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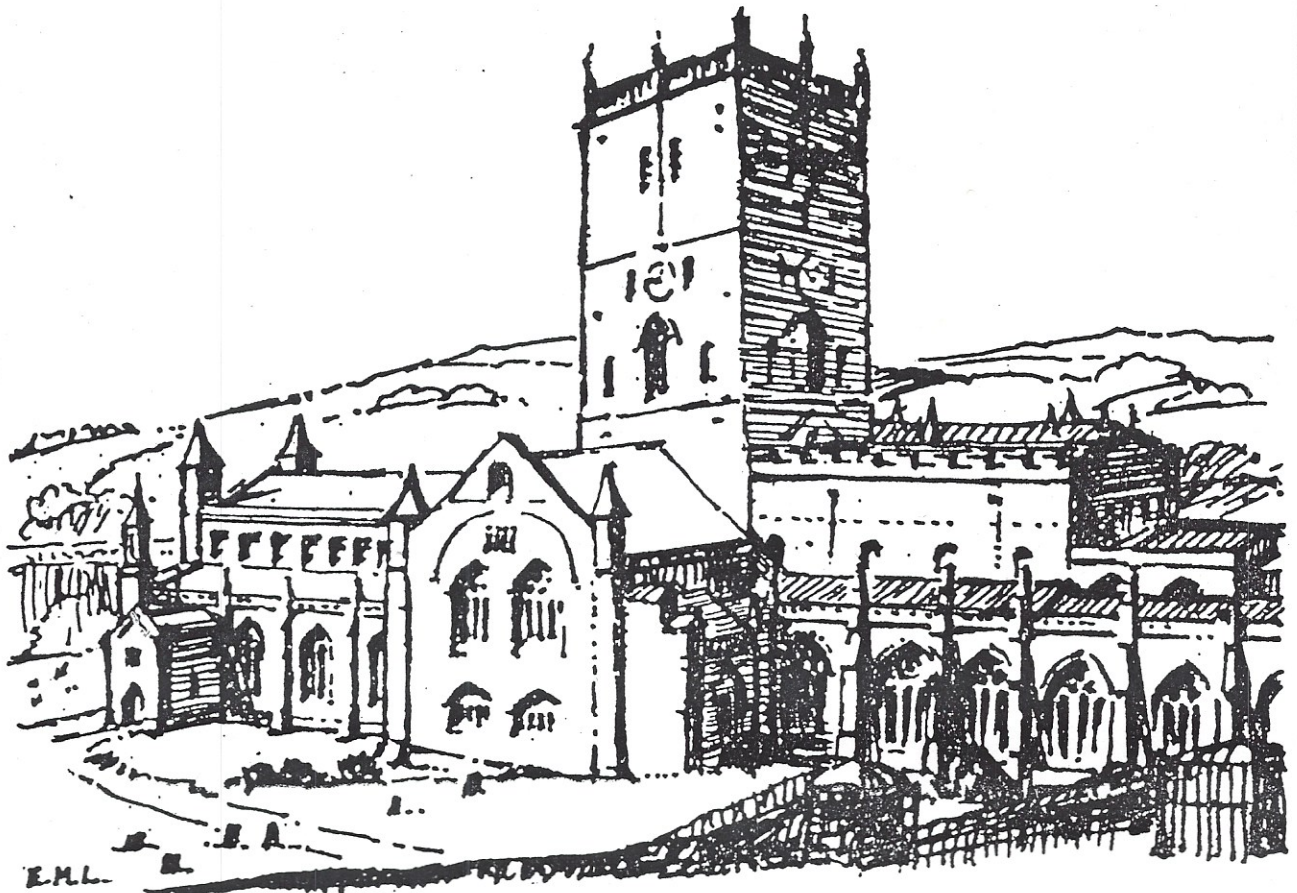
February to March
1996

Cymdeithas Gymraeg Vancouver

Cambrian News

Welsh Society Newsletter - Cylchgrawn Cymraeg

ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL



I am happy to report that as of February 1st, 96 of you have paid your membership dues. I hope all of you have received your membership cards. I'm looking forward to sending out another 96 in the near future.

Tony says I am the most popular person in the Society judging by the mail I've been receiving and I don't want to let him down.

