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Cymdeithas Gymraeg Vancouver

Cambrian News

Welsh Society Newsletter

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The Cambrian News

From The Editor:

The big news this time is that the roof repair is underway. A detailed account will be provided once all is completed, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention the time and expertise that Allan Hunter has contributed to ensure a quality result. As of this date the roof is watertight, copper scuppers have been installed and work is proceeding between showers!

The total expenditure for this essential repair will likely be in the neighborhood of \$40,000. Here we must acknowledge the vital importance of the contribution of \$20,000 of matching funds obtained from the Provincial Government Gaming Fund through the initiative taken by our Vice President, Barrie Hancock. We are also most fortunate in the generosity of our members, friends and supporters who have contributed so generously to our Roof Fund to provide much of the necessary matching funds.

The historic photograph on the front shows a lunch meeting of the Women's Auxiliary prior to getting down to business. The photo, taken by Jeff Owen, shows Elizabeth Murray, Beverly Thomas, Marion Griffiths, Gwen Tonack, Gaynor Owen, Betty Morgan and Gladys Evans. Over the years the W.A. has been a source of great support to the society, raising funds with rummage sales etc., providing china, a fridge and tablecloths, and even one year paying the city taxes.

Sadly several in the photo are no longer with us and the W.A. membership has dwindled to a small group. Nevertheless they have recently contributed \$1000 to the Roof Fund and the society values their support.

David Llewelyn Williams

Forthcoming Events

June 1st, Executive Meeting 7.30 pm
June 8th, General Meeting 7.30 pm
June 12th, Church Service 11.00 am
June 20th, Welsh Speaking Group

Mondays: Walking Group 10 am
Thursdays: Welsh Folk Dancers
Fridays: Cambrian Circle Singers
Saturdays: Red Dragon opens 8.30 pm

Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir:

With Boston Saengerfest Men's Chorus
Joint Concert at Chilliwack Alliance Church

Saturday, June 11th at 7.30 pm.

Vancouver Orpheus Choir

All Saints Anglican Church,
4755, Arthur Drive, Ladner.

Saturday, May 28th at 7.30 pm.

With Boston Saengerfest Men's Chorus
Joint Concert at Ryerson United Church
2195 West 45th Ave., Vancouver.
Friday, June 10th at 7.30 pm.

The ages and stages of success.

At age 4, it is not peeing in your pants.
At age 12, success is having friends.
At age 16, it's having a driver's licence.
At age 20, success is going all the way.
At age 35, success is having money.
At age 50, success is having money.
At age 60, success is going all the way.
At age 70, it's having a driver's licence.
At age 75, success is having friends.
At age 80, it is not peeing in your pants.
(contributed by E.A.Thomas)

**70th Annual BRYN SEION WELSH
CHURCH**

GYMANFA GANU

22132 S. Kamrath Road, Beavercreek,
Oregon

Sunday June 26th, 2005

Whether you have Welsh heritage or not,
you will be very welcome.

**11:00 AM: A TRADITIONAL CHURCH
SERVICE**

Enjoy lunch at one of several restaurants
nearby.

**1:45 PM: THE FIRST SESSION OF
THE GYMANFA GANU**

The singing will be directed by
Rhiannon Acree from Long Beach, CA
accompanied by Beverly Ratajak, joined by
other special guests.

The Welsh Marketplace will be open in the
Tea House and the ladies of the church will
serve tea and Welsh cakes for a nominal fee
after the first Gymanfa Ganu Session.

**6:00 PM: THE SECOND SESSION OF
THE GYMANFA GANU**

continues with group singing and requests.

