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NEWSLETTER OF BRECON ROTARY CLUB

Forthcoming events

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, all meetings of Brecon Rotary Club take place by way of Zoom; every Monday evening at 7.00pm, until further notice.

All members welcome to take part; great fun.

On Monday 14 September

Andrew Wakley, Jeff Opland and Glyn Mathias will be talking about their recent trip to Iceland. This should be both interesting and informative so please note the date.

Roger Reese is exhibiting some of his artwork at the Found Gallery from 16 September to 17 October and hoping to open for a private viewing for Brecon Rotary members at end September, details to be circulated shortly

Bottle rota

Will recommence when restrictions are lifted and we can meet again in person.

A new member for Brecon Rotary

At the zoom meeting 3 August 2020, President Anne welcomed new member Kathryn Brooks, into the Club. Kathryn has been attending Brecon Rotary meetings for several months, even back when we actually met in person! It was great therefore to welcome her as an official member.

Kathryn moved to the Brecon area in September 2019 and now lives in Beulah. She has lived in many parts of the UK, mostly in the South East of England, but also in Aberdeen, Manchester, Birmingham and Devon. Kathryn also has a house in Normandy and likes to spend as much



time there as she can. Kathryn is a social worker by profession and has worked in a variety of settings from practitioner through to senior manager but is currently taking a sabbatical in order to travel and to do volunteer work with refugees (she hopes to spend the next few months on Samos with a medical charity). She is the chair of the board of a charity for the homeless near Birmingham, as homelessness is another issue that she feels a strong desire to support.



Roger's virtual fun nights

We have enjoyed some fantastic fun nights on Zoom. The first involved looking at members' photos from lockdown and sharing their memories of that unique time. Roger showed us a photograph of the 'Covid Stone' which he had sculptured (image above.) This is in his garden & will serve as a lasting reminder of this unusual time.

Next we had a virtual quiz night hosted by Carol; intellectually challenging trying to think of answers for her various rounds, which had to be unusual.

Rotary Youth Competitions 2020 update

Both of the entrants whom Brecon Rotary put through to the District round of Young Photographer came second. The Young Writer Competition is ongoing.

Member spotlight - Mike Evans

Mike is the store manager of the Co-Op in Merthyr, a job which he describes as being 'stressful, busy, enjoyable, fulfilling and rewarding'. Mike enjoys serving the local community and carrying out the Co-Op ethics, developing ideas which will help the local community and in turn the local area. One year Mike won the Co-Op UK Fresh Produce Incentive and his prize was an all expenses paid trip to Liverpool.



Mike has lived most of his life in Brecon, apart from stints in Oxford and Llandovery; he attended Brecon High School and Coleg Howell Harris and his first job was at Forest Lodge Farm.

When not working, Mike loves to tend to his garden and then enjoy a beer and a soak in the hot tub. His favourite place to holiday is Devon but also hopes to return to Nepal, a place which he found very humbling, when he visited with Hayley.