Membership Report

A hearty welcome to our new member - Egryn Edwards of Langley, B.C. - who participates in the Welsh nights. Thank you for your support.

Peace to all and a Happy St. David's Day.

Beverly Thomas, Membership Secretary.

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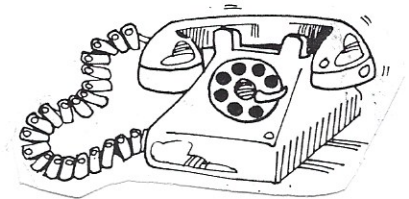


Pontardulais Male Voice Choir are to visit Vancouver in mid-May when they will give a concert at Shaughnessy Heights United Church.

Members of the Choir will need billets for the time they are here, so if anyone is able to help out, or they require more information, please call Mrs. Gaynor Evans at 271-3134.

If you have any announcements that you would like to see in the newsletter, then please submit it to us, c/o the Cambrian Hall and we will be only too happy to publish it!

Please keep submissions at a maximum of 400 words and PLEASE! include name and phone number.



Special Mention

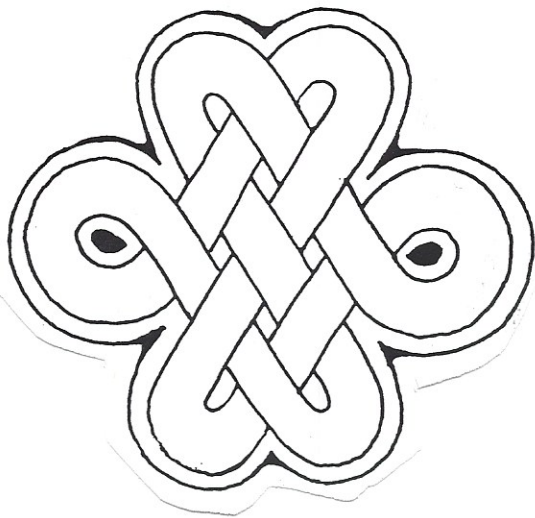
With grateful acknowledgement from the Vancouver Welsh Society to Mr. Reginald Hawkes, for his thoughtful donation towards The Piano Restoration Fund.

We will NOT be hosting an Open House this St. David's Day. With the Banquet being held on the 2nd of March it seemed better to just confine the celebration of our beloved Dewi Sant to one day.

SORRY
BUT...



There will be an Eating of the Leeks Ceremony, taking place in the Red Dragon after the meal and speeches are over.



ST. DAVID'S DAY BANQUET

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

CAMBRIAN HALL

Catering by Jordan's

Guests

Deputy British Consul
Mr. Frazer Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler

Tickets

\$26 - Members / \$29 - Guests

Purchase of Tickets from:
Jeff and Gaynor Owen - 946-4956
or Gwen Tonack - 738-3377

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Please Note: Purchase Deadline is  
Monday, February 26th

CAMBRIAN CIRCLE *Singers*

Anyone interested in joining the Cambrian Circle Singers call Director Mrs. Nerys Haqq at 278-8978 for information.

# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The first W.A. meeting for '96 was held on Wednesday, January 17th. Quite a few apologies for absence due to medical reasons were received. We hope all members are on the way to recovery.

It has been decided to hold the Spring Tea and Bake Sale fund raising event, on Saturday, April 20th from 2 - 4 p.m. in the lower Hall. Raffle tickets to be drawn at this event will soon be on sale. We do hope to have the support of the parent body and friends.

We will meet on February 21st, the usual day for our monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m., to clean the silver items in the trophy cupboard in time for the St. David's Day celebration. The ladies of the W.A. undertake this task each year.

We welcome "visitors" or regular new members - whenever you are able to join us at 12 noon, for a brown bag lunch and socialising and for the monthly meeting at 1 o'clock, the third Wednesday of each month. We do have fun and also contribute to the parent body, by paying for the needed improvements to the Hall and kitchen equipment. We also have money set aside towards the purchase of fire proof filing cabinets for our archival items.

We will be asking for the help of non-W.A. members on the day of our fund raising event. If you are free and willing to give us a few hours of your time, please contact any member of the W.A. or Mrs. Beverly Thomas at 738-0680, or myself at 263-2203, in good time before the event, so that a rotation of duties can be arranged.

