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Gair gan y Gweinidog A word from the Minister

Over the past eight weeks I have been receiving messages from around the globe from family and friends, through many modes of communication; Christmas and New Year Cards, letters, e-mail, phone, e.cards ... and each one has been received with a sense of excitement and gratitude. It is great that we can, and do, keep in touch with those who are near and dear to us, either regularly or occasionally.

The Christmas period has again come and gone, and some form of 'normal service' has again resumed for everyone. For me it is a strangely quiet time. The atmosphere I feel is just like the way things are for me when a dear guest has just been to stay for a few days and has just returned home – a mixed feeling of sadness in knowing that I will not see them for a while yet a good feeling through the memories of the good times had during their visit.

I am very aware of those who see times like Christmas as nothing more than an unwelcome guest, who brings nothing but sad memories and feelings of emptiness and regret for times gone and opportunities lost. May the New Year bring to them renewed hope and a determination to look to the future with hope.

How are your New Year Resolutions getting along??!! Mine lasted for periods ranging from twelve hours to twelve days. Obviously I hoped to achieve things well beyond my expectations. Every year I learn that if I set my sights too high then I am doomed to failure. If I set them too low then I get no pleasure from my achievements and successes. We should learn to be realistic in our hopes and targets so as to reach them at a pace which makes us feel satisfied.

I have decided to make new resolutions. I do not usually share these with anyone, in case others think them to be foolish. But I am going to share these with you so that you can think about them –

1. I resolve to treat others with a respect I expect from them.
2. I resolve to show kindness and consideration to all people.
3. I resolve not to become angry over petty issues.
4. I resolve not to seek revenge, but reconciliation.
5. I resolve to live my life with people in such a way that they will see my actions as a good example.

Good resolutions, not too ambitious, and all taught to us by Jesus himself, in his Sermon on the Mount. Blessings to you all. Enjoy the Gadwyn!!

Deian.

Out of the mouths.....

JACK (age 3) was watching his Mom breast-feeding his new baby sister. After a while he asked: "Mom why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?"

MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, "If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."

STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom goodnight. "I love you so much, that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window.".....Thanks to one of our reverend readers

UCW-----Merched yr Eglwys.

The UCW executive have been busy planning a series of events for the next few months.

On February 14th. there will be a Valentine luncheon at noon. The cost is \$5.50 and tickets will be on sale at the church on Sunday February 5th. Also you may phone Myfanwy to book a lunch, if you are unable to attend on Sunday.

March the 4th. The traditional Dewi's Dinner. 7.00 pm at a cost of \$15 per person. Please book in advance.

Both these functions are fundraisers for the UCW. As you may know we are committed to buying new carpet for the sanctuary, and after hard work on behalf of the ladies we have nearly reached our goal.

After the worship service on Good Friday there will be dinner, the details will be in the next Gadwyn.

April meeting—April 24th.—a Penny Auction—which is always great fun and adds to our coffers.

Looking towards Spring ?? There will be a Spring Bazaar on Saturday May 27th. Please remember us during your Spring cleaning. We are looking for good items that you no longer need. Small household items etc, clothing (must be clean and in good condition) and baked goods.

Thank you, Myfanwy.

Twelfth Night celebrations were a total hoot at Dewi Sant ie The Pitz Night Club in Chicago. There were many disreputable characters (well known to Dewi Sant goers) to set the scene. Thanks to Sheryl Clay for producing and whipping everyone into shape. This kind of night must be repeated!

Note From Stewards:

We would like to thank Lyn (Mair Eluned) Jones for her excellent service on The Committee of Stewards over the years. Her dedication has been extraordinary and she has shown infinite patience in passing on her experience to all of the new people on the committee. Thanks Lyn!!! We don't know how we'll manage without you!
Sheryl Clay, Chair Of Stewards.

The Sermon, I think this Mom will never forget..... This particular Sunday sermon..."Dear Lord," the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. "Without you, we are but dust." He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter (who was listening!) leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little girl voice, "Mom, what is butt dust?"

A WEEK IN LONDON BECKONS !!!!!

