



The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

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President – Gareth Griffiths
Vice President – Terry Dewan

Presidential Visit

For the second year running Brecon Rotary Club has the honour of hosting a visit to our area by the President of RIBI. This year's President, Brian Stoyel, who is a member of Saltash Club, will be attending a special lunch-time meeting at the George on Thursday 5th February when we shall be taking the opportunity of inducting two new members into our Club - Graham Giles and Walford Morgan. Graham lives at Cradoc Road, Brecon and is retired but was previously

employed in the education service while Walford, from Bwlch, is transferring from Pontypridd Rotary Club. We offer a warm welcome to both new members.



Two teams from Christ College competed in the Club Round of the Annual Youth Speaks Competition on Monday 26th January. The winning team chosen by adjudicators John Edwards and Gillian Jeffreys will go on to compete in the Zone Final at Ebbw Vale High School on Wednesday 11th February (NB 7pm start). Please go along to support **our** team if you can.

We are the Champions (of the Zone)

After a gap of some years Brecon Rotary has returned to form as the Zone 7 Champions for 2004 in the District 1150 Annual Quiz Competition held at the George on Monday 19th January. We succeeded in beating Ebbw Vale by a mere two points in a thrilling contest which left the result in doubt right up to the final round. As ever our Achilles heel was the Rotary Round

which left us nine points adrift but with only one round to go, and against all the odds, we succeeded in scoring all of the nine points available on the subject of motor sports, bringing us level with our opponents for the final round. The final score after ten rounds and sixty challenging questions was Brecon 39; Ebbw Vale 37. Both teams were well supported at the final by

fellow club members and partners. We now qualify automatically for the District Competition which will determine the outright winner of the seven Zone Champions in our Rotary District.



Well done, Megan!

Megan Walker, a schoolgirl attending Haberdashers School in Monmouth, came along to our first meeting in January to tell us about the time she spent last summer as a stage manager with the National Youth Theatre of Wales. Megan had been part sponsored for her participation in a touring production of the Youth Theatre by our Club. She told us that she had been interested in theatre from a

young age but an opportunity to undertake work experience with Theatr Brycheiniog had acted as the spur to her obtaining a coveted place with the National Youth Theatre. She found herself thrown in at the deep end when she was appointed assistant stage manager in charge of props for a touring production which opened at Aberystwyth, then moved to Theatr Gwynedd at Bangor and finally to the Sherman in Cardiff. She

told us of the numerous problems involved in sourcing or making suitable props for the production and the practical problems of coping with the differing sizes and layouts of the three stages on which the play was performed. She said the whole experience had been an amazing one for her and made last summer her best ever school holiday. As a fitting finale she also won the Club's weekly raffle!

Carol Concert

The Cathedral was nearly a sell-out for the annual Christmas Concert organised by Peter Jenkins and a stupendous £545 was raised from the collection in aid of the cathedral music endowment appeal. The club has already agreed to make the total up to £1000. Many

thanks to all Rotarians who participated and of course to the Dean, the Cathedral Choir, the Cathedral Singers and David Gedge, all of whom gave freely of their time to raise money for this cause.

Yet More Rubbish!



The Club took over responsibility for the Cradoc Recycling Site on 1st January. It currently accepts bottles, tins and textiles and a paper collecting facility will be added soon. Cliff Jones and Mike Tompkinson will be in charge initially.



Rotary Centenary

Club Council have discussed support for a major local project as our contribution to the Rotary Centenary in 2005 and will be making a recommendation to Club shortly - see next month's issue of BRUIN for all the details.

What's Brewin'?

Monday 1st March - St David's Day Dinner at the Barracks. This 'black tie' event is being organised once again by Handel Davies. Tickets will be £25 per head which will include entertainment by an excellent harpist.

Wednesday 17th March - Young Musicians Competition (First Round) at Theatr Brycheiniog.

Meals

Just in case anyone is still in doubt here is a reminder about our regular meal prices. Standard Club lunches at the George are £5.50 for soup and sandwiches (£3 for sandwiches only) and dinners are now £10 for a two course meal.



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