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Rev. Dr. Larry Beech PhD

Pentecost - the word has an unfamiliar ring to it. 50 days after Easter - a festive holy day borrowed directly from our Jewish forbearers and infused with a brand new meaning.

The birth date of the Christian church. An event that transformed the followers of Jesus from a group of disheartened and defeated individuals to persons who were enthusiastic and excited about the presence of God's Spirit within them. Gathered in an upper room, they experienced first hand the spirit of God like wind coming into their lives and tongues of fire that set their lives ablaze with a new sense of purpose and vision.

And so it is that each year we celebrate Pentecost - the birth date of the church.

Pentecost provides for us an opportunity to celebrate who we are as a community of God's people at Dewi Sant. We are a people who are proud of our history - our language and our culture. But as God's people at Dewi Sant it is not enough to glorify our past - our heritage and traditions. The Church of Jesus Christ in all its varied forms and structures continues to be a work in progress. A community of faith cannot be static - a memorial to the past. The Christian church is continually evolving in an attempt to be relevant and creative in each succeeding era.

We at Dewi Sant are not an exception. We cannot be simply a monument to the past once glorious. Our challenge is to be on a cutting edge to the future. To become a church of people largely of Welsh background who are enthusiastic and excited about creating a future that will be relevant and visionary.

May Pentecost challenge us to be God's people willing and eager to respond to God's Spirit blowing through our lives and setting us ablaze with creativity and a renewed sense of hope for the future.

Rev. Lawrence A. Beech Ph.D.
Minister

Search Committee Update

The Search committee appreciates the support of the congregation as we continue the process of the ministerial search. Although there is nothing concrete to report at this time, the committee is pursuing every option as we work towards a successful completion of our goal.

On Tuesday, May 13, Hefina Phillips was interviewed on BBC Welsh Radio to again publicize Dewi Sant and our ministerial search. This ongoing publicity is critical as we continue to search for the right candidate. The committee thanks you for your patience and concern.

Submitted by Betty Cullingworth

Dewi Sant United Church Women

June

We are having our annual Sidewalk sale from 10.00am until 2.30pm. on Saturday June 7th. Please drop off your donations of gently used treasures on Friday June 6th after 6pm.

For any enquiries about this event please contact Donna Morris at 416-756-1249.

Tuesday June 24th we will be experiencing another annual event. That night we will be having our Strawberry Tea, commencing at 7.30pm. Further details to follow, but mark this date on your calendar for an entertaining evening.

July

Betty Stroud has kindly arranged for us to have the use of the party room, patio and pool at her condominium building. We are planning a get together after Church on the 27th of July. This will be a bring-your-own lunch afternoon, and enjoy one another's company on what we hope will be a beautiful sunny day. Once again, more details will follow. Mark this date also. Of course we are inviting every one to these events. So keep all these dates in mind.

TEA TIME

Hey diddly diddle.
We need some help with tea.
It's fun I know, come on, let's go,
And sign the list,
It can't be missed.
Hey diddly dee,
Or else there'll be no tea.

Many thanks to the faithful ones who so regularly sign up and help us to provide tea after the service. Dewi Sant has a long standing tradition of a welcoming cup after the Sunday service, but we can't do it without your help. Please sign the list by the kitchen and help us continue offer in the hospitality of a cuppa on Sunday mornings. Thank you.

Flo Sutton

Help Needed!!

Are you a handyman/woman? The church needs your talents as we review the numerous repair jobs that are the constant reality of our aging church building. Of course some of those jobs require professional expertise but many others just require a person with skills in small repair work. Do you have a talent in carpentry, plumbing, electricity etc. etc. etc.? Perhaps your interest and skills are more general. Would you be willing to be involved in a cleanup project on a specified day?

The trustees have recently developed a list of concerns re our church premises that need to be addressed before they become critical. The concerns are being prioritized but many of them fall into the category of minor repairs. By developing a directory of names of persons who might be willing to volunteer in their skill area, the trustees hope to be able to deal with some of these items in the immediate future.

If you feel that you could help in any way, please contact Geraint Jones, Chair of the Trustees. Diolch yn fawr in advance for any help that you can offer.

