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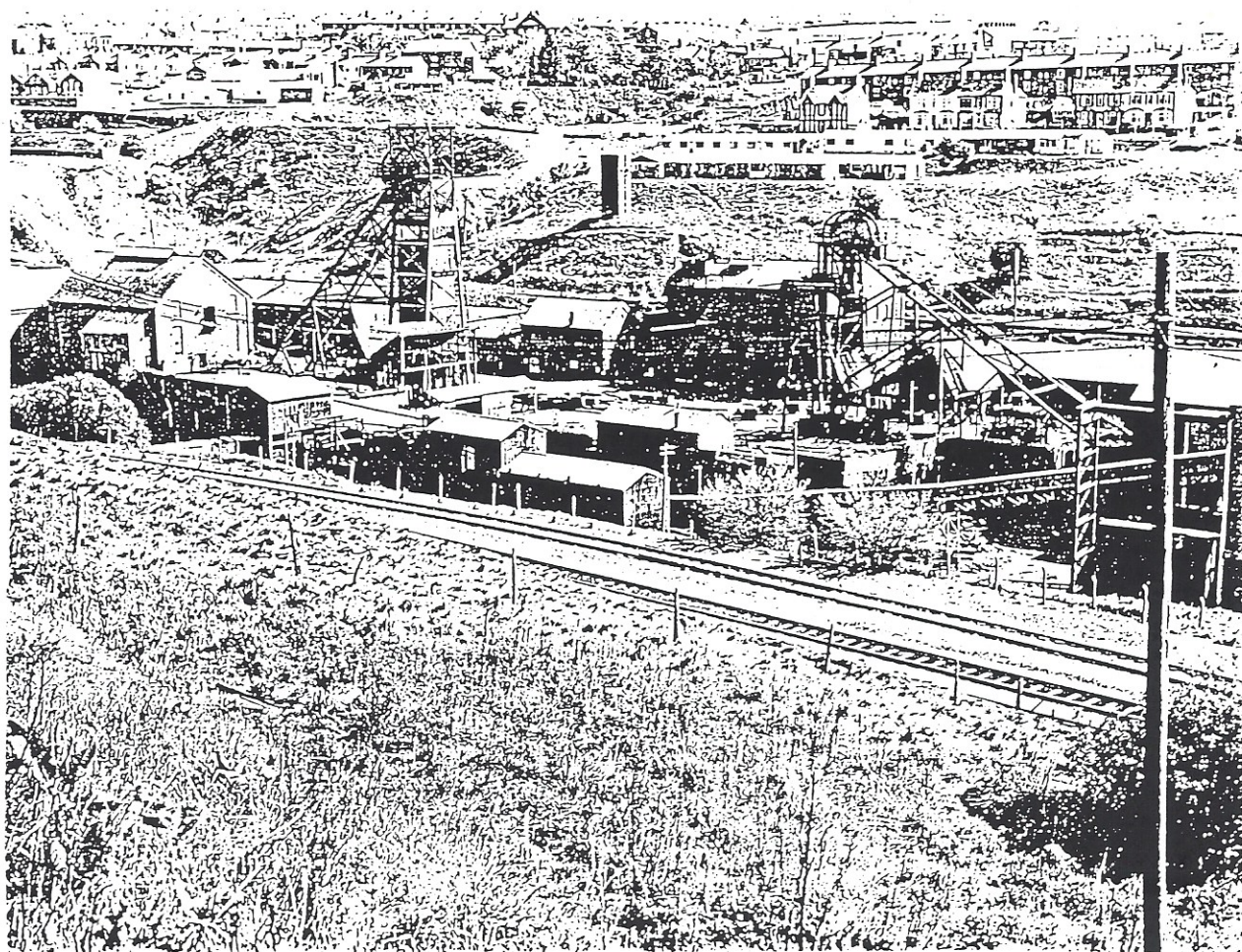


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Cymdeithas Gymraeg Vancouver

Cambrian News

Welsh Society Newsletter — Cylchgrawn Cymraeg



BARGOED COLLIERY, RHYMNEY VALLEY, SOUTH WALES.

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Our cover story for this month is of Bargoed Colliery in South Wales - the photo on the cover is about 25 years old.

The colliery is located about half-way between Rhymney Town and Caerphilly in the Rhymney Valley and sits on top of the Rhymney river - which actually runs right underneath the colliery buildings!

When Wales still had the old county system, half of Bargoed colliery was in Glamorganshire and the other was in Monmouthshire. On one side of it is the town of Bargoed, whilst the the other side is Aberbargoed. As might be guessed, it was the areas' principal employer up until 1977, then it was closed down - as many of the South Wales collieries have been. Just about a mile away from the Bargoed Colliery, was a coal fire power station, which supplied electricity and compressed air to all the coal mines in the Valley. Both Bargoed and Aberbargoed have a population of about 6 - 7,000.

