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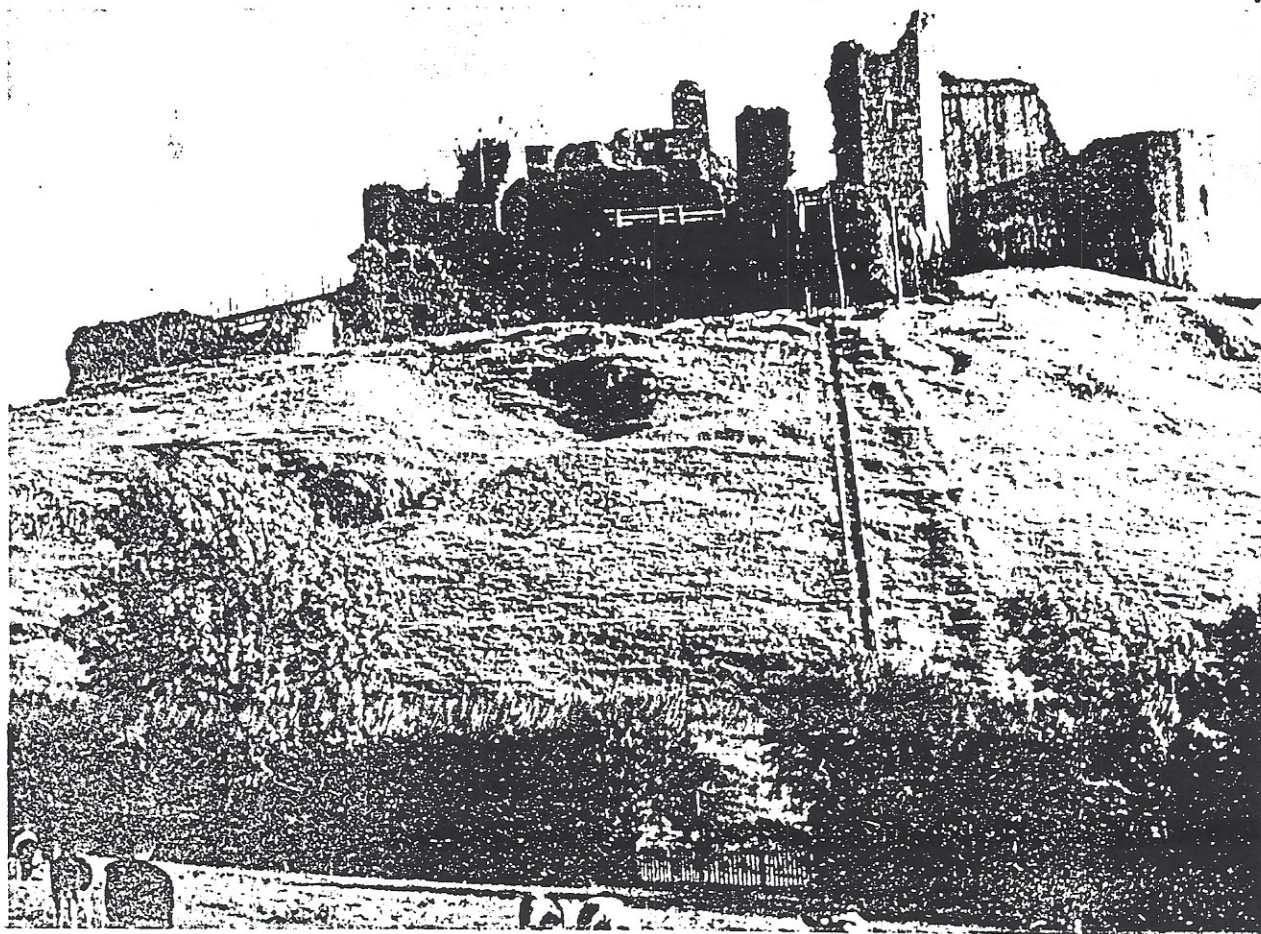


NOVEMBER, 1992.

Cymdeithas Gymraeg Vancouver

Cambrian News

Welsh Society Newsletter — Cylchgrawn Cymraeg



CASTELL CERREG CENNEN, DYFED, S. WALES.

DON'T GET CAUGHT



The downstairs hall is still available for parties, if anyone wishes to book it. However, it is very important to let us know as soon as possible. To make a reservation, contact Jeff or Gaynor Owen at 946-4956.

Last minute notices cannot be accepted.

To anyone who has children under 12, who may be attending the Children's Christmas Party - December 13th - there is a deadline for submitting names. Please put in the children's names by November 9th, it is a big help to the organizers, thank you.

Some Important Reminders...

To let you all know in plenty of time, the Annual General Meeting will be held on the 19th of December. This is when the Office Elections take place and also the Membership Fees are set. December 12th is the last night that the Red Dragon will be open in 1992. The Social Committee will be taking a much deserved break. Happy Holidays!

