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## NEWSLETTER OF BRECON ROTARY CLUB

### Forthcoming events

#### Monday 14 November

Speaker meeting

#### Saturday 19 November

Rotary stand at Brecon With Bells On

#### Monday 21 November

Fun night; quiz at Black Cock Inn

#### Monday 28 November

Breakfast meeting

Evening; council meeting

#### Monday 5 December

Business meeting and special AGM

#### Monday 12 December

Christmas dinner meeting; evening

#### Monday 19 December

Carol concert; St Mary's Church; 7.00pm come along and sing Christmas carols; we will be joined by The Brecon Singers and South Powys Youth Orchestra

### Brecon Rotary welcomes new members

On Monday 7 November, 2 new members were inducted into Brecon Rotary by President Cath Quarrell. A very warm welcome to Rhian and Rob Marshall:-



### Autumn fun and fund raisers

Brecon Rotary Club has had a busy autumn. We have had regular stands at various Saturday markets, mainly selling plants but also quality used items. These events and the Wishing Well in Bethel Square have continued to raise funds for local good causes.

Carol is busy finding different venues for Monday meetings. Members very much enjoyed a great fun night at the Rugby Club; board games were played with much hilarity, followed by a delicious meal. The Purple for Polio evening was celebrated at the Hop-Inn.

## Foodbank collections

The October collections for Brecon Foodbank have been completed. Pupils and parents



from Crickhowel High School, Llangynidr Primary School, Mount Street Infants and Brecon High School donated large quantities of food and other essential items. Rotarians Roger, Pat, Howard, Anne & Janet collected these items & transported them to the Brecon Foodbank where they were gratefully received. Thanks to all those who donated and transported and also to the lower sixth pupils at Brecon High School who helped carry the items to members' cars.

## Charity Calendar

The Brecon Rotary 2023 charity calendar has sold exceptionally well & almost all copies have gone. Costs have been covered and monies raised for good causes.

## Spotlight on Hayley Ridge-Evans

Hayley has lived in the Brecon area for almost 40 years. Her father was in the Forces so she spent most of her early years abroad, attending schools in Hong Kong, Germany, Northern Ireland and Hampshire, before arriving in mid Wales.

After leaving school, Hayley went on a catering course at the Coleg Howell Harris School and returned later to study Business & Finance. More recently she completed an HNC in Management & Leadership with Swansea University.



When not working or studying, Hayley loves to walk her dogs, with husband Mike and to bake, although not at the same time!

Her baking skills resulted in Hayley being the runner up in a cooking competition with National Young Farmers at Stoneleigh. Hayley likes a City Break and exploring new places in the UK.

She describes her job as challenging, exciting, life-changing, enabling and rewarding. She sees first-hand how the help and support Prime Cymru give to older people can help them take steps forward that they may never have had the confidence to take without their intervention. PRIME Cymru has a dedicated team of Volunteer Mentors and Development Officers who facilitate this support.