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During the lockdown, the Cambrian Bookworms are meeting on Zoom  
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## *The Cambrian News*

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### **From the President:**



In a normal year, we would begin August making plans for the annual garden party. The garden is ready but Covid-19 is interfering once again by prohibiting us to meet in person. We can wash our hands, wear masks, stay home if we are sick and gather outdoors but social distancing would be impossible unless we restrict the number to a maximum of 10. This sadly defeats the purpose of the garden party, which is for all of us to enjoy one another's company in an informal, spontaneous way.

The Cambrian Hall has never been so quiet for such a long time. That in itself is really sad. Thanks to **Wynford Owen** and **Jackie Chapman** who brave the silence to ensure that the hall is safe and secure. As fall approaches and as it is obvious that Covid-19 is with us for the foreseeable future, we can anticipate that fall activities such as the annual Anniversary Dinner to celebrate the 91<sup>st</sup> 'birthday of the Cambrian Hall and the Welsh weekend normally held in early November will also be cancelled. I have heard several ideas how we could celebrate these events virtually but would love to hear more. Please share your ideas with any member of the Executive or Social Committee.

Personally, although we have kept very busy here and now have a well-established 'avoid Covid-19 at all cost' routine, Wilf and I really miss our times together with all of you

at the Cambrian Hall. During these still strange times, keep in touch with one another and with your Executive and Social Committee. This is one time when we can truly say, thank goodness for technology! And, using the very familiar words of Dr. Bonnie Henry, stay kind, stay calm and stay safe.

Lynn Owens-Whalen

### Forthcoming Events

In response to the covid-19 pandemic, all events and activities of the Vancouver Welsh Society are cancelled or postponed until further notice. Please continue to consult the Vancouver Welsh Society website [www.welshsociety.com](http://www.welshsociety.com) for current information.

### Typical Monthly Events

*For information only! All events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. Please consult the Society Website for updates.*

**Sundays:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month: Bilingual Church Service. The exception is in November when the service is on the Sunday of the Welsh weekend.

**Mondays:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month for Board Members only: Executive Meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Mondays:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month the Red Cardigan Folk Club meets at 7:00 pm.

**Mondays:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month: The Welsh speaking group meets at 10:30 am.

**Mondays:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month: Volunteer working party: 10:00 am until

3:30 pm.

**Wednesdays:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month: The Book Club meets at 12:00 noon.

**Wednesdays:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month: The Genealogy Group meets from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Red Dragon.

**Thursdays: Welsh Language lessons:** The schedule varies and details are shown [here](#).

**General Meetings:** The dates of the General Meetings will be decided upon by the executive. The AGM for year #1 is held in February of year #2, e.g. the 2019 AGM will be held in February 2020.

### *Vancouver Orpheus Male Choir*

Please refer to the choir's website for information: <http://vancouverorpheus.org>

### *Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir*

Please refer to the choir's website for information: <https://vwmc.ca>

### Important Messages and Information

Read about the Welsh Society's newest group! Unfortunately, only one session took place before the COVID pandemic put further meetings on hold, but The Red Cardigans will be reconvening when they're able to meet in person again, so be sure to take down the details!

### *The Red Cardigans*

**Wales . . . "The Land of Song" . . . or so the saying goes!**

But there is much more to be explored in the history and culture of Welsh music. A world of Welsh Folk Music awaits!

Come and join the Red Cardigan Folk in the quest to discover the identity of Welsh folk music. Bring instruments, voices, dancing shoes and research ideas to contribute to the fun and conviviality of the musical journey taken from the mountains and valleys of Wales.

The group will focus on examining the sources of Welsh Folk Music and playing and performing the results of their labours at Welsh Society events in the future.

The group will meet on the second and third Monday evenings of the month at 7:30 pm in The Red Dragon when the lockdown is over!

