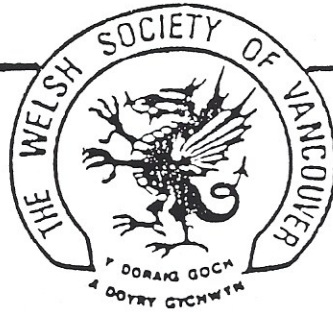


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Cymdeithas Gymraeg Vancouver

*Cambrian News*

Welsh Society Newsletter — Cylchgrawn Cymraeg



Agricultural Show, Llangefni, Anglesey, around the year 1903. Photo is courtesy of Country Quest. These affairs were known as a "Primin". For more information, see inside cover for details.



The Anglesey Hunt sets off along the High Street. The ritual of the Stirrup Cup has taken place in the courtyard of the Bull Hotel and horses and hounds head out for the open country. The pack was kennelled on the outskirts of Llangefni and the scene would have been a familiar one to the townsfolk.

## Local Show was a great event —

The Local Agricultural Show was a festive occasion which provided an opportunity for farmers, merchants and local trades people to parade their gaily be-ribboned horses and carts through the town.

In Anglesey an event of this kind was known as a 'Primin', a term derived from the fact that Certificates, or Premiums, were awarded at one time at such shows to all the successful exhibitors.

The parade, on this occasion, is headed by a bread cart, owned by Betsy Jones, Gwalia Bakery Llangefni.

This particular photograph dates from the period 1902-1904.

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ST. DAVID'S DAY BANQUET - 1992

I am happy to report that the 1992 St. David's Day banquet was a tremendous success. It was the first time in 30 years that a banquet has been held in Cambrian Hall, so it was fitting that the theme was of Welsh Heritage.

The Hall itself had been beautifully decorated with flowers and candles and as always we were served a delicious meal. Our evening included some memorable singing by Mr. David Tuck and community singing followed, led by Mrs. Dorothy Walters.

All in all, it was very enjoyable, made no less so by the fact that it was held in Cambrian Hall.

Head Table Flowers from the Estate of the late Mr. Jack Davies in memory of his wife, the late Mrs. Katie Davies.

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Church services are held on the second Sunday of every month.

Share the Experience!

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**



You may be interested in Welsh Night held every 3rd Thursday at Cambrian Hall. It is an excellent way to become immersed in the Welsh Culture and pick up on the language. Why not drop in one evening, if you feel like it?

REGISTRATION FORM



PENTICTON, B.C. - Gymanfa Garu , May 8th, 9th and 10th, 1992

J.F. Evans, P.O. Box 632, Penticton, B.C. V2A 6P1

Purpose. "To assemble the Welsh of the Northwest of America and the West of Canada at regular intervals in order to celebrate their Welsh heritage and to exchange ideas and friendships". Alan Upshall, President, P.N.W. G.G.A.

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Penticton Convention Centre: Friday, May 8th  
Registration fee \$ 6.00

Penticton Convention Centre: May 8th  
Noson Lawen - 7 to 10 p.m. 5.00

Penticton High School: Saturday, May 9th  
Folk Concert - 2 - 3:30 p.m. 5.00

Penticton High School: May 9th, 8 p.m.  
Grand Concert 10.00

Gymanfa Garu: 2 - 4 p.m. Sunday, May 10th  
Bethel Tabernacle - donation

Total \$26.00

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Toll free number to book accommodation at hotel, motel or R.V. Park: 1-600-661-5159

General information: Lorraine Evans, Penticton 604-292-8283 Alan Upshall, Seattle 206-288-7288

Deadline: Out of town reservations - April 6th, 1992

Local tickets go on sale April 10th

AND A TOP O' THE MORNIN' TO YER!

