

THE WELSH CHARITABLES RFC NEWS LETTER FEBRUARY 2012

2011 was an eventful year for the Welsh Charitables RFC starting with the postponement of the Dinner With A Legend to Delme Thomas due to so many dinners being held around the same time in West Wales so we quickly re-arranged the date and venue to the Canolfan Delme Thomas at the Parc Y Scarlets which proved a tremendous success and was well supported.

We fielded our first ever U18 team having been invited to play in the Brigadier Rolph James Memorial Game at Old Deer Park and running away with a tremendous 71 – 07 victory. We also fielded an International XV for a fundraising game at Nantymoel which was very well supported. This year we intend to play some more games with one planned for **Friday 16th March 2012** where again under the management of Terry Cobner ably assisted by Billy Vivian we are fielding an U23 team to play against the Irish Exiles Development Team at Ealing RFC London, another match date yet to be arranged against a combined valleys team to raise funds for a former player of Oakdale RFC.

The 10th Anniversary Mayor of Torfaen's Dinner was a most enjoyable evening with guest speaker Garin Jenkins having a warm welcome at the Greenmeadow Golf & Country Club and we are expecting the same reception for this year's speaker the former **Ebbw Vale, Pontypridd and Wales Captain Kingsley Jones** who is presently the Head Coach of the Russian National Rugby Team and still finds time to be a pundit on BBC Scrum V, the dinner is being held on **Friday 16th April 2012** where it is our intention to present cheques totalling **£10,000** to our supported charities. A month later on **Friday the 18th May 2012** we are holding the Inaugural Charity Open Golf Day another joint venture with the Mayor of Torfaen so we hope this will be well supported and continue for many years to come.

This year's recipient of the Annual Tribute Dinner following on from the Great Gerald Davies is another former winger in the guise of the former Llanelli, Bath, Barbarian, Wales & British Lions Wing **Ieuan Evans** who is **Celebrating 25 Years** since winning his first cap for Wales against France back in 1987 the dinner is to be held at the Canolfan Delme Thomas at the Parc Y Scarlets Llanelli on **Friday 6th July 2012**.

That leaves us with the **12th Annual Vice President Dinner & Tie Presentation** with guest speaker **Brynmor Williams** the former Cardiff, Swansea, Newport Barbarian Wales & British Lions Scrum Half who also played rugby league as usual there will be a goodly number of former Wales & British Lions in attendance so if you know of anyone who wants to become a Vice President drop me a line the date for this dinner is **Friday 16th November 2012**.

It was on the 14th October 2011 that we heard the sad news of the passing of our first ever President Robert Ithal Davies better known as Bob the former Ebbw Vale fullback who was a tremendous influence in support of the Welsh Charitables RFC and will be sadly missed by us all.

This year will see a change in the officers of the Welsh Charitables RFC, as due to work commitments our treasurer Derek Thomas has decided to step down, we would like to thank him for all his hard work he has carried out during his time in office and wish him all the best for the future and hope he can still find the time to attend some of our dinners. His position will be taken by our former president Dennis Willmott

Once again thank you for your continued support which we again look forward to this year, we are also looking for people and companies to step in and sponsor our functions, donate raffle prizes and become new Vice Presidents contact the Hon Secretary for details and keep checking our website for further news www.welshcharitablesrfc.com