FASHION SHOW

Please don't forget that on Saturday, November 7th, we have Juhli's Fashions coming to the Red Dragon and giving a show. Tickets are priced at \$5.00 and there are door prizes and light refreshments will be served. The show begins at 7.00 p.m. and lasts about 45 minutes, afterwards you will be able to browse through the clothes racks and purchase anything you see that you like. Other colours can be ordered too. Juhli's cater to women of every shape and size, or age group.

Why not come along and have some fun with us? Go on - treat yourself! Red Dragon's bar will be open as usual at 8.30 p.m.

People

An exceptional man

JACK DAVIS was the polar opposite of the stereotypical politician. He slapped no backs. He gladdened no hands. He kissed no babies.

He was an intensely private man who repeatedly won both federal and provincial elections — five of one, four of the other — completely without bonhomie. As a hail fellow, he was never well met.

And Mr. Davis was also an outstandingly capable public servant, in rather the old-fashioned sense of the term, and a brilliant man.

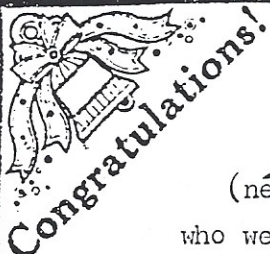
In Social Credit governments sometimes mocked for the low level of their members' formal education and as "car-dealer coalitions," he was the exception who rebuked the mockers. He was a Rhodes Scholar. He held a doctorate in engineering from McGill.

He went on to a multi-faceted career. Any one of the facets would have been a lifetime attainment. He worked alongside legendary Canadians like C.D. Howe, Lester Pearson, Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

Perhaps no one knew the Columbia River treaties so well. He wrote various books on the energy, forestry and chemical industries. All that and membership in the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame.

Relegated to — and inexplicably wasted on — the back bench by Bill Bennett, Mr. Davis became a kind of letters-to-the-editor critic of his own government. In his letters he was as publicly forthright as he was privately reserved. His facts were impeccable.

Premier Bill Vander Zalm made many mistakes, but reclaiming Mr. Davis wasn't one of them. He was rightly given the energy, mines and petroleum resources portfolio. Even when visibly sick, Jack Davis, who died Thursday, served to the end loyally and with distinction.



The Welsh Society offers their heartfelt congratulations to Paula (née Evans) and Steven Pewarchuk who were married on October 10th at Minoru Chapel, Richmond. Paula is the daughter of Gwyn and Gaynor Evans. Her grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Williams, had come over from Abercynon, S. Wales, for the celebrations. Paula's brother, Gareth, had flown home from Montreal to attend this special occasion. We wish the newlyweds a long and happy life together. Llongyfarchiadau.

WELCOME!
NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to two very new members; their names are as follows:
Margaret Carol Anderson of Delta, British Columbia.
David Llewelyn Williams of Vancouver, British Columbia.
The Welsh Society are happy to have you both as members.

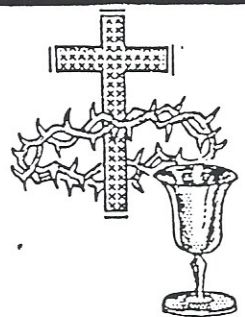
MEMBERSHIP

Notice to anyone who still has not paid.....Please make cheque or money order payable to: The Welsh Society of Vancouver. Send completed form to: Joan Thomsen, Membership Secretary, Cambrian Hall, 215 East 17th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C., V5V 1A6.

MEMBERSHIP REMITTANCE FORM 1992

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

Membership Dues are the same as for 1991, they are as follows: * please circle one.
REGULAR.....\$30.00 FAMILY.....\$50.00 SENIORS.....\$17.00 OUT OF TOWN.....\$15.00 .



Don't forget that the November Church Service is on the 8th. As always, there is a 'Te Bach' after the service, which is a pleasant interlude on the weekend.

Welsh Night.



This month, the Welsh night will be held on the 19th, so if you'd like to come along and join in the conversation please feel free!

COMING
EVENTS



The Welsh Society of Vancouver
Christmas Dinner Dance and Draw

Music by Hot Hit Productions

On Saturday December 5th, 1992

"T'is the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la, la la la la"

And t'is also the season to raise a toast
to friends and family with a delicious
cup of mulled wine.

We invite you to join us November 28th
at this year's Mulled Wine Night down-
stairs at the Cambrian Hall. We will be
trimming the Christmas tree to start the
festive season. Arthur will also be there
to encourage us all as we sing all the
favourite carols and Welsh melodies.

Doors open at 8:30. We hope to see you
there!

