



Bruin APRIL 2012



Brecon Rotary Update Information News

2011-2012 President DEREK ADAMS Vice President BARRY TOMLINSON

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

How quick is this year going, it's April already? The Brecon heat winner of the Young Chef Competition, Josie Thompson, represented the Club at Builth Wells, but was unfortunately unplaced, which seeing as the Judges remarked 'that it was all in the presentation' should have won, but the again I'm biased. In the Young Photographer Competition, Mille Jones represented the Club in the intermediate section of the competition at the District Final, and won, congratulations to her from all Club Members. Millie will receive her Winners Certificate from Jeff Cuthbert AM (Deputy Minister for Education and Skills) on the 30th May at the Senedd.

Since the last BRUIN we have had 2 Non Meeting Mondays. The first was a visit to the Gurkha Restaurant, where 30 of us sat down to sample the delights of Nepalese Cuisine, with all the members agreeing that we should go back sometime in the future. The second was a progressive Whist Drive followed by a fish & chip supper, organised by Peter Jenkins. This turned out to be a great fun evening, which was eventually won by Pippa Adams, with Barry Tomlinson and Jan Parry coming close on her heels.

As announced at the Dinner on 26 Mar, the defibrillator purchased by the Club for the Community First Responders was put to use on 22 Mar, saving the life of a very good friend of mine, without it he would have died. The operator was Mark Rutherford who addressed the Club a few months ago.

Finally, it was great to see Anthony Edwards back in the fold last Monday after his long lay off due to a fall, welcome back Anthony.

Tenovus Speaker

Jan Williams from Tenovus was our speaker on 23rd January. She concentrated on telling us about the large lorry which had cost the Charity £250k, which at present visits Brecon every other Tuesday, but has limited scope. Some of us had visited the lorry when it first arrived a year or so ago, and it was not clear then what was its real purpose. As a survivor of breast cancer herself, she said she was determined to achieve for Powys a travelling unit which could give patients chemo and radio therapy and save them from having to undertake frequent long journeys to centres which provided such treatments, often in unsuitable conditions. She said that it would cost £65k per annum to achieve what was wanted, together with agreement from a number of authorities, of which Powys Health Board was the stumbling block so far. Jan said that she had raised £45k already for the first year of the service, and she was confident that there was sufficient demand in the locality for it to be worthwhile. Such a service is available in Pontypool and Newport. Mike Stratford gave the vote of thanks, saying how much Rotary involved itself in local issues, and how we tried to provide some financial support where this seemed worthwhile.

March Bruin. Apologies to all from the editor for the non-appearance of Bruin for March. He confirms that moving house is a very stressful and time-consuming activity.

BOTTLE ROTA

- 2/4 No formal meeting
- 9/4 Easter Monday
No meeting
- 16/4 Terry Dewan
- 23/4 Mike Evans
- 30/4 Gareth Griffiths
- 14/5 Howard Hoare
- 7/5 Bank Holiday
No Meeting

APRIL EVENTS

- 2 April Visit to Coliseum cinema to see "The Guard"
Be there by 7.15 for 7.30 start
- 16 April Business meeting
- 23 April Dinner - with speaker
- 30 April BREAKFAST

ADVANCE NOTICE

- 17 May THURSDAY. Christian Aid Lunch