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The Tram to the Orme —

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Cambrian News

Diolch yn fawr / Thank you very much

"If the only prayer you ever say is thank you, that is enough." (source forgotten)

A simple expression but sometimes hard to say, thank you can brighten a day, or a life, perhaps even change the world. My thanks to Liz Murray for the lovely card that prompted this & Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Mer Montador, editor

To the Editor & John Weston:

In reference to an article called "The Legend of Prince Madoc" by John Weston - I have just finished reading a very interesting novel, called Circle of Stones. The story concerns Brenda, mother of Madoc, a son of Owain.

Thought you might be interested. The author is Anna Lee Waldo.

Sincerely, (Mrs) Gwyneth Moreside

Letter to Gordon Thomas, cover editor:

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I was delighted to read the article about the Llandudno tram in the July issue of the Cambrian News. I have happy memories of the thrill of riding the tram upon excursions to the Great Orme as a child. I am submitting a monochrome of my painting of the tram. Perhaps you might consider it for a future cover illustration.

yours sincerely

COVER: This wonderful cover picture was contributed by the artist, Rhod Sykes of Surrey, BC: 'The Tram to Orme' from a watercolour painted in Llandudno.

TREORCHY MALE CHOIR

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With its unique sound, the Treorchy Male Choir is probably the most famous male voice combination in the world. They have won many competitions and been heard worldwide through tours, radio, TV, nearly fifty recordings, and two feature films. They have collaborated with Ella Fitzgerald, Tom Jones, Julie Andrew, Burt Bacharach, and Sir Harry Secombe. The first male choir to incorporate popular music into their repertoire of classics and traditional Welsh music, they added Andrew Lloyd-Webber, Stephen Sondheim, and John Lennon to their programmes. Over eighty members will be performing in Vancouver to begin their North American tour.

Notes from the General Meeting, Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Members present: 22

Proposal from The Dylan Thomas Circle (DTC): The DTC would like to recapture the magic achieved 15 years ago by the Vancouver Welsh Society (VWS)'s very successful production of *Under Milkwood*. Trevor Found will direct the DTC's production, assisted by Alan Jones. Alan is willing to liaise between the two organisations. Rehearsals would take place in the lower hall Sundays and Thursdays, with use of the upper hall March 23 - 28. The performances would take place March 29-31, & April 5-7, 2001. The DTC would pay \$1000 for use of the upper hall. Benefits to the VWS would be: raised profile, shared bar profits, participation by members, and possibly new members gained. This proposal was approved in principle with details to be negotiated.

David Roberts, Deputy British Consul, sent information about the Welsh National Rugby Union Development Tour in Vancouver.

The membership secretary has made 29 phone calls and sent 3 letters. There are 146 paid members. *The main source of revenue for March, April, and May were rentals with Alan Jones again doing an excellent job. Alan thanked Tony and Gwen Tonack for their assistance with rentals. The major expenditures were the purchase of new chairs and taxes, due in early July.*

A Picnic in the Pub will be held as the WA's end-of-year event. Members are still making crafts. *The Cambrian Circle Singers gave a twentieth anniversary concert in Richmond.*

John Morris has resigned as treasurer of the Bar/Social Committee. John Pritchard agreed to take on this job with assistance from VWS treasurer, Tecwyn Roberts.

The TV & VCR were purchased (for \$610) and installed. The remainder of the new chairs are being unpacked and dollies being made. About one half of the old chairs have been sold. Jeff Owen was thanked for purchasing and hooking up the new TV and VCR.

The Welsh Association of the Pacific Northwest: WAPNW is suffering from lack of volunteers and new funds. There will be a meeting to discuss the future of WAPNW and the role of the VWS in the Northwest on Thursday, June 29 [ed. 's note: this meeting did not take place.]

