



The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

December 2003



A Merry Christmas to all Club Members!



2004 Bottle Rota

5th January - Terry Stephens

12th January - Brian Strawford 19th January - Mike Tompkinson

26th January - Howard Vaughan

2nd February - Andrew Wakley

9th February - Bob Wood

16th February - Mervyn Woodward

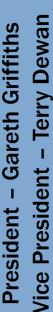
23rd February - Geoff Wooltorton

1st March - Bert Banning

8th March - Pat Butler

Paul Harris Award

We have been asked by the Rotary Club of Dundee in South Africa to present a Paul Harris Award (named after Rotary's founder) to John Melbourn in recognition of the rôle he played in getting the South African Government to replace the computer equipment for which we had raised funds and which was stolen from the school at Rorkes Drift not long after it had been installed. We have agreed to make the presentation and are now trying to arrange a suitable occasion to present the award.



Why Caledonian?

Some of you may, like me, have been puzzling over the origin of the name of our annual fund-raising monster jumble sale. I am indebted to Peter Jenkins for this explanation: Apparently there used to be a cattle and general market in Islington which went under this name

from its opening in 1855 until it finally closed at the outbreak of WWII. It was particularly noted for its miscellaneous second-hand goods and was much frequented by bargain hunters. It was often referred to as the 'Thieves Market' - so now you know!







Car Boots

Not content with his
Caledonian Market success our
indefatigable Handel has
booked the rugby ground for
two more Bank Holiday car
boot sales next year. They will
take place on the May Day
holiday and on Whit Monday.
The sale held earlier this year
which he organised at very
short notice raised a useful
amount of money for
comparatively little outlay

and next year he is hopeful he can do even better (weather always permitting of course) - and knowing Handel who would disagree!



District Council News

Our President and Secretary attended a recent meeting of District Council at Neath (please stay awake!) when the Abergavenny Club were commended for their Woodland Improvement Scheme at Nevill Hall hospital to which we had contributed funding. They also had a report from the District Extension Officer, David

Williams, on the latest plans to establish a Rotary Club in Hay-on-Wye. Two further meetings have been held at Hay to discuss this proposal. A small core of keen potential members has now been identified and we are being asked to let David Williams know of any other residents of Hay and its environs (male or female!) who might be

interested in joining a Hay Rotary Club if one is formed.

The autumn issue of 'Spokesman', the District 1150 magazine, was distributed at the meeting and copies are now available so make sure you let the President or Secretary know if you haven't had yours yet.

Quiz Success!

What's Brewin'?

Christmas Lunch - Monday 15th December at the George (1pm)

Carol Concert - Tuesday 23rd December at Brecon Cathedral (7pm) Our first stab at the inter-club quiz competition this season resulted in a win. We beat Knighton by 44 points to 33 at the Baron of Beef at Bucknell, a small village in remotest Shropshire. Congratulations to Bob Wood for leading us to victory. Question-master Jim Goodwin remained tight lipped about the questions prior to the contest despite accepting the offer of a lift to the venue by

our President! Many thanks to the club members and spouses who travelled all that way to offer their support on the night. We now go forward to take on Abertillery in the semi-final (how did we get there so quickly!?). The match will be held at home (in the George) on Monday 8th December. It's on a normal club night so, hopefully, we'll have a lot of support once again.



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