Thanks to the kind generosity of Lord Roger Roberts, the Renewal Committee is pleased to announce the opportunity for Gadwyn readers to bid on an apartment in the Lambeth Palace for the first week of August. The apartment is a "wow" being located in the Lambeth Palace, a 16th century building in arguably the best location in London. The apartment overlooks the Thames and has a view of the parliament buildings. It is a one bedroom apartment with one double bed and a single sofa bed.

How can you become involved? The auction will take place at the St. David's banquet at the Fantasy Farm on March 11th.. We encourage everyone to come and bid in person but if you are unable to attend the event, you can still participate in the auction. Please submit your best bid by mail to Dewi Sant at 33

Melrose Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5M 1Y6 or by fax 416-485-2978 or by e-mail to info@dewisant.com. The final date for submission will be Friday, March 10.

The amount bid will be kept in confidence until the conclusion of the live portion of the auction. These bids will then be opened and if they surpass the bid on the floor, the bidders in attendance will be given an opportunity to outbid the submitted offer. That is why it is important to present your best bid in your submitted offer. A "super" bid may well win the day (and the week stay in the apartment). Just remember what it would cost to rent a room in the centre of London for a week!!

Please join in the fun, submit your bid (or better yet, attend the banquet) and perhaps you will have a "dream" week in London courtesy of Lord Roger Roberts. The exact date will be in the next Gadwyn or available from the church office.

Renewal 2007: Our Foundation - Our Future

Ross Cullingworth, Treasurer of the Renewal Committee, is delighted to announce that we are now \$55,000 towards our goal of \$100,000.

We are about to launch a campaign whereby letters will be sent to Welsh societies worldwide and to individuals who might donate to the Renewal fund. If any readers of Y Gadwyn know of anyone who would be interested in learning about our Renewal Campaign and receiving a letter, could you please let Wanda know at 416 -485-7583.

Fund Raising Concert at Dewi Sant.

On April 1st, 2006 at 7.30 PM, the Ontario Provincial Police Chorus will hold a concert at Dewi Sant. All proceeds will be donated to our Renewal Fund. We are extremely indebted to the OPP Chorus for their generosity.

Tickets, which are on sale at the church, cost \$15 each, \$12 for Seniors (65 and over) and \$5 for children. There will be a reception of Welsh goodies, tea and coffee following the concert. This is sponsored by Marjorie Williams a member of Dewi Sant and also of the choir. Thank you Marjorie.

CLINTON (age 5) was in his bedroom looking worried. When his Mom asked what was troubling him, he replied, "I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in?"

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, James asked: "what happened to the flea?"

The Welsh Connection

The inaugural meeting of the Welsh Connection on January 19 was a great success. Thirty seven people met for dinner at the Cricket Club and we were delighted to meet many people new to the Toronto Welsh community.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 28. If you are interested in learning about this newly formed group please email me at hefinap@aol.com

Hefina Phillips.

Thanks to Peter Williams and Hefina for arranging this meeting. It was most enjoyable and we look forward to many more such evenings.

Donors to Y Gadwyn
Hadrian Evans, Gwen Wild

CALLING ALL THESPIANS

As most of you know, drama played a central role in the earlier history of Dewi Sant Church. With our centenary approaching in 2007, is this the time to revisit our dramatic tradition? Are there some of our Gadwyn readers who would be interested in being involved in a production in 2007? There will be opportunities for those of you who enjoy acting, directing, set design, costuming etc. etc.

To explore interest in this new venture, there will be an organizational meeting held after church on Sunday March 5th at 12:30 p.m. Please tell anyone whom you think might be interested to come along on the 5th. If you are interested but unavailable on that date, please let Wanda know in the office and we will keep you informed of any plans that are made.

Betty Cullingworth.

The Twelfth Night production has left quite a few people yearning to be a part of some kind of a drama experience. "full many a flower is born to blush unseen".....etc...

The Toronto Welsh Male Voice

The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir will be performing in Concert at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Toronto on May 22nd, 2006. They will be singing in benefit of the association's disaster recovery fund.