For more information call:
Janet Figini (503) 630-5317 or
Gerri Baker Parry (206) 524-0854
www.wapnw.org/brynseion.htm

The Welsh Society of Vancouver

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Saturday, July 16, 2005

(1st Tee-off 1.14 pm)

Where: Poppy Estate Golf Course,
3834 248th St., Aldergrove
Tel. 604-856-1181

Cost: \$65 (inc GST)

(Covers Green Fee, Dinner and Prizes)

Dinner: Marinated Sirloin Steak **or**
Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baked Potato and
Toppings, Caesar Salad, Bean Salad, Dinner
Rolls, Assorted Pickle and Vegetable
Platter, Black Forest Cake
and Coffee **or** Tea.

Competitions: Men: Low Gross, Low Net,
Long Drive, Closest to Pin.

Ladies: Low Gross, Low Net, Long Drive,
Closest to Pin.

Overall: Fewest Putts.

The Tournament also includes the usual
North v. South Tourney (Selection criteria
for the four positions on each team include:
Born in Wales, under 90 years of age on
July 16/05)

David Williams has again kindly agreed to
compile the scores under the Calloway
system of handicaps.

You will note that the cost is unchanged
from last year when a successful day was
enjoyed by 27 participants. If you wish to
repeat or experience it for the first time,
please phone Tec Roberts 604-464-2760 or
Gwyn Evans 604-271-3134.

BEAR ESSENTIALS ON SNOWDON

Bear Grylls, world-renowned explorer and the youngest Briton ever to climb Everest, took the first train of the year to Snowdon's summit last week to launch the international credit card donations facility on the Snowdon Summit Appeal website www.snowdon-summit.co.uk and to see for himself the sorry state of the existing summit building after another harsh winter.

Bear, who owns a lighthouse off the coast of Abersoch, spent much of his formative years as a mountaineer in Snowdonia. The proposed new summit building will, he believes, provide a long overdue refuge for walkers and climbers and an important education and information centre for locals and visitors alike.

The summit, which annually attracts 350,000 visitors, is regularly one of the UK's most popular natural attractions. The striking new summit building, designed from high quality sustainable materials, will replace the existing structure first erected in 1936 and is designed to impress yet minimise the impact on this environmentally sensitive location.

The Snowdon Summit Building is a high profile project which has already attracted almost £7 million pounds with contributions from the Objective 1 European Fund, the Welsh Assembly Government, Snowdon Mountain Railway, Wales Tourist Board and the Snowdonia National Park Authority.

The Snowdon Summit Appeal seeks to raise the additional £2.2 million

necessary to start construction. If the funding is not in place by June 2005 the project will not go ahead.

Bear said, "It is crucial the proposed new summit building gets the go ahead and I urge mountain lovers everywhere to dig deep and support this venture. There is no

easier way to donate than by going online at www.snowdon-summit.co.uk wherever you are in the world - even on a mountain top."

"Snowdon is an international icon and encapsulates the spirit of Wales and the Welsh people. It's a place where dreams are hatched and challenges fulfilled. The proposed new building can only add to the majesty and enjoyment of the mountain."

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TRELAWNYD MALE VOICE CHOIR

John Parry, who founded the Mormon Tabernacle Choir was born in Newmarket, now Trelawnyd, North Wales in 1789. In 1846 he converted to the Mormon religion and immigrated to Salt Lake City in 1849.

On the ship coming over, Parry and 200 other Welsh converts often sang together.

In Salt Lake, Brigham Young heard them singing and asked Parry to start a choir.

The Trelawnyd Male Voice Choir will be traveling to Salt Lake City this year to sing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The

date will be Sunday, 29 October 2005 at 7.30 PM in Temple Square, Salt Lake City, Utah. The choir is trying to raise funds to come to America. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Mr. Richard D. Parry at rdparry@mstar2.net or by mail at 8858 Piper Lane, Sandy, UT 84093.

(from an article by Annie Lloyd in Ninnau, March 1, 2005)

Re: What is the Welsh for Burger King?
In response to my earlier question, Lynne Fox suggested “Pati Cig y Frenin” (or possibly “Brenin y Pati Cig”). I wonder what the Aberystwyth franchise will come up with now that the direct action campaign there was successful.