



# BRUIN

## Brecon Rotary Update Information News



Derek Adams presenting cheque to Penmaes D of E Award students  
Photo: courtesy of Hannah Morgan - Penmaes School

### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians,

Unfortunately I missed a really good evening at The South Wales Borderers Museum on Monday evening, thanks go to Derek for organising the visit and meal afterwards, and to Pat for standing in for me on the night.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September I asked the Immediate Pass President to present the cheque for £1,000 to Penmaes School as you could say it was his BABY, Maurice and myself also attended the presentation.

If you haven't checked Bruin or the web site yet you will see that Clive has our diary fully up to date.

Maurice's speaker in late September had the option to join in on the youth evening but the young lady opted to speak alone about the sponsored trip to Cambodia. (See separate report)

We will need helpers at the World Trade Fair held again in the Guild Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Golf day on 8<sup>th</sup> with Crickhowell, ending with a dinner at 6.30pm for all Rotarians at Cradoc Golf Club.

For the 15<sup>th</sup> October Youth/International Evening, it is hoped that the DG and Assistant DG will attend.

Originally the DG was away at a conference, it is now possible that he may return early and Terry Dewan is providing both himself and the ADG with the agenda for the evening. If this is the case then it is likely that the DG visit planned for the 19<sup>th</sup> November will be cancelled.

The team are working hard for the Caledonian Market on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, please volunteer to Andrew or any of his team to collect, man stands, volunteer loved ones as usual, also remembering to put all helper names down for the dinner on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours in rotary fellowship

Barry

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 1st October**

*Business meeting*

**Saturday 6th October**

*World Trade Fair - Brecon*

**Monday 8th October**

*Cradoc Golf Club Day & Dinner*

**Monday 15th October**

*Youth Night - Buffet*

**Monday 22nd October**

*Dinner - Speaker*

**Thursday 25th October**

*Council meeting*

**Monday 29th October**

*Breakfast meeting*

**Saturday 3rd November**

*Caledonian Market*

**Monday 5th November**

*Caledonian Dinner*

### Bottle Rota

**Monday 1st October**

*Mike Stratford*

**Monday 8th October**

*Brian Strawford*

**Monday 15th October**

*Barry Tomlinson*

**Monday 22nd  
October**

*Andrew Wakley*

**Monday 29th  
October**

*Robert Wood*





### Photo for the Month from Nick Morrell

This is a picture of Cathy and me standing at the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge on 23 July 2012. It may not be the greatest picture of us ever taken, but it holds some special memories.

Our trip down under this summer coincided with my 60th birthday, and to mark the event our daughter, Sarah, bought us a gift voucher for a bridge climb. So no chance of backing out.

The climb took about 3 ½ hours, and we were in a group of 12 with a very

enthusiastic leader. We were kitted out with a special Bridge Climb jump suit and a very stylish hat! We wore a safety harness which was attached to a continuous static line running the full length of the climb. After walking and climbing mesh catwalks, climbing up and down four flights of near-vertical ladders, stepping over, ducking under and squeezing through numerous girders, and finally climbing 465 steps on the arches, we reached the top, 134 metres above Sydney Harbour. Our reward was to stand on top of an Australian icon, with a view of one of the most stunning panoramas in the world.

I won't deny that we both had a few wobbly moments, but what can you expect when Lonely Planet describes the climb as "one of the world's top ten adrenaline rush experiences".

Nobody explained what to do if you get caught short half way through the climb, but perhaps that's best left to the imagination.

### HUNTINGDON HOUSE BBQ

5 members and 4 partners of Brecon Rotary Club attended the Huntingdon House BBQ on Sunday 9th September, arranged by Paul Martin as a thank you for our support in providing equipment for use on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

### WISHING WELL

Our wishing well in Bethel Square has undergone a face lift after part of it was found to be a possible health and safety issue.

The wording "Brecon Rotary wishing well - proceeds to local charities" replacing the old lettering will be added in



The well before the near future, with the grid receiving a fresh coat of paint. Thanks to Mike Stratford for his work on this.



and after  
If anyone has a fun workable way for the public putting money in the well, Mike would like to hear from you.

**SPEAKERS CORNER**

The Speaker at September's meeting was Megan Jones, a law student at Cardiff University. Our club had helped her to defray expenses while she went to teach in Cambodia for a month. This opportunity arose because her father is International Missions Director for Elim Pentecostal Church.

Cambodia has a population of just over 14 million, is extremely poor and people trafficking (kidnapping of people and especially children) is rife and 10-20,000 females resort to prostitution and they are mainly between 12 to 17 years of age.

When Pal Pot was in control he tried to keep the country self sustaining by farming and encouraging family orientated small businesses but successive cruel regimes carried out genocide so that Megan observed that there were no middle aged people - just the young and very old.

She worked in a day centre at Phnom -Penh providing safety for children while their parents went out to work. She taught English (and a little Welsh) and Elim have helped to build a new school in a village called On Doug just outside Phnom-Penh. This is built on stilts because of frequent flooding in the area.

The Kmer rouge regime still abuses the population but the future is slowly improving with the centre employing a staff of 15, including teachers, between the ages of 19-35.

The club were impressed with Megan's presentation and were very pleased to contribute to her worth while visit.

*Maurice Parry*

**A FIRST FOR BRECON ROTARY**



*The Sennybridge Show with 3 of the 13 rotarians who helped at either or both shows. PLEASE NOTE THE LACK OF RAINWEAR AT THIS SHOW!  
Photo: Gareth Griffiths*

Brecon Rotary took stand space at both the Brecon County Show and The Sennybridge Show this year, to raise the awareness of rotary in the local area. Inside the Shelterbox tent, Mike Stratford has produced a comprehensive display about Shelterbox and Brecon Rotary club activities. The information is in the form of A3 sheets that can be mix and matched to suit the particular event.