Paul Lievesley

## Submissions by Members

### Welsh Heroes (part 2), By Eifion Williams

**HAROLD LOWE** was a Welshman who was the Fifth Officer on the Titanic when it hit an iceberg and sank in 1912.

Lowe was born in Llanrhos, Caernarfonshire, in November 1882. At the age of 14, determined to go to sea, he ran away from his home in Barmouth, where he attended school, and joined the Merchant Navy. After first serving as a crew member aboard Welsh coastal steamers, he worked his way up the certification ladder and joined the White Star Line in 1911. In 1912 he became the Fifth Officer on the Titanic. Despite his many years at sea, the Titanic voyage was to be his first transatlantic crossing.

When Titanic left Southampton on April 10, 1912. Lowe was on the bridge relaying instructions to various members of the ship's crew by telephone. On April 14, the night of

the sinking, Lowe was off duty and asleep in his cabin. When he realized the situation, he immediately grabbed his revolver and went to work.

Lowe was put in charge of Lifeboat 14 and while it was being launched, he used his revolver to fire three shots into the air to prevent a group of men attempting to leap into the lifeboat.

After reaching the water, Lowe ordered his lifeboat to be rowed about 150 yards away from the sinking ship and gathered several lifeboats together. He wished to return to pick up survivors but had fears of being swamped by hordes of people due to the lack of experienced crewmen in the boats. What Lowe did was redistribute the survivors in the lifeboats he had gathered and take one lifeboat to search for additional survivors. Many voices could be heard in the darkness but locating them was difficult and eventually only four men were rescued still alive in the freezing ocean. Lowe and his group of lifeboats were eventually picked up by the RMS Carpathia.

Almost every account of the Titanic sinking has mentioned the bravery of the Fifth Officer. Lowe himself would be surprised at his ongoing fame and especially at finding himself depicted in the Oscar-winning movie *Titanic*. Lowe is the lifeboat operator, played by Welsh actor Ioan Gruffudd, who rescues the fictional Rose from the icy water.

When Lowe returned to Barmouth, 1300 people attended a reception held in his honour at the town's Picture Pavilion. He was presented with a commemorative gold watch with the inscription: *Presented to Harold Lowe by his friends in Barmouth and elsewhere in recognition and appreciation of his gallant services at the foundering of the Titanic, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1912.*

Lowe lived modestly following the event and rarely spoke about it. In 1913 he married Ellen Whitehouse and they had two

children. He served in the Royal Navy Reserve during the First World War, attaining the rank of Lieutenant, RNR. During World War II he volunteered his home as a sector post and served as an Air Raid Warden until ill health forced him into a wheelchair.

Harold Lowe died in Deganwy in May 1944 at the age of 61. His body was buried at Llandrillo- yn-Rhos churchyard in Rhos-on-Sea, North Wales.

A slate plaque in Lowe's memory was hung in Barmouth eight years ago on the centennial anniversary of Titanic's sinking. Memorializing Lowe's service, the plaque is inscribed in both Welsh and English, with pictures of Lowe and the Titanic. The inscription reads: *In commemoration of local hero 5<sup>th</sup> Officer Harold Godfrey Lowe, who left Barmouth aged 14 to go to sea. He played a heroic role in the rescue of survivors during the sinking of RMS Titanic on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1912.* A small blue plaque marks Lowe's final home in Deganwy, Conwy, where he lived until his death in 1944.

In a biography entitled *Titanic Valour: The Life of Fifth Officer Harold Lowe*, the author Inger Shiel says: *"His strong leadership, organizational skills and encouragement was credited by numerous passengers as having been decisive in their survival; his actions on the night being described as exemplary.*

And Sherriff Joseph Bayliss, Sergeant-at-Arms to the US Senate, said on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1912: *I have never prided myself on being a prophet but of this I am positive. When the Titanic disaster has become a matter of history, Harold G. Lowe will occupy the hero's place.*

**SIMON WESTON** is a well-known contemporary hero who was born in Caerphilly in 1961. Simon joined the Welsh Guards in 1978 at the age of 16 and served

in several parts of the world before being sent to the Falklands in 1982.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1982, while boarded with other members of his regiment on the Sir Galahad just off the Falkland Islands, the ship was bombed and set on fire by Argentine Skyhawk fighters during the Bluff Cove Air Attacks. The ship was carrying ammunition and thousands of gallons of diesel and gasoline.

