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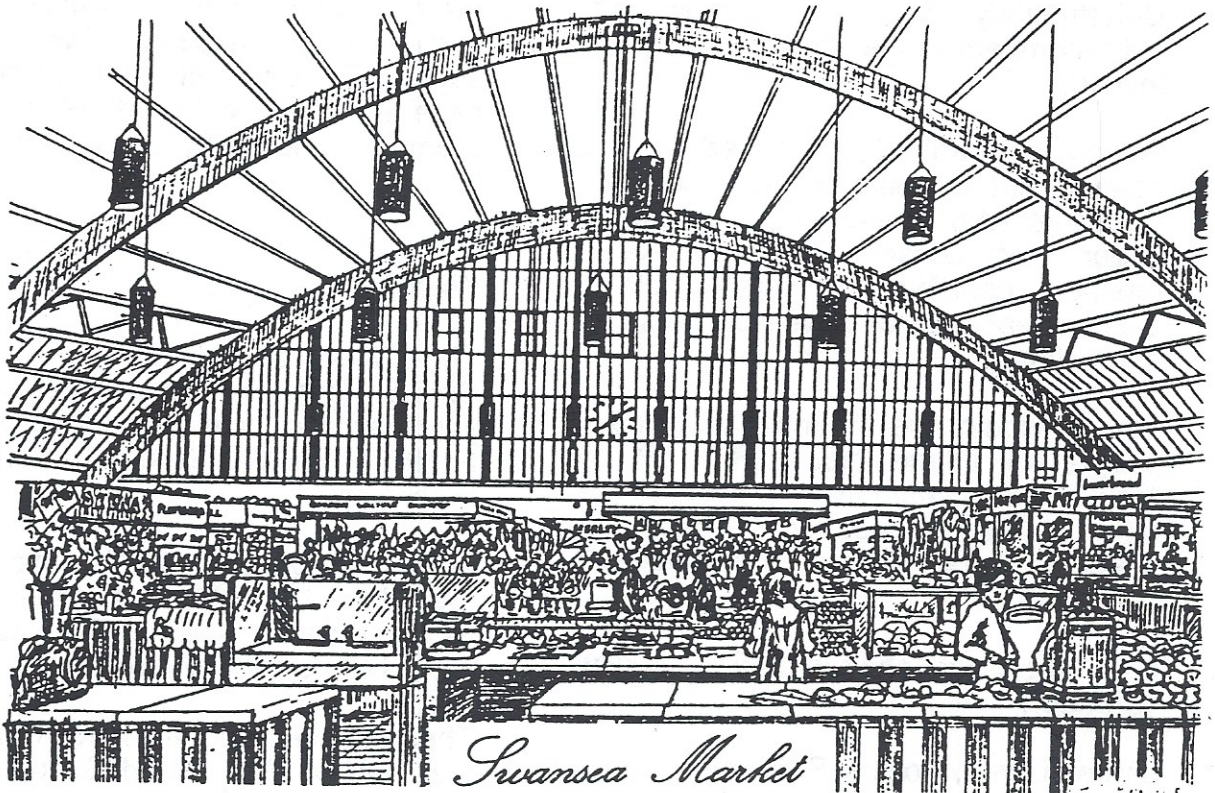


April to May
1996

Cymdeithas Gymraeg Vancouver

Cambrian News

Welsh Society Newsletter - Cylchgrawn Cymraeg



Swansea Market

Coming Events

Welsh Choir To Visit

On May 15th, the Pontardulais Choir will be giving a concert at Shaughnessy Heights United Church in Vancouver.

Tickets for the concert are on sale through the Welsh Society, (call 876-2815,) and are \$15 each.

Choir Reception

The Society will be holding a reception for the Pontardulais Choir on Thursday, May 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the upper and lower Hall.

Unfortunately, due to fire regulations, only members of the Welsh Society are invited.

Sandwiches will be purchased from a caterer, but it would be appreciated if members who attend would contribute finger food desserts and/or make a monetary contribution. Offers of help to set up, clear away or serve would also be appreciated.