The hurricanes last fall devastated so much of Mississippi and Louisiana resulting in the loss of a whole infrastructure. Psychiatrists lost their homes, offices and records; mentally ill patients lost their doctors, their medical records their pharmacists and their homes. The damage was so extensive that it will take years before there is full recovery. There has been an increase in suicides, including some psychiatrists, as peoples lives have been irreparably damaged in many cases. So the TWMVC is being seen in very favourable light by many psychiatrists across the United States as a result of this concert.

Warm regards Ray Bradbury.

Dewi Sant Website.

The Dewi Sant Welsh United Church **WEBSITE** needs updating. Those involved with Dewi Sant committees should review their website content.

Please contact John Otley to inform him of any changes that are needed in the website content.

Thank you. Deian.

BRITTANY (age 4) had an earache and wanted a painkiller. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a childproof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: "How does it know it's me?"

SUSAN (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. "Please don't give me this juice again," she said, "It makes my teeth cough."

Anna Dunets and Michael Wills.

Anna Dunets recently announced her engagement to Michael Wills. Anna has been a member of the congregation since 1959 (very approximate guess). She is a consultant for Toronto-based planning Alliance, and works on resettlement projects for natural resource companies in developing countries which means a lot of travel, as many of you know. Michael is CEO of FORUS Bank, a new micro finance bank that extends small loans to entrepreneurs. FORUS Bank is based in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, and is part of the Opportunity International Network, a Christian micro finance organization headquartered in Chicago. Mike is a long time member of Yorkminster Baptist Church in Toronto. (NB: He is also of Welsh descent as his grandfather's family is from Pencarreg!!!!)

Mike and Anna contributed this note on their experiences in Russia.

When Mike first arrived in Nizhny he took some pictures of a large shopping centre to send to me to help me appreciate that the city is quite modern. He was stopped and questioned by a security guard whose closing question to Mike's interpreter was "What does he think, that we have bears in the streets?" Russians are justifiably proud of their country, bears and all, and the economy has made huge progress in recent years, helped by the increase in oil prices. Nizhny is situated at the junction of two vast rivers, the Olga and the Oka, and was called Gorky in Soviet times. A centre of heavy engineering for the defense industry, it was closed to foreigners and that was one of the reasons that Andrei Sakharov was exiled there. Although now completely open, English is not widely spoken so at first I resorted to "moo, moo" and "oink, oink" sounds when buying meat, much to the amusement of the shop assistants. Mike's Russian however has improved greatly – mine is still remains at the Berlitz page 1 level. Nevertheless, we take every chance we can to visit Moscow and St Petersburg. Red Square and St Basil's Cathedral still take our breath away no matter how many times we see them.

Although many Russians seem rather surly at first – with "nyet" as the most common response to a question or request – most are warm and friendly and anxious to practice the English they learned in school. Russian bureaucracy is in a class by itself and there is much truth in the Russian saying that "without the right papers you don't exist". This can be very frustrating, and patience and a sense of humour are essential to survival. There are huge inequalities in Russian society, with billionaire oligarchs, and pensioners sweeping with twig brooms to make a few roubles. Babushkas sit in the blowing snow at open markets to sell their wares while teachers and University staff are forced to hold 2 or more jobs to make a living. The Bank that Mike is helping to establish is intended to make a difference by providing loans, without collateral, to small businesses but the need for such funds is huge.

We are getting used to taking long distance train trips - we have traveled together to St Petersburg as well as Moscow. The carriages are the domains of female attendants, the *provodnik*, who, as the Lonely Planet Guide rightly says, have some of the most amazing hair-dos. Their job is to check your ticket and passport before allowing you on the train, keeping the carriage clean, giving out linen for the beds, serving drinks and snacks (if you are quick enough to ask them before they disappear) and keeping the samovar fired up with hot water. When we travel together we go first class, with a compartment just for the two of us; but for work Mike travels in a compartment with 3 others, guys or gals, with absolutely no privacy. When the women want to change and get ready for bed, the men exit with no fuss (is there a secret signal or password?) and return after a discrete interval. Trains are amazingly punctual, partly because the drivers' pay reflects punctuality.

