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Brecon Rotary Update Information News



Barry's first council meeting.

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

This year in Brecon Rotary Club I am proposing to aim your efforts towards the youth of Brecon, Huntington House, Scouts and Guides organisations, Brecon Boxing club and other organisations that might like our support. We are already sending 6 students to two RLYA weekends in July.

Looking at ourselves Derek has left the club in good order in all departments but if we could call it a problem, the area is membership which lets us down. In a council meeting early in 2011 it was stated in the council minutes "as Rotarians we were under selling ourselves." So this year lets advertise Rotary with what we are doing and where the money might be going, also advertise for new

members at least two or three times in the year, have open evenings so the possible candidates could meet club members.

The No Formal Meetings will continue in the same format as last year, but if any of the members of Rotary have ideas, please let Pat know. This could be a day out to the coast, to playing whist again that all members really enjoyed.

Maurice has eight speakers to find for the year so as usual any help will be grateful with people who might be possibilities.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a happy and harmonious year and just enjoy Rotary.

Barry Tomlinson

COMMITTEE COMMENTS CLUB SERVICE

As your incoming Vice President I have been advised that this is my roll during the next year, (having never had to do this previously i'm learning as I go along).

I believe that much of the work is carried out by the secretary, President etc with myself

taking any come backs if things do not go according to plan!.

I look forward to supporting Barry in his year as President and when he has other commitments I will take the chair for him- I expect I will have a good opportunity of running meetings by the time I become your President in 2013.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd August

RYLA course 2 BBQ

Saturday 4th August

Brecon Show - Shelterbox

Monday 6th August

Business meeting

Monday 13th August

Fun night

Monday 20th August

Dinner - Speaker

Monday 27th August

No meeting

Saturday 1st September

Sennybridge Show - Shelterbox

Bottle Rota

Monday 6th August

Nick Morrell

Monday 13th August

Wyndham Jones

Monday 20th August

Brian Newman

**Monday 3rd
September**

Maurice Parry



From the first meeting of the full committee it was clear to see the great enthusiasm being shown.

I look forward to getting to know more about our district and to play an active part in our clubs events.

Pat Blake



Photo for the Month from John Hopkins

This fun photo was taken in the Galapagos islands with a standard lens on my canon eos 500 and really is my favourite, I have an enlargement of it on my bedroom wall. It was a sunny afternoon and the rocks were warm in the sun. I like the texture and shape of the boulders but the sleeping sea lion is the epitome of relaxation.

NEW MEMBER

Our President Barry presided over his first meeting of the Rotary year on 2nd July. He outlined the format of the fun night on 16th July, a petanque evening. Finally he inducted Wyndham Jones into the club.



Wyndham Jones

Wyndham, born in Llangattock, Crickhowell, the youngest of 9 children, followed his 3 brothers into BGS (but they were in Vaughan -so much for tradition!!). After O-Levels, he joined BNS as a Laboratory Assistant. Over the next 14 years he moved progressively upwards attaining the position of Senior Analyst in a company in Scunthorpe. During this period

he studied part-time and gained ONC & HNC Chemistry followed by a further 2 year course in Advanced Analytical Chemistry to be admitted as an LRIC. A further 2 year course run by Sheffield Poly. enabled him to gain his DMS. Wanting to broaden his career, he progressed through Line Management then Recruitment and Training into Personnel Management in Companies in Surrey and Hampshire, retiring as Personnel Manager for a BP Chemicals Division in 1994. Following this he undertook several years as a Principal Consultant in Total Quality Management in the Rail Industry. Married for 38 years until his wife Brenda died in 2003, he returned to Wales in 2005 to live near his youngest son and his family. Whilst not particularly good at sport in school, his loves were Tennis and Squash until his first heart attack at the age of 42 caused him to turn to Golf, Walking and Bowls. Outside sport, he had taken an interest in Education, and was Vice Chairman of Brockenhurst

College Governors for a number of years,

NICKY GRIST RALLY

The previously named Quinton Rally was held on 14th July, with Brecon Rotary manning 2 stations. Our collections were up by some £100 on last year, taking in excess of £1500. Thanks to Pat, Bob, Morris and especially Mike Tompkinson for helping on the day.



