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DISTRICT 1150

BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

September 2009

What the Brecon & Radnor Express reported on
24th September 1959, 50 years ago
[The Walk of a Good Rotarian down the Street](#)



A large gathering of Rotarians from many parts of South Wales and some from North Wales assembled at the Castle of Brecon Hotel on Monday on the occasion of the charter night presentation of the Brecon Rotary Club. The Presentation of the Charter of Membership (No 894) in Rotary International was made to the Founder President Gwynne Thomas by RI Rep G Howard Penzer. Mr Penzer said he had seen the growth of a club that would make itself felt in the Rotary life of the District. The Brecon Club had been in existence for just over six months and had already been doing good work. He told the foundation members present " The Charter Night is an occasion when members should meet and enjoy their fellowship together . If you should have the privilege of being founder members the time has come when you must accept greater responsibility as Rotarians. The future lies with you and your members. May you be greatly blessed in all your endeavours in this, the Rotary Club of Brecon." In response, Mr Jack Pride of Bath, representing all 40000 Rotarians of Great Britain and Ireland said " **The walk of a good rotarian down the street would be the finest advertisement for Rotary in Brecon. Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, but sticking together is success.**"

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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

Aug 31st... NO MEETING bank holiday

Sept 7th-Business meeting 7.30pm

Sept 14th-Evening meeting RYLA participants invited to join us 7.30pm

Sept 21st-Breakfast 8am

Sept 23rd-The half-centenary Dinner.

At the former venue of CASTLE OF BRECON HOTEL. 7pm for 7.30pm black tie.

Sept 28th- Evening meeting and Quiz (versus Abertillery).Buffet 7.30pm wives invited

Sept 30th Indoor bowls versus Probus Time to be announced later.

Oct 5th-Evening meeting 7.30pm

ANYONE FOR
NEW ZEALAND IN 2011?

If you are thinking of going to the Rugby World Cup, and want some accommodation near Wellington, contact Harold Tong before 30th Sept at <http://rotarydistrict9940rugbyhosting>.



The Foundation Rotarians of 1959

G F Ball	D K Jones
T W Black	W D Lowe
R L Coppock	S Mayall
G W Davies	J Morrell
H W Davies	J S Rhys
J P Evans	G C J Selwyn
J L Harpur	G Thomas
B Hill	W R Toomey
L J Hogarth	J W R Walters
W F Hutchinson	R J Wells
C Jenkins	W G Whiteman
C J Jones	L R Williams
	T G Winstone

President ANTHONY EDWARDS
Vice President PAT BUTLER

SAMARITANS

On 24th August, Brian Simpson OBE FRSA spoke to the Club about his work with the Brecon and Radnor branch of the Samaritans. It costs £20,000 to run it. His two messages were that the Samaritans nationally operate 24/7, and that they are always looking for volunteers, who would receive proper training as a matter of course. In the UK in a typical year, Samaritans would endure 90,000 hours of listening. 18 per cent of the calls are from people contemplating suicide. In his other life, Brian has had a career with Dunlop, has written two books, is chairman of patrons for the Hay Festival and received his OBE for services to Welsh Industry. He was warmly thanked by Rotarian Gareth Griffiths

Rotarian of the Month -15

NICK MORRELL



Nick moved to Brecon from Kings Lynn when he was six months old, and was a mere seven when his father became one of the founder members of the Club. When asked to pick out a memorable achievement, he cites running the London marathon, (and not just once), more so because he was a dedicated non-athlete at school. Nick is impressed with the wonderful amenities that are to be had in Brecon, but thinks that it has lost its identity with the removal of the livestock market from its centre. He says that the new road system has made the traffic flow worse, and actively discourages people from stopping here. As for the Rotary Club of Brecon which he joined in his mid-thirties, he enjoys it immensely. However, like most clubs and voluntary organisations these days he realizes it is struggling to attract new members, especially young ones. He expects the club to start downsizing, but believes that the enthusiasts amongst us will ensure that the Club can maintain its current level of service activities. Nick likes most forms of music, but particularly when he attends a live performance. His hair-standing-on-the-back-of-the-neck experience was to hear Nessun Dorma with full orchestra and choir on the steps of Amalfi Cathedral. Nick prefers to play sport, (well golf anyway, at which he is pretty good) rather than watch it, but confesses to enjoying athletics and motor racing on the box, and attending the occasional golf tournament. His most memorable holiday was when with nine members of his immediate family he went to California to help celebrate his parents' golden wedding anniversary. In ruminating on the world condition, he thinks that it is no more dangerous now than it has ever been, but he is concerned at the possibility of some rogue state or terrorist organisation blowing us all to kingdom come by gaining access to nuclear weapons. He is also concerned at the level of immigration in the UK, sensing that it might enable right wing activists to fuel racial conflict given the rising levels of unemployment which we are facing at present. Nick's pragmatism is evident in this contribution, isn't it.

RECORDS BROKEN AT BRECON COUNTY SHOW

Extract from the B & R 24th September 1959

An estimated 10,000 people attended the Brecon Show on Saturday at Newton Farm, for which there was a record entry of livestock. The reporter said "There was a complete contrast to the condition of last year's show when days of heavy rain caused the showfield to be churned up into a mud bath."



OMNIBUS CRASH

Extract from the B&R 24th September 1959

Just after midnight on Monday night, a 36 seater omnibus crashed into a house at the junction of Free St and Little Free St and did considerable damage. The vehicle was full with passengers returning from a trip to Blackpool. The occupants of the house, Mr & Mrs Victor Williams were asleep at the time of the accident. 5 passengers were taken to Brecon War memorial Hospital, but only Irene Havard of Abercrave was detained.

An Elston ad showing the lowest priced family car £494.2s 6d



Showing at the Coliseum Cinema (Tel Brecon 101) **THE SEEKERS** starring Jack Hawkins and Glynis Johns also **DRUMS ACROSS THE RIVER** with Audie Murphy ...and at the Palace Cinema (Tel Brecon 101) **SABU AND THE MAGIC RING**

Price of a litre of petrol /diesel at 31st |August
Petrol 105.9 pence Diesel 105.9 pence

Bottle Rota
Sep 7th-Richard Doylend Sept21st Ingrid Gallagher
Sep 14th-Anthony Edwards Sep28th Gareth Griffiths