Submitted by **Betty Cullingworth** (on behalf of the Trustees)

The Wesleys

While Methodism in Wales will be forever associated with the names of Daniel Rowland, Howell Harris and William Williams, Pantycelyn. Methodism in England is forever linked to the name of John and Charles Wesley.

It is difficult to date the beginnings of Methodism in Wales, but Daniel Rowland had a conversion experience under the ministry of the Rev. Griffith Jones, Llanddowror in 1735, and it was on Whit Sunday, the 25th of May, that same year, that Howell Harris received the assurance that his sins were forgiven through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. From that time on they were powerful witnesses to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Not until Whit Sunday, the 21st of May 1738 did Charles Wesley give himself “soul and body” to Jesus Christ. It was three days later that his brother John went somewhat reluctantly, to a meeting in Aldersgate Street in London. There, someone was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter to nine, John Wesley felt his heart strangely warmed and “I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation.” From then on John and Charles were to dedicate their lives to a gospel ministry in England that sparked an evangelical revival.

Years earlier they had both attended Oxford University and were part of a small group that met for daily devotions and lived strict disciplined lives. They were nicknamed ‘The Holy Club,’ and because they were so methodical in all that they did, they were also given the nickname “Methodists.’ It was a name that John Wesley later adopted for the societies that he founded.

Ordained as Anglican clergymen, John and Charles left England in 1735 to take up mission work in the English colony of Georgia. Sailing with the Wesleys to the New World were twenty-six Moravian missionaries. The Wesleys were impressed by the Moravians’ piety and especially by their hearty hymn singing.

Both John and Charles were disappointed with the work in Georgia and by early 1738 were back in England. It was later that year that their Christian faith became real and personal. They began a ministry that was marked by an evangelical zeal that alarmed and angered the Parish clergy who closed their doors against them. This intolerance and the example of George Whitfield drove John Wesley to preach in the open air at Bristol in 1739, and it was there that he founded the first Methodist chapel. He resolved that henceforth the world would be his parish.

John Wesley laboured extensively in working class neighbourhoods, so that the majority of his converts were colliers, miners, foundrymen, weavers and day labourers. His life was frequently in danger but he outlived all persecution and during his ministry he travelled 250,000 miles and preached 40,000 sermons. He died in 1791 at the age of eighty-eight. His last words were “The best of all is, God is with us.”

Charles Wesley, like Williams Pantycelyn in Wales, is known primarily for his hymns. Most of his hymns fall into one of three wide-ranging categories: hymns of the church year; hymns expressing glory to Christ in response to a conversion experience, and hymns of Christian experience. In his personal devotions Charles followed the liturgical calendar, and this practice bore fruit in his hymn writing. The hymns in the Advent, Christmas and Easter sections of most hymnals show that the most often sung seasonal hymns are by Charles Wesley; such hymns as “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,” “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,” and “Christ the Lord is Risen Today.”

Charles wrote thousands of devotional poems, more than 6,500 of which can be considered hymns. They were published in more than sixty books and pamphlets during his lifetime. What is truly remarkable about this immense output is that so many are unsurpassed in their excellence and have become indispensable part of the worship of God’s people.

Submitted by the Reverend Norman Jones

INCOME STATEMENT

Year to Date as at April 30, 2003

INCOME	
Members	22989
Friends & Associates	2361
Loose	855
Gadwyn	989
Rental Facilities-Mastermind	800
Rental Facilities-Newworld	550
Rental Facilities-Re/Max	450
Rental Facilities-YCCMMC	1200
Manse Rental	4820
St. David's Society	367
Total Income	35381
EXPENSES	
Office & General	2348
Postage	1242
Bank Charges	188
Sunday School Exp.	980
Technology	874
Presbytery Dues	1468
Search Committee	650
Maintenance-Church	1356
Maintenance-Manse	591
Property Taxes-Manse	182
Insurance	1205
Utilities	7182
Session	1192
Salary - Minister	10397
Salary - Secretary	7227
	4080
	2272
Total Expenses	43434
NET PROFIT/LOSS	-8053

We are pleased and encouraged to note that as of this date Members' contributions are equal to those of last year for the same period. We have been billed for our annual Presbytery dues for \$4,400 which represents \$26 per Resident Member. Our annual insurance premium of approximately \$3,500 which will also have to be paid in June. It costs approximately \$2,500 per week to keep the doors of Dewi Sant open. Your continued support is essential.