Sure an' begorra! 'Tis that time o' year again, Shamrocks and blarney abound - you may even see a leprachaun; you're sure to see the colour green - for on the 17th o' this month our Irish cousins celebrate St. Patrick's Day. So to all of you from the Emerald Isle and those whose ancestors came from same fair land - We at the Vancouver Welsh Society wish you a very happy St. Patrick's Day

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OPEN HOUSE

A warm welcome was extended to all visitors on the evening of February 29th. Open House Night commenced with the "Eating of the Leek" ceremony bringing four more "Cymry" - Milt Morgan, Ivor Davies, Alan Jones Jr. and Robert Fox under the pledge of "peace", (hedd). Thanks goes to the bards, Alan Jones and Neville Thomas, and to the drummer, Jimmy Murphy. The delights continued with singing from Veronica Gilder and new member Sheila Hobbis, as they accompanied Arthur Williams who played piano. Gradually, several people joined in with the singing including the "Scottish Pavarotti", Mr. John Hume. As always there was the delightful Cawl Cennin/Leek Soup, made by the fair hands of Mrs. Rose Murphy - thanks to you Rose. In fact, a big thank you to all the people who helped to create such a fun-tastic evening, without your efforts it would not be possible.

DID YOU KNOW? GRACE MOORE - the famous actress/singer was Welsh.

Born Ceridwen Davies in Swansea, South Wales, she along with her parents emigrated to America the day the war broke out in 1914 - the First World War. Her father - William Davies was a choir director in the Swansea area. Ceridwen was 12 years of age at the time, and mastered 11 different languages during her career. (Evening Post. - Swansea - 1914)

# CAMBRIAN CIRCLE Singers

The singers held a concert on March 4th at Central City Mission. As always their performance was very well received.

If you missed that concert, perhaps you would care to attend the next one. This will be at the Kiwanis Lodge, West Vancouver on April 12th, at 2 p.m.

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Rehearsals for the Cambrian Circle Singers in the coming month are as follows:

Wednesday, March 18th - 8 p.m.	} All rehearsals held at Cambrian Hall.
Wednesday, March 25th - 8 p.m.	
Friday, April 3rd - 8 p.m.	

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If you are interested in becoming a member of the Cambrian Circle Singers, please contact Mrs. Nerys Haqq at 278 8978. All new members are welcome.

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## Welsh Society Folk Dancers

The Welsh Society Folk Dancers performed their first public engagement outside Cambrian Hall, on Tuesday, March 3rd, at St. Michaels' Church - Prince Edward and East Broadway. By all accounts it was a huge success and no doubt the dancers will be asked to return and perform again. There are some new dance members we'd like to welcome into our group; they are Paul Lievesley and Ron and Yvonne Roscoe. A warm welcome to all/ Croeso yn gynnes iawn.

The Folk Dancers are currently practising for the P. N. W. Gymanfa Ganu, held in Penticton this year. We have a lot of fun at our dance practices, so if you are bored with Thursday night telly - why not come along and join us? You would be most welcome. Further info may be obtained from either Jack or Bertha Smith at 683 1335. Hope to see you there! - Lynne Hughes Fox.



## VANCOUVER WELSH MEN'S CHOIR

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

The Welsh Men's Choir have the following engagements for next month:

Saturday, April 4th, South Langley Mennonite Church, 20098 22nd Avenue, Langley.  
For information call 596 6444 or 581 3363.

Saturday, April 25th, Spring Concert, Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver.

The Friends of the Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir are holding a Fashion Show and Bake Sale at the Cambrian Hall on Sunday, April 12th at 2 p.m. For more info call Gaynor Evans at 271 3134.

# Winners

Friday, February 19th saw the Irish Sporting Club invade the Welsh Club again, complete with dart boards and enthusiastic supporters.

As hosts of this leg of the Round Robin Tournament, we fielded 4 teams and we were just as noisy as the Irish! In this tournament the teams were made up of 1 lady and 2 gents. The key was to match the prowess of the Irish ladies and our girls did the job with flying colours. Excitement ran high through the night and by 2 a.m. we had 2 teams left in the Semi Finals. A large group of supporters cheered us on as we took 1st and 3rd prizes. The game was a cliff-hanger as Rob Barclay fighting off exhaustion landed the all important "Double Out". Congratulations to the competitors and a well done to Rob, Stephanie and Milt; tip of the hat to Derek, Joan and Tony - the only team to take a point from the winners. It was a close call and the win was in no small part due to the ladies.

Cymru am Byth - Gwallt Gwyn.

## MEMBERSHIP REMITTANCE FORM - 1992

Please print:                      Name:-----  
    Address:-----  
    City:-----  
    Postal Code:----- Phone No.:-----

Type of Membership:    REGULAR.        FAMILY.        SENIORS.        OUT OF TOWN.        (circle one)

Please make cheque or money order payable to: The Welsh Society of Vancouver, B. C.