WAPNW's general meeting in Victoria was adjourned halfway through and will be completed in October in Seattle. There will be one more WAPNW "Welsh Weekend" to be held in Boise, Idaho in 2001.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for the Vancouver Welsh Society to meet the requests from all the wonderful Welsh choirs planning visits to Vancouver. The South Wales Male Voice Choir, who perform at St Andrew's Wesley on September 9, are being hosted by The Orpheus Choir. The Treorchy Male Choir will perform at the 10th Avenue Alliance Church, September 23, 2000, hosted by VWS. A cultural tour in October 2000 with 78 students and teachers wish to do something for the VWS. It was decided that the best thing might be for us to attend their concert. The Cambrian Male Voice Choir will be in Vancouver in April, 2001; Cwm Bach in August, 2001; Llandilys Male Voice Choir possibly in October, 2001. Llandilys offer to perform to the benefit of any charity we choose. Ann Roberts will correspond with them.

It was suggested that one or more of the Executive coordinate groups/choirs coming from Wales.

The May concert with Mari Morgan, Eluned Jones, and Richard Lind was a resounding success.

Next General Meeting: September 13, 2000. Host/Hostess for next meeting: Llinos Pritchard

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, October 7, 2000



Cocktails 6:00

Dinner 7:00

Tickets \$20.00
(same price as last year!)



This will mark 71 years for the **Cambrian Hall (1929)**

&

96 years for the **Vancouver Welsh Society (1904)**

For tickets, contact

Gaynor at 946-4956

Vancouver Welsh Society

Gymanfa Ganu

November 5

2000

(Guy Fawkes Day)

Details to come



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CHURCH SERVICE
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Our **CONDOLENCES** to Vancouver Welsh Society president **Jeff Owen** and his family in the death this summer of his mother, Iris. Her home was in Abertysswg, Rhymney.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

11 AM

The Welsh Costume

On May 12, 1979, ten members of the Women's Auxiliary, some in their 80s, met to form the Cambrian Circle Group, with Dorothy Walters, then 76, as their leader. Their aim was to research and make costumes worn in Wales in the 1700s and early 1800s.

Gwenfyl E. Jones, who chaired the 1980 North American National Gymanfa Ganu in Vancouver, was most enthusiastic about the project.

The group was fortunate: they obtained a New Horizons grant from the federal government and, as well, contracted the services of Bill Walker, a designer of period clothing. They also had the enthusiasm of Dorothy Walters and hard work of many hands.

Mr Walker designed the authentic costumes, cut the patterns, and instructed the Auxiliary women during their sewing sessions. On October 12, 1979 the Lower Hall was set up and construction got under way. In all, 15 people in 51 sessions totaling 255 hours were responsible for making the costumes and hats. The materials were purchased in Vancouver—cotton, silk, lace, poly-

ester, straw, and panne velvet—the cost to buy from Wales being prohibitive. Six sewing machines were used but the bonnets were hand-sewn, the petticoats hand-embroidered, and five straw hats hand-made. An important addition to some costumes was the treasured paisley shawl, of a silk so fine it could be drawn through a wedding ring. The fashion show at the Hotel Vancouver, August 28, 1980, was the opening event for the National Gymanfa Ganu.

The costumes were worth \$20,000 and Dorothy Walters said, at the time, that the Auxiliary women intended to build up a repertoire of Welsh songs and go out to senior citizen homes around the province, wearing the costumes. (Men were also members of the Circle singers for many years.) The costumes were taken to Wales and displayed.

A few of the original costumes—some modeled by original Circle members*—are pictured here.

Thanks to Phyllis Owens for providing this information and photos.

Mer Montador

Congratulations to the Cambrian Circle Singers on their 20th Anniversary.

Bilingual Christening in England

Earlier this year, the first Welsh/English christening in St Christopher's Chapel, Bickleigh, took place. Officiating was Commando Forces Chaplain, Rev. Wynne Jones OBE. After 27 years with the Royal Marines, Rev. Jones would soon be retiring to his home in Snowdonia. The child's grandparents hail from the same area, and Rev Jones had, on a visit home, brought water from *Llyn Mair* (St Mary's Lake) for the baptism.

submitted by R. Bennet Williams

L to R:

Bill Griffiths*
[unidentified
period]

Grace Thomas
(then president
of the WA)
Contemporary
1900-1980

Dorothy Walters*
(founder of
Cambrian
Circle)



