

THE WELSH CHARITABLES RFC NEWS LETTER FEBRUARY 2011

Well here we are into a new decade having Celebrated our 10th Anniversary in December and finishing off our year of charity fund raising on a high with our Tribute Dinner to John Dawes OBE in the presence of HRH the Prince of Wales and who would have believed all those years ago when we initially approached 100 people for £50 to reform the Welsh Charitables RFC that some 10 years later we would have the future King of England as one of our top table guests it's just tremendous for everyone concerned with the Welsh Charitables RFC.

Over the past 10 years the Welsh Charitables RFC with your continued support have managed to have raised some £100,000 throughout the principality by holding Charity Sportsmen's Dinner, Tribute Dinners, Golf Tournaments and the occasional game of rugby for our nominated charities, even through the present economic climate you have still found it in you to support our fund raising events for which we are so grateful and this was shown with the sell out of our Annual Vice Presidents Tie Presentation Dinner held last October with guest speaker the former Cardiff, Barbarian Wales & British Lions Scrum Half Gareth Edwards CBE where some 25 new Vice Presidents received their ties including Welsh Great Max Boyce, so if you know of anyone wanting to become a Vice President with the Welsh Charitables RFC let me know.

I would on behalf of the Welsh Charitables RFC like to thank our sponsors for last year namely Castell Howell Foods of Crosshands and Antur Insurance whose representative coincidentally is our Senior Team Manager and former Wales Captain Paul Thorburn.

Dates have already been arranged for this year's events and keeping with tradition of holding events throughout the principality our first charity fundraising event we are holding is a "Dinner with a Legend" to former Llanelli, Wales & British Lions Second Row Delme Thomas on Friday 11th March 2011 in the Castell Howell Marquee Crosshands.

We have also been honoured by being invited to take an U18 Invitation team to play a fixture against a combined Public School Wanderers/Welsh Exiles U18 Invitation team in a Memorial Game to Brigadier Rolph James CBE to be played at Old Deer Park the home of London Welsh on Sunday 20th March 2011 kick off 2pm. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the U18 Team will be managed by the Former Pontypool, Wales & British Lions Captain Terry Cobner who was one of the men originally involved in forming the Welsh Exiles Team a number of years ago.

We are also taking a Welsh Charitables RFC International XV to be managed by Former Neath & Wales Captain Paul Thorburn to play Nantymoel 1st XV in a Memorial Game for 2 former players who were tragically killed in a road accident towards the end of last year. The game will be held on Saturday 7th May 2011 at Nantymoel RFC KO 2.30pm

The next dinner is the 10th Annual Mayor of Torfaen/Welsh Charitables Sports Dinner to be held at the Greenmeadow Golf & Country Club Cwmbran on Friday 20th May 2011. Also later in the year at the Greenmeadow Golf & Country Club on Friday 16th September 2011 is the Annual Vice Presidents Dinner and Tie Presentation.

Then finishing off on Friday 4th November 2011, venue to be arranged in Cardiff, the Annual Tribute Dinner. This year's recipient is the former London Welsh, Cardiff, Barbarian, Wales & British Lions Wing Gerald Davies CBE.

So once again thank you for your continued support which we again look forward to this year, keep checking our website for further details www.welshcharitablesrfc.com .