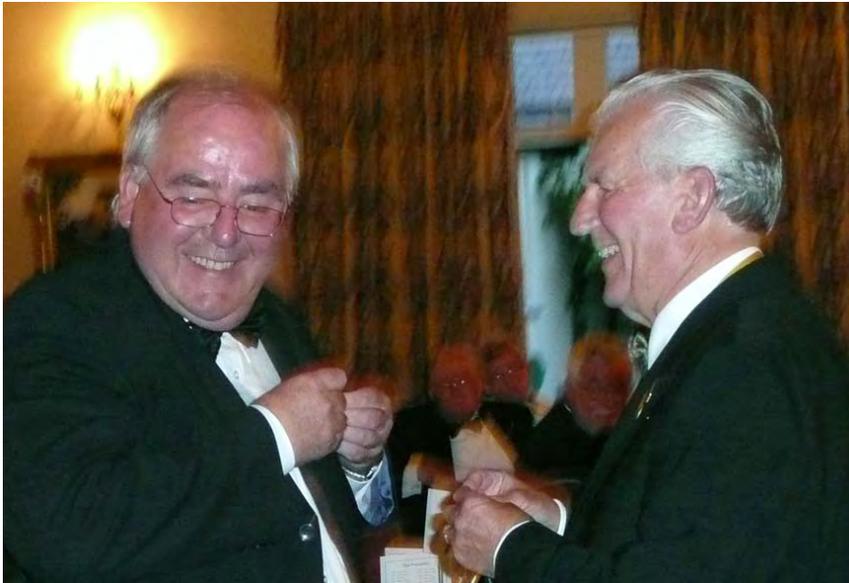




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Brecon Rotary Update Information News



Barry receiving his past presidents badge from President Pat

PAST PRESIDENT BARRY'S FINAL REPORT

As stated at the charter night dinner how much I have enjoyed my term in office, which means in Brecon Rotary term once and once only.

I could have not wished for a better senior vice president in Pat and to all members of council, who did everything which was asked of them.

We raised thousands of pounds through the efforts of the Caledonian Market, and the Quinton rally, but we made up for that by spending nearly all of it, this can be seen in the report presented by our worthy treasurer Nick.

I will say it again the Youth Evening organised by Terry and co was a high light in my mind of what Rotary is all about and will live with me for a long time.

The Informal Evenings which Derek started in his term in office were continued and the Robby Burns night, was a real belting evening and I believe it might be on the calendar again. Bowles, paper aeroplane throwing, visits to Talgarth Mill just some of the great evenings.

It was great to induct two new members this year, and I know that Pat will induct more members nearly straight away.

Finally as stated at the dinner there is one Rotarian who has help me he will help pat and he helped all previous presidents that is BRIAN NEWMAN who is there for you all of the time, even when he's on holiday. I would like to finish with giving my best wishes to you all for all the fellowship which has been shown to myself and between members this past year, thank you, and it was a pleasure, and good luck to you Pat for the ensuing year.

Past President Barry

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st July

Charter night

Monday 8th July

Dinner Meeting

Saturday 13th July

Nicky Grist Rally

Monday 15th July

Fun Night-

Ffrwdgrech Gardens 6:30pm

Tuesday 16th July

Council meeting

Sunday 21st July

RYLA course 1 starts

Monday 22nd July

Dinner meeting

Friday 26th July

RYLA BBQ

Sunday 28 July

RYLA course 2 starts

Monday 29 July

Breakfast Meeting

Bottle Rota

Monday 8th July

Hywel Davies

Monday 15th July

Terry Dewan

Monday 22nd July

Anthony Edwards

Monday 29th July

Michael Evans

**Monday 5th
August**

Gareth Griffiths





Photo for the Month from Terry Dewan

Following a visit to wales by the musical director of Bramming Mandskor, Anders Rasmussen, the Brecon male choir was invited to Ribe in Denmark in may 2011. Ribe is the oldest town in Denmark celebrating its 1300th year in 2010 Anders is a talented musician and constructs pipe organs for the beautiful churches in Denmark such as the one at Sneum Church where the choir sang on 30th May 2011



FUN NIGHT 17TH JUNE

The fun night held at the home of Pat and Margaret Blake was a great success.

The evening was sunny and warm and many of the twenty four rotarians, partners and guests walked around the village of Llanfihangel-Nant-Bran continuing along the lanes until the insects beat us back. We returned and were handsomely fed by our hosts.

Peter Jenkins then produced a makeshift pig and the proceeds went towards the food and the rest to the charity account.



Peter doing his pig.



Stopping on the walk to look at the church.

The evening concluded with a special raffle, but unfortunately some of the assembled guests were disappointed that the flat screen TV, which was on the same table as the prizes, was not included!

Our thanks to Margaret and Pat for their hospitality and a wonderful evening.