Centre:
Gwenfyl E. Jones
(chair of the 1980
National NA
Gymanfa Ganu)

L to R:

Veronica Gilder*
Breconshire
1770-1785

Dorothy Walters*
Monmouthshire
1770

Emily Davies*
(still a member)
Pen-Clawdd
Cocklewoman
1720

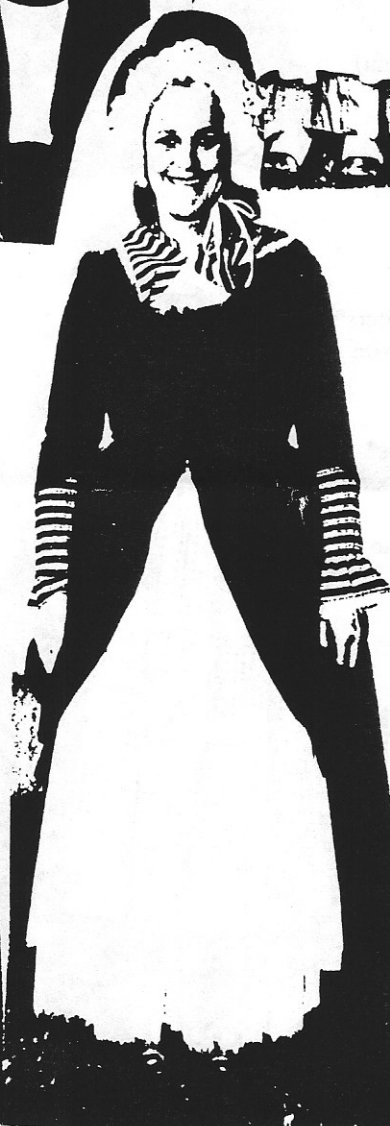


L to R:

Phyllis Owens
Merioneth-
shire
1720-1750

Jack "Taffy"
Williams*
Denbighshire
1730-1750

May
Lievesley*
Glamorgan
1740



L to R:

Joan
Wilkinson*
Caernarvon-
shire
1745-1760
Farm
woman

Ella Roberts
Cardigan-
shire 1720

Nerys Haqq
(current
director of
Cambrian
Circle
Singers)
Pembroke-
shire
1780

Congratulations to the Orpheus Choir

on their outstanding performance September 8 at St Andrews-Wesley in concert with the South Wales Choir.

It's England's turn for an identity crisis.

With devolution of power to Scotland and Wales, [University of Edinburgh history professor Colin] Coates has noticed a subtle rise in English nationalism. "The English are starting to identify themselves as English instead of British a little bit more," says Coates, who teaches in the school's centre of Canadian studies. "I don't want to exaggerate it, it's not massive, but it is coming up."

The Royal Society of St George—dedicated to the promotion of English history and culture—has seen hundreds of new members join and 14 new branches established in England since Blair introduced devolution. Arthur Naisbitt, a member of the society's executive, says the two are linked. "People in England are beginning to wake up to the fact that they are

English as well as British," he said... "It [the society]'s growing at a hell of a rate...."

Neither the Welsh nor the Scottish assemblies have as much power as a Canadian province. The Welsh Parliament cannot pass laws or raise taxes. It allocates money given to it by Westminster for health, education, transportation, arts, and culture. The Scottish Parliament can write laws in certain defined areas: education, health care, transportation, agriculture, and culture. But taxing powers are severely restricted.

from an article by Kevin Ward
CP, The Vancouver Sun

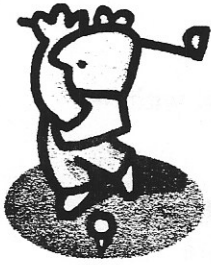
L to R:

Jeff *
& Gaynor*
Owen
Radnorshire
1823

Gaynor Evans*
Carmarthen-
shire
1775-1780



Vancouver Welsh Society Annual Golf Tournament



After arranging the annual Vancouver Welsh Society's Tournament for several years, the partnership of Bob Marsh and Rob Barclay passed the administrative 'baton' for this year's event to John Pritchard. All the golfers who have participated in our golf tournaments in previous years owe this pair, but particularly Bob Marsh, a vote of thanks. We are very grateful for their many years of service to the cause.