As we would like to know how many people will attend, please R.S.V.P. by May 1st to Gaynor Owen at 946-4956 or Mer Montador, 430-2747, leave a message and let them know how you will contribute.

Let's show the choir a real Canadian "Croeso".

Jeffrey Owen, Society President.

Boat Cruise

On Sunday, June 16th, the Arasheena will depart False Creek by Granville Island Market, and head out to Bowen Island. It is an afternoon cruise, from 12 noon to 6 p.m., and the cost is estimated at \$30. Please bring your own lunch as refreshment.

Interested members who wish to join the cruise should call either Jeff & Gaynor Owen at 946-4956 or Mer Montador at 430-2747.

Annual Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 7th, at the home of our President and his wife, in lovely, sunny Ladner.

From 11:00 a.m. onwards, bring something to barbecue, lawn chairs, sunscreen, swimsuits and prepare to have fun. There will be darts, canoeing, swimming and plenty of good laughs.

Reminders !

The Welsh Society is not hosting a Spring Gymanfa Ganu weekend this year, as the date coincides with the Pacific North West Gymanfa Ganu, held in Victoria.

The Red Dragon will be closed on Saturday, May 4th, as most of our regular crowd and bar staff are attending the P.N.W.G.G. in Victoria.

There will be a regular Church Service on the 19th of May - third Sunday in the month.

G o l f Tournament

Saturday
June 22nd
1996

Tee-off at
noon

Delta Golf
Course

To sign up or
for more
information,
call Bob Marsh
- 946-3612 OR
Rob Barclay -
940-9112.



This timely addition to the Newsletter was submitted to us by Margaret Monck.

Unfortunately, the author's name is not known, but he/she did a fine job anyway !

"The Ball"

In my hand I hold a ball
White and dimpled, rather small
Oh how harmless it does appear
This innocent-looking little sphere

By it's size I could not guess
The awesome power it does possess
But since I fell beneath it's spell
I've been through the fires of hell

My life has not been quite the same
Since I chose to play its game
It rules my life for hours on end
A fortune it has had me spend

It has made me curse and cry
And hate myself and want to die
It promises me a thing called "Par"
If I can hit it straight and far

To master such a tiny ball
Should not be very hard at all
But my desires the ball refuses
And does exactly as it chooses

It hooks & slices, dribbles & dies
Or disappears before my very eyes
Often it will have a whim
To hit a tree or take a swim

With miles of grass on which to land
It finds that tiny patch of sand
Then has me offering up my soul
If it would first drop in the hole

It's made me whimper like a pup
And swear that I will give it up
And take to drink to ease my sorrow
But "The Ball" knows I'll be back tomorrow.

Anonymous

MIGHT DOESN'T ALWAYS MAKE RIGHT

From the Irresistible Force Versus the Immovable Object Department, as reported in the January 17th, Weekly Telegraph. This radio conversation was recently relayed by the U.S. Navy to a point on the Atlantic Coast of Canada:

Ship #1: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

Ship #2: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees.

Ship #1: This is the captain of a U.S. Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Ship #2: No, I say again, divert YOUR course.

Ship #1: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER ENTERPRISE. WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE U.S. NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!

Ship #2: This is a lighthouse. Your call.

British Columbia Report, February 1996. Also Weekend Sun, March 16th, 1996.

The Social Committee News

The Social Committee made a tidy profit of \$50 plus at the Chepstow Races Night.

The proceeds from this, along with the Red Dragon Mobile, made by Ron Watkins and recently sold, will be going towards the New Kitchen Fund.

Thanks go to the people who worked hard to put on the Chepstow Races and help us to lose our shirts in style! The ladies served up some delicious chili and our 'Turf Accountants' for the night were Milt Morgan and Ivor Davies - complete with straw boaters. It was really good fun - shame if you missed it.

The following (edited) letter was recently received by our Membership Secretary, Beverly Thomas from L.E. Williams of Chilliwack, B.C.