Out of Weston's platoon of 30 men, 22 were killed and 7 wounded. Weston survived with 46% burns to his body and his face barely recognizable.

After years of reconstructive surgery, including over 96 major operations, he suffered psychological trauma and admits his behavior during this time was terrible.

Simon's courage is shown by how he overcame his disabilities and, as he says now, encouraged and assisted by his mother, was determined to face up to the unavoidable and to be positive about everything, especially his future.

Weston has made regular contributions to radio and television in Wales and been the subject of several BBC documentaries. He presented his own radio show – *Face for the Radio* for BBC Wales. He has also appeared on popular TV programs like *This is Your Life* and *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*. He has also written best-selling autobiographies and a series of novels.

Simon has also supported many charity organizations. Shortly after his release from hospital he made a goodwill tour to Australia at the request of the Guards Association of Australia, which resulted in large donations to children's burn units. He became a patron of charities supporting people with disfigurements as well as the lead ambassador for The Healing Foundation.

Simon has also been involved in political activism, mainly campaigning in support of troops and veterans to ensure they were

adequately supported and that they received adequate health care.

In 1989 Simon married Lucy Titherington and they have three children. Amazingly, Weston met and became friends with First Lieutenant Carlos Cachon, the Argentine pilot who dropped the bomb that caused his injuries.

Simon's courage and charity work have been recognized and honoured on many occasions. He was awarded an MBE in 1992 and a CBE in 2016. In 2009 he was elected President of the Welsh Scout Council. Simon Weston has regularly appeared on lists of Welsh heroes and fully deserves to be there. After overcoming terrible adversity he went on to bring comfort and hope to his fellow human beings.

*To read Part One of this article ( about **Edgar Evans**, a member of **Captain Robert Scott's Tena Nova Expedition to the North Pole**) please see the May 2020 edition of the *Vancouver Welsh Society Newsletter*.*

### **NAFOW Poetry Competition**

Although the 2020 NAFOW in Philadelphia has been cancelled, the Eisteddfod Committee has set a Poetry Competition. One poem entitled "Gobaith" is to be in Welsh and one poem entitled "Hope" is to be in English.

Although the deadline (12 August) is now past and adjudication took place in late August, the winning poems and poets will be announced via NAFOW publicity channels. Each winner will also be invited to submit a video reciting his/her winning poem, which will be included in NAFOW "virtual" events in early September.

Keep an eye on the NAFOW website for news of the competition:

<http://festivalofwales.org/eisteddfod-2020.html>

### **A Message from Marilyn Hames**

*Annwyl Ffrindiau*—Dear Friends,

I cannot thank enough the volunteers who helped me with my research into why and how we, as members of the VWS, try to maintain our Welsh connections and culture. Responses to the questionnaire and interviews painted a beautifully rich and inclusive picture of what it means to be part of the Welsh Diaspora—people with different backgrounds and experiences, yet united by a love for various facets of our heritage. *Diolch yn fawr iawn*—thank you very much!

Since analyzing the wealth of information and stories you provided, I have been digging deeper into the history of Welsh migration since our predecessors first landed in Newfoundland to found the *Cambriol Settlement*. That was in the early 1600s—three years before the *Mayflower* set sail! If they weren't courageous enough, the accounts of Welsh miners who braved the epic journey around the Horn to reach Victoria, then bushwhacked hundreds of miles through the interior to prospect for Gold in the Cariboo makes the most dramatic fiction seem tame.

Now I am busy weaving our story—your individual stories and that of the VWS—into the bigger one in readiness to submit it to UWTSD later in the Fall. Beyond that, with your help and input I hope to be able to create another chapter to the history of the VWS. So if you have any colourful memories about Wales, or stories about why you try to maintain our Welsh heritage and how the VWS has helped, which you are willing to share, please send them to me at [hamesmpa@shaw.ca](mailto:hamesmpa@shaw.ca)

Until I can thank you in person, try to stay safe, keep well and do whatever you can that gives you and others joy.