This year John's diligence, hard work, and enrolment skill resulted in a slate of forty-four golfers teeing off on a bright, sunny afternoon on Saturday, June 24 at the Delta Golf Course. Our grateful thanks go to John for a well-run tournament.

The organizers wish to thank all those who participated. They were particularly grateful to all those golfers who committed themselves financially early on, and in so doing, participated in a special draw prize at the barbecue after the match. Very special thanks are also accorded all those who donated prizes for this event: their generosity was really appreciated.

Gaynor Owen and the Social Committee members are to be thanked for their time and effort in organizing and preparing food once again for the post-tournament barbecue which went, as usual, without a hitch. It was most unfortunate that Gaynor could not be present at the barbecue itself due to a back injury. Gaynor Evans stepped into the breach, did sterling work, and proved to be an able deputy. Not to be forgotten are thanks to Gwen and Tony Tonack for their contribution to

the festivities in the Cambrian Hall after the match, and everyone else who had anything remotely to do with the barbecue.

John wishes to thank Tecwyn Roberts and Gwilym Evans for assistance in arranging the tournament, and Llinos Pritchard and Irene Evans for allocation of all the prizes ready for distribution at the Cambrian Hall.

For the second year in a row, the South Wales team defeated the North Wales team to keep the Challenge Shield trophy. Congratulations to the South team comprising Rob Barclay, Dave Gilder, Ian Slaney and Gwyn Evans; they were worthy winners. The following prizes were awarded (with scores):

Low Gross Winner:	Dave Young	(75)
Low Net Winner: -	Rob Barclay	(72)
Lady Member Low Gross:	Irene Evans	(96)

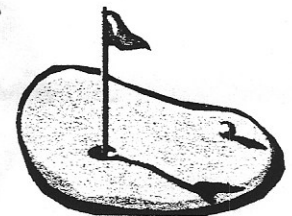
Owen Phillips Trophy for

Lowest Number of Putts:	Dave Young	(25)
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Larry Palmatier Tophy for

Men's Longest Drive	Nigel Williams
Low Gross Guest	Nigel Williams (70)
Low Net Guest	Tim Williams (70)
K.P. 4th Hole	Gwyn Hughes
K.P. 14th Hole	Gwilym Evans
Ladies Long Drive	Jacqueline Schmid
Special Draw Prize	Lex Roberts

Submitted by Gwilym Evans



Caller: I'd like the number of the Argoed Fish Bar in Cardiff, please.

Operator: I'm sorry, there's no listing. Is the spelling correct?

Caller: Well, it used to be called the Bargoed Fish Bar but the B fell off.

♦ Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: Woven? Are you sure?

Caller: Yes. That's what it says on the label—Woven in Scotland.

from the Internet via Graham Boyes via the Vancouver Sun



Sage Sayings of Radio Cowboy
Will Rogers

- ◆ *Good judgment comes from experience; a lot of that comes from bad judgement.*
- ◆ *Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back.*
- ◆ *Ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.*
- ◆ *After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The Moral: when you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.*
- ◆ *There's two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works.*
- ◆ *If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.*
- ◆ *Never kick a cow patty on a hot day.*
- ◆ *If you think you are a person of influence, try orderin' someone else's dog around.*
- ◆ *The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.*
- ◆ *When you give a lesson in meanness, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson.*
- ◆ *Don't squat with your spurs on.*
- ◆ *Drink upstream from the herd.*
- ◆ *Never miss a good chance to shut up.*

contributed by Ieuan Lampshire-Jones

PRINCE OF WALES NOT WELSH ENOUGH?

Recently released documents show that "[w]hen Britain's Royal Family wanted to invest Prince Charles as the Prince of Wales in the 1960s, they faced a stumbling block: he wasn't Welsh enough. Three years ahead of his 1969 investiture, a campaign was launched to put the prince in touch with his principality.

