

# Cardiff Breakfast News

Rotary Club of Cardiff Breakfast

*presents*

**The Cardiff County and Vale of  
Glamorgan Youth Orchestra**

in



**Showtime!**

*including music from A Chorus Line and Miss Saigon*

**Friday 7th April at 7.30 pm**

The Dutch Barn Concert Hall, Whitchurch High School Lower School,  
Manor Way, Cardiff

Tickets £12 (children £6) on the door,  
or from Richard Cunningham (029 2075 2486) or Mary Davies (029 2052 2848)

## **Wednesday Breakfast Meetings** (7.30 am at the Whitchurch Golf Club)

- 1 Mar St David's Day Big Breakfast** (7.30 for 8 am)
- 8 Mar Speaker: Danielle Treharne, Honorary Member, back from Uganda  
and collection of goods for Northlands
- 15 Mar Club meeting
- 22 Mar Speaker: John Callaghan "*The Falklands Conflict*"
- 29 Mar t.b.a.
- 5 Apr *No meeting - Scatter Week*
- 12 Apr Report back from the RIBI Conference and collection of goods for the  
Huggard Centre
- 19 Apr *No meeting - Easter week*
- 26 Apr Committees
- 3 May Interactors and Paul Spencer Awards

*Visitors are welcome at any of our meetings. It would be helpful if visitors could warn the Secretary in advance.*

## OTHER COMING EVENTS

### Young Interviewer District Final—Friday 3rd March 7pm



The Club is helping to organise the District Final of the Young Interviewer competition, and has three young people as competitors. It will be held at Howell's School, Llandaff.

Lord Murphy of Torfaen has kindly agreed to be our prestigious Interviewee. As Paul Murphy MP he represented the parliamentary constituency of Torfaen from 1987 - 2015, during which time he served as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and twice served as Secretary of State for Wales. He was elevated to the House of Lords in 2015. He has chosen to be interviewed on the subject of conflict, linking this with N Ireland. We await his full Statement with anticipation.

**Monday 27th March am.** Visit to the Royal Mint at Llantrisant followed by lunch

### The Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Orchestra concert, Friday 7th April—see flyer on page 1.

This magnificent young orchestra was formed in 1975 and has approximately 120 very talented young musicians between the ages of fourteen and twenty three. In 2015 the Local Authority withdrew all funding so the Orchestra now depends almost solely on money raised by the Youth Orchestra Association, the youngsters themselves, and sponsorship. "Showtime " including music from 'A Chorus Line' and 'Miss Saigon', is the title of the Orchestra's next concert and is being organised by the Club specifically to raise funds for the Orchestra and for charities supported by Rotary such as this year's President's charity *Action for Children*.

### News in Brief

**The Quiz** organised by the International Committee on January 27th was a sell out, and was much enjoyed by everyone present. Our thanks to Steve B and his team for all their hard work. As a result, over £1400 has been added to our charity fund.

The **Vision Aid** box for redundant pairs of spectacles placed in the Lisvane Stores has recently been emptied. 160 pairs of spectacles have now been sent for recycling

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*Is Rotary for You? - Come and see what we do.*

## The Club is 20 years old.

On Friday 20th the Club's 20th Charter evening was celebrated at the Whitchurch Golf Club. The evening was well supported by members and partners from the Rotary Clubs of Cardiff, Cardiff Llanishen, Cardiff Bay and Cardiff City of Llandaff, including District Governor Steve Jenkins. Following an excellent dinner Keith Moger, President of Cardiff Bay RC,



entertained diners with recollections of his time in the NHS. Earlier in the evening a Paul Harris Fellowship award was presented to Past President Stephen Finch in recognition of his services to Rotary, by our club's President Sheelagh Jones.



