Ionawr I Chwefror 1993.

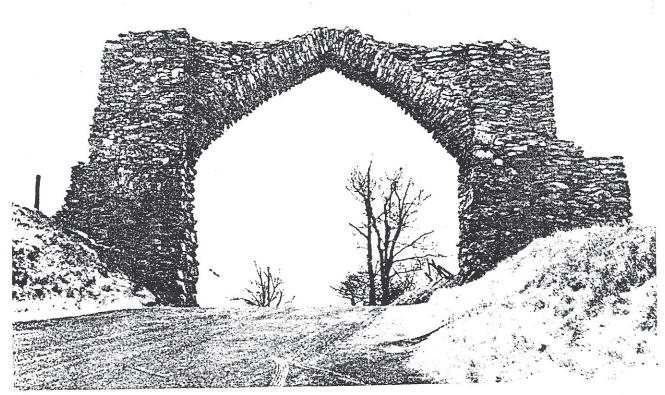


January To February 1993.

Cymde 1thas Gymkaeg Vancouvek



Welsh Society Rewsletter - Cylchgrawn Cymraeg



King George III 's Jubilee Arch, situated on the road that runs between Rhayader and Aberystwyth, in Dyfed, about a mile or so above Devil's Bridge. It is a remarkable example of drystone architecture in Wales and is well over 170 years old.

CAMERIAN HALL.215.EAST 17th AVE, VANCOUVER.B.C. V5V 1A6.Telephone (604) 876-2815.....

WOMEN'S SEAUXILIARY.

The W. A. had a very successful Christmas Lunch and would like to thank some of the W. A. members' "spice", (plural of "spouse"!) of Betty Morgan, Anne Jones, Phyllis Owens, Gwen Tonack, Beverly Thomas, Bertha Smith and Marion Griffiths, (Milt, Derek, Ken, Tony, Gordon, Jack and Ellis) for serving and washing up. A major thank you to Veronica Gilder, Anne Jones, Betty Morgan and Phyllis Owens for catering; to the Social Committee for the donation of the wine and to Anne and Marion Armstrong for party favours. We were pleased to welcome back Margaret Howells and "Croeso" to our guests Marion Evans and Alma Tomei. After wishing each other "Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda" and drinking a toast to absent friends, we sang carols under the direction of Dorothy Walters accompanied on the piano by Alma "omei and thrilled to Dorothy's voice in her solo carol.

It was disappointing that the weather kept so many from attending the Metro Theatre's panto mime - Robinson Crusoe. Those of us who made it through the snow enjoyed an excellent afternoon's fun.

Looking forward to seeing old and new members on January 20th at 12 noon.

Elizabeth Murray, President.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

All our sincerest wishes go out to Society
Member, Mrs. Sally Highet, who turned 90
years of age on Thursday, January 7th. Belated
congratulations and may you have many more
birthdays too - Llongyfarchiadau. Mrs. Highet
was presented with a basket of flowers last
Sunday. 10th.

WELSH SOCIETY FOLK DANCERS

A "Thank You" is in order for Veronica and Dave Gilder and their kind hospitality on December 10th. We had a lovely eveing in their home, for our second annual Pot Luck Supper.

Practices were due to start up again on January 7th, but the weather had put a lot of people in a difficult position. However, we should all try to make it for the 14th, as a lot of work has to be done before our next public engagements.

We still need some more dancers in our group. Anyone who is interested should contact Jack and Bertha Smith at 683-1335. The dances are very enjoyable to learn and we have lots of fun doing them.

Lynne H. F.

Banquet
Saturday, March 6th 1993
Catering by Jordans
Venue: Cambrian Hall
Cost of Tickets, Undecided as yet
Special Occasion for Welsh People
ALL Are Welcome
Bring Family, Bring Friends
Looking Forward
To Seeing
YOU!
Dydd Gwyl Dewi

REMINDERS

We have received a considerable sum in donations already, for the improvements to the uppermost floor of the Hall - the total is \$286.57. Thank you to all who have made a contribution. To those of you who wish to make a donation, please make cheques or money orders out to the Welsh Society of Vancouver and send them to the Cambrian Hall c/o The Treasurer, thank you, diolch. It is a worthwhile cause, as we have a splendid building and are the only North American Welsh Society to have their own Hall.