Buckingham Palace and the Welsh Office laid plans for him to attend a Welsh university, meet prominent Welsh people, take up residence, and learn the language."

Reuters, the Vancouver Sun

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Kudo's Korner



Where to begin? Jeff...

Vancouver Welsh Society **President** the past ten years, diplomat, furnace fixer, carpenter, organiser, promoter of the Vancouver Welsh and of things Welsh to Vancouver, Master of Ceremonies, Chair of meetings and builder of dollies for chairs for meetings, bartender, darts master, host of the annual picnic and of visiting choirs and dignitaries....

And then there's **Gaynor**... President's wife the past ten years, diplomat, baker and decorator of amazing cakes, celebrator of special occasions, organiser, cook, bartender, shopper and wrapper, telephone receptionist, ticket mistress, hostess of the annual picnic and of visiting choirs and dignitaries...

KUDOS!!! for all this and more that you do that keeps the Society running and humming.

Diolch yn fawr, Jeff & Gaynor Owen

FOLK DANCERS

The Vancouver Welsh folk Dancers spent a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon on June 25, performing at Richmond Centre for *Kaleidoscope, A World in our City - 2000*. Although it was a very hot afternoon, the dancers gave a first class performance and were well received by a fairly large audience. Once again the group were proud to be able to represent Wales at this multicultural event and share our Welsh culture with other nationalities. Many thanks to The Richmond Sunrise Rotary Club for their kind invitation.

The afternoon was rounded off with socialising and a delicious meal at the home of Dave and Veronica Gilder. Thanks to both of you for once again allowing the use of your home!

The dancers are hoping to dance at yet another event called *Folk Theme* on **Sunday** afternoon **September 17** at **Abbotsford**. As yet we have no details of the location of this event.

For more information please call **Gaynor Evans at 271-3134**.

Western Takeover

The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association has elected
Alan Upshaw of Seattle as President
& Lynn Whalen-Owens as Vice-President

The National in Ottawa this year is reported to have been a great success: excellent organisation, good venues, and superb music with Haydn James conducting the South Wales Choir and exceptional soloists: Gwyneth Hughes-Penman, Shannon Mercer, & Sandra Stringer.

Next year's will take place in San Jose.

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MORE 'SITES

Canadian Film Centre's

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This interactive website celebrates Canada and its people—an online storytelling community where Canadians can share personal stories about Canada, and retell their collective history in their own words, images, and voices.

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Enjoy the fact that you've contributed to this growing portrait of Canada.

submitted by Barbara Vellhuis

WAGS: Welsh-American Genealogical Society

WAGS is a "member helping member" society. Founded in 1990 in Vermont, none of the staff are paid employees. We do not have staff to research for you, but we'll do everything we can to guide you in your own research.

The *Online News* does not replace the wealth of information provided in our quarterly newsletters; its intent is to keep you thinking about genealogy in between quarterlies and to keep you connected with others. Send your questions to wagsjan@sover.net and be sure to include your WAGS membership number. Check with Membership Secretary Paul Morgan at paulmorgan@erols.com

submitted by Gordon Thomas



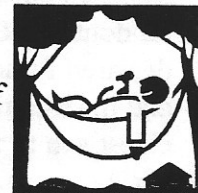
Beer may help men to avoid heart attacks

Drinking between 7 and 16 pints of beer a week protects men against heart attack, says research published [recently].

Martin Bobak of the department of epidemiology and public health at University College London says the ideal might be 9 or 10 pints. The quantities are within, or close to, the Department of Health safe drinking guidance for men, of up to 28 units of alcohol a week. A unit is equivalent to half a pint.

Dr Bobak, in the *British Medical Journal* says alcohol content confers the benefit. The re-

sults of the study, conducted in the Czech Republic, did not change when men with a history of heart disease, strokes, diabetes, or cancer were excluded.



by Celia Hall, Daily Telegraph

Coca-Cola makes it the real thing in Welsh

Welsh speakers yesterday [July 5] welcomed an announcement by Coca-Cola that it would use the language in its advertisements in the country. The world's most famous soft drink company will plaster bilingual posters across 500 shops in north Wales, where the language is most commonly spoken.

