



The Brecon Rotary Club Newsletter

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President – Terry Dewan
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Whispers in the Woods



A stunning bilingual show, was the treat attended by a small number of Club members and their wives at Cardiff's Sherman Theatre on 10th September. Greg Cullen's latest production for Wales' own 'Fame Academy', the National

Youth Theatre of Wales, was a visually exciting fairy story which stitched together many folk tales from both Welsh and English traditions into a colourful spectacle combining drama, music, dance and song - and great costumes. The story of the tailor's daughter, herself half human - half fairy, who

falls in love with the lone wolf from the forest was performed with great verve and infectious enthusiasm by the talented young performers representing the cream of Welsh acting talent. We are indebted to Andrew Wakley, Chairman of the Club's Youth Activities Committee, for organising the visit.

- 11th October - Maurice Parry
- 18th October - Ian Richards
- 25th October - Keith Rofe
- 1st November - Peter Scott
- 8th November - Terry Stephens
- 15th November - Brian Strawford
- 22nd November - Mike Tompkinson
- 29th November - Howard Vaughan
- 6th December - Andrew Wakley

Bottle Rota



Welsh Disabled Sports

The club has once again agreed to support this annual event by purchasing £50 worth of raffle tickets. If we win a prize that will be raffled too and the proceeds handed over to the event organisers.

Along the Epynt Way

About 40 walkers and five horse-riders turned out on a fine late summer's day to take part in the President's Walk on The Wild Side and Barbecue which was held again this year on the Army's Epynt ranges. For this, the third of these annual walks, we returned to our original starting point for the first walk in 2002 at the Disgwylfa

Conservation Centre on the Upper Chapel/Garth road. The more energetic members of the party were conveyed by minibus to the northern edge of the Epynt and enjoyed a 10 km walk along the newly established Epynt Way which runs close to the perimeter of the range back to the starting point where they joined the others for another excellent

barbecue provided by the army. Once again we must thank our members Mike Oxnard and Howard Vaughan and his team for organising the event which raised over £500 for Ysgol Penmaes and other Rotary charities.



Rotarians working with Children and Vulnerable Adults

All Rotary Clubs in the UK are now required by law to have a Protection Policy in place and are required to adopt policy statements which recognise and safeguard the rights of children and vulnerable adults with whom clubs may from time to time find themselves in contact. The standard form of policy statement recommended by District, which our Club has now adopted, is set out below:

“The Rotary Club of Brecon in particular has adopted this statement of policy in its work with children, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability.”

- *The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and persons with disability take priority*
- *It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of his or her ability, the welfare of and prevent the assault, physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during Rotarian duties.”*

In order to gain the insurance cover arranged by RIBI all Clubs must adopt the above policy and appoint a Protection Officer. The

appointed officer must also complete a training session arranged by District. Depending on their degree of contact with children and vulnerable adults Rotarians may also be required to agree to the carrying out of Criminal Record Checks on their background.

Following discussion of this issue at the last Club Council Meeting it has been agreed that Keith Rofe’s offer to take on the job of Club Protection Officer be gratefully accepted and that all members of Club Council should undergo screening.

Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 11th October - Dinner at the George (speaker)
Monday 18th October - Lunch at the George
Monday 25th October - Dinner at the George + spouses (speaker)
Monday 1st November - Lunch at the George
Monday 8th November - Caledonian Dinner at the Barn at Brynich + spouses

Operation Firestorm

After consultation with Howard Vaughan it has now been decided not to run this event again on 4th November as originally planned but to defer it to a date in May or June of next year when, hopefully, the weather on the Epynt will be kinder.

Rorke’s Drift Appeal

A date has now been set for the presentation to John Melbourn of a Paul Harris medal. You may recall that John is the London businessman who stepped in to replace the computer equipment stolen from the school at Rorke’s Drift for which our club had

raised funds. He has accepted an invitation to attend our evening meeting on Monday 25th October when the presentation will be made. John will be accompanied by his wife and members’ spouses are also invited to attend this meeting.



John Parry

I am sure we were all shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of John Parry on 21st September. John was our longest surviving member on the ‘active’ list having joined the club in 1960. He was Club president in 1966. John will be sadly missed, not least for the vital part he played each year as master of ceremonies at the Young Musician of the Year Final. A Memorial Service for John is to be held in Brecon Cathedral on Friday 12th November.

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