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## BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

### September 2010

President BOB WOOD  
Vice President DEREK ADAMS



For the first time ever, the Brecon Show took place on the same week-end as the Brecon Jazz Festival. The jury is out on whether this was a good idea, but both events were reasonably well attended

Above is the winning donkey, and to the side the renowned Buena Vista Social Club Singer, Omara Portuondo. Both performed with great panache, although the latter was easily the most enthusiastic.



### Forthcoming Events

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL THE GEORGE HOTEL IF YOU ARE NOT COMING TO A MEETING (01874-623422)

Aug 30th NO MEETING

Sep 6th-Business Mtg at 7.30pm

Sep 12th- invites all plus wives, H O M E noon until President of us, to an AT from 2pm



Sep 13th Dinner at 7.30pm

Sep 20th NO MEETING

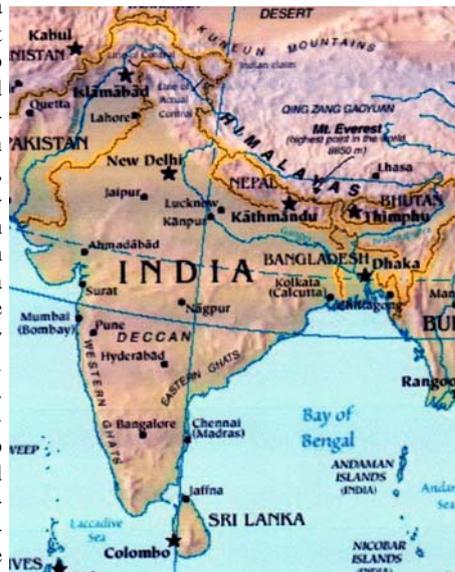
Sep 23rd. Crickhowell 7.30pm

Sep 27th Dinner 7.30pm We are hosting the GSE Team with other clubs invited. Be there!

Oct 18th Golf -see overleaf

### WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE, NOR ANY DROP TO DRINK

With the topicality of the Pakistani Floods in mind, Speaker Secretary Pat Butler decided to go into bat himself with a most interesting talk (with slides) about Bangladesh. He had been there in 2007 dealing with the serious flooding that took place in that country. Who knew before he spoke, that Bangladesh which is only the size of England and Wales, has a population of 160 million people and its highest points are mostly only about five metres above sea level. Because the monsoon season is not yet over, Pat said that he expected there to be similar problems there to be occurring at present. He said he had worked for the World Social Welfare Programme (HDP), in conjunction with the World Social Welfare Programme (HDP), for cattle and goats and poultry assisted in distribution. There is a lot of corruption found that he had to sack a whole round. Weeks after the rains, the country was hit by the Bay of Bengal. were displaced in one night. devastated with devastating results. Clinic Pat showed a photo of snakes, tigers and Twice feeding 25,000 farm-land The main job of feed-Health Organisation and the There was no fund raising these disasters, but meanwhile 20 million civil servants are employed to oversee the distribution system and keep paper records- a job creation programme with a vengeance perhaps!





## Bottle Rota

6th Sept Brian Newman  
 13th Sept.. Morlais Owens  
 20th Sept– Mike Oxnard  
 27th Sept--Maurice Parry  
 4th Oct-....Ian Richards

### Points from Council Meeting 26th August

A Golf Competition with Crickhowell RC has been arranged for Monday October 18th, and we shall be dining at the Golf Club at 7pm that evening, normal pricing

Two aquaboxes with filters have been sent to Pakistan at a cost of £500 already. Council felt that Club would support the sending of two more urgently, (anyone objecting should do so to the President quickly)

The usual Rotary Christmas puddings will be made available again. Cwmbran Vale, the Club which supplies them sends its considerable profits ( £70k over 4 years) to the Charity which clears away mines from old battle zones.

There are new rules for obtaining Foundation Grants which effectively mean that Clubs need to work together on big projects.

Soroptimists have their annual dinner at the Manor Hotel on 19th October. Any member of this club willing to pay is invited.



One of the floral arrangements at the Annual Flower Festival at the Plough Chapel to coincide with the Brecon Jazz Festival weekend. Compare our good solid wheel with the drape belonging to the Lions!

Price of a litre of petrol /diesel at 27th August  
 Petrol 114.9 Diesel 116.9 pence

### Rotarian of the Month –25 HOWARD HOARE



This picture of Howard and Cherie was taken outside Buckingham Palace when Howard was in his heyday as Chief Nursing Officer in the West Midlands Health Authority for 12 years, a far cry from his beginnings at Pontymister near Risca. In between, he joined the Royal Artillery Band at Woolwich, and enjoyed playing the bassoon ,piano, symbals and double bass for 14 years. He always vowed to come back to live in Wales sometime, which he did in 1995. When asked what he saw as his main achievement he jokes that he had survived three mothers-in law , but actually to have been in the army, and then changed course completely, obtaining his qualifications as a state registered nurse and a registered mental nurse must count for something. When at the Hollymoor Hospital in Leeds, he was a specialist in obsessions and phobias, and remarks that the only obsessions they said nobody could cure were nicotine and golf.! Howard has three children, two of them living in Australia . His step daughter, a St Helens RL fan is a Psychiatric Nurse. Howard says that he loves Brecon, but wishes that they would just leave it alone. The loss of County Status in 1974 has reduced its control over its own future. He feels that the Rotary Club of Brecon is marking time, awaiting a new direction, but what? However, as a great believer in public service, he is adamant that it should carry on. Sadly, his wife Cherie died three years ago, so he has not much felt like attending the Club, but hopes to come more frequently now. For all, or because of, his musical talent he does not have a single favourite piece of music; his taste ranges from Mozart to Duke Ellington. As for his favourite sports teams, need anyone ask. They are Newport Gwent Dragons RFC and Newport RFC. Of all the holidays he and Cherie enjoyed, the one which included Yosemite National Park and Las Vegas is his most memorable one. Howard thinks that the World is doomed, what with climatic disasters, over population, and lack of water. It is almost too late, he says, although noticeably the word *almost* has crept in, so maybe there is some hope for a century or two.