"Thank you for the wonderful Newsletters which you send so faithfully. Although I am not able to come to the meetings or events, I do enjoy the reports in the Newsletter. One item has me puzzled - the paganistic ritual of initiation, mentioned by the Acting British Consul General, F.W. Wheeler. I don't recall any such event when I joined, many, many years ago. Did I miss something important, or should I just be content that I missed it?"

"Here in Rosedale, we did celebrate a rather 'hurried' St. David's Day on Sunday, March 3rd. It was done in a few days, by word of mouth, no announcements. Not a difficult task for Welsh people I think. The Ladies of St. Peter's Church in Rosedale, were encouraged to look after details and just have a Pot-Luck-Get-Together-And-Come-As-You-Are. No fuss, no muss!

"Anne Gribling, who usually organises the St. David's Day Service, Programme, Banquet etc. has moved from Rosedale. She usually lead the singing, spoke Welsh and was able to do that sort of work. However, she managed to get a ride to St. Peter's on that most important day and helped us say the Lord's Prayer in Welsh.

"Sadly, another member, who usually plays the cello for us, was unable to attend, s she is still recuperating in hospital from a nasty accident, when she was run down by a car.

"After a delightful luncheon, we thanked the people of St. Peter's for once more hosting the celebration. I think we surprised everyone, including ourselves, as this was surely one of the tastiest and memorable Welsh Banquets we have ever had!!

"Thanks again for the Newsletter and the membership reminders.

"From Lucy Ellen Williams."



VANCOUVER WELSH MEN'S CHOIR

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

Saturday April 27th, concert at the Pentecostal Assembly Church
Abbotsford, 8 p.m.

Friday May 3rd, "Music of the Night" Genesis Theatre, Ladner, 8 p.m.

Saturday May 4th, "Music of the Night" Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver, 8 p.m.

Ticketmaster: 280-4444 or Sheena McDonald 467-7012.

The Society Photograph Albums

The 1994-1995 photograph album has recently been upgraded. If anyone has any photographs that you wish to donate, would you please leave them in the mailbox, (at the Red Dragon Bar) and address them "Attention Eirlys Ann Thomas". Also please include your name, the specific event and the date that the photograph was taken.

A new, 4 x 6 size pocket for the 1996-1997 album has been purchased.

During 1995, all photographs pertaining to the Cambrian Hall since 1974, were reorganised in chronological order and a Building Committee Album was established. It is of interest to see the changes that have occurred in the appearance of both the Hall and the workers over the years!

Also, a separate album has been set up for the Beginners' Welsh Lessons of 1984, 1989-'90 and 1994-'95. All the data pertaining to these classes has been co-ordinated. If you know of anyone that has photographs of the 1989-'90 session, they would be very much appreciated - there is a void that needs to be filled.

Along with the photograph albums there are two albums containing the negatives since about 1980. These negatives have all been indexed for your convenience. If anyone wants to borrow them, would you please ask an Executive or Social Committee member who happens to be at the Hall, sign out the negative and then return promptly. Thank you.

Eirlys Ann Thomas

From The Editors

We have been delighted with the articles members have donated to the Newsletter. Their enthusiasm is wonderful and we really appreciate all that has been given to us - sadly we don't have room for them all, but just the same, we hope that the contributions continue.

Anything that you wished to see published in the newsletter, send to us c/o the Cambrian Hall and we will be happy to oblige. With limited space to work with, please keep submissions to a maximum of 400 words; include name and phone number. Thanks.

Lynne & Rob.



The Great Outdoors !

Members Elaine and Ed Thoma in Powell River, have extended the following invitation to the Vancouver Welsh Society:

"We are looking forward to seeing some of our Welsh friends this summer at Seabreeze Resorts. For more information call us at (604) 487-9534 before all the cottages are booked."

or write to the following address: R.R.#3, Seabreeze Road, Powell River, B.C. V8A 5C1. (Ed.)