Cocktails 6:30 pm
Price \$25.00 Members

Dinner 7:30
\$28.00 Guests

A few members have asked why the social events
such as the Mulled Wine and the Christmas
Dinner Dance Evenings are scheduled so early.
It is the intention of the Social Committee
to avoid any clashes with other holiday func-
tions. Unfortunately, this year, it has
happened. A few members who have always
attended all or most of these events cannot
attend the Dinner Dance this year - try as we
may. So this year, your participation is
needed more than ever. Please come and supp-
ort the year's most festive season at Cambrian
Hall and help to make it one of the most
memorable ever.

DRAMA
NEWS



At Last! There is a play in the works, to
be put on by some members of the Welsh Society
entitled "See How They Run". We have no
details on it yet, but if anyone is interested
they can contact Rob Barclay at 940-9112.

Next year, the Dowlais Male Voice Choir
will be visiting the Lower Mainland and
giving a performance on May 28th in New
Westminster. They will be needing a place
to stay while they are here, so if any of
our members has a room to spare, would
they please get in touch with either
Gaynor Evans at 271-3134, or Cyril Port-
man at 940-3318.

UPGRADING CAMBRIAN HALL

As we are still in dire need of further repairs within our beloved Cambrian Hall, we hereunder outline some details for your consideration.

We are contemplating working from the upper floor area, namely "Jack's Landing", down to the backstage area.

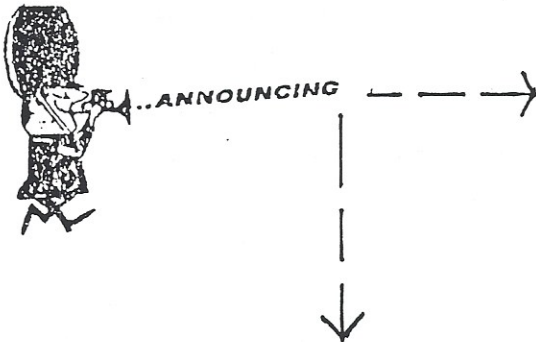
These areas are very much in need of work as it is our wish to **have** a respectable office and storage area for use as an executive meeting place and as an office for co-ordinating our archival documents and historical background of our society.

We respectfully solicit your support by seeking donations toward the very worthwhile project. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully yours,
Ellis Griffiths, Treasurer.

Please send your cheques or money orders payable to the Welsh Society of Vancouver, Thank You.

NOTICE



Once again, we request from our members, any recipes, (Welsh ones of course!) that they would like to see in the Fundraiser Cookery Book. If you have one or more to submit, please mail or drop off at the Cambrian Hall, addressed to Ellis Griffiths.

Mirlys Anne Thomas is collecting photos of the Societies events for some photo albums she is putting together. If any of our members has a photo or two they can spare from 1987 up to the present, would they please note the date and event on the back and drop them off at the Hall addressed to Mirlys Anne Thomas. Diolch.

There are 20 Entertainment 93 books on sale at the Red Dragon now. Each book costs \$40.00
If you wish to obtain one, please let a Social Committee know before mid-November at the latest - thanks.



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

It was with great pleasure that the W. A. once again welcomed Mrs. Ethel Williams, (Gaynor Evans' mother,) visiting from Wales. Croeso.

The Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday, 16th December and will be catered by members Veronica Gilder, Anne Jones, Betty Morgan and Phyllis Owens.

A visit to Metro Theatre's Christmas Pantomime is planned for the afternoon of Saturday 2nd January. Tickets are \$10.00, or \$8.00 for seniors. We would welcome any Society Members who wish to join us on the trip - please let any W. A. member know soon.

A nominating committee chaired by past president Anne Jones was struck with Gwen Tonack and Phyllis Owens serving on it. A donation of \$150.00 was given towards the Children's Christmas Party.

Our best wishes to all those members who were unable to be with us due to illness and we look forward to seeing you back among us soon.

Elizabeth Murray, President.

WELSH SOCIETY FOLK DANCERS

On Monday, 28th September, the Folk Dancers gave a second performance at the church of Society Members, Anne and Derek Jones. They didn't do too badly when you consider that they'd only been back at practice for a week or two. They also danced at the Welsh Society's Anniversary Dinner, October 3rd. This marked a first anniversary for the dance group too.

Currently, they are learning some very new routines and working quite hard at them. However, once they are learned, it's just a matter of polishing up the routine.

It can be very rewarding, especially when giving public performances that the audience appreciate. Believe me, the members of St. Michael's Church liked the W. S. F. D. - ask Anne or Derek!

Well I say this in every newsletter, but I shall say it again, new members are always welcome to join us. We practice on Thursdays from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. More info is available from Jack and Bertha Smith at 683 1335.

Also, we hope that Gaynor Owen is feeling well enough to join us soon. We miss you Gaynor!
Lynne H. F.