A competition to guess the number of balls in the green box was held at both to encourage visitors on to the stand and with the persuasive help of Peter Jenkins in particular, many ventured into the tent.

We were awarded best non agricultural stand at the Sennybridge show, (Mike is proudly wearing the rosette in the photo.) Thanks to all those who turned up to man the stand on both days

The display material will be used twice next month at the World Trade Fair and the Youth evening.

**THE COMPETITION THAT HAS FINALLY GONE AWAY!**

After a very impressive and slick presentation given by our guest speaker, Megan Jones, there was a distinct groan reverberate around the room as our President Barry announced that we were to be given the results of the much advertised competition in the July edition of Bruin by yours truly!

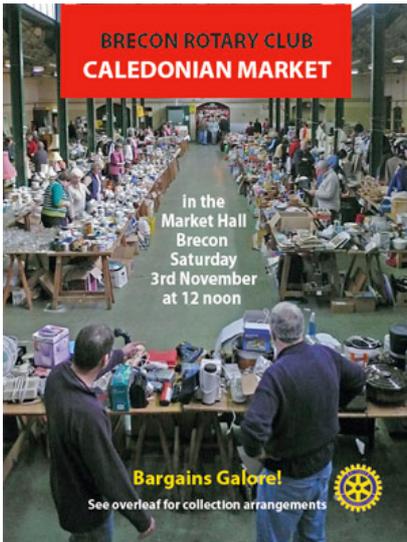
Not to be phased by this unexpected but predictable outburst, I prepared myself for the worst.(Now that I have a captive audience I will not let them cut short my quickly assembled presentation I thought to myself.)

One by one we navigated through the questions, with some of the audience eagerly awaiting the answers while others heckled.

After some 15 minutes, which by the way, included the 6 minute video about Shelterbox, the time had come to announce the winner, who, unfortunately for me, was not even present, however Mike Stratford accepted the prize on behalf of Alison who along with Liz Griffiths were the two ladies out of the 7 entries I had received.

I hope that everyone present found something interesting in the competition, which after all was only meant to be a bit of fun!!

For anyone who was not present the results are on page 5.



**GET READY FOR THE BIG DROP**

All members should soon, or have already, received the Caledonian flyer above, delivered direct to your post box by Royal Mail.

Thanks to Andrew for his efforts and for saving the club more expense by taking the leaflets in person direct to the distribution centre in Warrington. He would be very interested to hear from anyone who does not receive one!

Thanks also to Lesley for the great design.

**MEMBERS NEWS**

On behalf of the club, I wish to send Gareth, Liz and family our best wishes and very much hope that he will be back to full fitness very soon.

If we can help in any way you know you only have to ask.

**SOUTH WALES BORDERERS MUSEUM VISIT**

Monday 17th September saw another Fun night organised by Derek Adams. Twenty three of us descended on the South Wales Borderers Museum at the barracks Brecon, and were met by the curator Bill Cainan.

After a brief introduction into the history of the Royal Welsh regiment of Wales, he drew our attention to the substantial medal collection, approaching nearly 3000, with the Victoria Cross case displaying no less than 16 replicas of this medal. The originals, although part of the regiments collection, are kept out of sight safely under lock and key due to the immense value of the collection.

We then assembled in the Zulu war room, where Bill gave a concise and extremely interesting account of the Zulu war of 1879, highlighting the differences between the official account and the film reconstruction made in 1964, along with a demonstration of the weapons used at the time and described in graphic detail the injuries received, always resulting in death.



*Bill Cainan preparing to repel boarders - not borderers!  
Photo: Clive Lillywhite*

After a vote of thanks given by our Senior Vice, Pat Blake, we adjourned to the Clarence for a fish & chip supper, rounding off another enjoyable and informative evening.

**In Next Months Issue**

**Bob Wood**  
Photo for the Month

**Terry Dewan**  
Youth Update

**Brian Newman**  
Walk in Wales no 2

**Andrew Wakley**  
Caledonian Countdown

**Thanks to our Contributors**



**Barry Tomlinson**  
Letter from the president



**Nick Morrell**  
for Photo of the Months



**Maurice Parry**  
for Speakers report

**COMPETITION CORNER - ANSWERS NO.1**

1. A Sousaphone  
URL <http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/Welcome.html>
2. A £10  
URL <http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/180711.html>  
[http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/Bruin\\_files/Bruin%20July.pdf](http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/Bruin_files/Bruin%20July.pdf)
3. A Henrhyd Waterfall 90 feet  
URL [http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/The\\_Area.html](http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/The_Area.html)
4. A The castle and town walls  
URL <http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/Brecon.html>
5. A Andy Relf  
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6. A Josie Thompson  
URL [http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/Young\\_Chef\\_Gallery/Pages/Young\\_Chef\\_2012.html#1](http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/Young_Chef_Gallery/Pages/Young_Chef_2012.html#1)
7. A The Mountain Centre  
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8. A Walking boots, wellington boots, waterproofs/wetsuit  
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10. A 2 - Annie Rose Metcalfe & Rosemary Evans  
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11. A Tuesday  
URL [http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/Area\\_9.html](http://www.breconrotary.com/Rotaryclub/Area_9.html)
12. A Tuesday 28th February at Mike Stratford's  
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14. A Group 2  
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19. A Keith Rofe  
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21. A March 2011  
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