The colliery was demolished about 10 years ago and the land is being re-claimed as parkland. The Rhymney Valley used to have about 10 coal mines along it ; now they are all gone and the coal tips removed. On a clear day you can almost see from one end of the Valley to the other.

Submitted by Welsh Society President, Mr. Jeff Owen, who used to work at the Bargoed Colliery.

WELCOME!
NEW MEMBERS

The Welsh Society of Vancouver extends a warm Welsh welcome to all our newest members. Their names are given below :- in alphabetical order;

- Bernard and Honor Blake, Richmond.
- Stephanie Boggan, Vancouver.
- Sheila Hobbis, North Vancouver.
- Alison Jayne Keepings, Vancouver.
- Mer Montador, Vancouver.
- Tegwen Shirlaw, Vancouver.
- Marjorie May Webb, Cumberland, B. C.

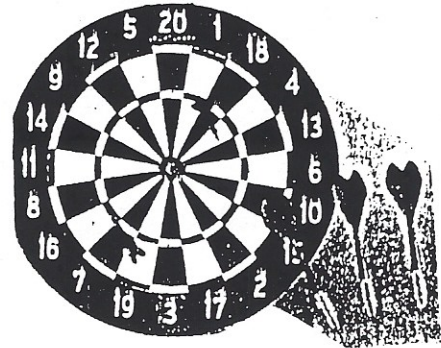


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In addition to "human" members, the Society has been fortunate enough to gain some n-ewe-r ones!

Six lambs were born recently, on John and Pat Morris' farm out in Surrey. Congratulations to you, Pat and John - and thanks for the extra members -baa none!

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Calling All Dart Players !!!

The social committee has targeted Saturday, June 6 for yet another darts tournament.

Teams will consist of mixed two or three players (same as last tourny).

There will be food, prizes, and fun for all.

To sign up, just call Milt Morgan at 298-6085.

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MEMBERSHIP REMITTANCE FORM - 1992

Please print: Name:-----
Address:-----
City:-----
Postal Code:-----*-- Phone No.:-----

Type of Membership: REGULAR. FAMILY. SENIORS. OUT OF TOWN. (circle one)

Please make cheque or money order payable to: The Welsh Society of Vancouver, B. C.
Send completed form to: Joan Thomsen, Membership Secretary,
Cambrian Hall, 215 East 17th Ave.,
Vancouver, B. C., V5V 1A6.

Membership Dues remain unchanged from 1991, they are presented below.

REGULAR.....\$30.00. FAMILY.....\$50.00.
SENIORS.....\$17.00. *OUT OF TOWN.....\$15.00.
*(Living a minimum of 80 kilometres/50 miles outside the city
of Vancouver.)

From the Executive...

This is a new newsletter entry resulting from the first item below.

- ° A motion was passed to include a summary of the executive meeting in the agenda of the general meeting of the same month.
- ° A new format was adopted for the agenda of the general meeting.
- ° The Fringe Festival will be renting the hall for the period of August 31 to September 22. They have asked the society to fix the cost of their rentals for the next two years. This was accepted unanimously.

HERE'S NEWS!

CHEPSTOW RACES

The evening of Saturday, April 11th, saw the Welsh Society's annual "Ascot", down in the Red Dragon. Quite a good crowd showed up and the merriment ran high throughout most of the night, with several people winning on the races. A big thank you goes to all the people who helped to make the evening a success - your efforts are appreciated.



.....Weekend Away.....

At our last Christmas Banquet, one of the prizes was a weekend stay at Devon House. The lucky winners of this prize were David and Liz Evans, who went to Devon House to celebrate their anniversary. David and Liz say it's a hugely enjoyable way to spend a weekend, beautiful scenery, great sk-ing and the hospitality of Peter and Greta Taylor is second to none. Well....I can't wait to go!....how about you.....?

Just to let you know...

The hall is becoming quite a popular venue for rentals. Bookings have already reached to September ! Anyone wishing to rent the upper or lower halls (or both) should contact Alan Jones ASAP at 437-0304

This is a golden opportunity for me to add a few words of my own!

Doing the newsletter has proved to be an interesting experience and a good way for us to become more involved in the Welsh culture of Vancouver. Of course, we have the support of many good people - a big thank you to them all. It is a lot of hard work keeping our cultural heritage alive, but having been back home to Wales recently, I can tell you that it is well worth it!

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR! (AHEM!)