CAMBRIAN CIRCLE Singers

singout at Chalmers Lodge on November the 25th.

There are no rehearsals scheduled in December. Singouts during this month will be on the 2nd and the 11th.

The first rehearsal after the holiday break is planned for the 8th of January.

Director Nerys Haqq would like to remind everybody that new members are always welcome.

HISTORY OF THE VANCOUVER WELSH SOCIETY: PART 3.

The Cambrian Hall was completed and officially opened on September 1st, 1929. Names on the Corner Stone are of prominent Vancouver people of Welsh origin. They are: Miss Mary Roberts, Messrs. Joseph Jones, Thomas Edwards, Christopher Spencer, Jonathan Rogers, W. Llywelyn, E. Thomas, Isaac Mills, Lewis Griffiths and Llewelyn Thomas. Pioneer Welshman of Vancouver, Joseph Jones conducted a successful Dairy Business for over twenty years with a dairy farm of 56 milk cows. He later became a large property owner in the city. In addition to donating the land for the "Cambrian Hall", he also gave the land to the Church on which St. Paul's Presbyterian Church now stands. He was a school trustee for many years. One other person mentioned, Miss Mary Roberts, was his niece, who with her mother resided with Mr. Jones. Another Vancouver Pioneer mentioned was Mr. Thomas Edwards, he arrived in Vancouver on May 10th, 1889, when the city's population was only 12,000. With his wife he established a thriving business as Funeral Director. He was also prominent in the building trade. The story of Mr. Jonathan Rogers is also the story of Vancouver. He arrived in Vancouver from Wales on May 23rd, 1887 on the first through train to the coast, and spent 58 years in the city. He was a builder and architect and erected several large business buildings in Vancouver, including one of the city's finest office buildings which bears his name. With numerous other high appointments, Mr. Rogers served 26 years on the Parks Board, and it was as Park Commissioner that he was best known to the public. The city today has Stanley Park which is unique among great parks, and it can give much of the credit to Jonathan Rogers for this great park. He was twice President of Vancouver Board of Trade and Alderman for the old downtown sections; David Spencer - born in Wales in 1837, died in Victoria in 1920. Having served his apprenticeship as a Draper in Wales, the lure of gold brought him to Victoria. Forgetting the gold rush, he saw great opportunity elsewhere and opened his first drapery shop in Victoria. He leased the Victoria store and in 1907 opened a store in Vancouver. He prospered greatly and soon expanded to form "The David Spencer Ltd.", which later became part of "The T. Eaton Company". Much may be said of the others mentioned, as they were all prominent in the City of Vancouver's history. They were all very proud of their Welsh origin and also of Vancouver, the city of their adoption, and their main endeavour throughout in forming a Welsh Society was to keep alive the traditions and culture of their homeland, and also, to impart to the city of Vancouver, the benefits that may accrue from such traditions, talents and culture. The aims of the present day "Welsh Society of Vancouver, B. C." are also very similar, to keep our culture alive and to be good loyal citizens of Vancouver and Canada.

Taken from "Origin of the Welsh Society in the City of Vancouver, B.C."

By Glyn Abraham, 1980.

We thank Anne G. Jones most graciously for donating the material for these articles. The history of the Vancouver Welsh Society is indeed a most interesting one.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GYMANFA GANU.			GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY EXECUTIVE MEETING.	FOLK DANCE PRACTICE	CAMBRIAN CIRCLE SINGERS	FASHION SHOW
1 <small>All Saints Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6 PRACTICES	RED DRAGON OPEN 8:30 P.M.
CHURCH SERVICE				FOLK DANCE PRACTICE	↓	RED DRAGON OPEN 8:30 P.M.
8	9	10	11 <small>Verona's Day (US) Remembrance Day (Canada)</small>	12	13	14
			CAMBRIAN CIRCLE SINGERS	FOLK DANCE PRACTICE		
15	16	17	18 PRACTICE	19	20	21
				WELSH NIGHT.		RED DRAGON OPEN 8:30 P.M.
				FOLK DANCE PRACTICE		MILLED WINE EVENING.
22	23	24	25	26 <small>Thanksgiving Day (US)</small>	27	28
29	30					

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November

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Rhagfyr

Wishing you a Holly Jolly Christmas & Bright & Cheery 1993. 1992
 Nadolig Hlawn a Chwyddyn Nerydd Da. Wish you a bright happy...

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6	7	8	9	10 Folk Dancers meet at Veronica Gilders	11	Last Night for RED DRAGON before Christmas.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <small>Hanukkah</small>	21	22	23	24	25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	26 <small>Boxing Day (Canada)</small>
27	28	29	30	31	Society will be re-opened on January 9th - 1993. Social Committee need much needed rest - They have worked very hard all year.	

December

Bob Hwyl i Chwi!

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