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DISTRICT 1150

BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

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President ANTHONY EDWARDS
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CALLY CALLING

As we all know, November the 7th is the date for the 2009 Caledonian Market. It is usual for all Brecon Rotarians to provide six assorted bottles for the Bottle Stall. This can include tomato ketchup, shampoo, soft drinks or even Chanel Number 5! If you can provide a raffle prize too, so much the better.



How the ballroom at the Castle looked at our 50th Anniversary Bash (inset) one of the large table decorations which were donated anonymously.



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP (RYLA)



The Pres. Cyril Mayo, Robert Clark, Frances Hughes
On October 5th, the 3 excellent young people whom we sponsored to attend a RYLA week this year spoke to the Club. Cyril from Zimbabwe said that going to RYLA had made him a better person. Frances said she had been apprehensive at first, but had thoroughly enjoyed the caving, gorge walking, and mixing with people with "strong personalities". Robert said that he was leading a group of strangers through a cave when one of them had a claustrophobic attack and he and the others were able to make her conquer her fear and then she led them out.

Forthcoming Events

PLEASE TELL THE GEORGE HOTEL IF YOU ARE NOT COMING TO A MEETING (01874-623422) or E mail on enquiries@george-hotel.com

Nov 2nd-Business meeting with Dinner 7.30pm

Nov 6th/7th Caledonian Market

Nov 9th.Caledonian Dinner 7.30pm

Nov 16th. Breakfast Meeting 8am

Nov 23rd.Dinner Meeting with Speaker.

Nov 28th Brecon Christmas Fair

(volunteers required to raffle soft toys)

Nov 30th Breakfast again 8am

Dec 7th. Business meeting with dinner 7.30pm



Bottle Rota

Nov 2nd	Gerald Jones
Nov 9th	Clive Lillywhite
Nov 16th	John Mallon
Nov 23rd	Brian Matthews
Nov 30th	Nick Morrell
Dec 7th	John Nancarrow

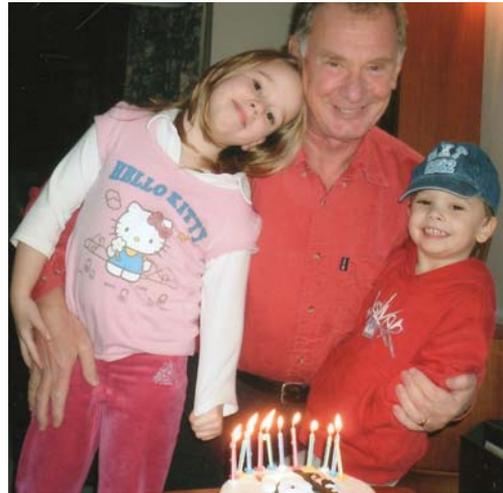
POINTS FROM COUNCIL

Those attending Council on Thursday 22nd October were jerked out of any apparent complacency by Rotarian Mike Tompkinson. He berated them for allowing items to be brought to Club and passed through on the nod. What had happened to the social calendar, he asked, or the occasional dinners at establishments other than the George Hotel? As a result of his criticisms, aimed at making Rotary more interesting, it was decided that in future, Committee Chairmen would speak to the Club at business meetings about the section of the minutes which related to their Committee, that decisions of Club would be minuted, that a social committee would be formed of Rotarians willing to be co-opted to it, and that there would be other venues investigated for the occasional meal away from our headquarters. Other topics included a warning that the next round of the quiz was at Abergavenny to take place before the end of November, and that two applicants were being sought to go on the Group Study Exchange visit to Sydney in February 2010.



Price of a litre of petrol /diesel at 26th October Petrol 105.9pence Diesel 107.9 pence

Rotarian of the Month –17 BRIAN NEWMAN



To be born in Abergavenny, then move to Aberbeeg and attend the grammar school at Abertillery is perhaps a good preliminary for coming to Aberhonddu, which is what Brian did in 1988 when he was appointed the Manager of the Talgarth branch of the Natwest Bank. Before that, he had started working as a drayman with a local brewery (hence his passion for driving lorries around the country), then joined the banking profession, and side-lined as a coastguard whilst being with the bank in Swansea. He was ultimately Senior Business Manager for the NatWest covering the whole of Breconshire and Radnorshire, semi retiring in 2001, but properly in 2007. Brian cites his main achievements as having his daughter and two grandchildren living happily nearby in Llanfaes, and having been in charge of a successful coastguard cliff rescue team with all the risks involved. He says that he cannot think of a better place to live in than Brecon because it is a small town with amenities which larger towns would give their eye teeth for. It is upsetting to hear residents who were born here complaining about it. One thing which in his opinion would improve the town centre is pedestrianisation, to make it more enjoyable for both visitors and local people, but we all know that the planners say that this would encourage loutish behaviour at night. Brian states that he thoroughly enjoys being in Brecon Rotary and he expects it to continue as a successful club for many years. His attendance for 20 years at District meetings tells him that our club is held in good stead by its peers. What we should concentrate on he thinks is to recruit active new members aged in their fifties, since younger ones have too many other pressures on them these days. For music Brian favours two contrasting styles, Welsh Male Voice Choirs and Motown. Predictably, his favourite sports teams are Wales and Ospreys RUC. For a good holiday, he can recommend taking the train through the Canadian Rockies and the boat to Alaska. As many grandfathers do, he worries about the spread of terrorism and climate change. It used to be nukes, didn't it!