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## The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

April 2006

President – John Nancarrow  
Vice President – Andrew Wakley

### Trumpet Success

The winner of the club round held at the Theatr Brycheiniog studio venue on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March was the outstanding young Japanese trumpeter from Christ College, Kazuma Furuta. Kazuma won both the senior and overall prizes for his performances which featured two movements from the Haydn Trumpet Concerto. He will now go on to compete in the Zone Final at the Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

The winner of the Junior Prize was 11 year old Ned Blackman who attends Cradoc School and who was playing the cello. Congratulations to Keith Rofe for organising another very successful competition with no less than nine young musicians competing for the chance to be named Rotary Young Musician of the Year. The grand final of the District 1150 Competition will be held once again at Theatr Brycheiniog on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May.



### Bottle Rota

10<sup>th</sup> April – Nick Morrell  
 17<sup>th</sup> April – Bank Holiday  
 24<sup>th</sup> April – John Nancarrow  
 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
 8<sup>th</sup> May – Brian Newman  
 15<sup>th</sup> May – Morlais Owens  
 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Mike Oxnard  
 29<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
 5<sup>th</sup> June – Maurice Parry  
 12<sup>th</sup> June – Ian Richards  
 19<sup>th</sup> June – Keith Rofe

### Rotary Credit Card



Here is a great new opportunity for those of you who believe you can never have too many credit cards. MBNA are issuing a Rotary Credit Card with a 15.9% interest rate and 0% on balance transfers for 9 months. The advantages for Rotary are not immediately apparent from the literature I have seen but no doubt Eddie Coates who has all the details and application forms will be able to explain in more detail!

### Speakers Corner

Brian Strawford has arranged for Steve Maggs of Christ College to speak to us on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April in place of Glyn Matthias who has had to pull out of his original booking. Glyn will now be addressing us on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Dave Summers of the Brecon Access Group who addressed us on 13<sup>th</sup> March proved to be a vociferous spokesman for the disabled in the town and his talk at a well attended meeting provoked a lively response from club members.

### Pig Quiz resumes

Peter Jenkins has returned from his travels and the club is now able to resume its love/hate relationship with the dreaded weekly pig quiz. Peter has been passing the glass pig for over four years now and would be happy to pass the job on to anyone else if there are any takers!

In addition to his other collections Anthony Edwards is now also collecting stationery items (pens, pencils, paper, etc.) for the children of Pongwe School in Zanzibar which was the subject of a recent talk to the club by Dannielle Blackledge of Gwernyfed High School.

## Brecon Advice Centre

The guest speaker at our dinner meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March was the Chairman of Brecon Advice Centre, Alan Prior. Alan recounted the troubled history and origins of the advice centre which is now an independent centre not linked to the national CAB network. This came about because Powys CAB, which came into existence some three or four years ago to co-ordinate the work of the existing CAB offices in the county, tried to downgrade the Brecon centre. This evoked strong opposition from the townspeople and following a public outcry in 2002 it was decided that the Town's advice

centre which had existed since 1976 should leave the CAB movement and set up on its own. Although the decision resulted in the loss of Powys County Council funding as they preferred to support Powys CAB the newly formed Brecon Advice Centre has been very successful in raising the £25k or so that it needs each year in order to continue with its work. There are currently two paid employees including a manager operating from newly refurbished premises in Castle Street and a team of 16 trained volunteers many of whom specialise in different areas. One of the local solicitors is also available to offer legal advice.

The Centre is open 5 days a week and deals with some 2700 cases each year. Alan stressed that all the advice given by the Centre's volunteers is confidential and non-judgemental. Hywel Davies thanked Alan for his interesting address and congratulated him on the success of the Advice Centre despite the difficulties they had encountered.



### Dates for your Diaries

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Club Assembly. Our new Assistant Governor, Martin Dean, will be in attendance.**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006 – Charter Night (note change of date).**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Barry Tomlinson is hoping to arrange a club visit for members and guests to a 20/20 cricket match at the Glamorgan CC ground. The cost, including transport, will be around £22 per head.**



**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September – visit to club of the new District Governor,**

### Mike Oxnard

It was good to see Mike Oxnard at our lunch meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March after a lengthy absence. He thanked everyone for all the cards, visits and gifts he had received from club members during his convalescence. He is

not out of the woods yet as he still has further treatment to undergo but is continuing to improve. Hang in there, Mike, and we all look forward to having you back with us on a regular basis before too long.

### Poetic Justice!

Congratulations to Jim Mellor on winning the raffle at our dinner meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately he had forgotten it was his turn to supply the bottle!

### WhereCanWeGo.Com

This is a free internet listing service where local organisations can advertise their events. I have registered with the web site and if any member is organising an event for the club which he would like listed on the World Wide Web and will let me have the relevant details I shall get them posted.



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