Thank you.

Anne G. Jones, W.A. President.



## CAWL CYNHAEAF/HARVEST BROTH

2 lb. neck of lamb  
3 pints water  
1/2 lb EACH, peas and broad beans  
1 medium sized EACH, carrot, onion and turnip  
1 small cauliflower  
2 - 3 lettuce leaves  
5 sprigs parsley  
salt and pepper

Trim fat off meat. Place meat with the water in a large saucepan and bring to boil.

Skim fat from boiled water until clear. Add the peas and beans, diced carrot, onion and turnip. Season with salt and pepper. Simmer gently for 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

Wash and clean the cauliflower and lettuce and stand in cold water for half an hour.

Break the cauliflower into sprigs and finely chop the lettuce. Add to the broth half an hour before serving.

Serve hot with sprigs of parsley.

Submitted by Elaine (Brooks) Thoma.

## Darts Tournament

There will be a dart's tourny for all arrow's fans on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th** in the Red Dragon.



Ploughman's-style pub grub will be served, and there are prizes given out too!

If you wish to participate and challenge the current champs, then call either Mer Montador at 430-2747, or Tony Tonack at 738-3377.

"Polish up yer arrers in readiness fer the off!"

## *Cruisin' Down the River On A Lazy Afternoon.....*

.....or an evening if you prefer! We hope to book another boat cruise for late Spring, but need some interest from the membership before anything is firmly decided. So if this idea appeals to you, **GIVE US A CALL DOWN AT THE HALL!!!** We need to hear from YOU.

There will be more details in upcoming newsletters.

## Pacific Northwest Gymanfa Ganu 1996

Held on the weekend of May 4th - 6th in Victoria.

Friday night at the Harbour Towers Hotel, there is a Noson Lawen - the perfect chance for amateur talent to perform. Those interested in participating, please call the co-ordinator for this event, Mr. David Lintern at (604) 665-4556.

On the Saturday evening, there will be a Grand Concert in the Metropolitan United Church, (corner of Pandora and Quadra Streets) with featured guests the Vancouver Orpheus Male Voice Choir and trumpet soloist Mr. Alan Jacob.

The Gymanfa proper takes place on the Sunday afternoon, also in the Metropolitan United Church, from 2 - 4 p.m. A Te Bach follows.

Also in the Harbour Towers Hotel, workshops and a marketplace will be featured.

More information can be obtained from Mrs. Maggie Nixon at (604) 727-6630.

## Folk Dancer's Report

For the next few weeks, our Thursday practice will take place downstairs, but still at the regular time of 7:30 p.m.

Since Jack and Bertha Smith's departure to Nelson, Gaynor Evans has taken over the job as instructor.

Currently, the dance group are practising for workshops that will be given at the Pacific North West Gymanfa Ganu in Victoria this coming May.

We welcome anyone who is interested in joining us.



The following is a brief summary of the main financial income and expenses of the Society for 1994.

Main sources of income are:

Membership - \$4,104  
Donations - \$7,021  
Hall Rentals - \$21,032  
Social Section - \$4,000

Main sources of expenditure are:

City Taxes - \$9,200  
Registration/Licenses etc. - \$637  
Hall Insurance - \$2,355  
Hydro and Telephone - \$4,300  
Janitorial Supplies/Services - \$4,100  
Building Repairs/Renovations - \$2,000  
Piano Repairs - \$7,360  
New Chairs for Upper Hall - \$3,500  
Newsletter - \$1,050  
Lower Hall Table Repairs - \$1,60



\$18,492

There are other, smaller sources of income which are offset by smaller expenditures. As you can see above, it costs the Society \$18,492 just to keep the doors open, that translates to \$50 per day, every day.

