey Marshall said on the evening of 20th December, it was a success that the Concert took place at all. Most other Carol Concerts had been cancelled due to the snow and ice which has plagued the whole month and Brecon. The Town Band and The Cathedral Singers and the attendees were probably all at half strength, but nevertheless the retiring collection produced only £30 less than last year's £286. The programme was suitably jolly, even though snow featured in quite a few of the carols sung, and as it turned out, Brecon Town Band provided an excellent foil for the singing.



The price of a litre of petrol/diesel  
June 24th 2008  
Petrol 118.9pence' Diesel 133.9 pence  
December 20th 2008  
Petrol 88.9pence/ Diesel 99.9pence  
December 26th 2010  
Petrol 122.9pence. Diesel 126.9pence

## Rotarian of the Month-28

Pat Blake



Pat and Margaret have actually owned a house in Llanfihangel Nant Bran for six years, but only moved here permanently on retirement 18 months ago Pat was a Rotarian at Aldershot and his trade, according to our little white book, is in Property Management. He has two sons, and three grandchildren. One of the sons works in the Probation Service in London, the other is a Project Manager in Vancouver, Canada. The Blakes are visiting him at the end of January. Pat says that he loves Brecon for its friendliness. It has the real feel of a market town, and he hopes that it will stay that way. He would hate to see a major re-development which would harm Brecon, and he wants no edge of town shopping either. He says that our Club is very like the one he left behind, particularly in age range. He would not like to see our club fold, and believes we need an injection of new members, particularly younger ones. Why doesn't Rotary flag up in the media more of what it does, he adds? We never seem to take the credit we deserve.. Pat's favourite taste in music includes organ and religious music with anything from Les Miserables or Male Voice Choirs in between. His favourite sports team is Manchester United, although since moving to Wales he has had a sneaking regard for Wales Rugby Union, if only he knew. the rules. One of his best and most poignant holidays was when in India, and incorporated a visit to the fishermen and their families who were recipients of the ten fishing boats which the Rotary Club of Aldershot provided after the Tsunami. Pat says he is deeply worried about the future for the sake of his children and their children. He says how he would like to think that some of the action being talked about now will reach fruition so that they can enjoy this wonderful planet and then hand on to future generations a peaceful place in which to live. Pat thinks he has had a lucky life. He says that he has worked hard and never borrowed beyond his means. People should understand that you cannot have everything instantly-just wait a little, he says, and things seem to work out.