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Brecon Rotary Update Information News



PAST PRESIDENT'S PIECE

It only seems like a few weeks ago that Bob Wood put the Chain of Office firmly around my neck and we were watching the Gurkha children performing their traditional dance and the Gurkha soldiers performing their kukri dance. I was thinking to myself 'what on earth am I doing?'

Since that night we have raised over £11,000, donating the majority of the money to schools, organisations and individuals helping them to achieve their goals.

As a Club we had 2 'firsts', introduced 'Fun Mondays' and had our first 'Youth Speakers Evening', both were well received by the Club, wives, family and friends.

We had mixed fortunes with our Youth Competitions. The 2

Brecon heat winners, of the Young Musician Competition (vocal and instrumental), were runners up in the Area Final in their chosen categories. Our Young Chef winner went on to the Area Final in Builth Wells but unfortunately was unplaced. This year, for the 1st time, we held a Brecon heat of the Young Photographer Competition, with Millie Jones going on to represent the Club at District Level. Millie's photographs caught the eye of the judges and she was awarded 1st place. Millie was presented with her certificate and prize by Jeff Cuthbert AM at the Senedd.

I have been congratulated by many of the Club Members for 'having a good year', but it was not my year it belongs to the Clubs. I feel very humbled to have been the President of a Club where every member has supported me in everything we have done, as I said at the AGM, this Club of ours has a great deal to give Rotary International. Thank you all for your support and I look forward to the next year supporting President Elect Barry during his year.

Derek Adams

EDITORS COMMENTS

Welcome to the new look Bruin and thanks to Andrew for his contributions during the last year.

I am not a copy writer as you will have already noticed, so I am intending to include several sections over the coming issues with members providing most

of the content.

In this issue, in addition to the Presidents piece, (past presidents should I say) we have a photograph of the month and a competition.

Be warned! I will be asking you all for one or two contributions over the next year.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd July

Business meeting

Monday 9th July

Andrew Wakley's House

Saturday 14th July

Quinton Rally

Monday 16th July

Fun night

Thursday 19th July

Council meeting

Sunday 22nd July

RYLA course 1 starts

Monday 23rd July

Dinner meeting

Friday 27th July

RYLA course 1 BBQ

Sunday 29th July

RYLA course 2 starts

Monday 30th July

Breakfast meeting

Bottle Rota

Monday 2nd July

John Hopkins

Monday 9th July

Peter Jenkins

Monday 16th July

Clive Lillywhite

Monday 23rd July

John Mallon

Monday 30th July

Brian Matthews





Photo for the Month from Peter Jenkins

Boys love climbing trees, don't they and this photograph was one taken in our garden when the family from Sydney came over for a short stay in 2009. Owen, the grandson on the right, was born with a considerable hole in the heart, so it was great to see him so energetic and chunky. When half your family live 12,000 miles away as they are growing up, you treasure the occasional picture

CHARTER NIGHT

The 53rd Annual Charter Night, at which meetings, the President for the forthcoming year is appointed and installed, was held at the George Hotel, Brecon, on the evening of Monday, 25 June, when outgoing President, Derek Adams installed Barry Stewart Tomlinson as President for the year 2012/13.

Present at the meeting were 21 Rotarians, 17 Partners and 10 guests of the Club,

Mr and Mrs Paul Ashton, *Mayor and Mayoress of Brecon Town,*

Mr and Mrs Mike O'Leary, *President Designate of Crickhowell Rotary Club and Wife,*

Mr and Mrs Ted Gascoyne, *Chairman of Brecon Probus Club and Wife.*

Mrs Janet Rees, *President of Soroptimist Club of Brecon, and Husband.*

Miss Sara Williams and Mr Shaun Rees, *guest speakers.*

Dinner commenced at 7-30pm with a warm welcome to all, especially the Guests and



Partners, by President Derek Adams, followed by Grace.

At the conclusion of dinner, the Loyal Toast was proposed by President Derek, who then gave a brief review of his year in office, ending with warm words of thanks to his Officers, Members, and especially his wife Pippa, for all their support during his progressive, successful and happy year as President.

He was particularly pleased with the £11,000 collected

and distributed amongst local Charities, the local young peoples successes in the Cooking, Music and Photographic Competitions, and the visits by six of our students to the RYLA centre at Merthyr Tydfill.

He also believed that the most singular and significant change to the Club's operations during his year in office, was the introduction by the executive of the "Fun Mondays" arrangements.



Immediate Past President Derek then proceeded to announce Barry Tomlinson as

started that career at the age of 16years, they spoke highly of the support and

belief and support, both have and still do applied themselves with honesty and dedication to the great challenge and huge competition.



Both have been successful - notwithstanding the odd "Roll Over"- and have some important winnings

to show - Sara in-particular being the present holder of the Rally Wales Drivers Championship Trophy, and the Louise Arthur-Walker Cup.

