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*Cambrian News*

Welsh Society Newsletter - Cylchgrawn Cymraeg



Parc Cottage, Tregarth



## Gymanfa Ganu, May 1994

( Festival of Song )

The Gymanfa Ganu was held as usual in the Cambrian Hall on Sunday, May 1st - a beautiful day weather-wise.

A good crowd was present, bearing in mind that some of our members were at Whistler with their respective choirs - we hope they enjoyed their Sunday as much as we did ours.

From the opening hymn "Sanctus" it was evident that we were in for a treat of hymn singing; there was a very good atmosphere and happy anticipation.

Mr. Tim Dyck enhanced his reputation as an excellent conductor, for not only did he lead and get the best out of us, he also encouraged singing of some of the less familiar tunes and words.

At the piano was Mrs. Enid Lewis and nowhere could a better accompanist be found.

The soloist was Mr. David Tuck once again he delighted our ears with the singing of both Welsh and English selections.

Capt. Ieuan Lampshire-Jones was the chairperson for the afternoon and all agreed with him that we owed a debt of gratitude to Tim, Enid and David, they inspired us to sing our hearts out and make this May Gymanfa a splendid success. Diolch yn fawr.

Our thanks as always to Society Secretary, Mrs. Gaynor Evans, who arranged the afternoon for us. Some of our lady members had prepared a delicious Te Bach for after the Gymanfa - we thank you and all who contributed "goodies".

Again I will thank those who participated in

any way, to make the event a triumph. To those who came to a Gymanfa at the Cambrian Hall for the first time, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and will join us again.

Our President, Mr. Jeff Owen was unable to attend on May 1st and sent his regrets and apologies.

Diolch o galon i bawb a gymerodd ran yn Gymanfa y Gwanwyn.

Written by Anne G. Jones, Vice President.

## Noson Lawen, May 1994

Despite the fact that there weren't many attending the Noson Lawen, April 30th, it turned out to be a fun evening.

With his endless supply of jokes, Don Murray was wonderful as the acting host and our hero of the night. Thank you ever so much Don, you make a great emcee!

Others who did some entertaining, were Damien Wallbank, Nigel Tucker, Gaynor Owen, Enid Lewis, Rob and Lynne Fox - thank you all.

Alas, Rose Murphy was unable to make her delicious soup, but the "Welsh cuisinartists" cleverly improvised and came up with something close to the original - it was poetry ladies - diolch.

\*\*\*It is sincerely hoped that there will be a greater number of members showing up for the next Noson Lawen in the autumn.\*\*\*

Written by Lynne Hughes-Fox

## Welsh Society Folk Dancers

Firstly, thanks to all the talented cutters and sewers, who gave up their time recently to make white skirts and coloured sashes for the lady dancers. They look very pretty indeed. As well, posies and headdresses have been made for us, also by expert hands. We are fortunate to have so many clever artisans among the group.

Not to be outdone, the gentlemen have had their new waistcoats and cummerbunds properly tailored and finished off. It all looks wonderful.

The Pacific North-West Gymanfa Ganu is almost upon us. Practice has been rigorous, but necessary, and hopefully "it will be alright on the night". If our gentle readers cannot be there in person, at least be there in spirit for us, cheering us on!

Nigel Tucker has kindly volunteered to be our musician in Nanaimo; we are very grateful to him for giving of his time and expertise.

We owe a great deal of thanks to Eirlys Ann Thomas for taking some group photographs of us recently. They will no doubt come out really well, as Eirlys has proven that she is good at this job.

We have been trying to encourage other Society members to come and spend a practice session with us, just to see what we do and if interest blossoms, become a part of the team.

Information is available from Jack and Bertha Smith at 683-1335.

After the P.N.W.G.G., practising won't begin again until August - although we will have our "End of Season" barbecue at Don and Liz Murray's - (who were nice enough to offer their hospitality once again!) - on Thursday week following the Gymanfa.

Lynne Hughes-Fox.

## Membership Renewal

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. : (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Send your membership renewals to:

Beverly Thomas  
Membership Secretary  
Cambrian Hall, 215 East 17th Ave.  
Vancouver B.C., V5V 1A6.

Type of Membership (Circle one)

Regular: \$35.00

Family: \$60.00

Seniors: \$20.00

\*Out-of-Town: \$20.00

\*Living a minimum of 80 kilometres/50 miles outside the city of Vancouver.

Fees on new memberships are pro-rated from July onwards



The Puget Sound Welsh Association introduces a new innovation for the National weekend in 1994: **An Eisteddfod**. Eisteddfodau are traditional competitions in all aspects of Welsh cultural life.

Since this is the first Eisteddfod, the competition will concentrate on music. There will be open competitions in:

**Solo Voice**

**Solo Instrumental**

**Choral**

Solo competitions are open to all ages and the choral competition to single voice or mixed choirs.

#### **How to Enter:**

Complete the application form inside and send to Mari Wingate. Each entry will be acknowledged. The competition is planned for Saturday 3 September 1994. If there are many entries, preliminary rounds will be held.

#### **Adjudicators**

Solo Voice and choral competitions will be judged by Mr. D. Eifion Thomas, musical director of the Llanelli Male Voice Choir.

The judge for the instrumental competition is yet to be appointed.

# **National Gymanfa Ganu**

#### **Other Eisteddfod News**

##### **Y Drych Eisteddfod by Mail**

The North American Welsh newspaper **Y Drych** sponsors an annual Eisteddfod by mail for literature and musical composition. During the Eisteddfod in Bellevue, the winning prizes for those categories will be awarded. You must enter those competitions directly to **Y Drych**.

