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As Patron of the Cardiff Business Club, I am pleased to hear that 2008 and 2009 turned out to be a vintage season for the Club, with twelve well attended dinners which, this year, also included many students as guests.

The issue of creating and maintaining a sustainable environment – a subject which has occupied a proportion of my attention for a considerable period of time! – was explored throughout the season as each guest speaker reported on the steps taken by their own businesses to tackle the challenges of climate change.

This year, the Club's successful scholarship scheme has gone from strength to strength and for the coming season I am delighted to learn that The University of Wales will fund a travelling scholarship – adding to the three annual scholarships awarded by the Club to encourage students studying for degrees in business management. In addition, the Club website has been greatly enhanced to allow members to communicate with the Club in a more efficient manner.

In July 2009, Cardiff Business Club held a dinner in honour of Giles Clarke, Chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, to celebrate the Ashes Test held in the city. It is heartening to see the Club involved in major occasions such as these and, in this vein, we look forward to next year's Ryder Cup, as well as the Club's centenary celebrations currently being planned for 2012.

As ever, this historic Club opens its doors to all and the lectures given by guest speakers are free to attend. As Patron, I am once again delighted to send my warmest good wishes for the forthcoming season.

Fel Noddwr Clwb Busnes Caerdydd, rwyf yn falch o glywed bod 2008 a 2009 wedi bod yn dymor rhagorol i'r Clwb, gyda deuddeg o giniawau llwyddiannus a oedd, eleni, yn cynnwys llawer o fyfyrwyr fel gwahoddedigion hefyd.

Ystyriwyd y mater o greu a chynnal amgylchedd cynaliadwy – pwnc yr wyf wedi rhoi sylw iddo am gryn amser! – drwy'r tymor cyfan wrth i bob siaradwr gwadd gyflwyno'r camau a gymerwyd gan ei fusnes ei hun i fynd i'r afael â heriau newid yn yr hinsawdd.

Eleni, mae cynllun ysgoloriaeth llwyddiannus y Clwb wedi mynd o nerth i nerth ac ar gyfer y tymor sydd i ddod, rwyf yn falch iawn o glywed y bydd Prifysgol Cymru yn ariannu ysgoloriaeth deithiol - gan ychwanegu at y tair ysgoloriaeth flynyddol a ddyfermir gan y Clwb i annog myfyrwyr sy'n astudio ar gyfer graddau mewn rheoli busnes. Yn ogystal, mae gwefan y Clwb wedi'i gwella i raddau helaeth er mwyn galluogi aelodau i gyfathrebu â'r Clwb mewn modd mwy effeithlon.

Yn mis Gorffennaf 2009, cynhaliodd Clwb Busnes Caerdydd ginio i anrhydeddu Giles Clarke, Cadeirydd Bwrdd Criced Cymru a Lloegr, i ddathlu Gêm Brawf Cyfres y Llundw a gynhaliwyd yn y ddinas. Mae gweld y Clwb yn cymryd rhan mewn digwyddiadau pwysig fel y rhain yn galonogol ac, yn hyn o beth, edrychwn ymlaen at Gwpan Ryder y flwyddyn nesaf, yn ogystal â dathliadau canmlwyddiant y Clwb a gaiff eu trefnu ar hyn o bryd ar gyfer 2012.

Fel erioed, mae'r Clwb hanesyddol hwn yn croesawu pawb a gellir mynd i'r darlithoedd a roddir gan siaradwyr gwadd yn rhad ac am ddim. Fel Noddwr y Clwb, rwyf wrth fy modd unwaith eto o ddymuno pob dymuniad da i'r Clwb am y tymor nesaf.

Meetings diary October 2009 to April 2010



Cardiff Business Club history



Meetings will take place at The St David's Hotel and Spa in Cardiff Bay unless otherwise notified. The evening normally begins with a drinks reception at 6.15pm and the lecture begins at 7pm. Dinner is served at 8pm and the evening ends promptly at 10pm.

