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BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

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The Beautiful Beacons– what a sight/site to live near!

“HAVING FUN, BUT GIVING SOMETHING BACK”

At a well attended evening meeting on 26th July, Malcolm Braun from the Rotary Club of Llandaff introduced Emily Wood, an Ambassadorial Scholar from Brisbane. She was your typical ever-smiling, fun-loving young Australian. In her powerpoint presentation, we saw her enjoying land, Prague, real, all of which whilst she has studying for a in International Her dissertation making Rotaract would be mempromised to send this for Ingrid to mull over! We learnt from Malcolm that she had been President of her Rotaract Club, and had received a Paul Harris Award, perhaps the youngest ever to have had one. Emily had founded her Rotaract Club in 2007 herself, and said that it was meant for 18-30 year olds (*I notice Club Med have changed that requirement-ed*), but is fairly relaxed about that. One of the jobs they do is clearing away graffiti. At the end of the evening Brian Strawford said that we should visit en masse the Llandaff Club where John Marsden is President again, and we all seemed to agree..



Forthcoming Events

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL THE GEORGE HOTEL IF YOU ARE NOT COMING TO A MEETING (01874-623422)

Aug 2nd Dinner at 7.30pm followed by Business meeting

Aug 9th–Dinner at 7.30pm

Aug 16th–Breakfast at 8am

Aug 23rd– Dinner meeting at 7.30pm with speaker, hopefully Ian Dent, Chmn Chamber of Commerce

Aug 30th NO MEETING

Sep 6th–Dinner at 7.30pm

Sep 12th–President invites all of us, plus wives, to an AT HOME from noon until 2pm



Council Meeting 22nd July

Clive ambitiously intends to run the following events this year. Young Musician, Young Chef, Drama Festival, Young Photographer, Young Artist. He'll need lots of support! Derek hopes to introduce a programme of variety, so that we are not always at the George Hotel these Mondays. We broke even on the Charity Account in 2009/10 and have a healthy balance carried forward to 2010/11.

President BOB WOOD
Vice President DEREK ADAMS



Bottle Rota

2nd Aug Clive Lillywhite

9th Aug– John Mallon

16th Aug– Brian Matthews

23rd Aug- Nick Morrell

6th Sept Brian Newman

13th Sept.. Morlais Owens

GOODBYE TO TWO MORE ROTARIANS

John Nancarrow has relinquished his membership of Rotary after 22 years with the Club. He has, however, promised continuing support for some of our money-raising events, and indeed, was present on the Eppynt for the Car Rally, which raised £900 for our Charities Account. Recently.

Julia Blazer joined the Club last year, and enjoyed the fellowship. However, commercial pressures have affected her on-line business adversely, so she is busy expanding her other enterprises. Maybe she will rejoin when she has more free time. We hope so.



UP THE CRUG WITHOUT A PADDLE !

It was a splendid evening for those Rotarians and their wives who enjoyed a late picnic (with plenty of liquid refreshment) on the 20th June at the summit of Pen y Crug. This was the finest evening there had been since the midsummer solstice picnics were begun in 2002 or thereabouts, but not warm enough to tempt you to take your clothes off– but we're not druids or pagans, so it would not have been appropriate. The picture shows the departing sun in the west,, and you can make out the silhouettes of the stragglers who waited until the end

Price of a litre of petrol /diesel at 27th July Petrol 116.9 Diesel 117.9 pence
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Rotarian of the Month –24 CLIFF JONES



Cliff arrived in Brecon in 1982 to take up the post of Manager of the NatWest Bank, and joined the Rotary Club almost immediately having been a Rotarian in Cardiganshire for the five years before that. He and Barbara are still living in the old school at Aberyscir which they bought 28 years ago, and which has been made into a very comfortable home . They have two children; their son is a third generation banker at Natwest with a large area of South Wales as his remit: their daughter has three children under five so she is kept very busy. Cliff remembers Brecon when he first came here as being a pleasant town with good private shops. Now the new road system together with the closure of some businesses has made the town chaotic and less interesting, he judges. He says that his 33 years in Rotary have been enjoyable, and he has been proud to be a member of this Club, (Honorary from this summer-*congratulations*), although he has been inactive since his stroke in 2006. He hopes the work of the Club will continue, but he would like more social functions to be added to the programme, so that younger people might be keener to join. However, he realises that the pressures of time and cost are inhibiting factors for would-be new recruits. Like so many of us, the Welsh Rugby Team is the sports outfit he supports, and he enjoys watching the players on TV, even when they lose, (or were robbed, as their supporters have it). Cliff's favourite piece of music is from Bizet's opera, *The Pearl Fishers* with Jussi Bjorling. His most memorable holiday was when in the nineteen sixties and on his first trip abroad, he and Barbara took their frog eyed Austin Sprite through France (before there were the big roads!), to the South of the Country. They returned a week later by a different route, taking three days in the process, and gazing in wonderment at any other car with a British Number Plate. *Those were the days my friends*, as Mary Hopkin would have sung