SPEAKER'S CORNER

Our speaker in June was Mike Scott-Archer a historical author who lives in Brecon. He spoke about how communication took place 400 years ago in the Elizabethan and Stuart period when the population was mostly very poor and just about coped while business people tried to trade abroad. They were difficult times with Queen Elizabeth being protestant and Mary Queen of Scots, the pretender, being catholic as also was most of Europe. Spain, a strong country with Phillip II as king was particularly difficult to trade with. Elizabeth appointed Nicholas Bacon as the head of trade with Southern and Eastern Europe.

Two brothers by the name of Corsini, originally from Florence, set up a business in London at this time and their 3,500 letters describing trade were later found. Similarly in Italy from an even earlier period, thousands of the Datini letters were discovered 150 years ago. Among the items traded were elephant tusks, rhino horn and miscellaneous skins from Russia. Various couriers carried these letters from Southern to Northern Europe which was mainly protestant and often two copies were sent for safety reasons because of the possibility of attack on the couriers. Usually these letters took about 3 weeks to deliver from London to Italy. The cost of this service was a groat (4 old pence) by sea

and 6d to a shilling for delivery on horse back. Postage in Britain usually cost 2d if the distance was not too far. However, Mike showed a copy of a letter from the Lord Mayor of London to his agent in his home at Chirk Castle giving instructions that his tenants' corn should only be ground at his mill. The cost of this letter was 4d. Mike also showed a copy of a letter from Oliver Cromwell stating that he was refusing the offer to be crowned King but did not object to being called Lord Protector. Other letters of the period were also on show which the club were invited to examine. Mike was thanked by President Barry for his entertaining talk.

Maurice Parry

THE SUMMER SOLSTICE EXPERIENCE

This year we were expecting some 14 people to climb the Crug, but as the day approached and the weather forecast deteriorated, our numbers were reduced to 7 members and wives who braved the weather to see, or not to see, the sunset at the Crug.

Although not raining, it was colder than usual, but this did not dampen our spirits, which were in copious supply, and a really good time was had by all.



A bit windy

A new addition to the "gang" this year was Mike Stratford, who soon realised that arctic weather gear is a must on these occasions. Lets hope he is not put off for next time.

Our camp selection officer "Derek" chose our site, and it was apparent on our trip down that had he chosen a spot some 15 feet lower, the fowl weather gear would not have been needed.

Looking forward to next year when we hope to have a record number of willing mountaineers.



Photo: Joyce Jenkins



CHARTER NIGHT

Pat Blake, our new President, had made an inspired choice of speaker to follow his installation during Charter Night on 1st July. He



had invited Jason of Falconry UK to come to speak about the five exotic birds he had brought with him in cages of various sizes. Opportunities



for Rotarians to don the gauntlet and be photographed with one or other of the birds were legion. Pat himself



remembered his younger days with kestrels, and Jason called him forward to hold nearly all of the birds during his talk. The first bird he showed was an African White Faced Owl. It was tiny. Owls were not wise at all, he said, far from it. The next bird



was a Harris Hawk from America, the most popular bird for falconers these days apparently. Then we had the Tawny Frogmouth from Australia, which had the clever knack of blending into its surroundings. The Orlando Kestrel came next, and it had fake eyes in the back of its head to ward off predators. It also had the unique ability to see, using ultra violet rays. Lastly was the eagle owlet. Jason said

that all such birds in captivity believed they were human. It was necessary for them to thrive to think that, although he did not explain how he knew. Both they and those who posed with them will have made excellent pictures as reminders of an excellent evening at the George Hotel, Les, the Manager having appointed himself as the chef for the night.

Club guests for the evening were

The Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Matthew Dorrance and Catherine Slade.

President of Soroptimists Lyn Bugler and husband Michael.

President of Probus Club Merlin Roderick and wife Haulwen.

President of Crickhowell RC Allan Jones and wife Meryl.

Peter Jenkins

Photos: Andrew Wakley



CAPTION COMPETITION NO. 8



Photo: Curtesy of Andrew Wakley

Rules:

All you have to do is write a caption to the photograph on the left and either e mail it to captioncompetition@breconrotary.com or give it to the editor before the closing date.

The entries will be judged at the next Council meeting, and the caption thought to be the best (amusing or otherwise) will be announced in the next edition of Bruin. Should a council meeting not be planned for a particular month, the result for that month and the following month will be announced at the same time.

Entry to the competition is limited to Brecon Rotary members, their wives or partners and their children. Only one entry per person will be allowed.

Closing date for Caption Competition No.8 is Thursday 1st August 2013

CAPTION COMPETITION NO. 7

The winner of the last caption competition has not yet been decided as there has been no council meeting since the closing date.

ROBERT WOOD

It is with regret that we say goodbye to Bob, who for

personal reasons has resigned from the club.

Bob joined in 2003 and has contributed much to the club. We thank him for all the support he has given over the past 10 years; should he find he has time to continue in Rotary we would welcome him back.

In Next Months Issue

Pat Blake

For President's report

Brian Newman

Photo for the Month

Thanks to our Contributors



Barry Tomlinson

for past President's report



Terry Dewan

for Photo for the month



Maurice Parry

For Speakers report



Peter Jenkins

For Charter Night report



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for the rest