

The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

May 2006

President – John Nancarrow
Vice President – Andrew Wakley

Twenty20 Cricket Match

Our newest member Barry Tomlinson has kindly offered to arrange a visit for Club Members to a Twenty20 cricket match at the Glamorgan C C ground on Monday 10th July. This will replace our normal club meeting on that day. For the uninitiated Twenty20 cricket is a limited over game played at a cracking pace. Matches take about three hours and there is usually some musical entertainment as well. To allow club members an opportunity to enjoy a pint or two with their cricket Barry is also arranging coach transport and we will be stopping off for an Indian meal at the Tamarind Restaurant on the A 470 at Abercynon on the way back.

The cost, to include transport and entry to the match, will be £22 per head. Guests, including spouses of Rotarians, are more than welcome to join in this event. All payments to be made before the end of this month please.

My Fair Lady

If you want to be sure of a seat for this performance at the Millennium Centre, Cardiff on Thursday 27th July make sure you get your payment to Andrew Wakley before the end of this month. The cost is £32 per head.

Bottle Rota

- 15th May - Morlais Owens
- 22nd May - Maurice Parry
- 29th May - Bank Holiday
- 5th June - Keith Rofe
- 12th June - Peter Scott
- 19th June - Terry Stephens
- 27th June - Brian Strawford



Marathon Man

Our club's great white hope for the recent London Marathon, Nick Morrell, unfortunately had to pull out before the race because of injury but I am pleased to report that his son, David, turned in a very respectable time of 4 hours 10 minutes.



It is with much sadness that we record that one of our oldest members, **Bert Banning**, who joined Brecon Rotary Club in 1964, died last month after a short illness. Bert, a well known Brecon resident, was a former shopkeeper in the Struet. He travelled widely in his youth despite the disability caused by a severe foot injury resulting from a

childhood accident. He had been married to his wife, Vi, for over 60 years. Bert was a very regular attender at our lunch meetings and will be sadly missed. His funeral took place at Llyswen on Tuesday 2nd May and was attended by a number of his former Rotary Club colleagues. We offer our sincere condolences to Vi and the family.

Speakers Corner

Our roving policeman, Bob Wood, now returned from his travels, will be talking to us about his time in Macedonia at our meeting on 22nd May.

Christ College



Steve Maggs, the Foundation and Marketing Director at Christ College and a former pupil of the school was the guest speaker at our meeting on 24th April. Steve gave us the benefit of a very professional presentation in which he outlined the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of Brecon's very own public school and furnished us with many interesting statistics. Included amongst these was the information that the average pupil/teacher ratio at the school is 8:1, some 10 different sports are taught and academic successes, particularly

at A level, are extremely high. The excellent chamber choir has even visited Japan. The school which occupies the site of a former priory was founded during the reign of Henry VIII and currently has about 300 pupils on the roll. It has been co-educational for about ten years and the increasing demand for places for girls has led to the recent addition of the De Winton extension providing an additional 14 study bedrooms which is to be opened by the Earl of Wessex this month. An expansion programme has in fact been in progress for some time and to fund this the Christ College Foundation was established a few

years ago with the aim of raising £15 million. The Prince of Wales is currently Patron of the Foundation. Already over £4 million has been raised from benefactors, corporate sponsorship and other types of fund-raising. The next major project on the horizon is a new science block. Steve informed us that an increasing proportion (currently 20%) of the pupils are from abroad with 10% coming from Hong Kong and another 6% coming from other parts of China. Ex-pupil Nick Morrell thanked Steve for his address.

What's Brewin'?

Saturday 13th May - Young Musician Final.
Monday 15th May - Christian Aid lunch.
Thursday 25th May - Club Council Meeting (President to note!)
Monday 12th June - Club Assembly.
Sunday 25th June - Walk on the Wild Side.
Tuesday 27th June 2006 - Charter Night.

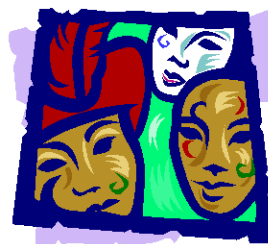
Stroke Awareness

The annual Stroke Awareness Day held on Friday 7th April at the Guildhall attracted about 250 customers and raised over £100 in donations. Thanks are due to the organising team and particularly to the nurses, including Cathy Morrell, who took the blood pressure readings and all those Rotarians who helped on the day. Grateful thanks also go to Brecon Town Council for providing the venue and to Keith and Gail Rofe who

generously supplied tea, coffee and biscuits for the 'patients' and helpers. Unfortunately one result of the event was that your Bruin Editor found he has high blood pressure so he must on no account be upset!



Schools Drama Festival



Plans are in hand for a schools Drama Festival to be staged next year at Theatr Brycheiniog under the sponsorship of our Club. The date to note is 26th April

2007 and local resident Phil Clark, the Director of the Sherman Theatre in Cardiff, has already very kindly agreed to act as the adjudicator for the event. Keith Rofe who has established an excellent working relationship with all the local senior schools during his time as Youth Activities Chairman reports that there is a great deal of enthusiasm for this new venture which, if successful, may become an annual event.

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