# **Bellevue 1994**

# **Eisteddfod Competition**

## The Welsh Lessons

( From the perspective of a student )

One dark, wet Monday evening in mid-January 1994 about a dozen nervous-looking strangers sat apprehensively awaiting some direction from a volunteer teacher by the name of Dr. Gwilym Evans. We had assembled at the Cambrian Hall to learn the Welsh language - frequently referred to by the late Rev. Berwyn Roberts as "The Language of Heaven".

That first evening we were given a very interesting review of the origin of the Celts with their united language and culture around the 3rd millennium BC; progressing to Welsh emerging as an independent language in the 5th century AD when the Roman rule of Britain was crumbling.

We were hooked !!!

It is now mid-May 1994. The evenings are light. The same dozen or so people, whose ages range from 20-something to 70-something still meet every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 PM to confidently practise their newly-acquired skills. We are all doing very well; laugh a lot at our own errors; affectionately call our teacher Dr. Gwilym and have all established a true camaraderie.

What else can we wish for ? ( as we approach the 3rd millennium AD ! ).

Eirlys Ann Thomas  
( Eirlys Tomos )

## The British Show

We don't know if the 1994 British Show was a big success, but can say with much certainty that the Welsh Society of Vancouver's participation was considered by all to be an exciting venture.

The 26 members who volunteered to man the booth, over the three day period, were enthusiastic about the experience. A **BIG** thank you to all, for representing the Welsh Society of Vancouver so effectively. This was proven by the six visitors who attended the May 1st Gymanfa Ganu. They had heard about the Society at the British Show.

It seems that the patrons were on a spending spree; all the Welsh cakes were sold out by Saturday afternoon, a few cloth leeks and Society bumper stickers were sold and the last of the Welsh Society's 60th Anniversary steins was sold. We could actually have sold all the Welsh tea towels that adorned the booth, but could not do that as they had all been donated to the Society by our members.

Maybe we should consider asking any member who visits Wales to purchase some for the Society from the local markets back home. We could then confidently sell them at future cultural events.

The committee: Don Murray, Joan Wilkinson, Eirlys Ann Thomas and Jeff Owen have documented the logistics pertaining to this most successful event for future use and again thank you for your cooperation.

Written by Eirlys Ann Thomas.

## New Baby !

We are delighted to announce that the latest arrival in Milt and Betty Morgan's family came into the world quite safely on Friday, April 15th.

To the proud parents and all the grand-parents, we at the Welsh Society send our most heartfelt congratulations on such a happy occasion and wish all the best in the world to little Brendan.



## Welsh Society Golf/Barbecue '94

Saturday, June 25th tee-ing off will start at the Delta Golf Course at about 12:00 noon.

Cost is \$40.00 and registration is with Bob Marsh at 946-3612.

At 6:30 p.m. golfers and non-golfers are invited to the barbecue at the Red Dragon. Please bring something with you to barbecue as well. Salads and baked potatoes served - cost is \$5.00 for non-golfers.

8:30 p.m. prizes will be handed out to everyone attending.

The Social Committee would like some help in setting up and clearing away - it will only take a little of your time and will lessen the burden on other's shoulders.

## Annual Picnic 1994

The date has been set for the picnic, Sunday, July 17th at the home of Jeff and Gaynor Owen, from 11:00 a.m. onwards.

Please bring your own lawnchairs for sitting on and something to barbecue - steaks, hamburgers or whatever.

Jeff and Gaynor's address is: 5456 Paton Drive, Ladner, Delta.

Phone: 946-4956.

## Women's Auxiliary Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Spring Tea fund raising event a success. All your contributions and your presence at the Tea were much appreciated by all W.A. members.

A special thank you to those non W.A. members who gave up a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon to come down to the Hall and help us - we could not have managed without you. Thanks also to the Thursday Welsh Cake making crew - as usual the Welsh cakes sold "like hot cakes".

By kind invitation we will have our afternoon in the country again this year, when we can "inspect" the lambs and the grounds in general and enjoy the hospitality of our hosts Mr. and Mrs. John Morris - a big thank you from all of us for the invitation Pat and John. Diolch yn fawr.

June will be our last meeting until September. We will have a Pot Luck lunch prepared by some of our members and we will be entertained by The Richmond Singers Ensemble. Our members Veronica Gilder and Joan Wilkinson are members of this group.

We hope everyone has a pleasant summer and we wish all travellers at this time a good journey and safe return.

Anne G. Jones, W.A. President.

## Look who's in the news

For those of you who don't know Liz, she was a member of the Welsh Society before she decided to return to Wales over a year ago.

Apparently, she made the right choice.

Congratulations, Liz !



**TOP AWARD:** Liz Evans

**WALES on SUNDAY** administrative secretary Liz Evans has been named Temp of the Year by Kelly Services, in Cardiff.

In fact, Liz was so good Wales on Sunday made her a full-time job offer she could not refuse.

Liz, from Aberdare, beat hundreds of others to win the title and during her year temping with Kelly's she scored straight As on her appraisal forms.

And at a special party at Kelly's Cardiff branch office last week, super-temp Liz got her reward when she was presented with a Waterman Pen set.

"I was thrilled to win the award and I felt very honoured," said 33-year-old Liz. "I think flexibility and the ability to adapt to different situations is very important for a temp.

"I have no regrets about taking a permanent job. Temping let me find out where I wanted to work."

Liz, who faced some challenging situations while temping, added: "I had one boss who would throw his tea all over the carpet if it was too strong."

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