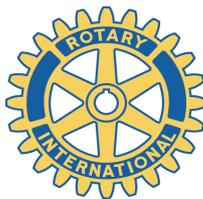


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BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

October 2008

President MAURICE PARRY
Vice President ANTHONY EDWARDS

MEMBERSHIP

On September 1st at our business meeting, Hywel Davies and Terry Stephens spoke up for the notion that every rotarian should name a likely new recruit, (preferably young) and thereby revivify the Club. However, Terry Dewan, Membership Cttee Chairman prefers the objective to increase our actual numbers by 5 before 30th June next year.

Anyone of us who encounters a likely prospect, please mention this to Terry D as soon as



The Caledonian Market is on November 1st, at NOON, but volunteers are required before then to distribute leaflets, find other volunteers from amongst their friends and relations, and sort items into categories. If you can help in anyway from 10th October, please contact Gareth (0797111094) or Handel (07812073747). It is the custom to bring six bottles per rotarian for the bottle stall, and cakes if you can. Be there!

On October 13th, there is to be a Golf Match between our Club and the Rotary Club of Crickhowell at Cradoc Golf Club. starting at noon., after



which Rotarians from that club will join us for the evening meeting.

OUR CAR BOOT SALES IN 2009

It is recommended that we have THREE (not two) Car Boot sales on the Military Field next year. The proceeds of one will go to Usk House, another to *Help the Heroes*. (This is the new charity set up to help the wounded returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.) and the third for Rotary Charities/The actual dates will be supplied by Handel in due course



Forthcoming Events

Oct 6th-Quiz v Ebbw Vale
Oct 13th-Janet Lewis Jones
Oct 20th-Indoor Bowls v Probus at Leisure Centre
Oct 27th-RYLA students
Nov 1st-Caledonian Market
Nov 2nd-The Clearing Up
Nov 3rd-Cally Dinner
Nov 24th-speaker
Nov 29th-Christmas Fayre
Dec 1st-Special AGM
Dec 15th -Xmas Dinner
Dec 22nd Christmas lunch
Dec 22nd -Rotary Concert

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Bottle Rota

- September 29th- Andrew Wakley
- October 6th- Bob Wood
- October 13th- Mervyn Woodward
- October 20th- Geoff Woollorton
- October 27th- Derek Adams
- November 3rd- Pat Butler
- November 10th- Handel Davies
- November 17th- Hywel Davies
- November 24th- Terry Dewan

Black Tie Boxing

Derel has told us about a Charity Event at Deri g Lines It is in aid of *Her the Heroes* and takes place on Thursday 21st November. An evening of boxing has been arranged between the Army and Wales. This promises to be an interesting and atmospheric event. If 10 rotarians and their friends booked a table for 10, the cost would be £450. Dress is black tie.



Quinton Car Rally
 The Four Rotarians who braved the elements to sell programmes to the supporters of this Eppynt Rally and raised nearly £400 were Mike Tompkinson, John Nancarrow, Terry Stephens, and Anthony Edwards.

Snippets

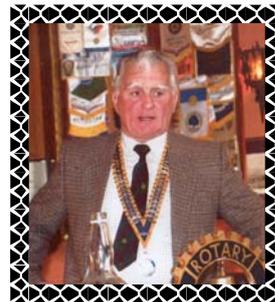
We have donated a lap top computer to *Crossroads* to enable the personal details of clients to be accessed on the doorstep. Don't tell the data protection police! Clive expects all four secondary schools in the area to participate in the Drama Festival at the Theatre on 19th March 2009. He is having a CCTV installed in the rehearsal room so that those not performing yet can see those who are. That's a good idea!

We have quite a lot of Charity money (£13500) to spend. Good causes, where are you?



Where did the Rotary footpath go on 5th September after all that rain !? It is back to normal again now.

**Rotarian of the Month –4
 BRIAN STRAWFORD**



It is thirteen years since Brian was President of the Club, and this photograph dates from then. He has lived in Brecon for 49 years when he was promoted by the Agricultural Feed Manufacturer he worked for at the time. His main achievement since then, he says, has been surviving financially as a self employed entrepreneur under the British tax system! He is the owner of a successful caravan park near Llan-gorse Lake. Brian has three daughters, all graduates, all married and all living abroad. In consequence, he and Jill have 5 granddaughters and 1 grandson. Brian admits to having negative thoughts about Brecon these days, much of its charm in his eyes having disappeared. However, he says that he has enjoyed Brecon Rotary immensely, and agrees that we did need to re-invigorate the club, as we have started doing. If asked to choose a favourite piece of music, Brian thinks of hymns, and in particular “How Great Thou Art”. He has no trouble in selecting Gwent Dragons as his favourite sports team, since he played for Newport RFC when younger! A holiday that he will always remember was when he co-piloted a light aircraft from Sydney to Hobart with an Aussie friend Hugh, stopping overnight at Flinders Island in the Tasman Sea. Joined by Jill and Hugh’s wife, they went on to the huge Melaleuca Wilderness in Tasmania. Brian has visited various Rotary Clubs using his own aeroplane as a means of reaching them, and his rotary badge has wings on it. One thing he wouldn’t tell you is that he learnt how to use chopsticks at Darling Harbour in Sydney; and maybe that’s when he started eating Chinese meals too!

Price of a litre of petrol /diesel at 18th September
 Petrol 109.9pence Diesel 120.9pence