Board of Stewards

The Ontario Welsh Festival, April 25, 26 & 27

The annual Gymanfa Ganu, held this year for the first time in Stratford, Ontario, was a truly memorable weekend. The purpose of a Gymanfa is to praise God in song and this indeed we did under the inspirational leadership of Iwan Edwards of Montreal. We were extremely honoured to be in the presence of this eminent but unassuming musician, whose curriculum vitae would fill this newsletter. Iwan's musicianship was the pinnacle of the weekend. He had thoughtfully grouped his choice of hymns into various clusters, and this meant that we were introduced to several hymns that were unfamiliar to us. Of course, Iwan could not escape without including two old favourites- Pantyfedwen and Diadem - even though they were not in the official program!

Iwan deflected all praises given to him by paying tribute to our organist, Lynda Kennedy. He maintained that the success of all cymanfaoedd depended entirely on the quality of the organist. We were obviously fortunate to have a perfect marriage of conductor and accompanist. Between them they produced from us a sound and emotion that would have thrilled the very portals of Heaven.

Like all the Gymanfa weekends, there were other events of note. The OGGA committee, under the presidency of Myfanwy Bajaj, arranged an enjoyable and interesting program. The weekend began with the Noson Lawen on Friday evening. Even though Myfanwy could consider a second career as a stand-up comic, she had met her match in Stratford in the person of Karen Haslam, Mayor of the city, who attended both the Noson Lawen and the banquet on Saturday evening.

The Noson Lawen was an enjoyable mix of song and dance, with soloists, duets and two choral groups – Merched Dewi and the newly formed Cantorion Ottawa, who specialize in Cerdd Dant.

Myfanwy chaired the Saturday morning AGM, and three new trustees were elected to the Board – Betty Cullingworth, Barbara Coulter and Gwen Dodson. Retiring trustees, Ann Dayes and Margaret Williams and Howell Pritchard were thanked by Myfanwy for their hard work and dedication to the OGGA.

On Saturday evening a delicious banquet was followed by a concert given by the Canadian Welsh Singers, under the leadership of Judith Charters. The accompanist was Liya Vayner, a graduate of the State University of Moldova. The choir is based in London, Ontario, and was formed in 1981 by Ken Jones of Rhuthin. Enhancing the program were two young soloists, soprano Natalie Pratt and flutist Sarah Smith.

Especially welcomed at the Gymanfa were Board members of the WNGGA, who took advantage of the Gymanfa weekend not only to hold their meetings, but also to support the OGGA.

Thank you all OGGA Board members for a wonderful weekend.

Next year the Ontario Gymanfa Ganu will be held in Peterborough at the Holiday Inn on April 23, 24 & 25. Mark your calendars now.

Submitted by Hefina Phillips

Nine Words a Shilling

How many of us started our working life in a job that is now defunct? I was 16 years old when WWII broke out. The end of my school years. As I would be called up for National Service at age 18, the Headmistress suggested I work in the Head Office of the General Post Office as that was considered a reserved occupation.

The Head GPO Office was in the East Midlands, a market town with the leather trade being the main industry.

After some training I started work on the counter but, as the young men employees were called to the Army, Navy, RAF or Bevin Boy Service (their reserved status no longer applied), I was later trained as a teleprinter operator.

The Head Offices throughout the UK had a telegraph room with teleprinters and Phonograms switchboard and special typewriters with keyboards identical to the Creed teleprinter machines. Teleprinters could send and receive at the same time and could link up with any GPO telegraph room in the Kingdom. The Central Telegraph Office in London was the biggest of its kind in the world and would transmit cablegrams to overseas destinations using very curious and complicated instruments.

