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## BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

### March 2011

President BOB WOOD  
Vice President DEREK ADAMS



#### SUPPORTING GOOD CAUSES

The Mayor of Brecon, David Meredith, held a Charity Ball and Banquet at Theatr Brycheiniog on Feb 18th in aid of two of his favourite charities, and we Rotarians had booked a table for ten. You will see them in this picture if you look carefully. (Our table was the one below the red balloons on the right.) The theatre seats had been mechanically conveyed to the space below the stage, and the erstwhile auditorium was transformed into an area festooned with silken drapes and with enough room for 12 tables, each for ten persons, Dancing to a loud but jolly band followed the rather good meal. It is understood that the Mayor raised over £4000 from this one event. His Variety Charity Concert is on 7th March at the Theatre, tickets cost £7..

#### BOTTLE ROTA

7th March-Clive LILLYWHITE  
14th March-John MALLON  
21st March-Brian MATTHEWS  
28th March-Nicholas MORRELL  
4th April—Brian NEWMAN

The price of a litre of petrol/diesel  
June 30th 2008 Petrol 118.9p; Diesel 133.9pence  
Feb 26th 2011; Petrol 128.9p Diesel 134.9pence

#### Forthcoming Events

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

Feb 28th-Dinner at Pilgrims 7 for 7.30pm with wives

March 5th. Young Musician Comp. at Christ College 7pm

March 7th-Dinner at 7.30pm followed by business meeting. 7pm

March 14th-Dinner at 7.30pm Speaker Phil Park National Trust in Wales

March 17th-Drama Festival at the Theatr

March 21st- Breakfast Meeting at 8am (only 6 turned up to the last Breakfast!)

March 24th-Council meeting at Geoff Wooltorton's home

March 28th- Dinner at 7.30pm Speaker from the Ghurka Demonstration Co

#### Points from Council 24th Feb 11

Council was toying with the idea of the Club sending £1000 to the Rotary Club of Christchurch in consequence of the earthquake in that city..

The Club will investigate the possibility of assisting International Teams with its project to provide an ambulance motorbike at Molo in Kenya by use of RI's matching grant process. Clive and Terry were thanked for their splendid efforts in conducting the Young Chef Competition this year.

## A Stereotype-the Rotarian

*Courtesy of one of the weekend newspapers, 'Cedric is the Big Society, if David Cameron did but know it. Cedric had quietly been doing kindly things within his community ever since he was invited to join the Rotary Club 30 years ago. It was a great honour for a young assistant bank manager in Worplesdon. His bride, Betty, was most impressed..Rotary was definitely superior to the Lions Club or the Round Table. Not so many lunches now, more's the pity, but the new President is moving with the times, indulging younger members with breakfast clubs and 8pm clubs so that young fathers can tuck their children up in beddy-byes. Very Nick Clegg. There is no supermarket outside which Cedric has not rattled a tin. He and Betty have tirelessly accommodated exchange students, and have attended a terrifying conference about drug abuse and gang culture. Never in Worplesdon, Cedric hopes.*



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This is the month of the unnamed Rotarian. He prefers to remain anonymous. He came to Brecon in the 1970's with his wife and two sons to set up his own business, definitely his most challenging role in life. Previously whilst working in London he had been a member of the Southgate Rotary Club. The boys were reluctant to move from the big city, but once here, wished to live nowhere else. They were able to continue their love of cricket, and were encouraged and made welcome by the Brecon Cricket Club. Our colleague served in the Malayan War with the RAF. It was during this time that a serious problem developed on Canberra Bombers (ie they kept crashing!) and because of his work in this field he was asked to advise. Unknown to him, he had been listed as the Far East Air Forces' Expert on gyroscopes (and he was only 20 at the time!). He solved the problem! This work opened up opportunities for him in the RAF and later in space programmes. After all, he does come from a military family. When asked about Brecon, he says that it is his home, and he has no desire to leave it. "We have three Welsh grandchildren. People pay to come from all over the World to visit Brecon, and we have the privilege of living here. It is a friendly Cathedral and Market Town set in wonderful surroundings". He goes on to say that he could offer advice to Highways on improving traffic conditions, but doubts if they would listen. He believes that Rotary is a force for good and that we all know that we need younger members. For sports interests, he would choose Arsenal and Liverpool for football, and Glamorgan CC and the English and Welsh Cricket Board's Internationals for cricket. The Six Nations has its fascination too because he has Welsh, English and Irish family connections. However, his own participatory game is table tennis. This Rotarian's most memorable ( busman's) holiday was when he and his wife were in Japan as guests of Honda. His favourite pieces of music are Mendelssohn's Fingal's Cave and Handel's Water Music, but his favourite song of all time is *A Nightingale Sang in Barclay Square* as sung by Vera Lynn. He thinks that the world today has been severely affected by the cheap markets of China and India, but expects that eventually wages and human rights will catch up . Without being political about it, he believes that the Coalition Government is the first that might just swing the UK away from its self-destructive drift. In essence, he is the optimistic pessimist.! Guess who! It's not too difficult