## YOUTH COMPETITION RESULTS

**Young Musician Area Round** Exceptional performances by both Instrumentalists and Vocalists were the order of the night at the Rotary Area 4 Young Musician Competition on the 12th of January at the Dutch Barn Concert Hall in Whitchurch High School. An audience of 50+ thoroughly enjoyed the performances by the three instrumentalists and five vocalists sponsored by five Area 4 Rotary clubs and organised by the Rotary Club of Cardiff Breakfast. The professional, experienced adjudicators had a tough job selecting the winner and runner up for both the Instrumental and Vocal competitions. The winners now go forward to the District Final on March 4th.

The pictures show firstly the Instrumental competitors with the Winner Huw Boucher (harp) in the middle and the Runner Up Charlotte Kwok aged 10 (piano) third from the right. Secondly, the Vocalist competitors with the Winner Manon Ogwen-Parry in the middle and the Runner Up Linos Haf Jones second from right .



**Youth Speaks** Two teams from Whitchurch High School and a team from Ysgol Bro Edern took part in a very close and often passionate Intermediate Club Round. Ysgol Bro Edern was participating for the first time. The winning team was from year 9 at Whitchurch High School: Chair— Rose Cooper, Speaker—Megan Moorel and the Vote of Thanks was given by Jessica Bright. Their chosen topic was "This house believes that euthanasia should be legalised".

Two teams from Whitchurch High School competed in the Senior Round. The winning team was Jessica Vasey (Chairperson), Maddie Emery (Speaker) and Linus Kirkwood (Proposer of the Vote of Thanks). Their topic was "This house believes that immigration is negatively portrayed by the media". The winning Chairperson was Jessica Vasey, the winning Speaker was Lois Render and the winning Proposer of the Vote of Thanks was Freda Luscombe.



*The Intermediate winning team*



*The Senior winning team  
with Anthony Rees, Head of  
English at WHS*

Both teams went on to the Area Final organized by RC Cardiff Llanishen at the Cardiff Golf Club. The Adjudicators were from the Cardiff Speaking Club, the timekeeper was Richard Cunningham and the Questioner was Mark Worwood (both from this club). Our teams were both runners-up.

**Young Chef** Jillpa Patel of Whitchurch High School was our winning representative in the Area Final of Rotary Young Chef, held in Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School on February 9th. Jillpa now goes on to the District Final to be held at Cowbridge Comprehensive School on 4th March.



**Come and support Maggie in her year as District Governor (see the next article) - Dates for your Diary**

Saturday 13 May District Assembly at Aberdare Community School

Sunday 25 June District Handover Lunch at the Towers Hotel, Swansea

Friday - Sunday 13-15 October District Conference in the Holiday Inn, Plymouth (soon to become the Crowne Plaza Hotel)

Rooms at the Holiday Inn at the special conference rate of £180 per person can be booked now. Tel: 01752 6399 363 (The special rate includes 2 nights B&B, Friday Dinner, Saturday Buffet Lunch and the Conference Dinner on the Saturday evening. Deposit £50 pp.)

## Maggie reports on her journey to becoming our District Governor

*At breakfast on 25th January we welcomed our District Governor Elect (DGE) Maggie Hughes back from her trip to San Diego, where she had been attending the Rotary International Assembly as part of her preparations for taking over the District in July.*

What a year it has been, meeting my DGE colleagues for the first time at the RIBI Leadership Assembly in January 2015. and then attending the Governors Elect Training Seminar in Madrid where we worked with our European colleagues, and now culminating in the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego.

January 2017 saw 15 of us meeting in Heathrow for the 11 hour flight, arriving in San Diego at 8.00 pm which was 4.00 am UK time. We found a couple of mini-buses and arrived about ten minutes later at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel.

The Assembly began on Sunday evening with the International Evening which was a wonderful experience meeting all the other 538 DGEs from around the world. I cannot even begin to describe the multitude of colours in the many beautiful national costumes representing all the nations of Rotary International. There were many different languages and when we lined up for the parade DGE Beryl (N Wales) and husband Tony joined me to represent Wales, with a single representative from Zambia making up the rear of the parade.

Monday morning was the first of the general sessions where RI President Elect Ian Riseley (Victoria Australia) gave the opening address and launched his theme for his year - "**Rotary Making a Difference**".

