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Brecon Rotary Update Information News

Recent Activities

Rotary Youth Competitions

The Rotary **Young Chef** and **Young Musician Competitions** are four-stage national competitions to support and encourage development of cookery skills and musical talent open to full time students aged 11 to 17 years, of all abilities.

The winner of the Brecon Club round of the Young Chef Competition was Becky Matthews, who went forward to the Area 8 final held at Brecon High School, on Wednesday 1st February, 2017. The runner up was Victoria Bowen. Hayley Evans and Terry Dewan successfully organised the Area 8 final, which was won by the Abergavenny entrant.

The Brecon Club round of the Rotary Young Musician Competition was held on Saturday 14th January, 2017, at Christ College Y Neuadd Hall. The winner of the Vocal section was Lowri Bufton and the winner of the instrumental section was Anna Phillips, playing the harp. Both girls went on to represent Brecon at the Area Finals in Ebbw Vale on 4 February and won again! They then went to the District finals in Cardiff on 4 March and competed valiantly, but were beaten in a close-run competition.

Unfortunately, we had no entrants for either the Young Photographer or Young Writer competitions.



Lowri Bufton and Anna Phillips

New members



In February, two new members were inducted into the Club by President Mike Evans. They were Glyn Mathias (L), a journalist and ex-BBC and ITV news reader, who is a joining Rotary for the first time and Jeff Opland (R), a writer, who has transferred from Godalming Rotary Club.

Wishing Well

In February, Mike Evans and Mike Mellors braved the weather to empty the Rotary Wishing Well, in Bethel Square. A total of £167.15 was collected, together with several coins of various foreign denominations, buttons, counters, etc.!



Rotary collection for End Polio Now

On Friday, 24 March, Mike Evans, Jeff and Melanie Opland were out on the streets of Brecon selling button hole Crocus to raise money towards the Rotary International campaign to End Polio Now. A total of £158 was collected.



Brecon "Know Your Blood Pressure Day"

Anne Ingham co-ordinated with Dr Julia Bignell to raise a team to run this now annual event. On Saturday, 29 April, 2017, Club members invited passers-by into the Guildhall, to have a free blood pressure test, as part of the Stroke Awareness initiative.

Healthcare representatives from Brecon Hospital stroke unit were on hand to do the blood pressure test, offer advice and support, whilst Club members provided a cup of tea or coffee. During the 4 hours the service operated, 203 people were seen, of which at least 2 were referred for further investigation. In addition, £18.23 of donations were received.



Mayor Rosemary Evans having her blood pressure taken by Donna Herridge, Health Care Support Worker, Brecon War Memorial Hospital



Community Chest

Cath Quarrell came up with the idea for the Club to set up the “Community Chest” Small Grants Scheme to help community and voluntary sector organisations or groups, with projects that are of benefit to the wider community. The “Community Chest” provides non-recurrent grants of up to £500. It is intended that the projects are small-scale and provide opportunities for local people to be involved in their local community.

The closing date for the inaugural scheme was Sunday 7th May 2017 and 18 applications were received. A panel of Rotarians reviewed all the applications and as a result Brecon Rotary Club will be supporting the following 9 organisations with a total of £3,450: - Talgarth Luncheon Club, Brecknock Little Theatre, Brecon Volunteer Bureau, South Powys Youth Music, Brecon Prom Fest, take pART, Brecon Neuro Café (Stroke Association), Brecon Folk and More Club and 1st Brecon Scouts.

Fun Nights

To balance all the good works with some relaxation, the fun nights have been – February: a visit to the cinema; March: a visit to Wetherspoons to watch the Ireland v Wales rugby; April: a gin tasting evening courtesy of Hayley and May: a scatter week to local Clubs.

Speakers

We have been entertained by Glyn Mathias, on his career; John Powell, of Plan Brecon; Roger Reese, on his trip to Kwazulu Natal and Rob Davies, local table tennis Paralympian.

Rotary



Bottle Rota

- 5 June: Brian Birtles
- 12 June: Pat Blake
- 17 June: Hywel Davies
- 24 June: Terry Dewan
- 3 July: Anthony Edwards
- 7 July: Charter Night
- 10 July: Brian Ellam
- 17 July: Gareth Griffiths
- 24 July: Carol Herbert
- 31 July: Howard Hoare
- 7 Aug: John Hopkins
- 14 Aug: Owen Hughes
- 21 Aug: Anne Ingham
- 28 Aug: Bank Holiday

Dates for your Diary

- 5 June - Club Assembly and AGM
- 16 June - Usk House street collection
- 19 June - Fun night: BBQ at Anne's
- 21 June - Council Dinner
- 25 June - Summer Solstice on The Crug
- 26 June - Speaker John Webb
- 7 July - Charter Night
- 9 July - Nikki Grist Rally
- 18 July - Cecil Armitage Cup v Lions
- 23 July - RYLA first week
- 26 July - Council Meeting
- 21 August - Fun night: Bowls and Fish 'n' Chips
- TBC - Petanque v Crickhowell Rotary

Caption Competition



What was Mike M saying to Mike E ?

Entries to Carol Herbert by email
carol.herbert@propertyolutionsbrecon.co.uk to
be read out at a future meeting.....