In my time telegrams were nine words for a shilling and one penny for each word after that. Telegram provided a service for many of life's emergencies, its low and high points. Hatches, matches and dispatches. The commercial ones were often in code or business jargon. Racing and betting had a language of its own. We sometimes had ones in Welsh or Gaelic – a favourite wedding greeting to Scotland often said 'Lang May your Lum Reek' [long may your chimney smoke]. Greeting telegrams were cancelled during the war. Sadly, we had many from the War Office, Admiralty and Air Ministry announcing Killed in action, Missing or wounded servicemen. These were always sent Priority and would never be phoned to the recipient (although few people had phones in those days). We would tell the telegram boys of the grave message. If no boys were handy for immediate delivery we would get the telegram delivered by Post Office van or, on Sundays, by the Police.

There was constant hurry and bustle in a telegraph room. A telegram is timed at every step of its journey. The teleprinter receives on quarter inch tape which is gummed on the reverse side and adhered to the telegram pad. Each transaction is numbered and all have to be accounted for at both sending and receiving points. When the tape was nearing the end of the spool it would 'pink' so we would ask the operator to cease sending until we refilled the machine. As operators we had our own lingo – TKS VM OM meant, thanks very much old man. We always called each other old man, don't know why, we often didn't know the sex of the distance operator. We operated at a steady speed, sometimes we accidentally transposed letters. Occasionally, the cylindrical inkers would come off their posts and the tape would get fainter and fainter, we would then have to stop the distant operator and explain INKERS OFF OM (all teleprinting was in capitals). Once a colleague transposed the "I" and the "N", much to the amusement of the staff.

The GPO killed off telegrams in 1982 due to the widespread use of the telephone.

Submitted by F.H.Silburn

Mr Kenneth Davies

William Kenneth Davies, known to everyone as “Ken Twffton” lived his entire life in the county of Pembrokeshire. He worked two farms, one which bordered the famous “Blaenwern” (as in the hymn tune), and the Tufton Arms where for many years he was the very popular “Mine host!” He suffered a stroke in 2001 which left him totally incapacitated, and to which he succumbed on May 9th 2003.

Ken was the brother of the Dr. Rev. Cerwyn Davies. Our sympathy goes to the family. Cydymdeimladau dwys i bawb ohonnoch.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Irene Evans’ uncle a few weeks ago in Swansea. Irene is at present over in Wales. On her return we can supply some more details.

Our sympathy goes out to Irene and her family.

Ernest Kemp

In Fazakerly hospital Liverpool, England, Ernest Kemp, youngest brother of May Hale passed away on May 6th. 2003, after a long fight trying to recover following surgery on the pancreas and gall bladder.

He was seventy one years old and an ardent soccer fan and a strong Liverpool supporter

Our son Michael represented us at the memorial service on May 15th, and gave an eulogy on our behalf.

Ernest is survived by his wife Kathleen, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will always be remembered by his loving family

Submitted by May and Albert Hale

The Tate Family

Do you know how many members of the Tate family belong to the church? There is old man Dic Tate who wants to run everything, while uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. Their sister Agi Tate stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband Irri Tate. Whenever new ideas are presented, Hesi Tate and Vege Tate want to wait until next year.

There is aunt Imi Tate, who wants to be like all the others. Devas Tate provides the voice of doom, whilst Poten Tate wants to be the big shot. But not all members of the family are bad!! Young Facili Tate is quite helpful in all matters. A very happy delightful member of the family is Miss Felici Tate. Cousins Cogi Tate and Medi Tate always think things over carefully and lend a helpful steadying hand. Of course there is the black sheep of the family, Ampu Tate, who has completely cut himself off from everything.

Submitted by Olwen Dunets

A miss is as good as a ---mister!
No news is impossible.
If you lie down with dogs----you'll stink in the morning.
An idle mind----is the best way to relax.
Laugh and the whole world laughs with you-----cry and you have to blow your nose!
It's always darkest before-----Daylight Saving Time.
Strike while the-----bug is close. (out of the mouths of first graders!!!!)

Many Thanks To This Month's Contributors

Doreeta & Albert Lusk. Christine Campney. Owen & Josie Jones. Edward Morgan. Vincent & Margarethe Davies. Hywel Hughes. Muriel Hammond.

Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau

Land Of My Fathers

THE MESSAGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL - NEGES HEDDWCH AC EWYLLYS DA Background History

The Rev. Gwilym Davies was the man responsible for starting the Message. He worked tirelessly for peace and co-operation between nations and, at the end of the Second World War he helped to establish the United Nations and UNESCO. The first message was sent in 1922 and was first broadcast by the BBC in 1924. It was decided to broadcast the Message on the 18th of May every year because on this date the first Peace Conference opened at the Hague in 1899. (Also in 1897 the day that Marconi transmitted the first Morse Code message across the sea from Flat Holm to Lavernock in South Wales). By now May 18th is known throughout the world as Goodwill Day. A number of replies were received in the 1920's and 30's but the number declined during the Second World War. After the war the number of replies increased once more. Rev. Gwilym Davies died in 1955 and Urdd Gobaith Cymru is now responsible for the Message.

Apeliwn ni, blant a phobl ifanc Cymru, ar ran plant a phobl ifanc y byd, ar i arweinyddion y cenhedloedd wrando ar ein neges.

Yn ein hoes fodern heddiw, gwelwn fod trais a rhyfel, rhagfarn a hiliaeth yn cynyddu o ddydd i ddydd. Teimlwn mai diffyg cyd-fyw yw gwraidd llawer o'r problemau hyn.

Sail cyd-fyw llwyddiannus yw cyfathrebu a siarad. Felly ymbiliwn ar arweinyddion y byd i wrando a thrafod cyn gweithredu.

Gadewch inni gofio a dysgu am ein cymunedb leol a chymunedb y byd drwy barchu pobl eraill, eu traddodiadau a'u diwylliant, a cheisio dileu agweddau negyddol. Gadewch inni ddechrau wrth ddysgu byw ochr yn ochr a'n gilydd.

Mae pob person yn wahanol, ond mae lle i bawn yn y byd. Credwn fod gan bob un ohonom ran i'w chwarae er mwyn sicrhau heddwch.

Grwandewch, a gweithredwch. GORAU BYW, CYD--FYW.

On behalf of the children and young people of the world, we the children and young people of Wales are appealing to you as leaders of our nations to listen to our message.

Violence and war, prejudice and racism, are becoming more and more common in our world today. We believe that one root of the problem lies in the fact that people find it difficult to live together.

The basis of living in harmony is to communicate and talk. Therefore we appeal to the leaders of our world to listen and talk to each other before taking action.

Let us learn about our local community and our global community. We need to respect other people, their traditions and cultures---and not be negative. Let us start the journey by learning to live together. Every person is different, but there is room for everybody on this earth. We all share the responsibility to work for peace.

Please listen and take action. GORAU BYW CYD--FYW

Submitted by Nest Pritchard

Kitchen Corner

Cornel Y Gegin

Summer Garden Soup

Ingredients: 12 green onions (white part only) OR 2 medium leeks (white part only) OR
1 large sweet onion, chopped finely.
1 Romaine lettuce, chopped finely.
1 kg. frozen peas (try to find the small sweet peas)
2 good tablespoons fresh mint chopped. (fresh is preferable)
2 good teaspoons tarragon (dried) OR 3 teaspoons fresh---chopped.
Salt and pepper to taste.
5 cups of home made chicken stock. (worth the trouble!)

Method: Melt ½ cup butter, sweat the onions or leeks and chopped lettuce for 10 minutes. Do not allow to brown.
Add the peas, stock and the herbs.
Simmer for 30 minutes.
Puree the soup and adjust the seasoning.
Serve hot or cold.

Garnish: Garnish with chopped mint. (This is optional.)

This is a favourite in our family.

Submitted by Lorna Hobbs.

Change of Address

We've Moved!!!

Olwen Dunets. 4000 Yonge St., #424, Toronto, Ontario M4N 2N9 Tel. 416-483-7583

Harry and Louise Williams. 34 Timberline Trail, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6A5.