With the arrival of Spring, our

Recipes

thoughts turn to more lighthearted repasts, such as salads and fruit dishes. Here, is a recipe taken from the Tastes of Wales cookbook by Gilli Davies (published by B.B.C. Books) and will no doubt surprise many readers who tend to think of Welsh cuisine as Lamb, Leeks, Rarebit and Cawl! Yet, the Welsh used to decorate their food with flowers long before it became fashionable in other parts of Europe. Marigold petals were sprinkled on soups and stews while rose and violet petals were used on sweets.

Lavendar Syllabub

4 fl. oz. (120 ml.) water
4 large heads lavender
or 1 Tablespoon dried lavender*
4 oz. (100 g.) caster/berry sugar
juice half lemon
12 fl. oz. (355 ml.) double cream
3 Tablespoons dry white wine

Boil the water and pour onto the lavender; leave to infuse for 20 minutes.

Strain the lavender water and pour into a small saucepan; add the sugar and bring the syrup to a boil. Continue boiling for 1 minute. Cool the syrup, pour into a deep bowl, then add the lemon juice and wine. Using a hand or rotary whisk, slowly add the cream to the wine mixture; continue to whisk hard until the mixture thickens to a soft peak.

Spoon into glasses and stand in a cool place until needed. (Choose a cool larder in preference to a fridge.)

Serve with plain crisp biscuits.

(Syllabub will keep for 2 - 3 days, although the cream and wine may begin

to separate.)

*Dried Lavendar is available from Galloways Specialty Foods - Pacific Centre Mall or New Westminster.

Lynne Fox.

The recipe below is from Elaine (Brooks) Thoma.

Picau Ar Y Maen/Welsh Cakes

1 lb. flour
4 oz. margarine
4 oz. currants
6 oz. sugar
1/2 teaspoon mixed spice
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 egg
A pinch of salt
2 Tablespoons milk

Sift the flour, baking powder and salt together. Rub in the fat and add the rest of the ingredients. Beat the egg lightly and add to dry ingredients, with enough milk to make a firm paste. Roll out onto a floured board to a 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into rounds with a 1 1/2" or 2" cookie cutter. Cook on a griddle for about 3 minutes each side, or until golden brown.

Cool and sprinkle with sugar.

Serve alone or with butter.



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

During our March meet-ing, final arrangements were made for our April 20th Spring Tea, bake and handicraft fund raising event.

Some members have already brought in some very well made, useful and attractive items for the handicraft stall. Others will be busy in their kitchens making sure the Bake Table is well-stocked. The quality of baked goods is well-known to our regular supporters and are soon sold out - come along and don't miss out on the goodies!

The members all give generously of their time, talents and money to ensure the success of this event each year. As well as making sure the stalls are well stocked, they contribute items to the grocery hamper for the raffle and bottles for the Tombola stall.

I know many of you would wish to support this event, but busy schedules will not allow you to do so. Any contribution in money or in kind, would be gratefully received by any member of the W.A. or can be mailed to the Hall, or left there when attending other activities at the hall. Please address to the W.A.

I thank everyone who has already supported us, or has promised to help us on the day. We hope to see YOU on the April 20th.

Our best wishes go to all sick members but especially to two life members, Mrs. Olive David and Mrs. Sally Hightet. We miss you at our meetings; you give us such good advice, always.

Quite a few members of the W.A. will be out of town, or very busy, making sure the members of Pontardulais Choir have a pleasant time in our City. Due to this, the MAY meeting is CANCELLED. The June meeting will be held, as usual on the third Wednesday of the month.

Members of the W.A. wish everyone a Happy & Blessed Easter Season.

Anne G. Jones, W.A. President.

CAMBRIAN CIRCLE Singers

April 17 & 24, Rehearsals - 8:00 p.m.
May 10, 15 & 24, Rehearsals - 8:00 p.m.
May 31, St. Edwards Church? - 7:30 p.m.

Those interested in joining the Cambrian Circle Singers, please call Nerys Haqq, CCS Director - 278-8978.

Folk Dancing News

The Dancers will be appearing at the Noson Lawen in the Pacific North West Gymanfa Ganu in Victoria this May and giving workshops there also.

