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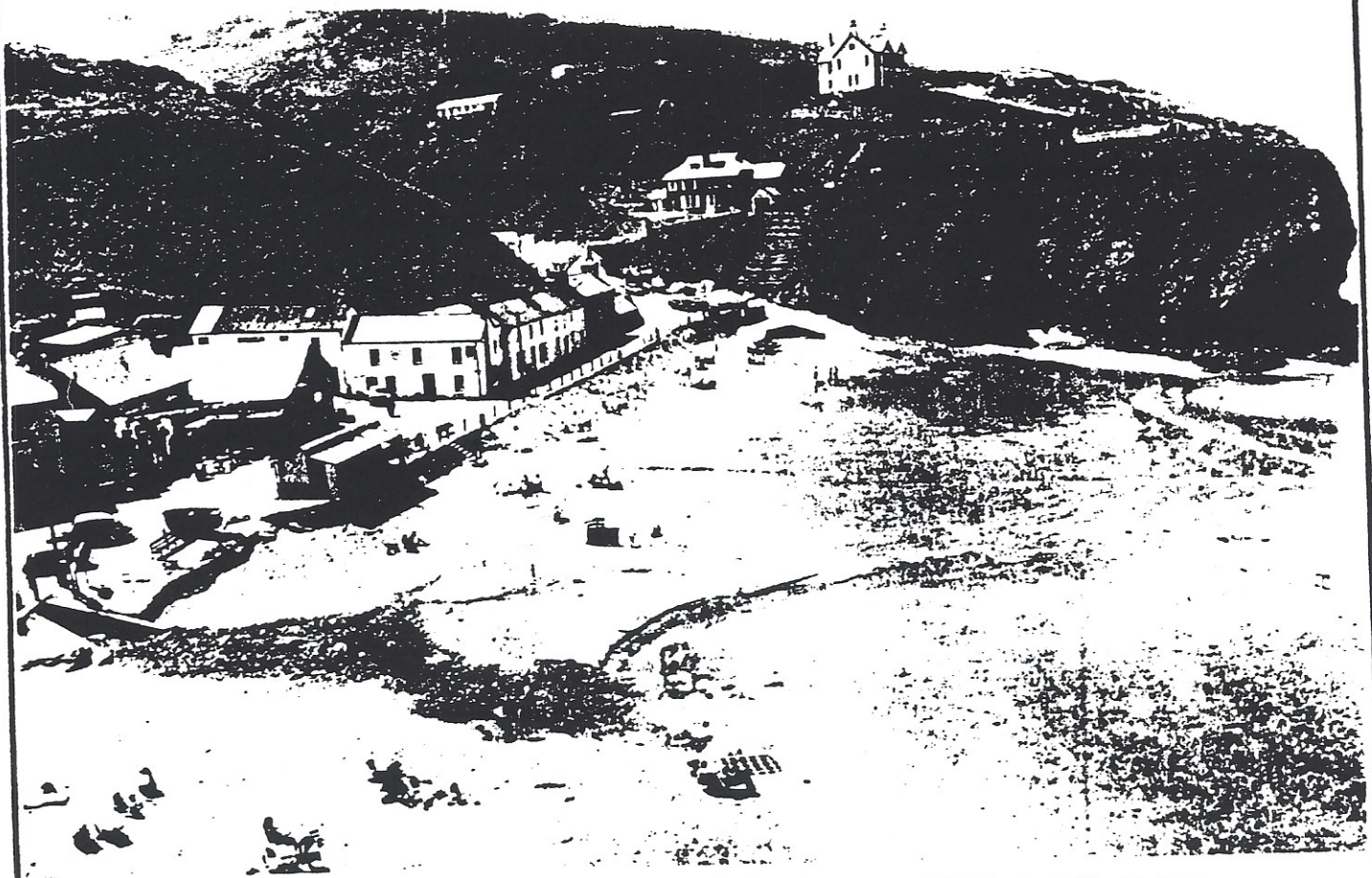
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Cambrian News

Welsh Society Newsletter - Cylchgrawn Cymraeg

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The Beauty that is Wales



Llangrannog Village & Beach. Dyfed.South Wales.

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When the great composer Felix Mendelssohn visited Wales he was very critical of the national instrument. But the daughters of his host were inspirational . . .



