



# Brecon Rotary Update Information News

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Since the last BRUIN so much has happened. Christmas has come and gone, we voted by email that we should purchase 2 x Shelter Boxes for delivery to the Philippines; we had the Area final of the Young Musician and the Brecon Heat of the Young Chef. All in all a quiet 2 months! There was strong competition at the Area Final of the Young Musician, which saw the Brecon representatives (Cerys Price and Tara Bowen) both come 2<sup>nd</sup> in their respective categories. Winners of both categories came from Builth Wells. Only 3 competitors turned up for the Brecon Heat of the Young Chef Competition, and although the entry was low, the standard of food and presentation certainly wasn't. In a close finish Josie ... from Gwernyfed was judged to be the winner. Well done and thank you to Clive and Terry for organising these 2 events.

Our latest Non Meeting Monday saw 19 of us (members and wives) attend the Brecon Leisure Centre for a spot of Ten Pin Bowling. A great evening was had by all, the eventual top scorers were:

Female, with a top score of 115 – Alison Stratford.

Male, with a top score of 116 – Maurice Parry.

Well done to both, and thank you to Barry and Pat for organising and running the event.

Finally, as most of you are aware, Anthony Edwards had a nasty fall just before Christmas and had surgery on his leg and hip. He was granted day release from the hospital for Christmas Day to be with his family, but had to return later that evening. Anthony is now at home and is able to get around with the use of a frame. Anthony, from the Club, get well soon, and we hope to see you at the George in the very near future.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

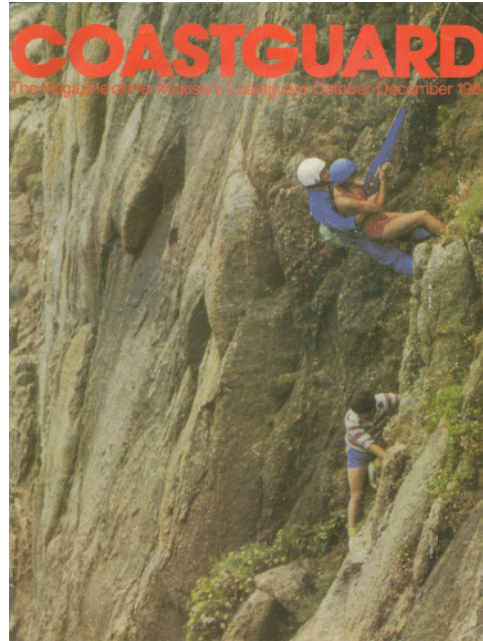
Thanks to Mike and Alison Stratford for organising the Rotary Christmas tree for the Cathedral festival. It was a great success. Afterwards it was on display in the Co-op (thanks to Mike Evans) and £57.10 was raised in donations under the watchful eye of "Angel" (not fairy) Derek.

### BOTTLE ROTA

- 23/1 Barry Tomlinson
- 30/1 Morlais Owens
- 6/2 Andrew Wakley
- 13/2 Bob Wood
- 20/2 No formal meeting
- 27/2 Geoff Woollorton
- 5/3 Derek Adams

### JANUARY & FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 16/1 Ten pin bowling (now history)
- 23/1 Dinner with speaker Jan Williams from TENOVUS
- 30/1 Breakfast meeting
- 6/2 Business meeting
- 13/2 Dinner meeting
- 20/2 No formal meeting
- 27/2 St David's Day dinner
- 5/3 Business meeting



**Another “Cliffhanger” as narrated by Brian Newman.**

On watch at Swansea Coastguard Station just before Christmas. It went as follows.

7.30 pm. Phone rings. Lady's voice:

*My husband's gone fishing and said he would be home by five as we're going to a function tonight.*

Me: *Where did he go and who did he go with?*

Lady: *To his usual beach (gave name) and on his own.*

7.40 Despatched local coastguard to check car park by beach.

8.00 Car park empty. Instructed all car parks on the Gower to be checked. Rang lady.

Me: *The car park by the beach is empty. We're checking all the others.*

9.00 All car parks reported empty. Rang lady.

Me: *All the car parks are empty. We're checking police and hospitals.* Lady now very distressed.

9.00 – 9.20 Checked all control centres. No record of person in question. Rang lady.

Me: *Emergency services and hospitals have been checked. They have no record of your husband.*

(Lady now frantic) *Maybe he called at a pub?*

Lady: *No, he wouldn't do that. He always comes home at the time he says.*

At my request lady gave name and contact number of a friend he occasionally fished with.

I rang this number and was informed friend was at his local pub. Despatched coastguard officer to pub.

10.00 Coastguard officer rang and informed me that the friend and man in question had both been there for several hours and were quite drunk. Rang lady.

Me: *We have found your husband. He's well and not injured.* (Lady crying and thanking me profusely for finding her husband). *He's in this pub, drunk, and would like you to pick him up about 11 o'clock.*

Lady: (suddenly irate) *The b----- can stay where he is and make his own f----- way home. When he gets in I'm going to kill him!!*

**GOOD NEWS! Extract from District Governor's Supplementary Newsletter 13th January 2012**

Rotary members across the world are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate the crippling disease polio. India, until recently an epicentre of the wild poliovirus, has completed a full calendar year without recording a new case since January 13th 2010. (should this be 2011? Ed)

The last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal. It will be a further two years of successful tests before the country is declared polio free. This milestone is a testament to the determination of all Rotarians and particularly to the 116,000+ Rotarians of India to eradicate polio by mass immunisation over a 27 year period. It is potentially the beginning of the end of polio in India but we must not be complacent as the disease can flare up suddenly. The vaccination programme must continue. If all ongoing testing for polio cases through January 13th continues to yield negative results India will be declared by the WHO to have interrupted transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the polio-endemic countries list, shared with Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. However, other countries remain at risk for cases imported from the endemic countries, which is why immunisations in India and other endemic and at-risk countries will continue.