Programme selling - A very serious subject! Photo - Pat Blake

ANDREW & WIMKE EVENING

On July 9th, we Rotarians were generously invited to the ultra-modern house which is the Wakleys' new abode in the middle of Brecon to enjoy the stunning panorama, the ample space and an excellent supper.

In addition to this, we had a quiz (quite difficult) set by Bob Wood (he said it was easy). Fortunately the hosts were among the prize-winners and Bob won the raffle!



To cap it all, Brian Newman had offered to give us a talk on his trip to the Himalayas with a walking group. In consequence we learnt a lot

about the part of Nepal which was near Everest. {On the right hand side of the map}. Brian explained that one third of the total length of the Himalayas is inside Nepal's borders, and contains 10 of the 14 tallest mountains in the World. Most of the



Photo Wimke Wakley



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Brian below Everest

people who live in the mountainous regions were of Tibetan stock, and are Buddhists. Brian's group flew from Katmandhu to Lukla, which is prime amongst the most dangerous airports there is. This saved a seven day walk. We were shown pictures of Lukla and of the Monastery which the Dali Llama stayed in on his

escape when the Chinese absorbed Tibet all those years ago. The people who live in the region are all known as sherpas, and the children born to them are sent to the monastery to live, if they are not the first son or daughter in the family. Brian explained the numerous do's and don'ts for trekkers (e.g don't touch children on the head, since it is disrespectful). The trekking group carried on from Lukla and had some wonderful views of Mount Everest. He showed the splendid pictures he had taken of that mountain at sunset, and many other views. The group members, (bar two who had altitude sickness) reached the height of 14,000 feet up to the Namcha Monastery, before turning back and taking a trip along the Tibetan Trail. They accomplished 50 miles in 8 days. One last hair-raising flight in a five seater plane took them back in relays to Lukla. It was an interesting session, and congratulations to Brian for taking the walk, and giving the talk.

Peter Jenkins



PETANQUE FUN NIGHT

We had another “Fun Monday” and although there were only 8 Rotarians and 2 wives plus 3 guiding us through the rules! a really great evening was enjoyed and the weather stayed dry.

We were welcomed by the President of the Brecon Petanque club with 2 additional experienced “bowlers” at their venue which is at the rear of the Brecon R.F.C.. After a short introduction we were

immediately placed into 3 groups and the only way to learn is to play and then be put right!.

It became a very competitive evening although very friendly and we played on to about 8 o'clock. I must say that the two ladies who joined us seem to shine at this event and as an invitation has been extended to us to play again it was felt that this is something that we could invite another club to join us in a Petanque competition (? Crickhowell).

At the end we moved into the Blue Boar for a drink and then upstairs to a very good buffet meal, much more than we could eat having arranged food for 16! lets hope the next time others will join us for what was in everyones opinion another great time, and thanks to our President for arranging this successful evening.

It was agreed to send a donation to the club for their hospitality.

Pat Blake

NEW PUBLICITY MATERIAL

For members wishing to see the new banner designs they are shown here.

Providing hardware is delivered on time they will be available for use at The Brecon County Show on August 4th.

Thanks to Lesley for her help, guidance and patience. (If she had her way, design by committee would be made a criminal offence.)



EDITORS COMMENTS

I really am trying to cut the content down. I have been told that the attention span of members does not stretch to five pages! so you will all have to wait for Andrew’s Walk in Wales article.

If anyone has ideas about different content please let me know.

In Next Months Issue

Gareth Griffiths

Photo for the Month

Andrew Wakley

Walk in Wales (again)

Terry Dewan

New Generation Report

Maurice Parry

Amusing anecdote

(He has not been told yet!)

Contributors

Barry Tomlinson



For presidents piece

Pat Blake



For Committee comments & petanque report

John Hopkins



For photo of the month

Wyndham Jones



For CV

Peter Jenkins



For Wakley evening report