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The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

December 2003



A Merry Christmas to all Club Members!



President – Gareth Griffiths
Vice President – Terry Dewan



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 Woollorton
- 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.

What's Brewin'?

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

Carol Concert - Tuesday 23rd
December at Brecon
Cathedral (7pm)

Quiz Success!

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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