*Diolch yn fawr iawn eto,*

Marilyn (Hames)

Member **Jennifer Parkinson-Dow** recently noticed an interesting article in the North Shore News about the old house that belonged to Welsh settler John Thomas, who was known as “**Navy Jack**.” He operated the first ferry service linking the North Shore with Vancouver and his house, the oldest building on the North Shore, has been saved from demolition – but only for two months, until a decision from West Vancouver Council will decide its fate. Read more about this story at <https://www.nsnews.com/news/time-ticking-for-north-shore-s-oldest-building-1.24174061>

Thank you, Jennifer!

### *WHAT WE’VE BEEN UP TO:*

#### *A Gallery of Photos of Members’ Activities during the COVID-19 pandemic*

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, there have been no Welsh Society events to celebrate in the Photo Gallery section of the newsletter this time. But, not to be confounded, members have sent in photographs they’ve taken as they’ve adapted to the new reality and have sought to find ways to have enjoy life despite the restrictions made necessary by the presence of the virus in our midst. Enjoy the photos and please consider sending in some of your own.



Mary Lewis celebrates her birthday with a birthday crème brûlée



and walks her friend “Lady”



**Heather Davies** enjoys an afternoon crafting in the garden



Members of the **Rattlebone Band** practice, outdoors and suitably distanced!



**Gillian Rogers** hosts a Cambrian Bookworms meeting on Zoom



**Paul Lievesley** and **Brian Jones** of the **Red Cardigans** practice together at Kits Beach



**Gillian** and **Alewyn** hold up a No. 9 bus



**Casey Wolf** marvels at the biggest radishes she's ever seen from her community garden



And **Graham Baldwin** risks an ear!



and enjoys watching the antics of a squirrel determined to share the seeds in her bird feeder

### Views

Several members have mentioned their daily walks around Vancouver during the lockdown. We couldn't be spending the lockdown in a more beautiful place!



**Graham and Ruth Baldwin** share a story and a hair style with a granddaughter



Looking north from the woods above Spanish Banks in Pacific Spirit Regional Park (Gillian and Alcwyn Rogers)



Looking west from Burrard Bridge (Gillian and Alcwyn Rogers)



Kits Point at sunset (Paul Lievesley)