● Happy days for composer Mendelssohn at Coed Du, near Mold.

Harp gave a genius toothache

by Bernard Lloyd

In August, 1829, the German composer, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), then only 20 travelled to North Wales from Scotland where, in the Hebrides, he had been inspired to compose "Fingal's Cave".

From his inn at Llangollen he wrote that he did not care for the music of the Welsh. "Then a thousand devils take all national music! Here I am in Wales and, heaven help us! a harper sits in the hall of every reputable tavern, incessantly playing so-called folk-melodies. It gives me toothache

already'. But he discovered there was a piano at the inn and that the innkeeper had three pretty daughters who played on it, and so, after an evening of music-making with them, he began to feel more romantically sympathetic towards the Welsh.

The climax of his stay in Wales

was a week he spent with the Taylors at their house, Coed Du, near Mold. He had met John Taylor, a rich mine-ower, in London and the glimpse he'd had of his three young daughters — Susan, Honoria and Anne — had made him eager to accept an invitation to stay with them at Coed Du. There they enjoyed picnics, sketching parties, riding, dancing, a descent into a lead mine, plenty of music-making and a tour of several days through North Wales as far as Caernarfon and Snowdonia.

There is extant a pencil drawing Mendelssohn made of Telford's Suspension Bridge at Conway on 26 August, 1829. The sisters — "with whom I do nothing but flirt — and that in English" — plied Mendelssohn with bunches of flowers, begging him to "set them to music". "I owe three of my best piano pieces to them", he wrote. These were three fantasies (Op. 16) — Andante and allegro in A Minor, Capriccio in E Minor, and Andante in E Major (The Rivulet).

Later, Anne mentioned that Mendelssohn spoke with a slight lisp and that, when nodding his approval of something, his long dark hair flopped down over his forehead. Mendelssohn cherished the "flowery memory" of those happy, innocent days for the rest of his rather short life and never failed to look up the Taylors when in London, where he used to play for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

ST. DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS A REAL SUCCESS!

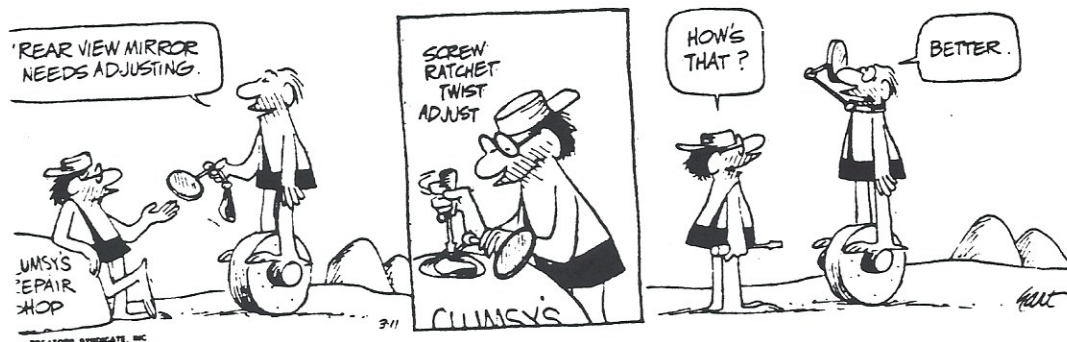
St. David's Day celebrations in Vancouver this year were highlighted by a most enjoyable banquet, followed by dancing, at the Holiday Inn on Broadway. In spite of inclement weather, one could feel that Spring had arrived, as the Arbutus Ballroom was filled with daffodils and the head table displayed three flower arrangements of white and yellow carnations and freesias. Due to the weather, ill health, and members out of town, fewer members attended the function than usual. However, as one member who has attended the Banquet since the "forties" remarked, "this year it is like a large delightful house party of good friends." I am sure all who attended agreed with her. The food was delicious, plentiful and well and quickly served and enjoyed by everyone present.

The Society was pleased to have Mr. Anthony Joy, British Consul General and his wife, Senator Ray Perrault and his wife, and Alderman Libby Davies as the Honoured guests. All of the speakers were interesting and humorous - particularly our member Mr. John Pritchard, who proposed the Toast to Wales. John hails from North Wales - and his speech was educational and interesting - we could have listened to him much longer as the applause of our guests attested.

The Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir were in fine voice and entertained us after the formal part of the evening was over - we were sorry that time did not permit them to sing longer. Community singing followed, led by Mrs. Nerys Haqq, who is herself a fine soloist and the music director of the Cambrian Circle Singers. The rest of the evening was spent dancing to the music of Dance Party, and whilst many couples took to the dance floor, others spent time socializing with friends. The quality of the evening was such that we could hardly credit how the time had flown, and midnight was upon us.

Much thanks and praise for arranging the evening are due to our young and popular President, Mr. Jeff Owen, his wife Gaynor, and our always efficient and hard working secretary, Mrs. Gaynor Evans. The unlucky people who were not able to attend missed a great evening. The flowers from the head table were later presented to three long time members who are not in the best of health at this time. These flowers were purchased from the Estate of the late Mr. Jack Davies in memory of his wife, the late Mrs. Katie Davies.

submitted by Anne G. Jones.



Welcome to...

The Welsh Society wishes to welcome some new members for 1991:

Eric Bowen, Bellingham
Washington

David & Carlys Cox, Richmond

Jessie Dodds, Burnaby

David & Elizabeth Evans,
Maple Ridge

Margaret Evans, North
Vancouver

Richard Grooms, Garibaldi
Highlands

A. Vymwy Jones, Vancouver

Gareth & Penelope Phillips,
Vancouver

Hilda L. Phillips, Richmond

Hope to see you all at the various Welsh Society events. Remember to introduce yourself as a new member so we can offer you a warm welcome.

NOTES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

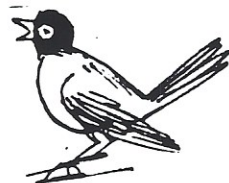
NOSON GYMRAEG Mawrth 21
ALL WELSH EVENING March 21
8pm at the Hall.

Gwasanaeth Sul y Saithfed o
Ebrill
Sunday Service on April 7th,
not April 14th, as usual.

Change in the date of the church service is to accommodate those attending the Pacific North West Gymanfa Ganu in Seattle on April 11, 12 & 13th. Much interest is being shown in the trip to Seattle. If there are sufficient people going a bus could be arranged.

FULL PROGRAM FOR THE SEATTLE GYMANFA GANU IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Suggested motel is ARNOLDS BEST WESTERN with rates at Single - \$43, Double - \$46 (US). For more information contact Ann Roberts evenings at 321-4418, or Ieuan Lampshire-Jones at 985-0824.



FOOTPRINTS

One day a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

**THE NORTHWEST WELSH
EVENT OF THE YEAR**

A Weekend of WELSH entertainment,
culture and hwyl in Bothell, Washington

Sponsored by:

**THE PUGET SOUND
WELSH ASSOCIATION**

and

**THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION**

PROGRAM

Friday, 12 April at 7.30 pm

NOSON LAWEN

Talent from the whole Northwest

Location to be Announced

Admission \$5
(finger food provided)

Saturday, 13 April at 2.30 pm

FOLK CONCERT

featuring

**SEATTLE RED DRAGON BAND
SEATTLE WELSH DANCE GROUP**

With many supporting artists

St. Brendan's Church
Bothell, Washington

Admission \$5

Saturday, 13 April at 7.30pm

GRAND CONCERT

featuring

**VANCOUVER WELSH MEN'S CHOIR
SEATTLE WELSH CHOIR**

*Richard Williams (baritone)
Lynn Williams (soprano)*

Hosted by:
BRONN JOURNEY

at

St. Brendan's Church
Bothell, Washington

Admission
\$8.50 in advance/seniors,
\$10 at the door

Sunday, 14 April at 2.00 pm

GYMANFA GANU

16 Favourite Hymns

Directors

**RICHARD WILLIAMS
TIM DYCK**

Special Music

*Joseph Beaulieu (piano)
Annette Dennis (soprano)*

Chairman - Alan Upshall

Followed by TE BACH
(\$2 donation)

at

St. Brendan's Church
10100 NE 192nd
Bothell, Washington

Information from:

Noson Lawen:	(206) 746-5437
Folk concert:	(206) 282-5680
Grand Concert:	(206) 488-7288
Gymanfa Ganu:	(206) 488-7288

Do not delay, send in your registrations
now. Tickets are on a first come, first
serve basis.