If we put a price on the many hundreds of volunteer hours spent at the Hall each year, the cost would be tremendous. There are some one time expenses in the above report, but there is always something else needed just as expensive, ie: we bought new chairs for the Upper Hall in '94, now we need new tables. We also have a wish list of things that we would like such as

- A new kitchen
- Two new furnaces
- Air conditioning for the Upper Hall
- A new bar for the Red Dragon
- Wall and floor insulation for the Lower Hall

These are just a few items from the list of things we would like to have. I know that our little group of building repair volunteers will chip away at the list of immediate repairs and eventually we will get the Hall the way we want it. I also know that our little groups of fund raising volunteers will chip away at raising the money needed. So the next time you see the Women's Auxiliary Spring Tea or Rummage Sale advertised, or a social event at the Red Dragon, please make an effort to attend because the funds are needed and who knows you will probably have a good time as well.

Jeff Owen, President.

## Welsh Lessons

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Gwers Gymraeg

Apart from snow storms, 'flu bugs and icy highways, we are all back hard at work trying to master the "Language of Heaven".

We notice that the Beginners Class members even keep working through the tea break, which says much for their enthusiasm.

The advanced learners are pushing toward the half way mark in our book, which is surely progress of a sort. We are also trying to be a bit more conversational with some pretty hilarious results. At least we should be able to say "Heddwch ar Dydd Dewi Sant".

Beverly Thomas.

Poetry Corner

"The Language Lives"

The Celtic language can skip and dance
So speak the language at every chance
It does not matter if you are far away
Someone will know what you say

Think of the future and teach your child
The language you heard, in the wild
Down in the Cwm, up on the Bryn
The language you heard the choir sing

So pray for today, and pray for next year
That it is the Celtic tongue, you still can hear.

Ynys Sian

Submitted by Isla Jane Kail.

St. David's Tea

Friday, March 1st

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Brock House, 3875 Point Grey Road

Featuring Brock House Orchestra
Arthur Williams, Conductor

Emcee, Gareth Prytherch

Welsh Tenor, David Tuck

Accompanist, Enid Lewis

Refreshments served

Admission: \$2.00

Reservations: Brock House, 228-1461

Saint David

Patron Saint of Wales

The father of the patron saint of Wales was a Welsh prince named Cunedda, who ruled in southwest Wales over an area which included the old counties of Pembroke and Cardigan. David's mother - Non - was a descendant of Vortigern, the British prince who ruled a portion of southeast England, centred on the county of Kent.

St. David was born at Nenevia in Pembrokeshire in the 6th Century A.D. His place of birth has since been named Ty Ddewi, the House of David. The legend states that he was born while a terrible rainstorm was raging, but around the house where he first saw the light, all was calm and dry.

Another legend, is attached to his baptism. A spring of water gushed out of the dry ground at a place afterwards known as Ffynnon Dewi or "David's Well". This was the water of baptism, and a blind man who was present at the ceremony had his sight restored when he used the water to bathe his eyes.

The future saint, when a boy, attended the monastic seminary at Llantwit Major, which was at that time, famous throughout Christendom. It was presided over by Illtyd, who became the patron saint of horticulturists, an art in which he excelled. After his primary education at Llantwit Major, David returned to Pembrokeshire and for ten years, studied under Paulinus, a scholar who had probably come to Britain with St. Augustine. On completing his studies and before he left to build a monastery, David is said to have miraculously restored sight to the blind Paulinus.

At Llanddewibrefi, where the new

monastery was built, David gathered round him a band of monks whom he taught and then sent out to preach the Gospel throughout South Wales. Some years later, David attended a large assembly of churchmen, which included over a hundred bishops. When called upon to preach before the illustrious company, a snow white dove was seen to descend on the shy retiring scholar, who had hitherto shown no gift for preaching. After hearing his inspired sermon, the convocation decided to appoint David, Archbishop of Caerleon, where the Roman fortress had stood.

He did not retain that exalted position for long, but chose to return to the monastery in West Wales. In company with Teilo and Padarn, two Welsh Churchmen who were later canonised, he made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and returned from Jerusalem with a bell that was hung in the monastery at Llanddewibrefi to call the monks to prayer. There David died after a long life of service devoted to the spreading of the Gospel.

The Plantagenet kings, William I, Henry II and Edward I, are said to have gone on a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. David. After the defeat of Llewelyn ap Gruffydd by Edward I, the English king, offered his infant son as the new prince of Wales. It was probably at this time that David was declared the patron saint of Wales.