Send completed form to: Joan Thomsen, Membership Secretary,  
Cambrian Hall, 215 East 17th Ave.,  
Vancouver, B. C., V5V 1A6.

A reminder to all those who have not yet submitted their Membership Dues, that payment is due. These fees are a source of funds to allow the Executive Committee to plan this year's programmes. Please use the remittance form provided. The MEMBERSHIP DUES remain unchanged from 1991 - they are presented below.

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.)

# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of our member, Gwyneth Davies. Our sincere sympathy goes to her brother and family in Halifax and to her many friends in Vancouver.

Plans for the Spring Tea, April 4th are gearing up. If anyone can contribute to the bake table or to the White Elephant Stall, (No clothes or plastic kitchen - ware; small ornaments and jewellery sell well.) any member of the W. A. would be pleased to hear from you. Tickets for the Tea are now available - get yours soon! Several of our members continue to be unwell, we wish them better health and hope to see them back at meetings in the near future.

Elizabeth Murray, President.

W. A. Report, February 1992

Welsh Society of Vancouver

W.A.

Spring Tea

Saturday, April 4 1992  
2pm-4pm

Cambrian Hall  
215 East 17th Ave

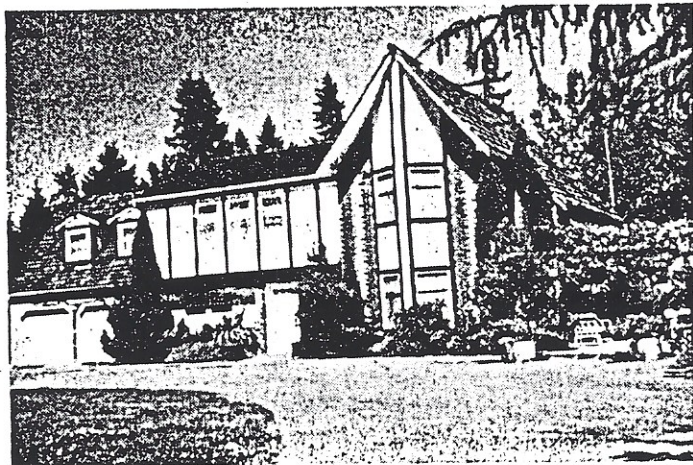
Tickets: \$3.50

Children up  
to 12: \$1.75

## THANKS!

An additional mention is that the W. A. did an exceptional job cleaning the trophy case - thank you very much, it looked great!

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R.R. 4, Site 480, C-1.

Courtenay, B.C. V9A 7J3

Phone: (604) 338-5147

If the other man's grass is always greener,  
he's probably retired.

# COMING EVENTS

Please note these upcoming events on your calendar.

Chepstow Races - April 11th

Noson Lawen - May 2nd

Gymanfa Ganu - May 3rd

Don't forget - we always have a good time, so try not to miss them!

## SCENIC WELSH BEAUTY

The next time you're in the front stairwell of Cambrian Hall, you may pause to admire the paintings that have been recently placed there.

They have been donated to the Welsh Society by Dr. Rodney Glyn-Morris. We thank him for his generosity.

## PENBLWYDD HAPUS!

Congratulations and a belated many happy returns are given to Ellis Griffiths, who reached his 70th milestone on March 9th. We wish you very many more birthdays Ellis and best wishes on reaching your three score year and ten.

# Cookery Book



The following recipe is taken from "Tastes of Wales", by Gilli Davies, and is published by BBC Books.

## "SPICED HONEY LOAF"

1/4 pint of boiling water,  
4 level tablespoons of liquid honey,  
8 oz. or 225 g. all-purpose flour,  
pinch of salt, 4 oz. or 100 g. caster sugar\*,  
2 teaspoons of mixed spice,  
1 level teaspoons each, baking powder and  
baking soda.

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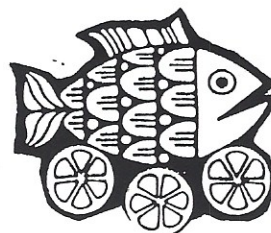
Preheat oven to 325°F or 160°C. Boil the water and stir in the honey. Oil and flour a 2 lb/1 kg loaf tin. Sieve the flour with the salt and add the sugar and spice. Using a wooden spoon, add the melted honey and water, beating until bubbles appear. Stir in the baking powder and soda.