Violet Clay, new e-mail address viclay@gosympatico.ca

Dr. Murray Black, new e-mail address dmbblack5@hotmail.com

Nancy & Ron Hughes 905-947-0208

From The Mail Bag

Dear friends, I am sending a donation towards the distribution costs of Y Gadwyn. Although I am not able to attend the church services I do enjoy reading of the many activities, which seem to be forever growing.

Yours sincerely, Muriel Hammond

A fifth grade teacher asked her students to think about commercials and then come up with something about God:

God is like Bayer Aspirin. He works miracles.

God is like Coke He's the real thing.

God is like Tide He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like General Electric. He brings good things to life.

God is like Hallmark cards. He cares enough to send His best.

God is like Alka-Seltzer. Try him, you'll like him.

God is like Dial Soap. Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like VO-5 Hair Spray. He holds in all kinds of weather.

God is like Sears. He has everything.

God is like the U.S. Mail. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

Mission And Service

At Dewi Sant, "Mission and Service" tends to be an obscure and sadly neglected part of our Christian commitment. While some members give frequently and generously, many of us tend to depend on our M&S target to be bolstered by our Board of Stewards from the Church's "General Cooffers." This is not always done. This year your M&S Committee, Anna Dunets, Joan Lloyd, N st Pritchard and Betty Jones hope to raise the M&S givings not only through our envelope donations, but by other means such as special events. I have been asked by many people, "when are you going to organize another Afghan Auction?" As you may remember, the U.C.W. has held two very successful auctions as fund raisers, so M&S will be holding an Afghan Auction and Sale, sometime later in the year (after the Church Bazaar), or early in 2004. We do not have a date as yet because, "how long does it take to knit or crochet an Afghan?" This is to be an Auction and Sale. We would accept just about anything at all, (new) to sell. We think it would be nice to have a home baking stall as well, as Dewi Sant is very well known for its baking. Please let us know of any ideas you may have to help make this Auction and Sale a success. When we know the date, we will let you know. So don't forget, IF YOU KNIT OR CROCHET, PLEASE CALL BETTY JONES AT 905 508 4961 I know that with your help, we can reach our goal.

Please take out your date books and mark SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14th as FAMILY BARBECUE DAY in Dewi Sant. Joan Lloyd has been doing this event in her garden for many years now. Attendance seems to be waning, but I know that you will make an effort this year and come out to support Mission and Service. Now that Joan's swimming pool has been removed, there is lots of room for everyone. This is a good day to bring your families to Dewi Sant for the morning service, then bring them along to Joan's for the Barbecue Lunch. We will discuss the menu later. Watch for the notices in Y Gadwyn and in Dewi Sant.

Thank you, Betty Jones, Tel # 905 508 4961.
c/o 55 Trayborn Dr. Apt. 505. Richmond Hill, Ont. L4C 4K6.

Thank You

Every year Dewi Sant celebrates Good Friday with a Church Service, Dinner and a Gymanfa Ganu. After the Gymanfa Ganu, visitors are treated to the as usual “Te Bach,” before travelling home. Visitors and Members this year were treated to a wonderful bilingual service with the Rev. Norman Jones preaching and after the dinner to a most successful Gymanfa Ganu under the direction of Betty Cullingworth, one of Dewi Sant’s Children. Betty was accompanied by our ever faithful organist Dr. Murray Black. Sheryl Clay, stepped in at the last minute to be the soloist, as usual doing us proud. I would like to thank the ladies who served the coffee and tea, especially for coming in their lovely Welsh costumes and for helping in the kitchen cleaning up.

Thank you Flo Sutton, Dorothy Jones, Myfanwy Bajaj, Marie Hillier and anyone else who helped. Special thanks to Lorna Hobbs, Marie Hillier and Tom Jones for making sure we had enough “Welsh Cakes for every one.

Submitted by Betty Jones

Iesu Oll Yn Hawddgar

Wele’n sefyll rhwng y myrtwydd
Wrthrych teilwng o fy mryd;
Er o’r braidd ‘rwy’n ei adnabod
Ef uwch law gwrthdychau’r byd:
Henffych fore!
Caf ei weled heb un llen.

