

## The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

June 2006

President – John Nancarrow  
Vice President – Andrew Wakley

### Young Musician Competition



The District Final of the Rotary Young Musician of the Year

Competition took place once again at our own Theatr Brycheiniog in Brecon on 13<sup>th</sup> May when seven talented young performers from all over South Wales competed for this prestigious award. Once again the standard of playing was impressive with the award going to the only male performer this year, Lee Mottram, the talented clarinettist from Tenby. Runner up was Hannah Gill, a pianist, who was the Zone

4 winner. Many felt that the brilliant young saxophonist from Llandrindod Wells, Helen Sedgwick, who was our Zone 7 finalist would have been an equally worthy winner of the competition which was judged by a team led by Mark Foster, former conductor of the South Powys Youth Orchestra. An innovation this year was the introduction of a musical interlude, provided by the Christ College string quartet, while the judges were deliberating.

### A Good Citizen

The latest recipient of our occasional presentation of a Good Citizen Award was Clive Nicholls who, along with his wife, attended our evening meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May to receive his award from our President. Clive has been a soccer organiser in Brecon for over thirty years during which time over 5000 youngsters (boys and girls) have been coached by him in the skills of soccer. This year over 80 youngsters will be playing regularly in the teams which Clive has put together. In accepting the award of a silver salver Clive spoke of his love of soccer coaching which he undertakes on an entirely voluntary basis and referred to the fact that he is now coaching the sons and daughters of some of his original charges! Clive was introduced to the Club by Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, Keith Rofe, who read out the citation for the award.

### Bottle Rota

- 12<sup>th</sup> June - Peter Scott
- 19<sup>th</sup> June - Terry Stephens
- 28<sup>th</sup> June - Brian Strawford
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Mike Tompkinson
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - Andrew Wakley
- 24<sup>th</sup> July - Bob Wood
- 31<sup>st</sup> July - Mervyn Woodward



### End of Presidential Year

President John is now approaching the end of his year in the chair and wishes to thank everyone who has rendered him their invaluable assistance during the last twelve months.

John's successor is Andrew Wakley who has been busy putting his team together for next year. We shall be hearing about his plans for the year on Club Assembly Night on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

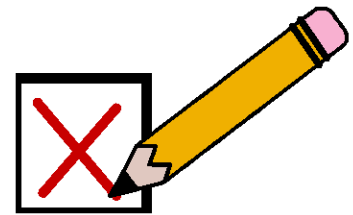


## Media Man

Member of the Electoral Commission and local resident, Glyn Mathias, was our guest speaker on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Glyn, a graduate of Jesus College, Oxford, gave us an interesting overview of a varied career in the media which began with a stint on the South Wales Echo where he worked with Sue Lawley in the early 1970s. After moving to ITN where he worked with such famous personalities as the late Reginald Bosanquet he eventually returned to Wales as Political Editor for BBC Wales. During a long and distinguished career in the media, which Glyn illustrated with a number of anecdotes, he

met and interviewed many of the top politicians of the day including several Prime Ministers. He interviewed Margaret Thatcher shortly after the Falklands War had broken out and was impressed by her ability to work under pressure although he found her private persona to be as abrasive as her public one. Ted Heath apparently liked to give long answers to questions (always a nightmare when airtime is limited!) and Tony Blair he described as standing 'head and shoulders' above his predecessors as a communicator. Glyn is now the Commissioner for Wales on the five member Electoral

Commission and has offices in Cardiff and London. The Commission is an advisory and regulatory body which has an important role to play nationally in such areas as setting the rules on postal voting, organising referenda and encouraging people to vote. Glyn was thanked for his address by Peter Jenkins.



## What's Brewin'?

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Club Assembly.  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Walk on the Wild Side.  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Twenty20 Cricket Match.  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July - My Fair Lady.

Charter Night - Will all members please note that the date of Charter Night has been changed once again in order to accommodate our guest speaker, Jamie Owen. It will now take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

## Attendance Officer

The post of Club Attendance Officer whose duties include keeping a record of attendances at all our meetings is to be abolished. Club Council has decided that the post is no longer necessary. The attendance rule, which those of

you with long memories will recall was the subject of an article in the September 2004 issue of Bruin, is no longer strictly enforced.



## New District Website

Our Secretary reminds me that the new District 1150 web site is now up and running and may be found at [www.rotary1150.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.rotary1150.fsnet.co.uk) The District Webmaster who looks after the site is Iain Sewell who is a member of Carmarthen Rotary Club. Many of the clubs in District 1150 already have their own web sites which can be linked to the District site. If any club member wants to have a go at doing one for us please get in touch with Iain at the following e-mail address: [iain@pigsmayfly.co.uk](mailto:iain@pigsmayfly.co.uk).



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