Coca-Cola's decision is almost unheard of among multinational corporations and was seen as a victory by the Welsh Language Board. "This is an example of Wales persuading the world and this huge company that the Welsh language has commercial value," said John Walter Jones, chief executive officer of the board.

Microsoft recently revealed that the next version of its Office package would include Welsh language support for the first time. Welsh speakers had previously criticised the US software giant for ignoring their mother tongue. Mike Phillips, UK Manager for Microsoft Office, said: "This will enable Welsh speakers to check spelling, hyphenation, and grammar in their Microsoft Office documents—in Welsh."

The language board is to set up a website where shopkeepers will be able to find translation so they can display bilingual signs. The Welsh language, which was in decline for most of the 20th century, is now enjoying a renaissance. More than 500,000 people now speak it—almost one in five of the country's residents.

Andy Slee, regional director of Coca-Cola Enterprises, said the drinks group wanted to link up with the Welsh people and Welsh culture.

by Jim Pickard in the *Financial Times*

Thanks to David Roberts, Deputy British Consul

Millennium Paver

Our official certificate, signed by Russell Goodman, Lord Mayor of Cardiff, has been received. It reads: "A double paver bearing this inscription has been laid in the 'World in Union Balcony' alongside the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff Arms Park

Aelodaeth
Cymdeithas
Gymraeg

Vancouver BC

Certificate No. & Location SG8

The certificate will be framed and displayed at the Cambrian Hall.

Saturday mornings

8:00 – 9:00

Celtic Voices

tune in to

FM 96.1



The Princess Who Never Was

by Graham Rees from an article by Sian Beidas

Welsh history was not an important part of the curriculum in Welsh schools until quite recently, but most Welsh have heard the story of Edward I appearing on the battlements of Caernarvon Castle and promising the Welsh a prince who spoke no English. He then presented his newborn son, Edward.

The authenticity of this story has been questioned, but there is no doubt that Edward's son was declared Prince of Wales in 1301 and the tradition of appointing the eldest son to the ruler as Prince of Wales has continued to this day. What has been forgotten is that someone else had the right to the title, Princess of Wales.

In 1267, Llewelyn ap Gruffydd, after many long battles with Welsh and English, was acknowledged Prince of Wales by English King Henry III. Llewelyn married Eleanor de Montford. Eleanor died giving birth to a daughter, Gwenllian, in June of 1282 and Llewelyn was killed near Arfon Bridge in December of 1282.

Edward I established himself as ruler of Wales but realised that Gwenllian would always be a threat to the King of England and anyone he appointed as Prince of

Wales. It is probably because of his close family ties with Gwenllian that Edward did not arrange to have her killed. Instead, he sent her to Sempringham priory in the flat fenlands of eastern England and provided the Gilbertine prior with £20 a year for her care.

Gwenllian was ignored by historians for many years and it was not until 1993, after a campaign by Captain Richard Turner and Angharad Thomas that a memorial plaque of Welsh slate was laid in Sempringham with the following inscription:

**In memory of
Gwenllian
Daughter of the last Prince of Wales
Born in Abergwyngregyn 12.6.1282
Died at Sempringham 7.6.1337
Having been held prisoner for 54 years**

Glyndwr Day — Dydd Gwyl Owain Glyndwr

September 16, 2000 will mark the 600th anniversary of Owain Glyndwr's War of Independence.

On September 16, 1400, a group of patriots gathered at Glynnyfrdwr near Corwen, home of Owain Glyndwr. He was proclaimed Prince of Wales and the decision was made to rise against English rule. A few days later a small Welsh army rallied to Glyndwr's banner which was raised formally on the summit of nearby Caedrewyn. On September 23, the army attacked the English garrison town of Ruthin, thus beginning the last great Welsh war of liberation to win back an independence lost in the Conquest of 1282.

