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BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

March/April

President ANTHONY EDWARDS
Vice President BOB WOOD

Notes from Rotary Council

The Club has an uncommitted cash balance on the Charity Account of £20,000. On the Admin Account the special levy has brought in £560 so far.

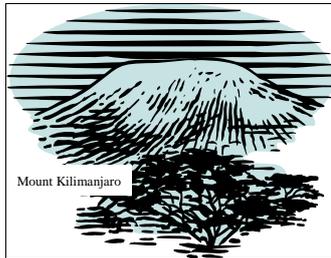
The Young Chef competition for 2010 has already taken place, much earlier than before, and we missed it.

The creation of a special Brecon Rotary tie is being closely researched. It is thought that 20 would be the right number to order.

Three members of Council attended a meeting about the Tenovus Caravan which it is hoped will be based in Brecon for Cancer Screening to save arduous journeys having to be made. There are no positive proposals as yet

Powys CC are seeking a renewal of the agreement first made 5 years ago for the maintenance of the recycling site at Cradoc.

Llanfaes School are hoping that it can attract funds to pay for a storage cupboard for sports and other equipment.



On February 21st the Club's speaker was Geoff Hughes, an eminent but now retired Prison Governor. Along with 15 Welsh RU Captains, he is aiming to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in September, and raise £10k for cancer charities. He spoke about the prison service saying that he had visited 100 of the 140 prisons there are in the UK. There are 4 categories, from the A type, housing high risk prisoners (Belmarsh is one) to the D type such as the Ford Open prison. There are 84,000 prisoners in jail, including 17,000 on remand, and the time spent in remand counts towards the completion of the eventual sentence. There are many prisoners on parole, and the worst of these are supervised by probation officers, and can be recalled. Geoff said that strenuous attempts are made to give educational opportunities to the inmates many of whom are illiterate. He ended by listing the rugby captains he is accompanying, and later that week, Council recommended that the club gives £250.

Events to which we are invited

5th March Big Quiz Night at Llan-gorse Village Hall in aid of Cancer Research Wales. (A team from this club has been entered.)

9th March BBC Question Time debate from Brecon with a panel of 4 MPs. Topics to include foreign affairs, M.O.D and Afghanistan. {Tell the President if you want to attend.}

21st May. May Ball organised by Crickhowell Rotary at the Manor Hotel. BlackTie. Music by Elastic Band. Ticket price £32. If interested contact Jeff Bull at jbull@fsmail.net Or mobile him on 017811381811

Forthcoming Events

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

8th March Young Musician. The Brecon Heat. To be held at Gwernyfed School. Time t.b.a. NOTE THIS IS INSTEAD OF DINNER AT THE GEORGE.

15th March Dinner at 7.30pm (NOT BREAKFAST) Business meeting

22nd March Dinner at 7.30pm Speaker Steve Flynn talking about the Police Helicopter Service and his planned cycle ride of 27th March

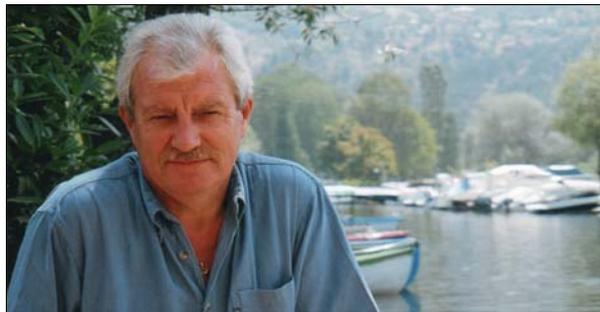
29th March Breakfast at 8am 5th April- Easter Break

12th April Dinner at 7.30pm Business meeting

19th April Breakfast at 8am 26th April. Dinner at 7.30pm Speaker Kevin Harding on the topic of Brecon Mountain Rescue.

The price of petrol/diesel per litre according to Morrisons at 1st March 2010
 Petrol 111.9p [c/f March 2009= 90.9p]
 Diesel 112.9p [c/f March 2009=99.9p]

Rotarian of the Month– 21
 Bob Wood



Bottle Rota

- 8th March-... Bob Wood
- 15th March... Mervyn Woodward
- 22nd March.. Geoff Woollorton
- 29th March.. Derek Adams
- 12th April. Pat Blake
- 19th April- Julia Blazer.
- 26th April. Pat Butler
- 17th May.....Handel Davies

Bob and Barbara were London based until Bob's retirement from the Metropolitan Police in 2000. After a year helping Albania on Police H.R., (which was a joke says Bob because the Albanians were no good at personnel issues), they started house-hunting in this direction to be near any surviving parents. (one still does, and lives with them now!). They spotted an advert for John Mallon's house at Aberyscir, and snapped it up at once. During his time with the Met, Bob mixed with the great and good, including Tony Blair twice (which category does he come under, we wonder? -ed). He has been Head of Security at the Palace of Westminster, but not then on the look-out for duck houses or moats, and has run three London Marathons. plus one great Northern Run. However, he cites as his main and lasting achievement meeting and marrying Barbara. Interestingly since children don't follow in their father's footsteps these days, both Bob's son and daughter joined the police, the latter having since emigrated to Oz and is training to become a midwife. Bob says he likes Brecon for its contrast to London. You can meet people you know and have time to talk to them too. He thinks Powys CC is a hopeless local authority and its plan to redevelop the market area nutty. However, if he had his way, he would demolish the ugly library building in Ship Street. As for Brecon Rotary, he says that it should continue, since it does too much good work not to. However, there is a section within the club who in his opinion are paying lip service to the obligations and values of Rotary, so maybe we'll see some fireworks next year when Bob becomes President. When thinking of favourite bits of music, Bob quotes Don Maclean's assertion in American Pie that 'music died on 31st December 1969', which is maybe why he so enjoys Bob Dylan's *Positively 4th Street*. His favourite sport is cricket, but Bob is also a ManU fan, and a follower of the Wales Rugby Team, having at one time bounced Eddie Butler on his knee, the latter being a child at the time (hopefully!). His most memorable holiday was in 1997 in Tobago, but not for the most obvious of reasons. He became entangled with a conman pretending to be a racing driver, returned home from a chaotic airport following a hurricane, saw to the repatriation and arrest of the said conman, but because away, escaped police duties for Princess Di's funeral. Bob thinks that the world is heading down the pan, and he feels sorry for coming generations. 'Take me back to the 60's' he says!



THE SNOWDROPS BEHIND CANTREF CHURCH



IN OZ



Bruin's Editor is missing from Brecon for a month, and so there won't be a separate April Bruin this year.



Wales 20 France 26 [sob!]