We have plenty of recipes for the Fund Raiser Cookery Book. The only thing now is to get it into production. It will be really nice to see a "Coginio Cymraeg" in publication won't it? Thanks go out to all who sent in a recipe.

With the visit by the Dowlais Male Voice Choir getting nearer, billets are still needed for the members and/or their wives. If anybody in the Society has room to spare, would they please contact either Gaynor and Gwyn Evans at 271-3134, or Cyril Portman at 946-9124.

Eirlys Anne Thomas is seeking photos of Society Events for an album collection, that she is putting together for posterity. Anyone who has photos from the mid-eighties onward that they wish to donate, please get in touch with Eirlys Anne at 731-0204.



NEW YEAR • NEW EXECUTIVE •

Firstly, may we say a big thank you to the out-going members of the Executive, your efforts and dedication are greatly appreciated. Don Murray gave his annual "Thank You" speech also, at the last A. G. M.! We have a new list of Executive Members for 1993, their names are given below:-

Jeffrey Owen - President.

Anne G. Jones - Vice President.

Jack Smith - Treasurer.

Joan Thomsen - Membership Secretary.

Gaynor Evans - Secretary.

Trustees,

Phyllis Owens, Dorothy Walters, Stephanie Boggan, Jessie Dodds, Robert Fox.

Anne Roberts - Past President.



MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of year again folks! We need your memberships - we have to try and keep our culture alive and it isn't so bad having a Welsh background - is it?!!!

It was decided at the last A. G. M. that the Membership Dues would remain the same as for 1992. They are listed below, please circle appropriate one.

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.)

Please print:

Name:----Address:----City:----

Postal Code:----- Phone No.:----

Please make your cheques or money orders payable to: The Welsh Society of Vancouver.

Send completed form to: Joan Thomsen, Membership Secretary,

Cambrian Hall, 215 East 17th Ave.,

Telephone; 876-2815.

Vancouver, B. C., V5V 1A6.

NOTICE: Honorary Life Memberships were given to the following long-standing members; Mrs. Sally Highet, Mrs. Phyllis Owens, Mrs. Dorothy Walters. Congratulations ladies, the honour is well deserved.

At the last count, the Welsh Society had 150 memberships - 2 of which were Life Members. Over 80% of the Society has to be of Welsh extraction, and that is the case with us - we have 128 members who are Welsh or who are of Welsh descent, that puts us over the 80% minimum very well.

In addition, the Welsh Society appreciate any donations towards the general upkeep of Cambrian Hall. There is a lot to do in the weekly maintenance of a building of that size - thank you for your consideration and co-operation.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: At the last General Meeting, it was unanimously decided to keep the cost of the St. David's Day Banquet the same as last year, so you can ignore the part of the announcement where it says "Undecided"! The price of the tickets is \$25.00 for members and \$28.00 for guests. I hope that we will see many people there, as we do need to support the Society and keep the Welsh culture alive.

CAMBRIAN CIRCLESingers

Rehearsals for the C. C. S. are as follows:

January 14th and 20th - 8 p.m.

February 5th - 8 p.m.

Singouts will be on January 21 at the Buchanan Sunset Lodge, New Westminster. Also a singout will be given at the Brittany Lodge, 1.30 p.m. in Vancouver.

New members are encouraged to join the Cambrian Circle Singers, so if you are at all interested in becoming a member, give Mrs. Nerys Haqq a call at 278-8978.

CHURCH SERVICES

The first Church Service of 1993, was held on January 10th. It was well attended, especially as a Memorial Service for long time member Mrs. Blodwen Jones Gauthier was also given.

It was a fitting tribute to someone who has been a member of the Welsh Society in Vancouver for over 60 years. (See "In Memoriam".)

The next Sunday Service will be on the 14th of February - not a date to forget easily! As always, there will be a delicious "Te Bach" afterwards.



VANCOUVER WELSH MEN'S CHOIR

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

The Welsh Men's Choir will be featured together with the internationally celebrated artist Jamie Parker at a Benefit Concert

put on by the Clef Society of Burnaby for the New Burnaby Arts Centre.