Pour the mixture into the bread tin and bake for about 45 minutes or until a skewer, inserted into the loaf, comes out clean. Serve the loaf warm or cold, spread with butter or cream cheese.

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\* Caster sugar is known here in Canada as "Berry Sugar".

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# EXTRA!

Did you know that we are the only Welsh Society in North America to have our own Hall? We should consider ourselves very fortunate as a lot of other societies have to make do.

Most Saturday nights in the year, the Red Dragon Pub is open in the downstairs part of the Hall, it is a great place to socialize and have a good old natter! The atmosphere is most congenial.

Why not come down and see for yourself? Hope to see you next Saturday night!

# CONGRATULATIONS!



And many congratulations are due to Society members Tony and Gwen Tonack, who became great-grandparents for the first time on Saturday, March 7th! Llongyfarchiadau, Gwen and Tony - we are all sure you will make great grandparents! All our very best wishes go to your family and of course - the newest addition..... Alanna Frances.

## Old Welsh counties may come back to life

BY DOUGLAS BROOM  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

TWENTY-three local authorities will take over running Wales, restoring the county names of Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire to the map, if the Conservatives win the general election.

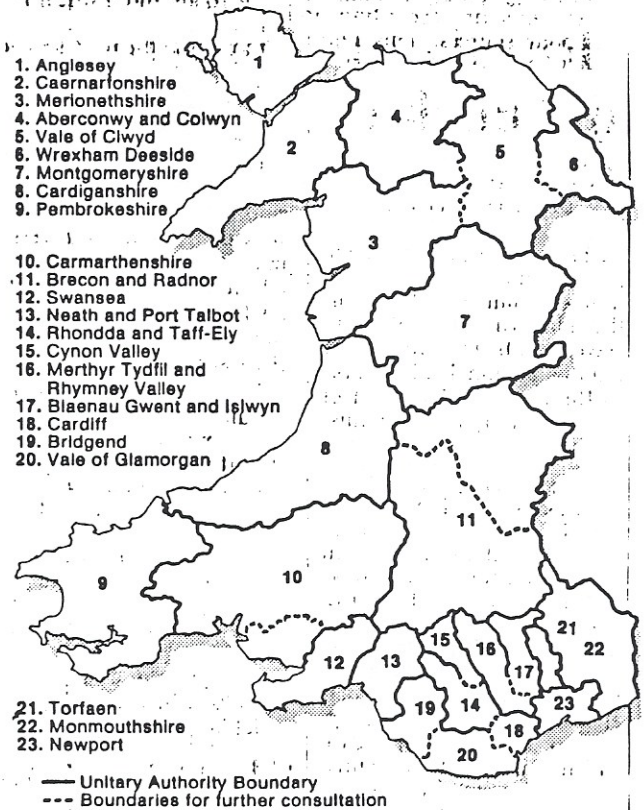
David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, said yesterday that the authorities will result from the merging of 37 district councils and the abolition of eight county councils. Cardiff and Swansea will regain ad-

ministrative controls they lost in 1974.

The plans for Wales are the first to be unveiled from the government's promised re-organisation of local government in Britain. Whitehall said that the proposals for replacing county councils with unitary authorities bearing traditional county names were likely to be repeated in England.

Map redrawn.

### CUTTING THE COUNCILS OF WALES



### NEWSFLASH

The Celtic Connection in it's fifth month of publication, will now be available at the Red Dragon for \$1.00 per copy. As the publisher, Maura McCay explains in her letter, ".....networking and communications are essential and the Celtic Connection is a vehicle through which the Celtic people share a common voice....."  
We hope you support them in their endeavors.

### Airport boost

Air Atlantic is to invest £1 million in a new runway at Caernarvon airport, Gwynedd, and is planning flights to Cardiff, Swansea and Liverpool.

### Clocking on

A clock outside the Bull hotel, Bridport, Dorset, which stopped 50 years ago, has been restarted after a twig was found to be jamming the works.

# WE'RE GEARING UP FOR SPRING!

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Dominion Building on Hastings Street

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