



# BRUIN

## Brecon Rotary Update Information News



Devynock Agricultural Society Presidents Wife Mrs Valerie Williams together with Tigger and Pat, President of Brecon Rotary, (he is the one on the right)  
Photo: Mike Evans

### SHELTERBOX, SHOWERS AND LIFE STRAWS

Shelterbox, showers and Life Straws were just a few things that could be found at this year's Sennybridge show. An extended site enabled us to display the ShelterBox and all of its contents, and with Brynmawr Rotary Club demonstrating the Life Straw next door, the impact of Rotary at the show was greatly improved.

A large cuddly Tigger was raffled to raise funds, this helped to engage with show goers and tell them about the work Rotary does in the local community, and raised £171 in the process. A few eyebrows were raised when asked 'how much?' one Rotarian said '£1 a strip', he was then asked was it a Full Monty? Further blushing followed when he asked for a phone number and the reply was to ring before 3pm as her husband was in work. The Show President's wife kindly made the draw and the lady who won Tigger was able to pick it up on the day.

Overall, between Brecon and Sennybridge shows we have had success on a number of fronts, namely making the local community more aware of the good work undertaken by Brecon Rotary, and fundraising, £90 was raised after expenses.

Mike Evans

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 9th September**  
*Dinner Meeting*

**Monday 16th September**  
*Petanque Evening with Lions*

**Monday 23rd September**  
*Dinner - Speaker*

**Wednesday 25th September**  
*Council meeting*

**Monday 30th September**  
*Breakfast Meeting*

**Saturday 5th October**  
*World Trade Fair - Guild Hall*

**Monday 7th October**  
*Golf with Crickhowell 1:30pm*  
*Dinner at George 7 for 7:30pm*

**Monday 14th October**  
*Youth/International evening*  
*with Ladies and Guests*

### Bottle Rota

**Monday 9th September**  
*Ingrid Gallagher*

**Monday 23rd September**  
*Wyndham Jones*

**Monday 30th September**  
*Clive Lillywhite*

**Monday 7th October**  
*Brian Matthews*

**Monday 14th October**  
*Nick Morrell*

**Monday 21st  
October**  
*Brian Newman*



## Photo for the Month from Pat Blake



I had a long outstanding wish to visit a game reserve and in May 2004 I found myself in Swaziland, briefly Margaret's church had been fund raising together with Rotary to help an orphanage in Swaziland that was run by a cousin of our friends John & Heather. Heather was a school teacher and her school had also raised funds for the same orphanage, in total John & I took a cheque for £1500 which would keep

the orphanage in food for the whole year.

The hotel where we stayed was owned by a relative of John & Heather (who kindly offered us free accommodation) he also had a personal Irish friend who ran the Mkhaya refuge for endangered species (black rhino breed on the reserve). A day long trip was arranged and on arriving we were met by the owner and our guide Patrick. John & I had a Land Rover to ourselves, we spent most of the day just driving around up small tracks just looking at the many wild animals that lived on the reserve- wildebeest, giraffe, monitor lizards, monkeys, warthog, elephants, many varieties of grazing animals and of course the white rhino.

Our encounter with the white rhino on the photo was very exciting- when our driver pulled up, stopped the engine and pointed out the rhino with her calf in the bushes a short way away, to my amazement Patrick said would I like to get closer on foot and bring my camera, the photo shoot was something I will never forget I walked with Patrick (leaving John in the vehicle where he said he felt safer!) and we stood within approximately 10 feet of this very large animal- fear did not enter my head at that moment just the opportunity to take some very close up photos. The rhino just stood between us and her calf which she was clearly protecting, I was assured by Patrick that as long as we were quiet and stayed still we would be safe (I'm still here to tell the tale).

This was a very magical and rare moment, it's difficult to describe my feelings at the time, but it was the highlight of my stay in Swaziland. Perhaps another time I can give details of my time spent at the orphanage.

On our way back we subsequently stayed in Johannesburg as guests of a District Governor and he also took us out for a full day to the Plannesburgh reserve (near to Sun City) where again we saw many animals which included two secretary birds hunting a rabbit (David Attenborough would have been proud to capture this on film!) and a fine herd of elephants with the young holding the tails of the adults as they walked along in single file.

So I had one of my wishes granted twice on this visit- I'm happy to tell you about my other wish another time.



### TREASURE HUNT AUGUST 19TH

Peter Jenkins organised another one of his much talked about Treasure Hunts around Brecon for the August Fun Night.

Twenty four rotarians, partners and guests collected their question sheet and map (apart from one couple who were only

given the question sheet) and set off around the town in no particular direction. During the course of the hunt there were several delaying techniques employed by the participants to try to scupper other teams chances.

At the end of some ninety minutes the last teams submitted their answer sheets and the

entire group sat down to a cold meat salad and onion quiche. After the usual good humoured banter Peter Jenkins announced the winning team, yours truly Mr & Mrs Editor, who to this day some 6 weeks after the event, still cannot believe the score.

Grateful thanks to Peter and Joyce who as usual organised a first class event.

### CAPTION COMPETITION NO. 10



**Rules:**

All you have to do is write a caption to the photograph above and either e mail it to [captioncompetition@breconrotary.com](mailto:captioncompetition@breconrotary.com) or give it to the editor before the closing date.

The entries will be judged at the next Council meeting, and the caption thought to be the best (amusing or otherwise) will be announced in the next edition of Bruin. Should a council meeting not be planned for a particular month, the result for that month and the following month will be announced at the same time.

Entry to the competition is limited to Brecon Rotary members, their wives or partners and their children. Only one entry per person will be allowed.

**Closing date for Caption Competition No.10 is Monday 28th October 2013**

### CAPTION COMPETITION NO. 9 WINNER PAT BLAKE



*Should have gone to Specsavers!*

### URGENT REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS

We are urgently looking for members to help with the World Trade Fair on Saturday 5th October. Even if you can only spend half an hour "every little helps." Please contact Andrew Wakley

#### In Next Months Issue

- Brian Birtles**  
Photo for the Month
- Barry Tomlinson**  
Petanque Evening
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Speaker Evening Report

#### Thanks to our Contributors

##### Mike Evans



For  
Sennybridge Show  
report

##### Pat Blake



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