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May to June  
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Cymdeithas Gymraeg Vancouver

*Cambrian News*

Welsh Society Newsletter — Cylchgrawn Cymraeg



*A Welsh Tea Party*

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**G**reetings to everyone participating in the Welsh Weekend, being organized by the **Welsh Society of Vancouver**. This is an excellent opportunity for many Canadians and visitors to get in the Welsh spirit with the entertainment you have planned, especially the Gymanfa Ganu.

**A**s Minister of Canadian Heritage, I congratulate you for your successful efforts to promote Welsh culture in the Pacific Northwest. Canadians of Welsh origin have enriched our vibrant cultural mosaic, and I wish you all the best as you make Welsh traditions known to a wider audience.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Copps".

Sheila Copps

**Canada**



## **Bertha Miller**

When Bertha was asked if she would join the Cambrian Circle Singers and journey with us to Wales in 1983, she readily agreed. This was typical of Bertha, ready, willing and eager to experience new things. Bertha soon became immersed in the Welsh experience and totally involved with the Welsh society. In doing so, we enjoyed her happy disposition. It was readily apparent that she enjoyed the Welsh experience as she never lost her enthusiasm for the endeavours of the Welsh society.

Bertha was born in Saskatoon and spent her early years of Mortlach, Saskatchewan. Toward the end of the 1930's, she moved with her family to the Fraser Valley where she was engaged in various occupations before moving to Vancouver where she joined the B.C. Telephone Company. Many of us began our long standing friendships with Bertha then.

Bertha loved travelling and visited many distant lands. Everywhere she went, she made not just friends, but life long friends.

Bertha's greatest happiness was when she was helping others. She took as many courses as possible with St. John's Ambulance, and even spent her non working hours helping other by volunteering her services to St. John's Ambulance work.

In her senior years, Bertha spent many hours supporting other seniors by taking them to medical appointments and assisting them by shopping, corresponding with friends and so the list goes.

When health dictated otherwise, Bertha ignored her own difficulties and frailties so that she could continue to support others, all of whom she considered to be less strong or fortunate as she. I often thought that Bertha believed that this was her mission in life ..... to help and support her friends and neighbours.

Bertha Miller was a dear friend, unique spirit and caring member of many communities. As such, she will be missed by many.

Phyllis Owen







**Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir**

The VWMC has been honoured by an invitation to take part in a very special celebration, the Millenium Celebration, to be held on October 28th at the Royal Albert Hall in London, England.

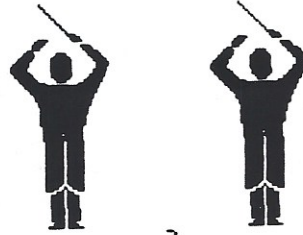
The London Welsh Male Voice Choir organize and present a concert at the above venue every other October, where a massed choir of some thousand voices, formed by an agglomeration of Welsh choirs, perform to a sold out capacity.

During the Millenium Celebration however, invitations have been extended to choirs all over the globe to assemble for a grand performance on October 28, 2000.

Second bass Bill Hunter is busy at the helm of the Planning Committee preparing for this very important and honoured event for the VWMC.

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**Truth is Stranger than Fiction**

During the Falklands war in 1982 a nurse, Bronwen Williams, found a young Argentinian soldier, much confused by the war, praying in Welsh inside the little cathedral at Stanley. It transpired later that he was Corporal Milton Rees, a 17 years old conscript and the son of the English lecturer at Trelew College, Patagonia. The young soldier was fluent in Spanish, English and Welsh and had been appointed secretary to the brigadier-general who had installed himself as military governor in Government House during the occupation.



Remember the :

**Date : Friday, May 15, 1998**

**Time : 8 :00 p.m.**

**Venue : Cambrian Hall**

**Occasion : Three Welsh Ladies  
and a Harp**



**Tickets : \$10 for members**

**\$12 for non-members**

**From : Gaynor Owen(946-4956)**

**or Gaynor Evans(271-3134)**

**Come and Support these artists**

**Diolch yn fawr iawn**







# May 1998

## Mis Mai 1998

### WELSH CONCERT

by  
Welsh Festival at Sea  
TRIO  
Three Ladies & a Harp  
By tickets in advance  
Only

Farmers' Market  
Saturdays 9-2  
May 16 to October  
Trestle Lake Corn Ctr

### Saturday

### Friday

### Thursday

### Wednesday

### Tuesday

### Monday

### Sunday

17	18	19	20 W.A. (Noon) Meeting	21 Welsh Speaking Evening	22	23 Red Dragon Open 8:30 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29 Chorifest starts p.m. Gateway Theatre Richmond	30 Red Dragon Open 8:30 p.m.

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Chorifest  
Concert  
2:30 @ Gateway  
Orpheus Chob

## June 1998

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1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30 p.m. Concert Orpheus Chob WHITE ROCK 1st UNITED Ch 13385 Semiahmoo Red Dragon Open 8:30 p.m.	
7	8	9 Orpheus Singers Pearson Hesf. 57th & Cambie	10	11	12 V.W.M. Chor Recording Session Christ Ch Cathedral Red Dragon Open 8:30 p.m.	
14 11:00 a.m. Church Service, and te buch	15	16	17	18	19	20 Delta Golf Course Society Golf Day Self-Serve Barbecue at Red Dragon