Mike spoke recently at a micro finance conference in St Petersburg so we took the opportunity to visit the Hermitage and see Swan Lake at the Mariinsky Theatre. We have been now to St. Petersburg three times and there is never enough time to see all the fabulous museums, theatre, ballet and just the parks and main streets. The Mariinsky Theatre is the home of the Kirov ballet – of Pavlova and Nijinsky fame. The costumes are stunning and the dancers and the choreography (after the old master Pepita) are amazing. There are at least three intermissions which are used for socializing and to show off the evening attire as well as snacking. The latter can include smoked salmon, champagne, or some very nice pastries, coffees, and ice cream served in dessert bowls with little umbrellas – none of this prepackaged stuff. And you could get hot chocolate, which is so thick you have to eat it with a spoon. This remains a mystery to us since the time Mike ordered it at a café in Nizhny and did not know what to do with it when it came. It is like eating a melted chocolate bar. They have lovely little tables you can sit at while having your snacks. Very old world. I would go to the Mariinsky every night if I could.

In Nizhny, we have been fortunate to find a rare Baptist Church near where we live but participating in a service through an interpreter is difficult and rather annoying for other members of the congregation who at first wondered why our companion talked throughout the service. They have a great choir which sings at least 6 hymns in the service. The choir includes the Minister, his wife (the conductor) and about 4 of their 7 children. They have sung a Russian version of Diadem. Priests and churches were eliminated under Stalin and even today non-Orthodox churches have to be careful about their evangelical activities for fear of retribution from the state or the Orthodox church. The repression is evident from the statistics of the Orthodox Church: in 1914 there were 54,000 churches in Russia but only a few hundred survived

into the 1940s. The history of one particular cathedral, the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour in Moscow, is symbolic of the church in Russia: destroyed by Stalin in 1931, the site was used for a public swimming pool, allowed to fall into disrepair and then, under Yeltsin, rebuilt with the help of donations from all sectors of Russian society and finally consecrated in 1999.

We returned on Orthodox Christmas Eve (January 6) and missed the midnight service but it seems that Easter is the pre eminent Orthodox festival. Although there was much symbolism in the past Easter service that was lost on us, the procession around the church (representing man's separation from God until the resurrection) and the appearance of the holy flame from Jerusalem were very moving; at the service at Christ the Redeemer church in Moscow, the central involvement in the service of President Vladimir Putin and the Mayor of Moscow was a reminder that Orthodoxy and the state are integral to each other.

So we are settling in for another year in Nizhny. The temperature is -30 C and there is a good covering of snow and ice. Since no one cleans the sidewalks they soon turn into icy paths. We have our Yak Tracks with us from Toronto – rubber grips that fit your boots with steel rings to grip the ice. I have heard comments from Russians wishing they could buy them here. We look forward to meeting up with our new Russian friends, keeping fit at the Reebok center, riding my favorite Number 2 streetcar into the old city, attending theatre and concerts here in Nizhny, traveling to the countryside, to Moscow and St. Petersburg, and for Mike, launching the FORUS Bank so that Russian staff can take over when we leave. We would be delighted to welcome visitors!

Anna Dunets.

Thank you Anna. We wish you both the very best and hope that you will send many more accounts of your adventures to Y Gadwyn.

David (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: "How much do I cost?"

Letters To The Editor.

Please convey our most sincere thanks to the wonderful ladies, who prepared and served such a lovely luncheon for our family and friends, after my Mom, Midge Hopkins' funeral service on January the 16th. Mom would have been so pleased to know that everyone in attendance, would have experienced the warm Welsh hospitality, the lovely service by Reverend Deian, the glorious music of Murray and Meriel, and the singing together of her favorite hymns. My husband Will, and our sons Brent and Rory join me in extending to all, our heartfelt thank-yous'. Dewi Sant is a marvelous church!

Sincerely, Margaret Walker.

