



# The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

# September 2005

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## Golfing Bonanza

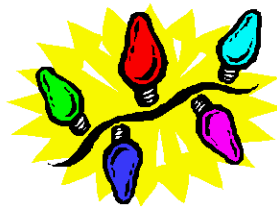
On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September the Rotary Club of Abergavenny will once again be holding their annual Charity Golf Day at the Monmouthshire Golf Club and are inviting us to participate. There will be a strict limit of 22 teams competing and the cost is £145 per team which includes evening dinner at

7pm. There are prizes to be won and if any competitor is lucky enough to get a hole in one at the par three tenth hole he/she will win a Renault Clio courtesy of Abergavenny Autos. There will also be a challenge match between our Club and Crickhowell Rotary Club taking place at Cradoc on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September with

dinner afterwards at the George and, if that isn't enough for all you dedicated golfers, there will be a further Golf Competition organised by Lampeter Rotary Club on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October in which we are invited to take part.

## Christmas Market

Volunteers will be needed to help prepare and man our stall on the day - so if you can lend a hand for an hour or two (or more) on 26<sup>th</sup> November, or beforehand, please let Keith Rofe know. Your support will be welcome.



## Bottle Rota

- 12<sup>th</sup> September - Brian Strawford
- 19<sup>th</sup> September - Mike Tompkinson
- 26<sup>th</sup> September - Howard Vaughan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Andrew Wakley
- 10<sup>th</sup> October - Bob Wood
- 17<sup>th</sup> October - Mervyn Woodward
- 24<sup>th</sup> October - Geoff Wooltorton
- 31<sup>st</sup> October - Bert Banning
- 7<sup>th</sup> November - Pat Butler

## GSE 2005

Our District's Group Study Exchange this year is with District 3190 in Bangalore, India and the four delegates are either professionals or academics in management, communications technology and the media. Our club has been requested to put them up in a local hotel for the night of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October as part of a two

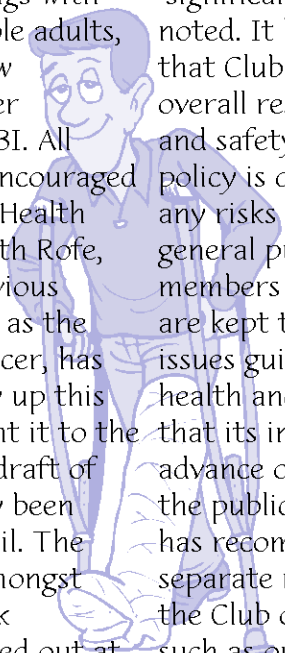
day break in their busy schedule. Our President has booked the team into the George Hotel for that night and has arranged for them to be supplied with information about local attractions which they can explore at their leisure during their short break. We shall also once again be hosting the Zone 7 Presentation by the team at the George Hotel on Tuesday

25<sup>th</sup> October. This will replace our club night for that week. All Clubs in District 1150 are being recommended to contribute £50 each to defray the cost of the visit incurred by District.



## Health and Safety Policy

Following on from our adoption last year of a Protection Policy to regulate our dealings with children and vulnerable adults, Club Council have now responded to a further requirement from RIBI. All clubs are now being encouraged to adopt and apply a Health and Safety Policy. Keith Rofe, who drew up the previous policy for us and acts as the Club's Protection Officer, has kindly agreed to draw up this new policy and present it to the Club for adoption. A draft of the policy has already been agreed by Club Council. The policy will require, amongst other things, that risk assessments are carried out at venues to which the public have access when supporting Club events. Typical examples would



be our car boot sales and the Caledonian Market where all 'significant' hazards must be noted. It has already been agreed that Club Council will have overall responsibility for health and safety matters. The new policy is designed to ensure that any risks involved either to the general public or to club members when putting on events are kept to a minimum. RIBI issues guidance to clubs on health and safety issues but asks that its insurers are notified in advance of any events involving the public put on by clubs. Keith has recommended that a separate record is maintained by the Club of all adopted policies such as our Protection and Health and Safety policies which can be made available for inspection if required.

## Speakers Corner

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September John Hopkins and Peter Jenkins will be entertaining us with illustrated accounts of their respective visits to Cuba where they were able to see for themselves what conditions are like in the detention camp at Guantanamo Bay (Actually I made that last bit up - Ed).

## Caledonian Capers

Yes, it's that time of year again when all thoughts turn to the subject of the Caledonian Market. Collection of items from the public will begin in earnest in early October. In the meantime, if members are offered items, would they kindly arrange to store them themselves initially so as to prevent Handel and the other organisers being overwhelmed. Members who attended last year will be well aware of the mountain of items which were donated to us by our loyal supporters.



### WHAT'S BREWIN'?

Just a reminder that the Club's visit to see **Botticelli's Bonfire** at Theatr Brycheiniog will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The proprietors of Tipple 'n' Tiffin have asked us if we can be seated by 5:30pm so as to allow sufficient time for an unhurried meal before the performance.

The next (indoor) bowls match against Brecon Probus Club will take place at the Leisure Centre on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October - 6:30pm start followed by a buffet.

## More News from a Far Country

In his latest despatch from Macedonia Bob Wood reports that it is the holiday season in Skopje and the place has emptied with everyone going off to Lake Ohrid or Bulgaria, or Greece (if they can get visas). Even the courts shut

down for several weeks during the holiday season. Apparently, dodging the water coming out of the air conditioning units high up on the tower blocks makes for an interesting pastime at this time of year! Bob will be back with us in September.

## Walk Off

The Walk on the Wild Side which was due to take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September has, unfortunately, had to be cancelled this year as the army were not able to accommodate us. It is hoped to stage the walk and barbecue again next year as it is still a popular event with club members and the public.

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