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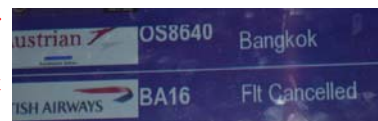


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BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

May and June 2010

The editor regrets having been unable to produce a Bruin for May, until now, but he was unavoidably delayed in Australia. The closure of European Airspace for six days meant that instead of arriving back in Brecon on April 17th, he did not return until 5th May.



President ANTHONY EDWARDS
Vice President BOB WOOD

BRECON MOUNTAIN RESCUE TALK 26TH APRIL 2010

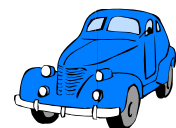
We had an extremely interesting address by Kevin Harding who has a background in life-guarding and PE teaching. He joined the Mountain Rescue Service in 1994, although the unit itself was formed in 1969, as a result of an in-vain search for a local doctor, whose body was eventually found by a small group with local knowledge. In 1975, when one Lyn Brown joined Brecon Mountain Rescue and brought with him an ambulance, things became much more professional. Now in 2010, they are even more on the ball with an HQ at Ffrwdgrech from where they run training courses and of course, their operational doings. They have two intakes a year, and successful candidates have a year long training period and a year's probation subsequently. The patch covered is surprisingly large, covering an area from Welshpool to Monmouth, and from Aberaeron to The Welsh Marches. 80% of the work they do is on upland searches. Kevin said that finding dead bodies was not the most pleasant part of the work. Both Air Ambulance and the Police Helicopter are involved but all three services are under the directions of the police. In 2010 there have already been 36 call-outs. At the Council Meeting on 17th May, the Club agreed to donate £500.

Forthcoming Events

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

- 24th May-Dinner with speaker (Lady Jane Birt) 7.30pm
- 31st May NO MEETING (Bank Holiday)
- 7th June-Dinner at 7.30pm followed by Business Meeting.
- 14th June Club Assembly and AGM
- 21st June Breakfast Meeting
- 28th June Charter Night 7.30pm (Black tie)

Price of petrol/diesel
At 20th May
Petrol 117.9p per litre
Diesel 120.9p per litre



TWO GOOD ROTARIANS LEAVE US

The President has received letters of resignation from Handel Davies and Richard Doylend who have served the Club for 9 and 12 years respectively. During this time, each of them has worked hard for Rotary. Handel, as we all know, has been amazing in the way he has developed the Caledonian Market and how he has organised impeccably the car boot sales, and has been a king pin at the rotary stall at the Christmas Fair. Richard was president in 2001, and edited Bruin for 5 years. He has chaired most Committees and has been a member of Council umpteen times.. They will be missed badly, but hopefully we shall see them again at Rotary fund-raising events. Indeed Richard has indicated .as much.



HANDEL DAVIES and soft toys



RICHARD DOYLEND and first granddaughter

THANKS A LOT YOU GUYS

Rotarian of the Month– 22
Geoff Woollorton

Geoff was President of this club twenty-nine years ago (as the little white book will tell you). He arrived in Brecon in 1974 when Welsh Water was created and he was appointed Engineer. He expected to for 3 years beyond the tion of the dustry until Then, he and joyed eight adventure, he in Indonesia, and Swazi- Geoff says were forma- (even at this stage!), and having im- the lives of now have reliable wa- plies as



Principal only ex- remain but stayed privatisa- water in- 1990 . Sue en- years of working Thailand land . that these tive times, late he cites proved those who safe and ter sup- amongst his proudest achievements. One of Geoff's two daughters lives in Brecon and has beauty therapist businesses here and in Hay. The other is Head of Marketing for St Peter's Hospice in Bristol. Geoff observes that Brecon has lost many of its small individual shops which helped give it that small town feel. He thinks that the Retail Park at Cyfarthfa has encouraged Brecon people to shop there, but that that sort of shopping might simply be a sign of the times. In an earlier life he was a highways engineer, and he finds the traffic pattern designed by Powys CC unbelievably bad, though unscrambling it is almost, but not an impossible task if some-one sensible took a hand. As for the Rotary Club of Brecon, Geoff says that its state today is like it was 30 years ago, with a high average age and a struggle sometimes to find officers. However, if the club was to have an MOT, Geoff says that it would pass so we must keep up the maintenance and refuel when we can. Geoff's favourites musicians are jazz clarinettists, and when he was young he took up that instrument himself. Being an active golfer keeps Geoff fit, but he is also a lifelong supporter of Leeds Utd. and along with Rhodri ,his grandson is looking forward to going to Silverstone in July to see the British Formula 1 Grand Prix. When asked about his view of the world today, Geoff thinks the biggest problem is the rapid population increase with insufficient resources to sustain it. Being a Civil Engineer, he has faith in our ability to cope with problems such as rising sea levels . However, he is worried that environmental pressure groups will stop essential work until it is too late. After all, he served on the group which was trying to create the Cardiff Bay Barrage, so he should know!

Bottle Rota

	24th May-	Hywel Davies	
	7th June	Terry Dewan	
	14th June	Anthony Edwards	
	21st June	Ingrid Gallagher	
	28th June	Gareth Griffiths	
	5th July	Howard Hoare	
	12th July	John Hopkins	