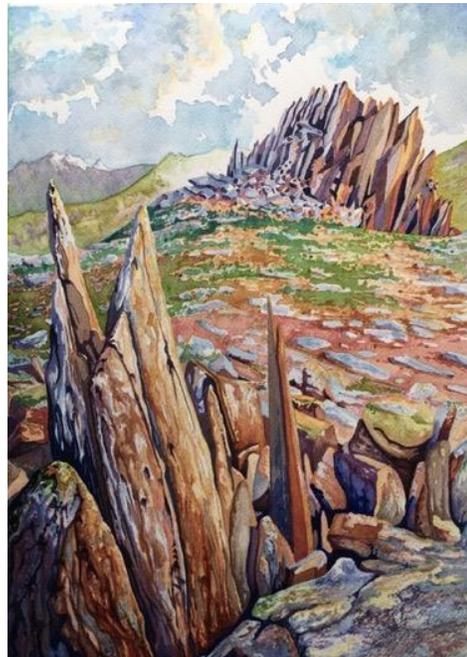


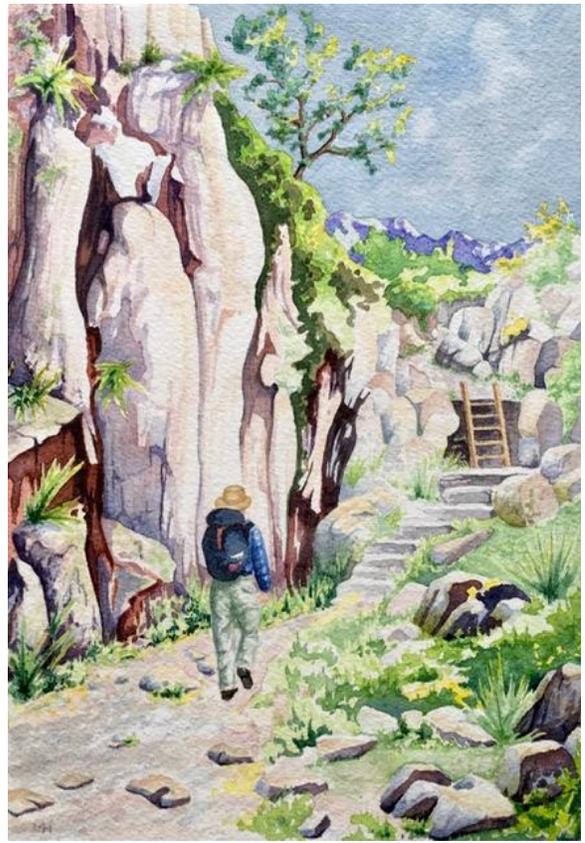
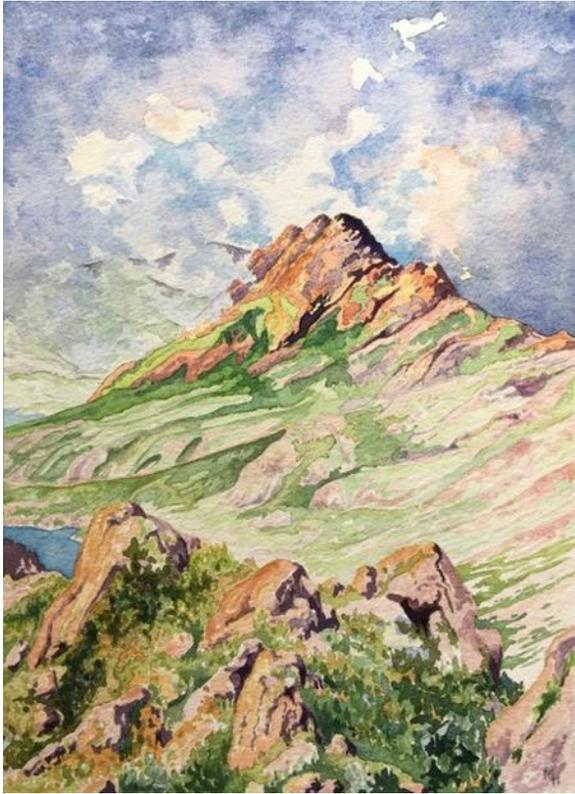
Lynn Owens Whalen shared this lovely photo taken in her garden

**Marilyn Hames** has been taking time off from thesis-writing to paint. Here are some of the beautiful pictures she's painted recently:



The following paintings are from Marilyn's 'Hiraeth' series and are based on memories of hiking in Snowdonia and staying at St. Nicholas in the Vale of Glamorgan





This painting depicts the view looking up through the collapsed roof of an old stable next to Hael Faes Farm, near St. Nicholas.

## Learning Welsh? Read On . . .

Life member and generous benefactor, Arthur Worsdale passed away on 22 June 2020. He asked that there be no obituary or memorial service and we honour his wishes. Art sent the following letter to the editor (then David Llewelyn) in 2007. It conveys very vividly Art's sense of humour and spirit:

Dear Editor,

First, thank you for your work on the newsletter. Much appreciated.

A comment on *Welsh in a Year*, the language text mentioned in your June edition. Welsh in a year! Now where have I heard that before?

Recently, I returned from a visit to Wales armed with a book entitled *Welcome to Welsh* by Heini Gruffydd. Similar genre and optimistic claim. Deluded I thought that I would soon be showing up at the Society's Welsh-only evening, impressing Ann Roberts and company with my impeccable fluency. Of course, I had conveniently overlooked the conditions that applied and are stressed by Jen Llywelyn. She is so right in underlining *effort, hard work* and *perseverance* as essential prerequisites. Indeed I believe she could have added a few more. It helps to be a gifted learner, to possess a degree of dedication somewhat beyond the ordinary, and – possibly – to own the pedigree of a Llywelyn.