This letter was initially sent to Deian, but he was so touched by it that he wanted to share parts of it with the readers. "Thank you for the warm greeting today. I was reluctant to sign the guest book, but when told that it would mean a lot I decided to sign my name. I didn't think that I would be mentioned as this was my second visit. However "everything has a purpose." Your comment that the church must be doing something right, to have me returning so soon is extremely accurate. It is the music, the music of the organ and the singing. Music is such a blessing.

This morning I was encompassed with so great a cloud of blessings. The music was so tremendously empowering and the sermon was challenging and enriching. I also appreciated the word with the children. Thank you. I have been amazed by the genuine warmth of the people. Dewi Sant Church is truly a treasure in the city of Toronto. Your message on the internet certainly rings true. ..."don't be shy. Call in. You are sure to get a warm Welsh croeso.."

With my gratitude and prayerful good wishes.

Bonnie Booth.

Just a note to all members of Dewi Sant (sorry a bit belated). I just wanted to say how much we enjoyed our trip to Canada. I must admit - regretfully - that I was never keen to visit Canada but the attraction this time was to see Deian and Annette which was a big plus. How wrong I was about Canada and its people. Everyone is so helpful, courteous and respect is still very much visible.

Canada itself is a nice clean, thriving multi national, vibrant country. It was so pleasant to see no "lager louts" (especially in the baseball game we attended) - as all ball games of all types seem to attract that element in GB. Everywhere we went was a treat, impressive and enjoyable. I even saw an 'old' school friend who lives in Brampton so that was an added attraction. No, she isn't a member of Dewi Sant yet but I am working on it!

We would like to thank all members of Dewi Sant for their welcome and kind hospitality.

Joyce and Eugene (Deian's aunt and uncle from Llandre, Aberystwyth).

FEB. 22 1797. 1,200 French troops defeated at FISHGUARD, WALES

FEB. 7 1964. France and Britain agree upon a CHANNEL TUNNEL.

FEB. 7 1301. Edward 1st. endows his son with the title PRINCE OF WALES.

In Memoriam-----Er Cof. Lyn Harri

On Saturday, January 21, 2006, friends, family and admirers gathered to celebrate the life of Maestro Lyn Harri. In a packed church we laughed, cried, reminisced, and gave thanks for having known such a unique character. Indeed, Lyn was larger than life.

Lyn was an integral part of the choral music scene in North America. He was especially famous for his brilliant work with Male Voice Choirs and for conducting Cymanfaoedd Canu. I first met him at one of these cymanfaoedd back in the early 1980s, though, of course, I was already well aware of his musical reputation, especially as Musical Director of the Morryston Orpheus Choir.

A fluent Welsh speaker, Lyn was born in Llanelli eighty years ago. He was extremely gifted as a singer and pianist, and swept the board at eisteddfodau. Vaughan Lewis attended the same Elementary School and remembers Lyn's performances at school. He gained his musical degrees at the Royal College of Music, London.

In the U.K. Lyn was best known for his connection with the Morryston Male Voice and the London Welsh Male Voice choirs. It was Lyn who re-founded the London Welsh in 1961 (it had stopped functioning from the onset of World War 2). Lyn was invited to be its conductor, a position he held for six years. The choir went on to greatness under his baton and Lyn took them on European tours. One such tour was to East Germany (under Russian rule at that time.) I'm sure the musical part of the visit was excellent, however there were a few other problems. As the choir prepared to leave East Germany for the West, the Russians became extremely suspicious of the number of men on the tour bus who had the same name. Why were there so many Joneses, Williamses, and Thomases? Surely these men were East Germans trying to defect to the West. The choristers (and their conductor) were clapped in jail until the British Ambassador helped sort out the confusion!!!

When Lyn returned to live in South Wales he became Musical Director of Morryston Orpheus, a position he held from 1969 to 1975. It was Lyn who changed the musical face of Welsh Male Voice choirs by introducing "new" music to the more traditional repertoire. He took the Morryston choir to new heights; they recorded six long playing records and undertook two highly successful tours to North America. It was during those tours that Lyn got to know and fall in love with North America and decided to make his home here in Ontario. That decision was an enormous shock to his choir and to people "back home". At the end of their final concert in Scranton, Lyn informed "his boys" that he would not be returning to Wales with them. His fabulous career with the Morryston Orpheus Choir was over.

