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A word from the Minister.

Gair gan y Gweinidog

Dear readers of the Gadwyn,

I am not sure how many of you will get to read this message without interruption, because of the busy lifestyle you have at this time of year. It has arrived again – the season of Advent, and we cannot escape its influence. As soon as the Halloween decorations were down, up came the Christmas decorations in their place. Christmas trees appeared everywhere overnight as if by magic, and the ‘in’ colours are definitely red and green, silver and gold.

Every minute is taken up with preparation, what shall we eat, what gifts shall we buy, who gets cards this year, what are the party themes? Such a busy time! Not too busy, I hope, to remember and to worship, pray to and praise the Lord Incarnate.

Think for a minute about these ‘in’ colours, even if this is all you have time to think about at this Feast of Advent from a Christian point of view. May the red represent the blood of Christ, which was lost for our sake. Let the green represent the renewal of life, just like a leaf that grows anew time after time, giving us hope that when this life ends, it is the beginning of new life. The silver can represent the Shield of God, shining brightly as it defends us from all dangers. The gold represents the Royalty of Christ, the most valuable asset we will ever possess

This is an exciting time here at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. The preparations for our up and coming celebrations have been put in place, a schedule of events in the Church Calendar is more or less settled, and we are really looking forward to celebrating this special year together, socially and spiritually, and with each of you, hopefully involved and included. Please keep abreast of all the events as seen in the Gadwyn calendar, because there is something to suit everyone, every month in 2007.

Everyone looks and feels better after they have had a Faith Lift.

Blessings.

Bob Bendith, Deian.

Donors to Y Gadwyn.

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Vronwen Davies: David Jones: Joyce & Eugene Corrie.

Many thanks for your donations . They are most gratefully received.

Brenda Jones asks the Gadwyn readers if they or someone they know comes from Loughor. If they do, please contact her through the Church office.

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Merched Yr Eglwys.

The Advent service will be held on Tuesday November 28th. at 7.30 pm.

**Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale – Please mark this date in your calendar:
December 2nd. 10.30 until 2.00**

The UCW is hard at work planning this annual event. Please mark this date on your calendar and please plan to attend to support us. We will accept donations the Sunday before December 2nd (November 26th) and on December 1st from noon to 8:00 pm.

All donations are gladly received, (knitting , sewing, baking, preserves, jams ,jellies etc. treasures and items for raffling.) Due to the high volume of books from the book sale, we will not be accepting books this year unless they are appropriate for the Welsh table.

Welsh Cake Baking Spree.....under the direction of Gaynor McConnell

I am sure that you have heard such sayings as” too many cooks spoil the broth,” or that two women are not good at sharing one kitchen!! (NOT SO!!) Well, I have to tell you that Welsh Cake baking took on a new meaning on Saturday afternoon.!

Waves of laughter, screeches and general whopping it up noises were heard throughout the Fellowship Hall. The results---nearly 800 Welsh cakes made and packed ready for the bazaar. All we need now is for the rest of you to come and buy these goodies and lots of other tasty treats.

Amongst the culprits (woops) I mean dedicated workers, were, Nina Morris, Annette Evans, Mabel Hastings, Myfanwy Bajaj, Jeanette Newman, Catherine Otley, Jean Thompson, and Iona Rees.

Thank you Gaynor for putting up with us. The camaraderie was great and we were very productive.....Maybe there is a future in these types of bake offs??

Thank you all very much Myfanwy Bajaj.

If you would like to get involed in helping us prepare for the bazaar all volanteers are very welcomed and really needed.

Table setup and breakdown:

We need help, especially from the men, to help set up tables and put them away. This year we would like to use the extensions and these are just too heavy for the ladies. Please consider helping us for one or more of the following activities:

Thurs. Nov 30th – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Set up tables.

Sat. Dec 2nd – 9:00 am – 9:30 am – Set up remaining tables on the stage (just a few, only a couple of people needed).

Sat Dec 2nd – arrive at 2:00 pm to help with the breakdown of tables and packing away from the bazaar.

Please let Sheryl know if you are able to help.

Bazaar setup and day of bazaar: We will be working Friday from noon onwards as well as all day Saturday, please let me know if you are available to help.

Sheryl Clay in the coordinator of the bazaar and has made a great deal of effort with all the planning. Please get in touch with her if you are able to be of help during any of the set up times. 416 652 7537

Thanks in advance to all of you who help make this important annual fundraiser a successful event! Hope to see you there!!! M.