When we split for the coffee break all the trade stands had been uncovered and we were able to start shopping for theme badges etc etc.

The week was a combination of General Sessions with excellent presentations in the main conference room, followed by break-out sessions of approximately 20 - 30 delegates. It was at these sessions that the work really began but it was wonderful to share ideas with Rotarians from so many different countries and make so many new friends, like DGE Lay from the Philippines.

I was especially impressed with DGE Christina (from Cyprus) who invited me to her conference in Paphos; her District 2452 covers 9 different countries. Possibly the most surreal was sitting with DGE Robert Mendoza from District 5690 (Kansas & Oklahoma) whose uncle was the brains behind Huckleberry Hound and Hong Kong Fuey. He is the keeper of all his uncle's archives and has the actual Tinkerbell at home!! Another day I sat with Valerio of District 2090 from Rome; he gave us all a bookmark and on one side were beautiful photographs of his home town and on the other the total destruction he and his family faced following the recent earthquakes. It certainly made us appreciate how lucky we are, but also how quickly Rotary responds with humanitarian service to those people in desperate need.

The whole week was organisation of epic proportions to ensure all the interpreters were in place for the General Sessions and that those in the break-out sessions were able to communicate in the same language. Food was amazing and our RIBI hospitality suite was visited by Rotarians from all over the world. And we can recommend Ralph's super-market if you ever visit San Diego!!!!!!



*L to R. Beryl Cotton (N Wales), Carol Reilly (NW Midlands), Maggie, RI President Elect Ian Riseley, Cheryl Law (Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire)*

## Rotary in Uganda

*In January this year, Michael B and Elsebeth went to Uganda as part of a group from St Denys's Church in Lisvane. They were able to go to the Rotary Club of Mbale, and Michael has written this account of the visit.*

This was not a conventional 'Safari' trip: the purpose was to get to know the people of the country, and to see as much as possible of the various initiatives which are helping one of the poorest countries in the world. It was in many ways completely mindblowing; we felt overwhelmed by the dignity, friendliness, cheerfulness and generosity of everyone we met.

Rotary is big in Uganda. From the airport in Entebbe, through the capital city of Kampala, and in the town where we were based, Mbale, you see Rotary signs and Rotary projects. Of course, we were well aware of the Rotary Club of Mbale because of the joint project to provide a clean water supply to villages in Mbale District – a project which had involved the Pontypridd-based charity PONT which carries out so much invaluable work in this area and which organised our activities while we were there. That this project, and specifically the funding needed, had been completed was largely due to the hard work and sheer persistence of Chris Moseley and Steve Best of RCCB.

So a visit to the Rotary Club of Mbale was essential. They meet in a very nice European-style hotel, the Mount Elgon Hotel, on Tuesday evenings. Luckily, we had met Barbara, one of the Rotaractors associated with the club, who had been doing some voluntary work with PONT, and she looked after us during our visit. In some ways it was a disappointing meeting to attend: it was a business meeting only, so there was a low attendance, no meal, and no real chance to socialise with members. However, it was extremely interesting for a number of reasons.

First, it is clear that they do not have the sort of fund-raising activities which we do – there simply is not enough wealth in the country for this. Instead, the members make their own contributions and access other sources of money (mostly from abroad) which they then administer. While we were there, a mother came to ask for funding for a kidney operation for her husband: a collection was made on the spot which raised 90,000 shillings. It sounds a lot but is just under £25.



*Michael and Elsebeth presenting our club's banner to PP Immanuel Gidudu (right) under the watchful eye of the Sergeant-at-Arms*

Then, it was interesting that they involve Rotaractors so much in their activities. Rotaractors attend the main Rotary meetings as a matter of course and play a major part – for example in arranging RYLA courses (which are considerably less complex than our youth leadership programmes and take on many more candidates). A good way of lowering the age profile!

I was pleased to be able to tell them something of our club and the various activities we support as well as our fund-raising initiatives. I came away with pride in Rotary as a truly international movement, creating friendships as well as making such a positive impact in places where it is so badly needed.