Interested parties should drop in for an evening. Practice is Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Insiders say that Gaynor Evans is doing a great job as instructor.

Pacific Northwest Welsh Weekend
Victoria, British Columbia
May 3, 4, 5, 1996

Registration

Please register the person(s) listed below for the Pacific Northwest Welsh Weekend:

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

_____ Telephone: _____

(If you wish to stay at the Harbour Towers, please telephone: (604) 480-6561 or fax (604) 385-4453 for reservations. Please quote Pacific Northwest Welsh Weekend.

I am enclosing a cheque or money order (Canadian) for the following events:

Registration	_____ person(s) @ \$10.	= _____
Noson Lawen	_____ person(s) @ \$10.	= _____
Grand Concert	_____ person(s) @ \$15.	= _____
Te Bach	_____ person(s) @ \$ 5.	= _____
Welsh lessons	_____ person(s) @ \$ 5.	= _____
Welsh Dancing	_____ person(s) @ \$ 5.	= _____
	TOTAL	_____

There is no charge for the Gymanfa Ganu but members of the congregation will have an opportunity to make a donation.

Please register in person at the Harbour Towers or mail registrations to:

Mrs. L. Webber
2632 Estevan Avenue
Victoria, B.C.
V8R 2T2

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO VICTORIA WELSH SOCIETY

John Savage, a Welshman and Premier of Nova Scotia, is very proud of his Welsh roots. This article, (edited for the Newsletter,) donated to us by Mrs. Sandra Jones Ireland, reflects on the kind of work he and a fellow Welshman have been doing for their adopted homeland.

Article by Roger Taylor, Business Editor,
Chronical Herald and Mail Star, Halifax.

Tuesday, March 5th, 1996

FINALLY, SAVAGE'S WELSH BACKGROUND WORKS FOR HIM

For once, people aren't making derogatory remarks about John Savage's heritage. A perceived arrogance has made the premier a target for critics who have labelled him the Welsh Windbag.

[Recently], however, Savage was able to turn his Welsh-ness to his advantage with the announcement that fellow Welshman Terence Matthews has been convinced to bring his company, Newbridge Networks Corp. to Halifax, NS.

Both Matthews and Savage hail from the south Wales town of Newport. As the story goes, they hit it off when they met for the first time during the Team Canada trade mission to China.

It just so happens that Matthews' Kanata, Ontario based company, with \$800 million in sales last year, is also one of the fastest growing information technology firms in Canada.

Newbridge makes telecommunication equipment that manages digital links by transporting voice, information, fax and video among far-flung offices. The provincial government [of Nova Scotia] will invest \$10 million and Newbridge at least another \$10 million to open the centre for research and development of network management software.

The deal also calls for the creation of an affiliated company called Ironbridge. It will conduct research into development of "ruggedized" cellular equipment which can

operate in severe climates.

Newbridge executive vice-president James Avis, says there is a growing market for the ruggedized cellular telephone equipment, especially in developing nations where it is cheaper to install a cellular system than a traditional phone system employing telephone poles and copper wire.

The provincial government's contribution to the project will be repaid with a royalty over the next four years from Newbridge's worldwide sales of network management software, he says.

Newbridge signed a similar arrangement with the British Columbia government last fall and Avis says he wouldn't be surprised if fresh deals are negotiated in other provinces in the future.






Although Newbridge usually constructs buildings to house its businesses, the glut of space in metro [Halifax] means it's more efficient to move into existing facilities - most likely some place near Dalhousie University and the Technical University of Nova Scotia, which the company hopes to tap for the bulk of it's workforce.

Savage says the money to help fund the Newbridge project is probably one of the best bets the province has ever made. Few who really understand what information technology is all about would dispute that.





No doubt about it, Newbridge is on the cutting edge of information and technology. The government hopes Newbridge has broken the floodgates and other high-tech companies will recognise the benefits of coming to Nova Scotia. That remains to be seen.

One thing is certain, Savage's hometown advantage helped pick this plum, something that even supersalesman Premier Frank McKenna of New Brunswick couldn't counteract.

Cbrill 1996 April

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