

The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

June 2004

President – Gareth Griffiths
Vice President – Terry Dewan

Rotary Citizen of the Year

Christine Lewis has been presented by the Club with a 'Good Citizen' Award. John Parry introduced Christine to the Club and spoke of her work as chairman and founder member of the Brecon and District Credit Union as

well as her former involvement with the charity Age Concern and her continuing work with U3A amongst numerous other activities. President Gareth presented Christine with an inscribed silver plate to mark her award.

President Gareth thanks everyone for their support during his year



Meet the Army

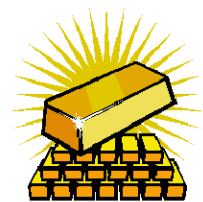
Mike Oxnard is discussing with Pat Butler the possibility of staging a further round of events and activities centred on the Sennybridge Training Area. Details are already circulating of the Beating the Retreat Ceremony on Thursday 8th July to which Rotarians and guests are invited and the President's 'Walk on the Wild Side' will be staged again on Sunday 12th September.

Handel's Midas Touch

Over one hundred sellers set up their stalls on the Brecon Rugby Ground on the May Day Bank Holiday for the first of the two car boot sales which Handel is organising this year. Although the sale was not scheduled to start until 2pm buyers were rolling up in droves from mid-morning and the car park was virtually full by 1:15pm. The marshals were reduced to fitting cars in wherever there was a gap! Luckily the weather

Change of Plan!
Will you all please note that the first meeting of this month (7th) will NOT be a lunch meeting as planned. Instead we shall be having a dinner meeting at the George which will incorporate both the AGM and Club Assembly.

stayed fine on the day and the ice cream and burger vendors did a roaring trade. After allowing for expenses over £600 was raised which will help pay for Kids Out Day. Well done Handel, and thanks to the Rotarians who turned out to help.



Ray Rich has not been well enough to attend Rotary meetings for some time and is currently confined to his house. He and Pearl would be pleased to see any club members who can find the time to drop by but please

telephone first. Ray has recently received the Volunteer of the Year Award for his work over many years for the National Children's Home charity and other charitable causes.

Usk Riverside Walk

Our President has at last succeeded in contacting someone at County Hall who admits to knowing something about this project. Older members will recall that in the dim and distant past we set aside some funds as a contribution towards the cost of developing a riverside walk to link Captains Walk with the Usk Bridge where a flight of steps would be provided to give access to the street. At

one time we had intended this to be our Millennium Project. However, as members will be aware, the pace of life at Powys County Council is glacial at best and nothing came of the scheme. Now it seems that the project is still alive, albeit only just, and there is a slim chance that we may yet be able to make our mark, possibly by contributing towards a tree planting scheme along the new path or



by supplying bench seats. In either case we would arrange for suitable plaques to be erected to denote the contribution of Brecon Rotary to the project. For this reason Club Council has resolved for the time being to retain the sum earmarked for this project in our accounts.

What's Brewin' this month?

Sunday 20th June - summer picnic on the Crug (meet at Cradoc recycling site at 7pm) Bring your own refreshments!

Monday 28th June - Charter Night at the George Hotel. (NB dress code - lounge suits)

Young Musician of the Year 2004

A former head chorister at St David's Cathedral was declared the winner of the District 1150 Rotary Young Musician of the Year Competition 2004 at the Final held on Saturday 15th May. Jocelyn Freeman, who is 18 and comes from St David's, gave an extremely assured performance on the piano of two contrasting pieces, the Brahms Rhapsody Op 79 No.1 and the Toccata

from Pour le Piano by Debussy. For those of you who are extremely well organised and are already making a note of next year's Rotary events you may care to note that next year's District Final (the 8th in succession to be held in Brecon) will be held on Saturday 14th May. A big thank you to the organisers Andrew and Denzil!



Speakers Corner

The President of Briton Ferry Club, Phil Cozens, has addressed the club about his campaign to bring water supplies to a number of schools in Samburu, a remote area of northern Kenya. With the assistance of Rotary colleagues back home Phil has managed to acquire two redundant Bedford fire engines (one of them served in Brecon for a number of years)

which have been refurbished and will be driven out to Kenya shortly where they will be used for water carrying and pumping work.



Greetings from Skopje

Making a brief return visit from Macedonia Bob Wood has presented a banner and good wishes from the Rotary Club of Skopje. Their meetings last for about 20 minutes and they do not have meals - not likely to be a popular choice with our club I suspect! He has promised to return and tell us more about his work in Macedonia at a future date.

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