



Bruin



District 1150

BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

September 2008

President MAURICE PARRY
Vice President ANTHONY EDWARDS

Clayton Haycock visits
District Governor Clayton spoke to us on August 18th . He said that in Wales the average number of Rotarians per club had dropped to 27 from about 40 in recent years. He exhorted Clubs to look outwards and join forces with others for special events. His favoured charity was *Diabetes Cymru*. He was also keen on *Schooling in Uganda* which apparently Crickhowell Rotary is spear-heading. He said that we needed to recruit people in the 30-50 age category if Rotary was to continue to be a force for good.



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PLANNING FOR OUR 50TH
President Maurice is already thinking about how we should celebrate the 50th anniversary of our foundation year of 1959, and is to invite a small group to devise a suitable event, probably to be held at the handover meeting next June.

WHO'S FOR OZ?



District 1150 is looking for a leader for the Group Study Exchange visit to South Australia from Sept 26th to Oct 24th next year. Anyone interested should apply before 31st October 2008.

It was RYLA good !

The Club sponsored 2 girls from Gwernyfed and a boy from the High School to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Activities at Dol y Gaer recently, and a number of our Rotarians visited there on the last evening and had a really good time.



Treberfydd

A party of 20 rotarians including wives met David Raikes for a tour of his Victorian Gothic pile by the banks of Llangorse Lake. He explained how he had inherited the place, and how the burden and responsibility of owning it was so considerable. There is a chunk of original William Morris wallpaper upstairs, and in the library a portrait of Charles 1's body on a white horse, with the head of Charles 11 substituted for the head of his father. It was a good evening with some pleasant sunshine for a change. Andrew Wakley organised it well, and arranged for the nibbles and drinks afterwards.

Forthcoming Events

Sept 1st-Business mtg 6pm
Sept 22nd-R MacDonald
Oct 6th-Quiz v Ebbw Vale
Oct 13th-Janet Lewis Jones
Oct 20th-Indoor Bowls v Probus
Nov 1st-Caledonian Market



Bottle Rota

September 1st-	Brian Strawford
September 8th-	Barry Tomlinson
September 15th-	Mike Tompkinson
September 22nd-	John Wiggins
September 29th-	Andrew Wakley
October 6th-	Bob Wood
October 13th-	Mervyn Woodward
October 20th-	Geoff Wooltorton
October 27th-	Derek Adams

Rotarian of the month-3

DENZIL HACKFORD

Probably the best known Brecon Rotarian in District 1150 because of his involvement over six or seven years, of the Final of the Young Musician Competition, Denzil moved here in 1972 when he took on the job of Senior Adviser for Education to Breconshire CC, beating off local competition to get it. “ You’ve come a long way for nothing” said his welcomer before his interview in front of 60 people! Once appointed, he set about seeing that the school heads had plenty of chances of meeting and learning from each other. Denzil’s father was a Mining Manager, and sent his son down the mines for 6 weeks when he was 22 and just qualified as a teacher, an unforgettable but character building experience, he says. Denzil was actually born in Breconshire as it then was, in Coelbren, but grew up in the Ogmore Valley. He taught in London for 12 years, and lived near Lords where he could assuage his passion for cricket. He played cricket and ‘posh’ snooker for London Polytechnic, where he met Lettie, his wife of 47 years. In contrast to City life, Denzil finds Brecon not much good for shopping, but friendly and involving, and lists one of his best achievements as being a very approachable guy, with which we must agree. Denzil has been Chair- the Gover- Penmaes and collected MBE he a few years services to Special Education from the Queen, this May. Although he has been too unwell to attend Rotary recently, he thinks that a change in the meeting arrangements was a good idea, although fit for review in due time. His favourite piece of music is a Welsh Song called *Cartref* on account of its Hiraeth, and his favourite Sports Team, of course, is Glamorgan CCC. Denzil says he has lost 3.5 inches in height since his hip operations, but nevertheless hopes to enjoy more meetings with his fellow rotarians. We look forward to seeing him at the George Hotel again soon.



ATTENDANCES

We have decided that it is only fair to tighten up on our procedures for letting the Manager of the George Hotel know when we are not coming to a meeting or coming but not requiring a meal. There is now a monthly sheet placed in the Hotel Office, but which will also circulate during meetings on which apologies can be entered. Up until now, Rob hasn’t thought of charging for meals ordered but not eaten, but unless we improve, this is bound to change



KEEPING FAITH

What was agreed about the new arrangements for Rotary meetings was that we would meet at 6 pm on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays, and at 8am on the 3rd & 5th ones. The first Monday in each month would normally be a business meeting, and a lunch type meal costing £6.50 would be available from 6.30pm. Committee Chairmen would have a chance to convene their own meetings, during that half hour or later . On the evenings when there was a speaker, the meeting could last beyond 7.30pm which was the target end time for the other evenings. It is planned to review the situation in good time for next year’s little white book.



Price of a litre of petrol /diesel at 25th August:-
 Petrol 111.9pence Diesel 122.9pence