After several months of casual slog it was clear to me that at the end of the year I would not be near enough to a *comfort zone* (to use more of Ms Llywelyn's terminology) to enter the door of Ann's inner circle. Indeed it would be presumptuous to just peek through the keyhole.

I had invested a hard-earned "fiver" (pounds sterling, of course) on the Gruffydd text and had hoped for more. But I should have known better. In the distant days of my

youth I was a pupil at Port Talbot's County School where all were required to study Welsh in their first year. In the second year French could be taken as an alternative and I joined in the mass migration. Did our fear of mutations, a rather odd syntax and other unique features of the language scare us? Or did we believe that Welsh was dying, dying, dying?

I returned to Canada impressed by the current viability of the language, and curious enough to take another stab at getting to know it in all its complexity. Of course the claim of fluency in a year didn't really fool me, but I did hope to get at least some mastery of the printed word rather than the spoken. The Gruffydd text is achieving that for me and is doing it in a novel way. I believe my "fiver" was well spent.

Still a long way to go though! I tested my skills on the poem *Ffarwell i'r Gwynt a'r Eira* submitted by Society veteran Ieuan Lampshire Jones. But I didn't get much out of it. So, more effort and more, more time! But I am approaching my 87<sup>th</sup> year and I need incentive to spur me on. Maybe someone can assure me that Welsh is indeed the language of the celestial realm to which we all aspire. Knowing that for a certainty would be motivation enough, I think!

Again, thank you for your interesting newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Art Worsdale



## *Obituaries*

### **Merrily Diane Abbott**

**24 July 1947 – 11 June 2020**



Merrily passed away peacefully at Melville Hospice Home in White Rock B.C. She joined the Cambrian Circle Singers in January 2002 and sang with the choir for many years. Her sister, Coleen Thomas, had joined in the autumn of 1999.

Merrily was a beloved wife, mum sister, Aunt and friend and is survived by her husband, George, their daughters, Merrily's sister and many family members.

She will be deeply missed.

A celebration of Merrily's life will be held at later date.

### **Gordon "Gordie" Thomas Dickinson Birrell**

**21 November 1943 – 4 May 2020**

Gordie passed away at Broadway Lodge. He had been ill for quite a while and had suffered several seizures.

He loved music, could "sing up a storm" and was an talented drummer.

Gordie had many friends and touched many lives, including those of his "Welsh friends." A celebration of Gordie's life will take place at a later date.

### **Diane Catherine Jones**

**24 September 1938 – 6 May 2020**



Diane Jones passed away on 6 May 2020, after an unexpected and brief battle with pancreatic cancer. She was predeceased by her sons Frank and Ken and her grandson Derek and leaves behind her husband of 64 years, Frank, and their remaining children Dave, Catherine and Steve and nineteen much loved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Diane was passionate about three things: her family, her church and her community. She was also a Third Order Franciscan. She was a member of the Welsh Society until she moved to Penticton with Frank, and she sang with the Cambrian Circle Singers.

There will be a celebration of Diane's life when that becomes possible.

## Ted Langley

18 November – 13 July 2020



L to R: Ted Langley, Alan Jones and Neville Thomas, the founders of the Vancouver Dylan Thomas Circle, circa 2006

**Ted Langley**, who passed away on July 7, will be remembered by Welsh Society members as one of the three founders of the **Vancouver Dylan Thomas Circle**.

Together with members **Neville Thomas** and **Alan Jones**, both of whom passed away a few years ago, Ted was also a regular participant in the Circle's many events over the years.

The Dylan Thomas Circle attracted a large and diverse number of the poet's admirers in the Lower Mainland and frequently welcomed capacity audiences to the Cambrian Hall for its events. Ted rarely missed an event and frequently gave presentations on the life and works of Dylan Thomas based on his own research and observations. His talks were always stimulating and laced with humour.