Following several related questions, the Club Secretary, Brian Newman, proposed a delightful vote of thanks to the two Speakers, emphasising on their youthfulness and dedication, their determination to succeed, and their high regard for safety.

the new President and invested him with the Chain of Office. In expressing his best wishes for a happy and successful period in office, he also reminded the new President that also meant new Features for the Club.

encouragement they had received from their immediate families as well as local businesses.

He also thanked President Barry for providing all with wine at Dinner, the Staff of the George hotel for their service during the evening,

President Barry thanked the Immediate Past President, Officers and Members of the Club, for the honour of being President, and proceeded to invest Pat Blake as his Senior Vice President, who also expressed his thanks to all. Unfortunately, the Club was not able to announce the appointment of a Junior Vice President on the night.

It is a very expensive career to follow, with very little financial reward. The costs are particularly high due to the purchase and modification of

A short Interval then took place, after which, the President introduced his two young guest speakers, namely, Miss Sara Williams and Mr Shaun Rees.



The subject of their address was their great interest and active participation in Motor Rallying.

the Car itself, the safety factors relating to the Car and Clothing, and the general costs of Practising and entering Races. Medical and Insurance costs have also to be catered for, but the joy of competing and the drive to win, made it all very desirable.

and his fellow Officers for their assistance in arranging this Charter Night meeting.

Both live and work in Brecon, and are linked to the Car Industry, and presented a detailed history of their interest, enthusiasm and dedication to Rallying. Having

With such Family and Business

The Meeting concluded at 10-45pm with the President reaffirming his gratitude to officers, members and guests, and that he was looking forward very much to the next year.



COMPETITION CORNER NO.1

Rules.

To complete this competition all you have to do is to answer the 21 questions detailed below by searching the Brecon Rotary website and listing the answer together with the URL (Uniform Resource Locator) link of the page where the answer was found.

The competition is open to members, wives or partners of the Brecon Rotary Club only, and in the event of a dispute (Bob Wood take note!) the editors decision is final.

Only one entry is allowed per person.

Closing date for entries is 30th July 2012

There will be a prize, which will be presented at the Dinner meeting on Monday 6th August or Monday 13th August 2012, for the **first correctly completed form returned or highest score achieved in the shortest time.**

Please either print off the answer page (page 6), fill in and return it to the editor asap or if you would like to complete the form electronically a version can be downloaded at:

http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/Competition_Answers.html

and e mailed to

competition@breconrotary.com

The answer to question 1 has already been completed!

Questions

- 1.What is the largest instrument on the welcome page?
- 2.How much were the tickets for the first treasure hunt of Derek's Year?
- 3.Which is the only identified waterfall shown on the web site and how high is it?
- 4.What was dismantled during the Civil War?
- 5.Who is standing on Derek Adams right, circa 1st March 2012?
- 6.Who served up Beef tenderloin?
- 7.Where did our visitors from St Neots have lunch on the day they arrived?
- 8.What are the optional items in the essential clothing list?
- 9.What is Mike Stratford's e mail address?
- 10.How many students played the flute on 12th November 2011 and what are their names?
- 11.What day do Brynmawr Rotary Club have their meetings?
- 12.What was the day, date and venue of the February 2012 council meeting?
- 13.How many were on the RYLA 2011 course?
- 14.Which group was Lianne Mitchell in?
- 15.How many people did Shelterbox help after the Pakistan floods?
- 16.Who was Brecon Rotary President in 1970?
- 17.What time does the next Caledonian Market start?
- 18.Which other Rotary club not in area 9 has a link to their site?
- 19.Who supplied the bottle on 5th June 2006?
- 20.How many districts are there in RIBI?
- 21.When was the last Drama Festival?



HIGH POINT IN JUNE

Dawn arrived on Sunday 24th June, the day of the annual pilgrimage to the Crug, coupled with Derek's last full day of office.

The weather was 100% cloud cover with a damp mist in the air, something we had grown to expect being mid summer in the Brecon Beacons. The forecast, however, was unexpectedly hopeful, hinting that the sun would make the occasional appearance during the day.

As the allotted hour approached, 6 intrepid mountaineers trudged wearily to the summit, laden with heavy backpacks full of provisions,



accompanied by one over enthusiastic four legged friend. (Peter J was taking the photo!)

Camp was set up and the picnic began, with one member of our party determined to beg, steal

or just eat anything that was within 18 inches of ground level.



Just before 9:10 pm, the assembled group descended, as the sun set there



was a distinct chill in the air, back packs were much lighter now which could not be said about our 4 legged companion.

We returned home remembering an evening of good food, good fellowship and good fun.

A fitting end to Derek's year.

Photos : Joyce, Peter & Clive



Thanks to our Contributors



Derek Adams
for Past Presidents piece



Peter Jenkins
for Photo of the Month



Hywel Davies
for Charter night report



The Editor
for Competition Corner No.1

In Next Months Issue

Barry Tomlinson
Presidents Piece

John Hopkins
Photo for the Month

Andrew Wakley
Walk in Wales

Pat Blake
Club Service Report



COMPETITION CORNER - ANSWERS NO.1

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