For those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

45mph.....God Will Take Care of You : 65mph.....Nearer My God To Thee

85mph.....This World Is Not My Home: 95mph.....Lord, I'm Coming Home

100mph.....Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, to get some humor out of life, and pass it on to other folk. Joan Edwards.

SPONSOR A YEAR, 1907 - 2007

Wonderful news! I'm delighted to report that there are no more orphaned years left. Each year has been "adopted", some having multiple sponsors. Please could you check that your name appears against the correct year, that it is correctly spelt and that it is how you would like it inscribed in our records.

P.S. It's not too late to become a sponsor. Just choose any one of the hundred years, send a cheque for \$100.00 to the church Treasurer and tell us in whose name the year is being sponsored.

Thank you everyone for your support in this endeavour. Diolch o galon.

RECORD OF YEARS SPONSORED.

1907: William Thomas Barker : **1908:** Bryn and Emma Evans: **1909:** Horace Smith: **1910:** Glyn and Marjorie Hilton: **1911:** Katharine Jones: **1912:** Olwen : **1916:** Muriel Mason: **1917:** Ellis Vincent Davies, Emyr Jones and Catrin Waterworth: **1918:** Griffith and Violet Hughes: **1919:** Dr. Stephen Jones: **1920:** John Stroud: **1921:** Betty Cullingworth, **1922:** Joan Williams: **1923:** Kevin Cullingworth: **1924:** Joyce Sanderson: **1925:** Gerwyn Wilcox: **1926:** Geraint Herbert Jones, Urena Trodd: **1927:** Ken Davies, Margaret E, Williams, Betty Stroud, Irfon and Mair Evans: **1928:** Glenys Huws and Harry Oussoren: **1929:** Mair Eluned Jones, Anne Boswell, Clemmy Wilcox, Art Otley: **1930:** Nefina Copestake, Gerwyn Wilcox: **1931:** Catherine Otley: **1932:** Bernice Adler: **1933:** Clarice Terry: **1934:** Murray Black: **1935:** Ram Bajaj, Gwenllian Elizabeth Jones: **1936:** Myfanwy Bajaj: **1937:** Deryck Evans: **1938:** Harold Woodey: **1939:** Emily Smith: **1940:** Risti and Knud Jensen and Marjorie Tsipuras: **1941:** Eirlys and Gordon Barker: **1942:** Mairwen Thornley, Artur Monteiro: **1943:** Ken Sykes: **1944:** Colin Christie, Kenneth Barker: **1945:** Bill Phillips: **1946:** Heddwyn and Iris Williams, Nina Morris, Albert and May Hale: **1947:** Wendy Vander Voort: **1948:** Megan and Vaughan Lewis, Michael Williams: **1949:** Owen Jones: **1950:** Olwen Dunets, Howard Williams: **1951:** Thomas and Mary Osborne: **1952:** Gareth Williams, Frances Silburn: **1953:** Gareth and Betty Evans: **1954:** Rev. Dr. Cerwyn and Nora Davies, Lorna and Peter Hobbs: **1955:** Violet and Elwyn Clay, Aneurin ac Eluned Jones: **1956:** Emyr Wyn Davies, Peter and Joy Bailey: **1957:** Sheryl Clay, Islwyn and Megan Morris, Geraint Wyn Davies, Iona Rees, Ellen Fitzgibbon: **1958:** Judith Williams, Catherine and Art Otley, Reginald Trodd: **1964:** Dorothy Jones, Trevor and Eurwen Jones, Paul Otley, Robert Huw Jones: **1965:** Arun Bajaj: **1966:** Ross Cullingworth: **1967:** Bethan Louise Jones: **1968:** Anne Johnston: **1969:** Peter and Trisha Stevenson: **1970:** Audrey and Cyril Evans, Tara Sian Bajaj-Freemantle: **1971:** Nest Pritchard, Jack and Irene Evans: **1972:** Amira Christie: **1973:** Catherine Sequin: **1974:** Janet Thomas: **1975:** Mr and Mrs B.A. Hughes: **1976:** Peter Williams, Marie Hillier, Anne Croombs: **1977:** Olwen Morgan, Curtis Christie: **1978:** Hilary Rider: **1979:** Rev. Dr. Cerwyn and Nora Davies, Rita Hoffmann: **1980:** Rhys Hastings: **1981:** Mary Taylor, Deian and Annette Evans: **1982:** Eaton and Barbara Davies: **1983:** Meriel Simpson: **1984:** St. David's Society of Georgia: **1985:** Eluned Thomas: **1986:** D. Genevieve Jones: **1987:** Anne Boswell, Stephen Brian Jones: **1988:** Clarice Terry: **1989:** Jack and Bessie Roberts: **1990:** Barbara Merle Foster: **1991:** Nerys Phan, Bryn and Joan Lloyd, Gwyn and Bonnie Roberts: **1992:** Ashley Terry, Sion Glyn and Cheryl Jones: **1993:** Harold Woodey: **1994:** Rev. Gordon and Jessie Nodwell: **1995:** Robert Bruce, Geoffrey, Barbara, Rhydian and Angharad Eynon: **1996:** Gaynor McConnell, Gareth Owen: **1997:** Lillian Gwynyth Powell: **1998:** Sterling Stroud: **1999:** Elwyn Morris: **2000:** David Pugh, Ken Sykes: **2001:** Rhys Jones and Morgan Rae Phillips, Caralyn Ross: **2002:** Hefina Phillips: **2003:** Rev. Lord Roger Roberts, Madison Carys Freemantle, Marco Artur Monteiro: **2004:** Leona and Bill Francis, Charlotte Morgan: **2005:** Tom and June Edwards, Midge Hopkins: **2006:** Bonnie Booth: **2007:** Irene and Ken Hughes:

Hefina Phillips.

February Noson Lawen

Do you sing, dance, recite or maybe even play the kazoo? Then the Renewal committee is looking for you. On February 10th, 2007, as part of our "recollect and reconnect" mission, we are hoping to hold a old-fashioned Noson Lawen. Think of the fun of such past events when gentlemen developed dancing/singing skills, ladies donned fun fashions and sang old favorites, others recited or told stories. Here is the chance to have some fun and to entertain each other. Think of signing up as a group to perform as well. Skits are always a great addition to these evenings.

If you think you might be interested in performing or assisting in the production of such an evening, please contact Betty Cullingworth (416 486 0432) or Reverend Deian Evans at the church (416 485 7583).

We will be creating the final Noson Lawen programme on January 31st, so please let us know well before then what you want to do on the night so as to avoid being left out and disappointed. P.S. This could be a good way to get rid of your performance jitters before taking part in the eisteddfod in March !!

Betty Cullingworth.

Of Interest.

It might be of interest to you to know that two of your contributors Stephen Jones and myself are both graduates of the Welsh National School of Medicine. I graduated a few years ahead of Stephen but a classmate and good friend of mine, John Griffiths, was the son of Stephen's (childhood) family doctor back in Brynsiencyn.

We have one other graduate from the Welsh National school in the TWMVC and that is Dr. Brian Thomas who as a boy appeared in a Welsh film with Richard Burton.

Ray Freebury.

Ed. Field - In Memoriam

This past summer Dewi Sant Welsh Church, The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir, the Ontario Gymanfa Ganu Association, The North American Festival of Wales and the St. David's Society of Toronto lost one of its stalwart members - Ed Field.

Ed Field was best known to members of the North American Welsh community as an excellent accountant. Whatever the Welsh organization, Ed could be relied on to sort out and audit our "Books". He was Treasurer of the WNGGA for two terms and auditor of the OGGA for several years. He had been treasurer of Dewi Sant Welsh Church and the St. David's Society. He loved numbers and was meticulous in his application and care. It is only recently that I discovered that Ed's first profession was not accounting but engineering!

He was a quiet, unassuming man who preferred to work efficiently and effectively behind the scenes. Born in Cardiff in 1924, Ed immigrated to Canada with his wife, Irene in 1955. He loved to sing and joined the Toronto Welsh Choir shortly after it was founded ten years ago. At his memorial service members of the Choir paid their tributes to him in the most appropriate way - in song.

Ed fought his illness with dignity and fortitude. How thrilled we all were to see him at the St. David's Day Annual Banquet this past March.

Ed was blessed to have been surrounded throughout his life by loving (and loved) women- his devoted wife, Irene, his two daughters, his 4 grand-daughters and 1 great grand-daughter. He leaves a very large gap in the North American Welsh Community.

Hefina Phillips.

Ed was a very valued member of the Saint Davids Society of Toronto. Irene and him had been members for many years. Ed served as treasurer for six years.

When he was diagnosed and was told that his life was coming to an end, he made sure that all the books were in order for the Society. He made sure that the in going treasurer understood in detail what the position entailed. We were delighted that he was able to attend the annual banquet in March. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Irene and the family.

Myfanwy

Memories of Bygone Days.