The concert will be held on Saturday, January 30th at the New Willingdon Church Concert

Auditorium - 8412 Willingdon, (at Moscrop) in Burnaby and it starts at 8.00 p.m.

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Tickets are \$12.00 each and can be purchased from TicketMaster at 280-4444. They are also available form Sheena McDonald at 431=9220.

IN MEMORIAM

GAUTHIER (JONES)—;
Blodwen in her 97th year
passed away on Monday,
becember 21, 1992 in the Windermere. Vancouver. Predeceased by husbands. Llewellyn
Jones. June 8th. 1973 and
Carins Gauthier. November 17,
1992. Survived by her loving
step-tamily, son, 8ob and wile
Wilma: daughter. Carolyn and
husband Bob Cooper; 5 grandchildren: and 6 great-grandchildren; also, her many longtime
and dear Welsh friends. A
memorial service will be held
in conjunction with the Welsh
church service at 11 a.m. Sunday. January 10, 1993 in the
Cambrian Hall, 215 East 17th
Ave., Vancouver, Flowers
gratefully declined.

It was by all accounts a lovely service for the late and very dear friend of the Welsh Society Mrs. Blodwen Jones Gauthier. Several members of her family showed up for the memorial, as well as those who knew her in the Society. Mrs. Gauthier had been a member of the Vancouver Welsh Society for 65 years, she will be greatly missed I am sure.

At the service, Sunday, Jan., 10th, Nerys Haqq sang that most revered Welsh Hymn, "Gwahoddiad"; Anne G. Jones read the eulogy.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The hard-working members of the Social Committee are back at their Saturday night posts, ensuring that we have a nice place to go to for a relaxing drink. Without this sort of dedication, we'd not have such a cozy place as the Red Dragon. However, it's really unfair to heap it all on the same few shoulders these people deserve a night off too. Has anyone else considered becoming a member of the Social Committee? It is a really good way to socialize - hence the title "Social Committee" ! - and you will be doing a tremendous service for the Welsh Society. It's well worth giving serious thought to.

If anyone <u>is</u> interested, they should contact an S. C. member soon. Names and phone numbers given below. Thanks.

Jeff and Gaynor Owen - 946-4956.

Tony and Gwen Tonack - 738-3377.

Joan Thomsen

- 264-8404.

Robert Fox

- 944-6940.

YOU'VE GOT TO LAUGH....

After my son's wedding, the bridal party in their

brightly decorated cars, wound their way through beautiful Stanley Fark in Vancouver for the traditional wedding photographs. As the procession passed one of the city's finest on mounted patrol in the park, the officer solemnly removed his cap and placed it on his chest.

From Reader's Digest, Jan. 1993.

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

ENGLISH — AS SHE IS WROTE ABROAD

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — European Community translators recently assembled an amusing collection of abused English from signs abroad. Here are some of their gems:

At a Bangkok dry-cleaner: "Drop your trousers here for

best results."

An Acapulco hotel: "The manager has personally passed all the water served here."

A Tokyo hotel: "You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid."

A Greek tailor: "We will execute customers in strict

rotation."

A Zurich hotel: "Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose."

A temple in Bangkok: "It

A temple in Bangkok: "It is forbidden to enter a woman, even a foreigner, if

dressed as a man."

A Norwegian cocktail lounge: "Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar."

A Tokyo car-rental agency: "When passenger of foot heave into sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at first but if he still obstacles your passage then tootle him with vigor."

A Budapest zoo: "Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guard on duty."

JANUARY

| SATURDAY | 7 | 6 | 16 | 23 | 29 ARTHURO PLAYSAT RED PRAGON |
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| FRIDAY | First Duarter (1) | 7 Full Moon (.) | Lost Quarter 7 | 122 | 29 |
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| WEDNESDAY | 3 | | 10 | General Meeting- (130 pm | 17 | 2 | 24 | Ash Wednesday | 3 | |
| TUESDAY WEDNESDAY | 2 | | Ground Hog Day | 1 | 16 | | 23 | | 2 | |
| MONDAY | - | | Australia Day Observed (Vic., W.A., S.A. & Tas., Aust.) | | 15 | President's Day Observed | 22 | Washington's Birthday | . | |
| SUNDAY | 31 | | 7 | | Church 14 Savice | Valentina's Day | New Moon 21 | | 28 | |