RED DRAGON

March 16th - Arthur (Mr. Piano) Williams will be playing a great variety of sing-a-long favourites.

March 23rd and 30th - regular fun, darts and good company.

April 5th - "Chepstow Races"

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR BAR DUTY ON SATURDAY EVENINGS. WHEN YOU COME DOWN TO THE RED DRAGON JUST LET THE PERSON TENDING BAR KNOW THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO HELP OUT.

WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IT A TRY BUT YOU'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE ??? DON'T WORRY-INSTANT TRAINING PROGRAMS OFFERED BY SKILLED PROFESSIONALS OF THE SEAT-OF-THE-PANTS BAR TENDING SCHOOL.

Just a reminder to members bringing guests to the Red Dragon, that their guests must be signed in at the door.



BUCKY HAD SO MUCH FUN COLORING EGGS, HE DECIDED TO DO BACON, TOO.

VALENTINES DANCE

The Valentine's Dance was held on February 16th, with taped music by Sounds Great. The social committee cooked up some great chilli and buns, for a half time snack that was greedily devoured. A great time was had by all evening though attendance was lower than we hoped. There were only 35 people at the dance, and many of these were guests of members. Lets see more members coming out to these events in future - the more the merrier!

A CAUTIONARY NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

While the Social Committee makes every effort to plan fun events for all to enjoy at the Cambrian Hall we do need your support to ensure that they are a social and financial success. For example, the society lost \$83 on the Valentines Dance. Attendance of only 12 more people would have brought us to the break even point. We can't continue to incur these losses on a long term basis. Yet, those who regularly support these events have a great time. Why not join in on the many events offered in this months' calendar. Have some fun and support the society at the same time. A Win Win situation! Bring your friends. Everyone will be warmly welcomed.

The social committee would also be pleased to receive any suggestions you may have for the kinds of events which interest you. They could also use a few more committee members to help them keep the Cambrian Hall an active, and fun place for everyone.

Coming Events

THE W.A. NEED YOUR HELP

The WA Spring Tea and Bake Sale will be held on April 20, 1991 from 2-4 pm at the Cambrian Hall. Tickets \$3.50. In addition we will have a White Elephant Sale, Book stalls, and a "Jewellery" table.



To make the event successful we need Your co-operation and support. Please join us for delicious tea, and/or bake a cake for our bake table. Please also set aside, and present to us re-saleable items of china, ornaments, kitchen equipment etc. We will be pleased to sell them and just think of the extra space you will have in your cupboards. (No donations of clothes, thank you)

Raffle tickets are on sale now, as are the tea tickets. You can obtain them from any member of the WA.

Mrs. Maureen Grecht: has presented the WA with a token value \$50 which will be reaffled, the winner can obtain \$50 worth of housecleaning done by the staff of Handy Helpers. Maureen and her staff would love to help with your Spring Cleaning, giver her a call at 325-4486 - and go out and enjoy the Spring weather yourself. The WA presented the Daffodils

for the banquet and are donating money to buy two metal filing cabinets to keep society records. Only with your support can we continue with regular donations to the parent body.

TICKETS FOR TRIP TO LA CONNER TO SEE THE TULIP FIELDS APRIL 24!

Tickets are selling fast for the La Conner trip to see the tulip fields in full bloom. The coach will leave the Cambrian Hall at 9am sharp and will return to the hall by 5pm. Approximate cost of tickets is \$15. To obtain further details and to reserve you seat please call as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Numbers to call are 324-1151 or 298-6085. Thank you for your anticipated support of all these events.

Anne G. Jones



Celts whooping it up

Special to The Province

Wales is celebrating its Celtic heritage with Celtica 1991, a year-long series of festivals, music and other special events.

The Celts emanated from the Rhinelands between 1,000 - 500 BC, and Wales was one of the few areas still Celtic after the Roman conquest.

The Celts in Wales, a major exhibition at the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff (May 2 - Sept. 29), will focus on the Celts from 1500 BC to 1000 AD.

