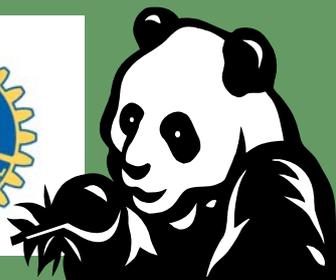
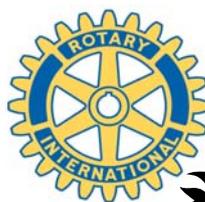


Bruin

District 1150



edited by peter.jenkins18@btinternet.com

BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

May 2009

President MAURICE PARRY
Vice President ANTHONY EDWARDS

Notes from Rotary Council

The Club has an uncommitted cash balance of £14000. This means that we will have spent as much as we have earned this Rotary Year.

Brecon and District Contact Association have written to say they have a deficit of £15000 and want help. Council has asked for more information.

The recent schools drama festival at the Theatre made enough profit to enable each participating school to be given £250 for school funds.

The President and Gareth Griffiths visited the Boxing Club in the Queen's Vaults and were impressed at the efforts of its organiser, Andrew Griffiths (no relation!) to instil discipline into the enthusiastic participants. They thought it a deserving cause.

Progress is being made in finding a suitable person and buddy to experience Operation Raleigh, which involves Tall Ship sailing for the handicapped. Cost to Rotary about £2000.

We may have a fund raising event to pay for the 50th Anniversary bash!



50TH ANNIVERSARY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2009

The Committee set up to work out how to mark our half century have so far suggested that the venue should be the Castle Hotel (our original meeting place) and that there should be about 20 guests and some suitable entertainment. Watch this space.



Goodbye Rob, Hello Ian

Rob Jones has left the George and now manages the Castle Hotel which has new owners. He has served us well over a number of years. The new manager of the George is Ian Spanswick, and we wish him every success.

Events to which we are invited

14th May at Bishop's Meadow at 7.30pm Soroptimists have an open meeting about Our Waste
10th June at Guildhall (ticket only)
Royal Navy Presentation 6.30pm for 7pm-names needed

Forthcoming Events

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

April 27th-Evening meeting 7.30pm. Speaker is Kathryn Roberts, Glassmaker of Brecon

May 4th-NO MEETING

May 9th-Young Musician Final at Millennium Centre 7pm £10.

May 10th-Car Boot Sale first of three. (proceeds to Help the Heroes). *List going around*

May 11th- Christian Aid Lunch at St Mary's Church from 12.30pm. You pay at least £6 for bread and cheese, a cup of tea or coffee and the fellowship of course.

May 17th-Vice president and future committee chairmen are invited to a Sunday morning in the Metropolitan University building, Swansea for a **Teach-in** on the next Rotary Year. An early rise is guaranteed, since it starts at 9am

May 18th-Evening meeting, with wives. The speaker is Ailsa Dunn who will also receive a Paul Harris Award

May 24th- Car Boot Sale second of three (proceeds to Rotary)

May 31st- Car Boot Sale (proceeds to Usk House)

Jun 1st- Evening Meeting 7.30pm. Business.

Jun 8th- Club Assembly and AGM 7.30pm



Bottle Rota

Apr 27th... Ian Richards
 May 11th... Terry Stephens
 May 18th.....Brian Strawford
 June 1st.....Barry Tomlinson
 June 8th....Mike Tompkinson

STROKE AWARENESS DAY-18th April

Last Saturday, the Guildhall had been made ready for the band of Rotarians and Nurses who prepared for an invasion of passers-by, press-ganged into the building by other Rotarians such as Mike Tompkinson, Anthony Edwards, Andrew Wakley & Handel Davies to have their blood pressure taken. Apparently, there were not as many people around the High Street as all that, and so it was considered a good effort that 200 people partook of the opportunity to find out if they should be heading for a visit to the surgery to prevent a possible stroke. Many-thanks to Gareth for organising Rotary and Ailsa Dunn for producing the Nursing Team £70 was raised.



Summer Equinox Picnic Sunday 21st June

We are reviving the plan to have a Rotary Picnic at the top of the Crug (weather permitting) on the longest evening of the year. It will start at 7.30pm. The easiest ascent is from the back road leading to Cradoc Golf Club. Bring your own bottle, and grub, of course. Partners and companions are invited.

Price of a litre of petrol /diesel at 25th April 09
 Petrol 95..9 pence Diesel 102.9 pence

Rotarian of the Month –11 TERRY STEPHENS



Terry was nearly a goner last Christmas time when he caught pneumonia after the serious operation he had experienced. Consequently, it is especially good to be able to feature him in this series and gladly, his health is gradually improving. Terry came to Brecon on marrying Lena in 1960, and finding Fennifach Farm as a suitable place in which to farm and raise a family. He is of local farming stock which goes back to the 1800's. Terry's son Bill (pictured above) is carrying on in the Fennifach tradition as a farmer, and his two other children are in farming too. Terry waxes lyrical about those sublime moments in early spring such as when he has been working on the land, and looks back at the field which he has just ploughed perfectly. He contrasts the time before the 70's when Brecon was an administrative centre, to now when it is busy, but perhaps with less purpose. Lena joins with Terry in praising what Rotary has offered them over the 31 years he has been a member of our Club. He realises that to continue to thrive, we have to be ready to change with the times, and thinks that we can do this successfully. Farming has been going through some bad times in recent years, but Terry is more optimistic about the future in spite of the grim financial predicament which faces the Western World. Good thinking, Terry!