Wales Heritage and others have called for nationwide pageantry to mark the event and, on the eve of the anniversary, a chain of bonfires to be lit throughout Wales; they planned to ask the National Assembly to recognise September 16 as a permanent national holiday.

from an article in *Ninnau*, October 1999

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Bardsey Island, summer population 50, winter five, last had a monarch as recently as 1927. The death of King Love Pritchard ended a long run of kings. Elsewhere in Wales, royal lineage died with Celtic hero Owain Glyndwr.

from *Britannia*

Bid to recreate Stonehenge transport feat sinks in storm.

An attempt to recreate the methods used to build Stonehenge foundered after a three-tonne monolith being transported 385 kilometres to the monument sank to the bottom of the sea. The bluestone from the Preseli hills in southwest Wales had travelled just six kilometres when it was dislodged and lost off the village of Dale.

Menter Preseli, a Welsh cultural group, had hoped to solve the mystery of how bluestones from the Welsh hills reached Stonehenge 4500 years ago.

Using teams of volunteers, they dragged the stone overland on a sledge from My-nachlogddu, near Haverfordwest, to the Welsh coast. It was then mounted on a raft between two canvas currachs, rowing boats built to a 5000-year-old design, ready to be taken to Avonmouth, near Bristol. From there the stone was to be carried by barge along the River Avon and the Kennet and Avon canal before being dragged the final 40 kilometres to Stonehenge where it would be blessed by Druids at the autumn solstice in September.

Disaster struck Sunday [June 18] when the two boats, carrying the stone on a cradle between them, hit rough weather. Pat Morgan, helmsman on one of the boats, said: "The stone didn't appear to be as tightly strapped as before but we were keeping an eye on it and there wasn't far to go. Suddenly there was an enormous rumble and the whole craft seemed to shudder. There were five straps and the one across the widest part of the stone had frayed and broken. The stone just slipped out of the other four."

Divers say there are several bluestones on the seabed in the area, suggesting that Neolithic man had the same difficulties as his 21st Century descendants.

from THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

Survivor of Diana crash takes post in East Timor

Bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, the only survivor of the car crash that killed princess Diana, has started a new life in one of the world's most dangerous trouble spots. Mr Rees-Jones, 32, has taken up the post of deputy head of security for the United Nations in Suai, East Timor, which is at the centre of battles with pro-Indonesian militias based in adjoining West Timor.

He needed extensive facial surgery after the horrific crash in Paris three years ago, which killed the driver, Diana, and her companion Dodi Fayed, son of Harrods department store owner Mohamed Al Fayed.

Mr Rees-Jones has been living in his hometown of Oswestry, near the border between England and Wales, where he has made a full physical recovery and started playing for a local rugby club.

A month ago the former paratrooper arrived quietly in East Timor, now under United Nations administration after voting to end Indonesian rule, to take up a one-year contract with the world body.

Earlier, he had made an emotional pilgrimage for the first time to the princess's last resting place, spending two hours at the grave on an island in a lake at her family home at Althorp in central England.

This year, he published his own version of the events surrounding the crash in Paris, *The Bodyguard's Story*, in which he rejects Mohamed Al Fayed's conspiracy theories surrounding the incident. Mr Al Fayed contends that Diana and his son were murdered by British security services at the behest of the Queen's husband, Prince Philip.

French investigators found the car's driver, an Al Fayed employee, was drunk.

Reuters, The National Post

Good Intentions

A letter to the Vancouver Welsh Society from SFU's *English Language & Culture Program* offers assistance to those whose first language is not English or who are having difficulty adapting to Canadian culture.

September 2000

Mis Medi 2000

Anniversary Dinner
 Tickets Please - in advance
 Catering:- by Jordans

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			7:30 p.m. General Mtg	W.A. (Noon) Meeting 8:00 p.m. Cambrian Circle Mixed Choir	Folk Dancing Welsh Speaking Evening	Treorchy Choir 10th Alliance Church Red Dragon Open 8:30 pm							Red Dragon Open 8:30 pm

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8 11:00 a.m. Church Service			7:30 p.m. Exec. Mtg		Cambrian Circle Singers	Anniversary Dinner Red Dragon 6p.m. for 7:00
	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Cambrian Circle Singers	Red Dragon Open 8:30 pm