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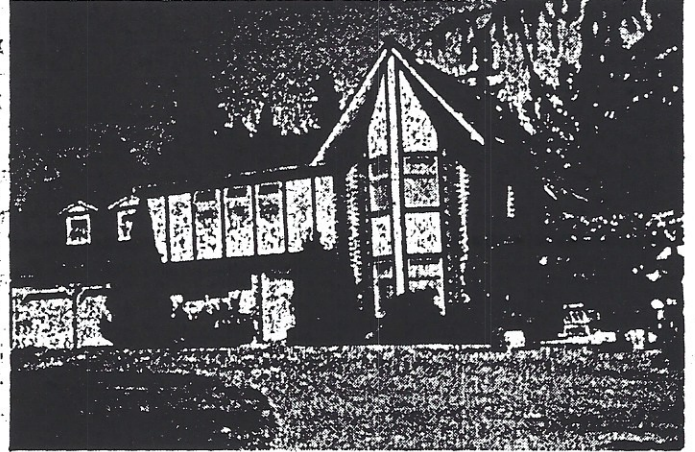


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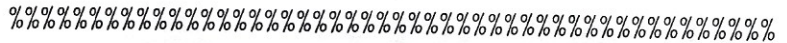
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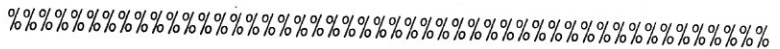
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N. B. If any of our members are going to be spending a weekend at Devon House - they should remember to mention that they are Society Members, as there is a 10% discount.

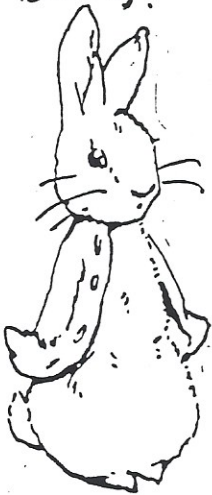


BOAT CRUISE

As the boat cruises are proving to be so popular, the Social Committee is tentatively planning one for June 19th. Places are limited to 35, so if you think you'll be interested in going, contact a Social Committee Member by 23rd of May. To keep costs down to a minimum, it has been decided that all those who attend the cruise bring their own food and beverages; cost for the cruise is \$25.00 per person. Please note the R. S. V. P. date above, as the Committee has to make a definite booking.....further information may be obtained from either Gwen Tonack at 738-3377, or Gaynor Owen at 946-4956.



I'M NO EASTER BUNNY!



NOSON LAWEN & GYMANFA GANU

We invite you to join us at the first of our bi-annual culture-filled weekends; a Noson Lawen, held on May 2nd, promises to be a terrific evening of good humour and delightful cuisine - Welsh-style. Mr. Arthur Williams has agreed to play piano for us, so please try not to miss this event. The following day, Sunday, May 3rd, there is a Gymanfa Ganu after the church service, in the lower part of Cambrian Hall. We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying some real Welsh hospitality!

URGENT MESSAGE



For all those who missed him last time (and I do apologise for neglecting to inform you), Arthur will be tinkling the ivories on the evening of May the 18th. I do hope to see you there!



VANCOUVER WELSH MEN'S CHOIR

Box 2978, Main Post Office, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3X4

"An Evening of Memories" is being planned for Saturday, April 25th at the Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver. The concert, billed as "Unforgettable", will also feature the Alan Matheson Trio and vocalist Laura Harrison.

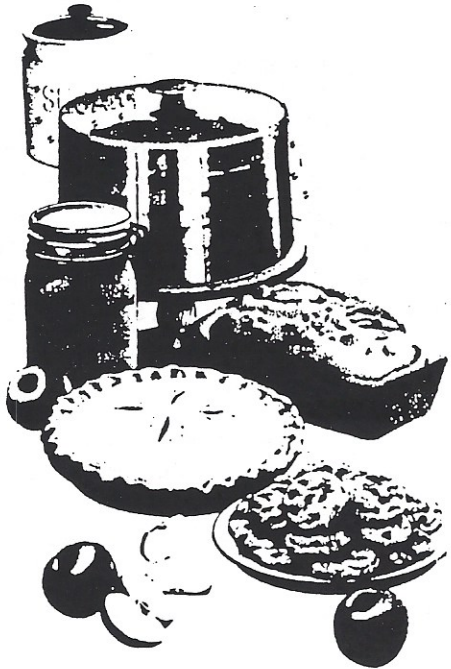
Tickets can be purchased at the Centennial Theatre box office, or by calling 984-4484.

The Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir will also be performing at the P.N.W. Gymanfa Ganu in Penticton on Saturday, May 9th and Sunday, May 10th.

WELSH KITCHEN

Ancient Welsh medicine, a heady mixture of the down-to-earth and the mystical, was collated in the 13th Century by members of a family known as the Physicians of Myddfai in Dyfed. One of their recommendations was to encourage merriment by eating saffron, though not too much 'for fear to die of mirth'!