Monday 5th October
Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles KCMG LVO
British Ambassador to Afghanistan
2007 – 2009

Monday 2nd November
Baroness Helena Kennedy of the Shaws QC, FRSA
Barrister, broadcaster and member of the House of Lords
Sponsored by Cardiff Business School

Monday 16th November
Sir Liam Donaldson
Chief Medical Advisor to the Government
Sponsored by Vale Healthcare

Monday 30th November
General Sir David Richards KCB, CBE, DSO, ADC
Chief of the General Staff
Sponsored by RFCA for Wales and SaBRE Wales

Thursday 3rd December
(A dinner for Vice-Presidents of the Club)
Charlie Mayfield
Chairman John Lewis Partnership

Thursday 17th December
Vince Cable MP
Deputy Leader the Liberal Democrats
Sponsored by the Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales

Monday 18th January
Dame Marjorie Scardino DBE, FRSA
CEO Pearson PLC
Sponsored by Principality

Monday 8th February
Lord David Puttnam CBE, FRSA
Film producer, politician and member of the House of Lords. Sponsored by The University of Wales Institute Cardiff – UWIC

Monday 22nd February
Jim French
Chairman Flybe

Monday 8th March
John Varley
Group Chief Executive Barclays Bank PLC
Sponsored by Barclays Commercial Bank, Wales

Monday 29th March
Martin Coles
President of Starbucks
Sponsored by Westbridge

Monday 12th April
Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach
Deputy Chairman of Goldman Sachs

An event is to be held for an Ambassador to the Court of St James, or a High Commissioner from a Commonwealth country, to mark the close of the season. Details of which will be announced nearer the time.

The year was 1912. Captain Scott and his party of intrepid explorers had reached the South Pole only to discover a Norwegian named Roald Amundsen had beaten them to it. At sea the mighty Titanic, flag ship of the White Star Fleet had sunk off Newfoundland with the loss of 1,500 lives. On the domestic front Parliament passed the Minimum Wage for Coalminers Bill and in Cardiff, soon to be the coal exporting capital of the world, the Cardiff Business Club was established.

After 97 years the Club still retains the high aspirations of that group of businessmen, who believed that through mutual support and understanding, they could assist one another in achieving their commercial objectives and share business interests.

Today the Club still strives to attain that goal and remains one of the best supported organisations of its kind. In its long and illustrious history the Club has been a means of bringing the world to Cardiff and has witnessed those momentous events of the 20th century that included two World Wars and the post-war social and political climate of the 1930s. In 1938 Anthony Eden told the Club he was on Hitler's Black List and urged Britain to build defences, warning that each day the full extent of the Czechoslovakian sacrifice was unfolding. With the return of peace the Club continued to prosper and became a forum for leading political and industrial figures.

Two future prime ministers-Tony Blair and Gordon Brown have presented their political strategies, international business figures like Michael Moritz and Peter Sutherland have spoken to packed meetings as have Lord Digby Jones, the Duke of Westminster, Lord Attenborough, Lord Heseltine, and captains of industry like Sir Martin Sorrel and Sir Terry Leahy. Following the death of its president David Cole in 2003 and the election of Sir David (now Lord) Rowe-Beddoe as chairman, the Club moved from the Park Hotel to the five-star St David's Hotel & Spa on Cardiff Bay's waterfront and this proved a success. In 2003 Cardiff Business Club reorganised its constitution and the traditional committee was replaced by a

new Board of Directors to take the Club forward. Having played a prominent role in business circles in South Wales since its foundation Cardiff Business Club still relies on the goodwill and support of the business community and in particular the sponsorship by national and local business such as Brewin Dolphin and Odgers Berndtson. No other such club has the distinction of having HRH the Prince of Wales as its Patron and being able to pride itself in being a true, non-political Speakers' Club. Today directors and members look to the Welsh business community to ensure the survival of the ideals of its founders and its many distinguished vice-presidents over the past nine decades.

For its part the business community has been generous in its support. In 2005 a scholarship scheme was introduced which, in 2007, was widened so that a prize of £1000 was given to an outstanding student in each of the three business schools in South Wales – Cardiff Business School, Glamorgan Business School and the Cardiff School of Management. For the 2009/10 season the Club will award a travelling scholarship kindly sponsored by the University of Wales. This encouragement that the Club gives to students of Business Studies will run alongside the existing scheme which sees a table of ten students, drawn from the business schools of South Wales, who are invited to attend each dinner.

In the 2008 HRH The Prince of Wales kindly confirmed that he would continue as Patron of the Club. He takes a close interest in the Club and has reiterated his invitation to all guest speakers to say what their organisation is doing in terms of sustainable business. The Club will have its centenary in the autumn of 2012 and a committee had been formed to prepare suitable celebrations to mark that auspicious occasion.

In keeping with tradition Cardiff Business Club's meetings remain open to the public, and the newly enhanced website allows individuals to join and book dinners on line, all of which contributes to a keenly anticipated new season providing another successful chapter in the Club's history.