In past years there were many parties in the Woodey and Morris households—and what parties they were. In the Welsh community they were quite famous and invitations were much sought after! Long before I knew what cross dressing was all about, my uncle Don Griffith would make his entrance as Miss America; my uncle Johnny Calman would entertain us with his burlesque routine in his long blonde tresses, golden brassier and matching gloves! My auntie Gwen Hodge would parade around as a hobo accompanied by her shadow. My auntie Brenda Kelsall and auntie Thelma Savage were always consoling “Alice,” in her “Blue Gown,” whose newly enhearted had much departed.

To add to the fun my uncle Davey Jones would give us his best Al Johnson impersonation, with his rendition of Mammie and his other favourite party piece, “Louise,” made famous by Maurice Chevalier. Next we’d be headed down the “Road to Mandalay” with my uncle Harold Woodey leading the way. Then off we’d go to Ireland to see Margaret Jones’ performance of the Irish Jig. (There was only one problem—little Jen Griffiths could never quite play the piano fast enough to keep up with Margaret’s fancy footwork.) Who could ever forget the famous duo, The Bold Gendarmes, (Islwyn Morris and Harold Woodey. They of course performed further afield at Nosweithiau Llawn in Dewi Sant and other house party.

To set the mood of the evening you could always depend on the Radio City Rockettes to drop in with their performance of the Can- Can.

You can see that this was a very culturally diverse lot. What a joy it was to grow up amongst so many great aunt’s and uncles, when blood relations were so far away in Wales and did not visit very often in the early days.

Not to be outdone by anyone, the Blaengwynfi crowd. (Islwyn Morris and Dai Morris, Esther little, Meinwen Edwards, Betty Stevens, Gladys Thomas and Davey Jones) even had their own song!. The “Choo Choo Song,”—something about a little train that traveled from Blaengwynfi (aka “The Cape of Good Hope”) to Aberavon.

What great parties! What great memories.

Donna Morris.

The National Anthem and Old Tabor Church.

As readers of Y Gadwyn may remember, a few years ago I wrote the history of Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau. Recently there was a celebration at Old Tabor Chapel Maesteg to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the “First Performance.” Amongst the many dignitaries taking part was our own Reverend Alwyn Evans.

Alwyn sent me a copy of the programme and the history of Old Tabor Chapel. This is too lengthy to include in Y Gadwyn. It will be posted on the notice board in Dewi Sant. If anyone further afield would like a copy please contact me.....M.

Alwyn and Janet are doing very well with Alwyn being kept very busy ministering to people in the nearby churches.

Daughter Elizabeth (who was so fond of reading when she was here), graduated from Aberystwyth University this last academic year with B.A. Honours in English Literature. She is now at the Royal Holloway University in London studying for her masters. Her subject is the world famous William Shakespeare!!

All Elizabeth’s friends at Dewi Sant remember her fondly and send their good wishes.

*A fairly religious woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"
The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. Pass this on to all the other pumpkins.*

Meat Loaf as devised by The Two Fat Ladies.

Ingredients:

*½ pound of mushrooms, diced: 2 tablespoons of butter: sea salt and black pepper to taste:
½ chicken livers: 1½ pounds of ground beef: ½ cup of finely diced onion: 3 cloves of garlic minced:
2 teaspoons of ground coriander seeds: 1 teaspoon of allspice: ¼ teaspoon of nutmeg: 2 teaspoon
of chopped fresh thyme or rosemary leaves: 2 eggs: ½ pound of sliced bacon: bay leaves: branches
of fresh rosemary.*

Method.

Saute the mushrooms in butter over high heat until the juices run, then season with salt and pepper and set aside. Remove the sinews from the livers. Lightly poach the livers in simmering water, just until they turn grey and firm up. Cool and dice.

In a large bowl combine the liver, ground meats, sausage, onion, garlic, coriander, allspice, nutmeg and thyme/rosemary. Season with pepper and salt keeping in mind that sausages tend to be salty. Add the beaten eggs and mushrooms and mix well with your hands. Cover with bacon criss- crossing the loaves and tucking the ends underneath. Tuck some bay leaves and the branches of rosemary into the bacon. Bake for 15 minutes, then lower the heat to 350F. and cook for an additional 1½ hours.

This may be served either hot or cold.

Leona Francis.

The Dewi sant Cook Book.

The Dewi Sant Cook Book, "From Our Tables" "Wrth Ein Bwrdd" is now available at the cost of \$10 Canadian. To receive a copy by mail please send a cheque to the church marking the outside of your envelope "Cook Book." The mailing costs are as follows. P and P within Canada costs \$14. USA costs \$16 U S . U K costs 9.50 sterling. Please allow at least 4 weeks for delivery in the UK.

