

Cardiff Breakfast News



Wednesday 23rd March was the last meeting to be chaired by Winter President Mark. He handed the Badge of Office on to Heather Guy, who became our Spring President on 1st April

Join the Rotary Bike Ride to beat Prostate Cancer Sunday June 26th



The Club is again organising Cardiff's contribution to the Rotary Ride for Prostate Cymru, this year on Sunday June 26th.

The start and finish is at the Whitchurch Rugby Sports and Social Club, Samuels Crescent CF14 2TH. There is a choice of two routes out west into the Vale of Glamorgan, at approximately 25 miles and 55 miles. Registration is from 8.30 am, leaving at 9.30 am.

The route will be fully marshalled, with drinks stations at regular intervals.

Entry and Sponsorship forms and further details can be obtained from Michael Sant tel: 029 2076 1510, e-mail: midrey@btinternet.com.

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

- 4 May Interactors to breakfast and presentation of Paul Spencer Awards
- 11 May "The Way Forward" - Discussion continues (until 9 am)
- 18 May AGM
- 25 Mar Speaker: Dr Rachel Butler "Advances in Medical Genetics"
- 1 Jun Committees and collection of goods for Northlands
- 8 Jun Club Assembly
- 15 Jun Speaker: Paul Adam "SSAFA—Soldiers, Sailors & Air Force Association"
- 20-24 Jun Scatter Week—visits to other clubs
- 29 June *No meeting—Handover Dinner on Friday*
- 6 Jul Committees and collection of goods for the Huggard Centre
- 13 Jul Visit of Pastor Andrew Sabakaki, Exodus Church, Mbale and Rev Chris Burr, Vicar of Lisvane

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



President Elect Sheelagh Lloyd Jones MBE invites you to the

Presidential Handover Dinner

Friday 1st July at Whitchurch Golf Club, 6.30 for 7.00 pm
including music by members of the Cardiff & Vale of
Glamorgan Youth Orchestra

Tickets £20

Formal

Please contact Secretary Sue Hewerdine

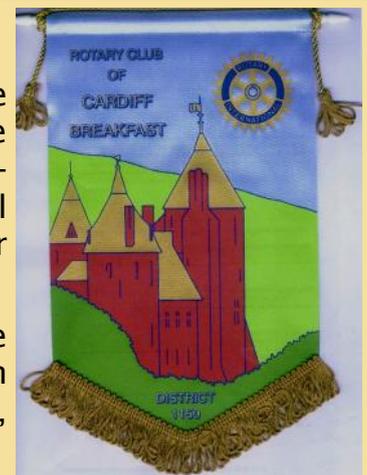
Whitchurch & Tongwynlais Festival

The club will be helping the Festival again this year by organising the Grand Raffle in aid of the Whitchurch Community Hall Association and Air Ambulance Wales. The draw will be made at the Fete on the Common on Saturday 9th July. Come and visit us on our stand.

Happy 125th Birthday, Castell Coch

When the club was formed in 1997, we decided to base the design for our banner on a picture of Castell Coch, since we were meeting in its shadow on Junction 32 of the M4. The design was created by the then Head of Art at The Cathedral School where the Headmaster, Lyndsey Gray, was a founder member of the club.

Now this year, 2016, the castle is celebrating 125 years since 1891 when the Third Marquess of Bute and his architect William Burgess completed the present building in Gothic style in 1891, building on the foundations of the earlier 12thC "Red Castle".



St David's Day Big Breakfast was the best attended ever

There were Rotarians, partners and friends from ten clubs in South Wales and four Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Marmande, France, along with Interactors from Howell's School, The Cathedral School and Whitchurch High School. In total, 96 people sat down to breakfast. The Grand Raffle raised over £500 for The Rotary Foundation—our thanks to all the individuals and organizations who donated such excellent raffle prizes.



Following the Buck's Fizz reception we were treated to music of a very high standard by Ffion Walsh, (*harp*).

Serving breakfast to hungry Interactors.



President Mark led us in singing *Mae hen wlad fy nhadau* to conclude the proceedings.

After breakfast we were splendidly entertained by the Choir of Whitchurch Primary School.



Primary School Reading Assistance

For the last five years at Grangetown and four years at Bryn Celyn Primary Schools, the club has provided a rota of people who attend regularly to listen to and help children with reading difficulties. Over a two hour period once a week, each child reads for about 10 minutes. Whilst the main part of the commitment is provided by six club members in particular, they are supported by partners and friends who fill in when needed to provide a guaranteed service. They all feel this is a very worthwhile way of showing that Rotary's ideal of Vocational Service works in practice. The effort



has been concentrated on Year 2 at Grangetown and Year 6 at Bryn Celyn, and is now about to embrace Year 2 at Bryn Celyn as well. Both head teachers speak very favourably of the beneficial results coming from this addition to their school's resources. The rota is compiled by Steve Best. He would like to expand the help that we can offer, and would welcome offers from anyone who would like to join in this very satisfying activity.



Successes at the District Young Interviewer Competition

Howell's School kindly provided the venue for this year's District Final of the Rotary Young Interviewer competition held on March 11th. The person who agreed to be in the hot seat as the interviewee was Martin Pollard, Chief Executive of the Welsh Centre for International Affairs. His subject was "The European Union - In or Out?" and his statement had been given to the interviewers beforehand.

The six competitors took a variety of approaches to interviewing Martin. The excellent standard of questioning made for a lively and interesting evening, it kept Martin on his toes and provided the Adjudicators with a difficult task in deciding the winners. This

year the three competitors sponsored by RCCB took all three places. The winner was Sian-Agius Evans from Howell's School, with Charles Archer from The Cathedral School second and Daniel Bevan from Whitchurch High School third. Well done all. The prizes were presented by District Governor Chris Williams.



The picture shows the winner Sian questioning Martin Pollard with the Adjudicators looking on deep in thought.

Cardiff County & Vale of Glamorgan Youth Orchestra Concert

Whitchurch High School's Dutch Barn Concert Hall provided the venue for this year's concert entitled "Nobody Does It Better", a 007 tribute concert. The concert was organised by the club to raise funds for the Orchestra and other charities supported by Rotary. The orchestra which comprised

mainly 16 & 17 year olds was conducted by Eric Phillips MBE, with Leader Alice Howell, and were on great form. The substantial audience was treated to a variety of film scores in the first half of the programme and continuing the theme into the second half of the concert we were treated to a number of rousing Bond themes. The soloist for the evening, 17 year old Emma Kaler from WHS



who has won many awards, gave a stunning performance of Skyfall from the latest Bond movie. The concert concluded with John Williams's Star Wars Suite to much applause for an excellent performance.

Eric Phillips will be coming to breakfast on 4th May to receive a cheque for £1400 for the orchestra, and the club's charity fund benefitted by £1000.

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