The capital will also be the venue for the World Harp Festival (July 5-13); and the European dimension is the subject of an exhibition at the European

Centre for Traditional and Regional Cultures, Llangollen (July to late October).

Numerous festivals take on a Celtic theme, including Holyhead (May 1-13); Tredegar House Folk Festival, Newport (May 17-19); Criccieth (June 19-24); Gwyl Werin y Cnapan, Ffostrasol (July 11-13), Britain's largest Celtic traditional music festival; and the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales, Mold (Aug. 3-10).

Other Celtica 1991 highlights include a festival for children speaking minority languages (Lleyn Peninsula, April 3-7); craft demonstrations; a Celtic rugby competition (Easter); and a touring production of Branwen, based on Celtic myths.

Springtime



MEMBERSHIP IN THE WELSH SOCIETY IS A GOOD INVESTMENT

A membership in the Vancouver Welsh Society is an investment in good times, and great companionship for those who love Wales and the Welsh Culture. The Cambrian Hall was built by the members in 1929, and has been filled to the rafters with the spirit, song and friendship of hail and hearty Welshmen ever since. The society counts among its members who have emigrated from Wales, and those who may have been born in other lands, but can trace Welsh blood in their family history. As members of the society we can then invite our friends to come and join us in an experience of Welsh hospitality and culture in the many events held at the Hall. If you'd like more information about the activities and purpose of the society call President, Jeff Owen at 946-4956. To join simply complete the application form below and send the applicable membership fee to the address indicated.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Regular	\$30/person
Family	\$50/person (two members)
Seniors	\$17/person
Out of Town	\$15/person (to qualify you must live a minimum of 80kms or 60mi outside Vancouver)

MEMBERSHIP REMITTANCE FORM - 1991

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____

 POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: _____
 TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: _____
 I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE BY _____



Please send this form along with a cheque or money order, payable to the Welsh Society of Vancouver, to: MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Cambrian Hall, 215 E 17th Avenue, Vancouver, BC. V5V 1A6.

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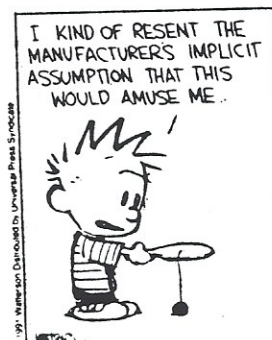
FRIENDS SEARCHING FOR FRIENDS CAN YOU HELP??

Friends of Mr. ISLWYN WILLIAMS and Mrs. STEPHANIE WILLIAMS who emigrated to Canada from the Cardigan Wales area, and settled in the Calgary area, They are reported to be in their early 60's. They were visited by their very old friend from Cardigan in 1977 but have lost contact with them since. Anyone knowing their whereabouts, PLEASE contact MARONA (734-0271).

Does anyone know ALICE and PEGGY WILLIAMS of GODRE' CRAIG, S. Wales. One of them was the Headmistress of THE WERN Primary School in Ystalyfera, S. Wales...MARONA would love to hear from you about either of them. Telephone number as above.

The very old friend from Cardigan, was Gwen Davies from Ashgrove, Penparc Cardigan. Telephone number available also from Marona. Sounds complicated but not really...Your help in locating the above will be greatly appreciated.

submitted by Ellis Griffiths.



ALL WELSH EVENING March 21, 8:00 pm
 Blossom-time in Queen Elizabeth Park
 RED DRAGON OPEN MARCH 23 & 30th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>CHURCH SERVICE</p> <p>●</p>	<p>1</p> <p>EASTER MONDAY</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>PACIFIC NW GYMANFA GANU Begins. See Enclosed Schedule</p>	<p>6</p> <p>RED DRAGON OPEN 8:30pm "Chepstaw Races"</p>
<p>7</p> <p>○</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 1:30</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>WA Spring Tea 2-4pm RED DRAGON OPEN 8:30 pm</p>
<p>14</p> <p>○</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>TRIP TO LA CONNER</p>	<p>18 8pm</p> <p>ALL WELSH NIGHT</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>RED DRAGON OPEN 8:30 pm</p>
<p>21</p> <p>●</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 8:30 pm</p> <p>ARTHUR AT THE PIANO</p>
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April

THE RED DRAGON NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO TEND THE BAR

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