Saffron is included in the following Welsh recipe, taken from 'Tastes of Wales', by Gilli Davies.



ZUCCHINI WITH SAFFRON AND SOUR CREAM

- 2 lb, (1 kg.) firm smallish zucchini
- 1 oz, (25 g.) butter
- 1 tablespoon shallot or onion, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 pint, (300 ml.) chicken or fish stock
- pinch of saffron *
- salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons sour cream

Trim and slice the zucchini. Boil or steam them until cooked but not mushy. Melt the butter in a small saucepan and cook the shallot very gently for 3 minutes without allowing it to brown. Add the flour and stir until blended. Cook for 1 minute. Heat the stock and pour it on; stir until blended and simmer for 3 - 4 minutes, adding the saffron and salt and pepper to taste. Stir in the sour cream.

* Although saffron is expensive, a little goes a long way.

NEW BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Welsh Society offer their heartfelt congratulations to Gwyn and Gaynor Evans, who became grandparents for the first time on Wednesday, April 1st. The newest addition to the family is a little girl named Katherine. Llongyfarchiadau to you both Gaynor and Gwyn and many best wishes to your family.



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WELSH SOCIETY FOLK DANCERS

As the Penticton Gymanfa Ganu approaches, the Folk Dancers are busily polishing up their dance routines. They are doing extremely well and are more poised and self-confident. It is a very enjoyable past-time and we all are looking forward to the Gymanfa in early May. Once everything is settled down again, we'll still be looking for new members - so don't forget! You will always be made welcome. More information is available from Jack and Bertha Smith at 683-1335. N. B. We will be called "The Vancouver Welsh Country Dancers" in Penticton, just so you know - and realize it's us of course!

Lynne H. Fox.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The members of the W. A. should give ourselves a collective round of applause for a very successful Spring Tea. Approximately \$1,100 was raised. We worked hard and enjoyed doing the job. However, without the help of many non-members, this wouldn't have been possible. I would like to thank in alphabetical order, Margaret Barclay, Clare Boggan, Stephanie Boggan, Wendy Chappell, Lynne Hughes Fox, Ellis Griffiths, Nerys Haqq, Tima Jones, Pat Morris, Rose Murphy, Don Murray, Adrian Owen, Jeff Owen, Susan Owen, Mary Owens, Isabelle Rowan, Jack Smith, Cathy Thomas, Joan Thomsen and Tony Tonack. The raffle prizes were won by Eirwen Hamilton, Gwyn Evans, Martin Gilder and Frank Meal - Congratulations - Llongyfarchiadau. The next meeting will be Wednesday, 15th April. New members are always welcome, please bring your own lunch.

Elizabeth Murray, President.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!!

CAMBRIAN CIRCLE Singers

The Cambrian Circle Singers will be giving a private performance at Central Park Manor, on April 29th. Rehearsals for April are being held at Cambrian Hall on the 15th and the 22nd. For the month of May, practices are on the 15th, 20th and 27th. We are always ready to welcome new members - if you are interested in joining our group, please call Mrs. Nerys Haqq at 278-8978.

Keep Smiling



Closing Thought

Words are things, and a small drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions think.

LORD BYRON, 1788-1824



May church service will be held on Sunday, May 3 preceding the Gymanfa.

The second Sunday in June will be the last service for the summer. They will resume again in September.

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HOP INTO SPRING WITH THE WELSH SOCIETY!

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Wednesday

1	SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING.
8	CAMBRIAN CIRCLE SINGERS PRACTICE.
15	CAMBRIAN CIRCLE SINGERS PRACTICE.
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Thursday

2	FOLK DANCE PRACTICE - (UPSTAIRS)
9	FOLK DANCE PRACTICE - (UPSTAIRS)
16	FOLK DANCE PRACTICE - (UPSTAIRS)
23	FOLK DANCE PRACTICE - (UPSTAIRS)
30	FOLK DANCE PRACTICE - (UPSTAIRS)

Friday

3	CAMBRIAN CIRCLE SINGERS PRACTICE - (CAMBRIAN HALL) 8PM
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17	GOOD FRIDAY
24	

Saturday

4	RED DRAGON OPEN AT 8:30AM W.A. SPRING TEA 2pm - 4pm (CAMBRIAN HALL.)
11	RED DRAGON OPEN AT 8:30PM (CHEPSTOW RACES)
18	RED DRAGON OPEN -
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BAKESALE AND FASHION SHOW AT CAMBRIAN HALL - FOR FRIENDS OF THE VANKOUMER WELSH MENS'

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