A new building was started at the site of St. David's monastery in 1123 and construction was continued throughout the centuries until St. David's Cathedral took its present form, about the year 1500. Although the saint's life is surrounded with legend, there is no doubt that he was a tremendous influence for good in his own day and his work, like the cathedral named after him, still endures.

Of Interest...

The Cariboo Welsh Company

Walter Butler Cheadle, "a sturdy son of Old England and a former Cambridge oarsman", together with his companion, Lord Milton, traversed Canada from the St. Lawrence to the Pacific in 1862. That adventure included a visit to the Cariboo region of British Columbia, which at that time, was enjoying considerable gold-mining prosperity. His journal tells of many "Yankees", but also a "Welsh Company".

Saturday, October 31st - 'Went to Van Winkle for dinner, and then to Welsh Co., 2 miles on. Evans the manager not at home. His son very civil; if there is gold in the creek, they must have it, for they will prospect the whole bottom. Wheel burst with frost, stopping working of shaft; great drawback to Lightning in bed of quicksand; 25 Welshmen employed; backed by Manchester Capitalists.'

Sunday, November 1st - 'Bade goodbye

to Mr. MacCaffrey and walked on to the Welsh Company's claim. Found Evans Senior at home keeping Sunday.....He told us that they were now prospecting in the mountains all round and had come upon what he expected would prove a valuable silver lead; no gold; expected to drop upon the "Last Chance" lead with their shaft. Provisions alone had cost \$12,000 in 4 months. Had 4 pumps and were completely master of the water in the shaft, which he considered was the main point and which had been the great stumbling block to mines hitherto. Had taken up that claim on Lightning because as the mining laws at present stand the Government cannot grant a lease for a claim over 100 feet unless of ground already worked and abandoned by other miners; therefore he must either take up this large piece of abandoned ground or put himself in the hands of his men by taking 100 feet in the name of each. But it appears there was enough vacant ground in Williams Creek if the law had allowed him to lease it.....'

Submitted by Steve Wilcockson.

Annual MEMBERSHIP Renewals

Name : _____

Address : _____

City : _____

Postal Code : _____ Phone No. () _____ - _____

Please:- Cheques or money orders payable to:
"THE WELSH SOCIETY OF VANCOUVER".

Membership:- Regular: \$35.00 Family (Mbr & Spouse) \$60.00
(Circle one) Seniors: \$20.00 Out-of-Town (50 miles or
more). . \$20.00

Send renewals to:- Membership Secretary
Cambrian Hall. 215 East 17th Ave.
Vancouver, B.C. V5V 1A6
ph. (604) 876-2815

Chwefror February

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| Full Moon
February 4

Last Quarter
February 12 | New Moon
February 18

First Quarter
February 25 | | | DOLK DANCING 1
(EVERY THURSDAY) | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | WELSH LESSONS
(EVERY MONDAY) 5 | 6 | EXECUTIVE MEETING 7 | 8 | CAMBRIAN CIRCLE SINGERS 9 | 10 |
| CHURCH SERVICE 11 | 12 | 13 | GENERAL MEETING 14

Valentine's Day | WELSH NIGHT 15 | C.C.S. 16 | 17 |
| 18 | Presidents' Day (U.S.A.) 19 | 20 | W.A. MEET AT 10:30 a.m. 21
CAMBRIAN CIRCLE SINGERS
Ash Wednesday | 22 | 23 | DART'S TOURNAMENT 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | C.C.S. 28

 | 29 | JANUARY
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March 5

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March 12 | New Moon
March 19

First Quarter
March 26 | | DYDD GWYL DEWI 1 | ST. DAVID'S DAY BANQUET 2 |
| 3 | WELSH LESSONS
(EVERY MONDAY) 4 | 5 | EXECUTIVE MEETING 6 | DOLK DANCING 7
(EVERY THURSDAY) | CAMBRIAN CIRCLE SINGERS 8 | 9 |
| CHURCH SERVICE 10 | 11 | 12 | GENERAL MEETING 13 | 14 | C.C.S. 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | W.A. MEETING AT NOON 20
CAMBRIAN CIRCLE SINGERS
Spring Equinox -
First Day of Spring | WELSH NIGHT 21 | 22 | 23 |
| St. Patrick's Day | 24 | 25 | C.C.S. 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Palm Sunday
31 | | | | | | 30 |