Rosyn saro yw ei enw,
Gwyn a gwridog, hardd ei bryd!
Ar ddeng mil y mae’n rhagori
O wrthdychrau penna’r byd;
Ffrynd pechadur!
Dyma’ m llywydd a’r y mor.

Beth sydd imi mwy na wnelaf
Ag eilunod gwael y llawr?
Tystio’r wyf nad yw eu cwmni
I gymharu a’ m Iesu mawr:
O ! am aros
Yn dy gariad ddyddiau f’oes !

These words were written by Anne Griffiths, Dolwar Fach, Maldwyn. Although Anne did not write down any of her hymns she constantly sang them as she went about her work. After her death at a young age her wonderful words were committed to paper by her servant.

Myfanwy

WELSH ASSEMBLY SETS WORLD RECORD FOR GENDER PARITY

Half of the members of the Welsh Assembly are now women, following last week's proportional election. Wales now has the highest degree of gender parity of any legislature in the world. Thirty women were elected to the 60-seat assembly on May 2 in the second election for the assembly that was created in 1999.

The results mark a stunning turn-around for the representation of Welsh women. Until 1997, Wales had only elected a total of four women MPs in its history.

Countries with proportional voting systems generally have more women and visible minorities elected, because these systems encourage parties to run a diverse range of candidates. This effect was demonstrated once again in Wales.

The proportional election system divides Wales into five electoral regions. Within each region there are 12 seats. Eight seats are elected from single-member districts by first-past-the-post, and four seats from party lists.

Submitted by **Nest Pritchard**

Some New Welsh movies to look out for

Trefforest Gump	Cwmando	Dai Hard
The Wizard of Oswestry	Austin Powys	The Magnificent Severn
The Eagle has Llandudno	Sheepless in Seattle	Cool Hand Look- You

Now you send me some, M

From The Editor

Wrth Y Golygydd

Thank you once more for your input. Please make the next issue a really interesting one as it is the last one until September.

Date of the next Gadwyn Deadline is June 15th. Not a day later please as I am going to a conference and will NOT be able to accommodate my usual stragglers!!! Send all contributions to the Dewi Sant Office or to myfanwy@rogers.com Tel #905 737 4399

Once again thank you Tara Sian for your help with some of these mysterious computer buttons!

Dewi Sant Calendar of Events

The community of Dewi Sant Welsh United Church will meet Sundays at 11 a.m. for worship. Sunday School is scheduled to take place every Sunday morning at the regular time.

Welsh Language Services are held at 7 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month.

Upcoming Events

The Saint Davids Society are planning a day at The Woodbine races on June 21st. Please contact Myfanwy immediately for information as there are only a few seats left.

North American Festival of Wales. Featuring the 72nd Annual Gymanfa Ganu. Richmond, (Vancouver) B.C. August 28-31 2003. This festival promises to be excellent. Side trips are being arranged to Whistler, Olde World Victoria on Vancouver Island, an Alaskan Luxury Cruise and a West Coast Adventure. Dunvant Male Voice choir, Jason Howard, Ysgol Gerdd Ceredigion are but a few of the Headliners. For details telephone 1-877-831-0563.

Hiraeth

Rwy'n edrych dros y bryniau pell,
Tyr'd fy Anwylyd, mae'n hwyrhau,

Amdanat bob yr awr:
A'm haul bron mynd i lawr.

Trodd fy nghariadau oll i gyd
Ond yr wyf finnau'n hyfryd glaf

'Nawr yn anffyddlon im;
O gariad mwy ei rym.

Tyn fy serchiadau'n gryno iawn
At yr un gwrthrych ag sydd fyth

Oddi wrth wrthrychau gau.
Yn ffyddlon yn parhau.

I gaze upon those distant hills
Come my beloved, daylight fades

And seek Thee every hour,
My sun has reach'd his bow'r.

Draw Thou my longing and my love
To that one clear and changeless mark

From false and earthly ways,
That ever faithful stays.

No state beneath this azure sky
For my delight henceforth shall be,

Can hold me more in thrall,
In God's immortal halls.

These wonderful Welsh and English words were written by William Williams Pantycelyn (1717—1791)