After arriving in Hamilton, Lyn formed the Canadian Orpheus Male Choir. His close friend, Dr Wally Landers told me how the choir began. A Welshman and a Cornishman approached Lyn to form a choir. There is no tradition of Male Voice Choirs in Canada therefore they had to search for singers in churches and pubs and by advertising. At the first practice only 8 turned up. Numbers soon swelled to 100.

At its peak the choir consisted of 11 different nationalities! Wally was very proud that although only 19 members were Welsh, the choir sang "Myfanwy" in Welsh at the Roy Thomson Hall. Lyn took the COMC to the U.K in 1988 and 1994. There they joined the London Welsh on the stage of the Royal Albert Hall. Their conductor Haydn James was a young first tenor in Lyn's choir when it was re started in London; and now is an eminent conductor himself.

Due to ill health, Lyn was forced to retire as Musical Director of the Canadian Orpheus. But he didn't remain inactive for long. As soon the doctors and his wife, Cecilia, gave him permission, he founded the Burlington Welsh Male Voice Choir. Thanks largely to Lyn's skills, the Burlington Welsh have been invited to sing with the Thousand Voices at the Royal Albert Hall this fall.

Lyn was also church organist at St. Boniface Church in Burlington. Dr. Landers commented that here was a Welsh non-conformist playing the organ and training the choir in a Catholic church in which the language is predominantly German and the service is in Latin and /or German! Only in Canada!

Both the Canadian Orpheus and the Burlington Welsh were there on Saturday to say goodbye in the only way they know how- in song. They sang "Gwahoddiad" and Lyn's famous arrangement of "The Rose" and were conducted by his great friend, Dai Ogborn, who had flown from the UK to say his own goodbyes.

The 23rd Psalm was read in Welsh by Noel Lewis, a member of the Burlington choir.

The Rev. Cedric Harding, a close friend of the family, had kept us laughing throughout with amusing recollections. However, it was his final words that had the greatest impact on us, the congregation. He quietly whispered, "Nos da, Lyn bach." Not a dry eye in the church!

He leaves his widow, Cecilia, and her family, and his daughter, Melody, and grandchildren, Peter, Bethan and Carys. We, however, have been left infinitely richer thanks to his great contribution to the world of choral music.

Hefina Phillips.

David Gerwyn Wilcox

Born April 6th in Gowerton, Wales.. He was a World War 2 Veteran and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 345, Brother at Tuscan Lodge No. 541 G.R.C., A.F. & A.M., Member of the Saint David's Society of Toronto, and a member of the Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. He retired many years ago from Colgate Palmolive.) Gerwyn was proud of his Welsh heritage and proudly showed it. Gerwyn passed away peacefully on January 26, 2006, in his 80th year.

He was a loving husband to the late Clementine. A dear father to Wendy and Bill, Wayne and Nicole, David and Jean and Penney and David. A cherished grandfather to Reggie, Grant, Michel, Dylan and Tristan. Dear friend and brother-in-law to Jean MacRae and Cathie Waskowec. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. The service was held at Dewi Sant on Monday January 30th. led by the Reverend Deian Evans. Interment followed at Highland Memory Gardens, after which there was a reception at Dewi Sant.

Gerwyn will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege and pleasure of knowing him. Our condolences go to all who mourn his passing.

May Jenkins.

We are sad to report the passing of a long time member of Dewi Sant. May celebrated her 100th. birthday last year. Deian conducted her memorial service at Dewi Sant recently. It was well attended by family and members of Dewi Sant. Our condolences go to the family on their loss.

GARETH OWEN FUND

We are currently accepting applications for the Gareth Owen Fund. This fund was established to assist young people associated with Dewi Sant Welsh United Church to finance recreational (e.g. summer camp), medical or scholastic needs. The deadline for applications is March 1st. All applications should be sent to:

The Gareth Owen Fund, c/o Dewi Sant Welsh United Church, 33 Melrose Ave., Toronto, ON M5M 1Y6

Please include, in your application, a full description of what is being requested including costs. Your requests will be submitted to a sub-committee for review, who will assess the request and determine the level of funding; all funding is subject to approval by the Board of Session.