The Dylan Thomas Circle was just one of Ted Langley's passions. He had a lifelong interest and love of Greek mythology, history and literature. After obtaining a teaching degree at UBC, Ted taught at elementary and secondary schools in

Vancouver, later obtaining a Master's Degree before starting a long career teaching English at Langara College.

In 1983, Ted and his wife **Pamela** spent a year in Greece where he was able to experience firsthand the culture and history he so loved. After his retirement in 1992, he taught Classical Literature part-time in the Langara Classical Studies Department. Although born in Liverpool, Ted had a strong Celtic background. His maternal grandfather was Welsh and his maternal grandmother was Irish. After completing his compulsory National Service in England Ted attended a teachers' college where he met his future wife Pamela. Ted came to Canada in 1957 and Pamela followed in 1958. They married 61 years ago and had two children, Ivor (Heather) and Moira (Barry) and three grandchildren.

**David Webb**, a long-time member of the Dylan Thomas Circle, wrote as part of a tribute to his friend: *Ted was always more interested in uniting people than in proving points, settling scores or even being proven right. For Ted, the universal Human experience always came before all else.*

The Welsh community cherishes the memory of Ted Langley who, along with Neville Thomas and Alan Jones, founded a group dedicated to celebrating the life and works of Wales' most popular literary icon.

Kathy Thomas and Eifion Williams

**Eirlys Ann Thomas**  
1930- 2020



Eirlys Ann passed away peacefully on July 4, 2020 at South Granville Park Lodge where she had resided for the past 7 years. She was in her 90th year.

Eirlys was born in the Welsh village of Abercych in 1930 and was one of two children. Sadly Eirlys and her older sister Lilwen were orphans by the time Eirlys was 8 and, until Lilwen was 18, they were under the guardianship of their Aunt, Uncle and Grandfather. Eirlys went to High School in Cardigan, travelling there each day on the local bus.

On leaving school she began training as a nurse and when registered as a SRN could be seen on her bicycle as the district nurse in the Hampstead area of London. She qualified as a midwife and then in 1953 went to America and nursed in New York. She only stayed there for 16 months and returned to England on the Queen Mary in April 1955 to resume nursing again in London.

Following the wedding of her sister in June 1958 she was off again, this time first by sea and then across Canada by rail to Vancouver. In 1959 she joined the Victorian

Order of Nurses working in public health. Eirlys then acted as the liaison nurse at the BC Cancer Agency for over 20 years until her retirement. It was a job to which she was devoted and she is remembered for her expertise and caring nature.

Soon after arriving in Vancouver, Eirlys settled into an active social life. She played bridge and was a member of the Jericho Sports Club and played tennis, squash and the occasional round of golf. Eirlys also visited her beloved Yellow Point Lodge regularly and this is the place where her ashes will be finally rested.

Eirlys was also a very active member of the Vancouver Welsh Society. She contributed in many ways, especially through her sewing and recording skills. She was helpful, kept in touch with everyone and never forgot a birthday. A grateful patient of Eirlys donated the grand piano to the Society and this is used regularly to this day. The beautiful cover to the piano and a number of the curtains for the Cambrian Hall produced by Eirlys are also still in use. It was said that Eirlys was the official photographer of the Society. She produced the photograph albums which are now to be seen in the Red Dragon.

After living in her flat in Balsam Street for more than 40 years, in 2013 she moved to South Granville Park Lodge.

Eirlys was predeceased by her sister, Lilwen, and is survived by her devoted brother-in-law Raymond, nephew Paul and family and niece Anne and family, all of whom reside in Britain.

Eirlys is fondly remembered and will be greatly missed by her good friend and nursing colleague, Betty.

Many thanks to the wonderful staff at South Granville Park Lodge for their many years of care and support.

Gillian and Alwyn Rogers

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members in the form of photographs,  
articles, news items and letters. During the  
pandemic, when we are socially distanced  
from one another, it's especially important  
to keep in touch!



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