Sheryl Clay, Chair, Board of Stewards

2007 Cookbook----- Update.

Thanks to those of you who have contributed recipes. The response has been disappointing, only 34 people!! We all eat, so there must be more people out there with recipes. What do you make every day? Please e-mail your contributions to Myfanwy or write them out and send them to the church office. I really need to start the compiling the recipes soon, for publication later in the year. I eagerly anticipate lots more responses.

Gaynor McConnell.

Kitchen Corner----- Cornel Fach Y Gegin.

Basic Meat Loaf.

Ingredients :--- 1 egg, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of Ketchup, Chili sauce or barbeque sauce, 1 tablespoon Worcester sauce, 2 tablespoons of finely chopped parsley, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon pepper, sage to taste, 1 medium cooking onion—diced, 1 cup bread crumbs, 1 pound lean ground beef, 1 pound lean ground pork, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of additional ketchup, Chili, or barbeque sauce.

Method :--- In a medium bowl lightly beat the egg. Add the sauce of your choice along with Worcester sauce, parsley, sage, salt, pepper, and onion.

Gently mix in the breadcrumbs and ground meat. Place the mixture into a lightly greased loaf pan. Spread the additional sauce on top. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for approximately an hour. Allow to sit for 10-15 minutes before slicing and serving.

Fruit Salad.

Mix together 2 cups each of crushed pineapple, mandarin oranges (drained), 2 cups each of desiccated coconut and mini marshmallows. Add 1 cup of sour cream or heavy cream. Refrigerate for 24 hours before serving,

Thank you to Margaret Frampton of London, Ontario for these recipes. Please keep them coming they are always a great success !!!

Saint Davids Society of Toronto.

The Society is holding a banquet to celebrate Saint David's day, and Wales on March 11th. Due to several circumstances we were unable to have the function nearer the date. Nevertheless, the celebration of "Wales" is just as sincere and warm 2 weeks later! We welcome you all to purchase tickets as soon as possible.

The banquet is at Fantasy Farm at 6.30 for dinner at seven. Tickets are \$65 per person and can be purchased from Myfanwy Bajaj. If you intend to come, please get your tickets sooner rather than later as I have only 100 left !

We will have the usual mini Gymanfa and dancing afterwards. This year there is the addition of a live auction for Lord Roberts' flat in Lambeth Palace.

Our speaker is known as Ifan JCB (Jac Codi Baw) !!! His proper name is Evan Davies. He is a "real character," WELSH HUMOUR !! He was awarded the OBE a few weeks ago in the New Year's Honours List for his services to charity. He is now in his late 50's and was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 32. He has spent all these years raising money for the local cancer unit which saved his life. All his fees go to charity as he is a business man. He is known on Welsh television as a compere and comedian; very, very funny. Evan is a well known business man and entertainer. He is very popular in Wales as an em cee of nosweithiau Llawen and concerts. Evan is a comedian who gives freely of his time to entertain.

He has never charged a fee for the hundreds of times that he has performed. All the money goes to cancer. His work was recognized recently by the Queen in the Honours List. We are really looking forward to meeting him. He will be flying over a few days before the banquet.

Myfanwy.

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These are some of the upcoming events to put on your calendar.

Sunday morning—worship services at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. Welsh language services are held on the first Sunday of the month at 7 pm.

UCW events -- February 14th. Valentine luncheon at noon in Dewi Sant

March 4th. -- Dewi's Dinner at 7 pm at Dewi Sant.

April 14th. -- Good Friday Dinner after the worship service.

April 24th. -- Penny Auction.

May 27th. -- Spring bazaar / sale.

Saint Davids Society ----- Banquet March 11th.

O.P .P Concert ----- April 1st.

Next Gadwyn Deadline is February 26th. I'm leaving it LATE so there will be no late comers.
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