I am pleased to report that the book is getting great reviews from all who have seen one. It is selling like the proverbial "hot cakes" and thanks to all those who have purchased one or several books so far. The book will be sold at the TWMVC Christmas concert on the 6th of December. Also it will be on sale at the UCW bazaar on December 2nd. It makes a great stocking stuffer, hostess gift, or corporate gift for those of you with clients to whom you give a seasonal token.

Spread the word to family and friends and encourage them to support this 2007 Renewal Fundraiser.

Gaynor McConnell.

Gaynor is to be thanked for the forethought, hard work and many, many hours that she put into the publishing of this book.

Thank You.

We would like to thank all our many friends at Dewi Sant for the beautifully worded cards, flowers, and of their warm personal congratulations. Many attended our 60th wedding Anniversary celebration, held in the "Party Room" of our Condominium party room of our condominium building in Aurora. May and I were pleasantly surprised by the number of people present on October 22nd. This was actually our wedding date.

Thank you for all your thoughtfulness and generosity.

May and Albert Hale.

Best wishes and God's blessings to you on behalf of our Gadwyn readers. M.

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion. It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble. It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. It is the VETERAN, not the politician, Who has given us the right to vote.

Dear God, help us to ALWAYS remember the sacrifices of our VETERANS, for they ALL gave their lives for our freedom. Some never did come home and I know from experience, the ones who did come home, including my dad were never ever the same. For the rest of their lives they relived the horrors of their experiences. Help us to be grateful and strive to love each other and live in peace.

Bonnie Booth.

On The Move.

Gwyneth Hanna has moved to West Park Long Term Care Centre, 80 Buttonwood Ave., Room 1079, Toronto, ON M6M 2J5

Dear Gadwyn Readers,

After 43 years of living full time in Canada, Nora and I have decided that the time has come to spend at least a few months of every year in Wales! To this end we have purchased a home in our native county town of Haverfordwest, which is situated in the South West part of Wales, and some 15 miles from St David's.

This is where Cerwyn attended Grammar School, and also the town from where in 1963 the Davies family emigrated to Canada.

The town has seen many changes in the past four decades, but the old fish and chips shop still stands on the same corner, and the Palace Cinema still draws a crowd on Saturday nights!!

For the time being we will retain both our home in Toronto and our cottage in the Kawarthas, and will spend the summer months in Ontario, apart of course for visits to see the grand children in California and British Columbia.

Our first stint in "the old country" will be from November 20th 2006 to March 8th 2007, and if we survive that experience, then who knows?!!

Some people go to Florida for the Winter, but we will go to the balmy (?) shores of Wales!

There will not be too many palm trees on the boulevards of Solva, but hopefully there will be no snow either! And when the wild daffodils have bloomed on the hedges of the Welsh country roads, we will wend our way back to the "land of the Maple Leaf".

Just in case you may be passing by, the kettle will always be on the back burner at

**15 Kingsmere Close, Heritage Park, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, Wales, U.K. SA61 2PT
Cerwyn and Nora.**

I put this notice in, with a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes. Talk about bringing hiraeth back. I also went to Haverfordwest school and picked daffodils in the Saint Davids area! M

As you may know, Wanda, our faithful secretary lost her husband last month after a lengthy illness.

My family and I would like to thank everyone for all of your prayers, cards, flowers, kindnesses and loving thoughts after my husband's passing. I am truly blessed to be part of the 'Dewi Sant Family' and your support during this time is helping us tremendously.

Wanda and Warwick Sweet.

Looking for Singers.

Merched Dewi is looking for singers who are interested in being part of a choir that sings almost exclusively in Welsh. Fluency is not a prerequisite; there are many fluent choristers to help along the bumpy road of accurate pronunciation. The choir meets alternate Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. at the church. We perform on most Welsh service evenings (the 1st Sunday of the month), occasionally in the morning service and at other venues as well. Our mandate is to sing and to have fun while doing so. If you think that you might be interested, please contact Betty Cullingworth at 416 486 0432 or at cullingwho@rogers.com

Christmas Concert.

Come to the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir concert. It is held in Trinity St. Paul's United Church. 427 Bloor Street West @ Spadina.

Wednesday December 6th. 2006 at 7.30 Tickets \$20. 416 410 2254

There will be a roast turkey, Christmas dinner at Dewi Sant on December 9th. 7.30. Please come along bringing your family and friends.

Tickets are \$15 each. Children \$10. Tickets from Myfanwy Bajaj.

St David's Day Celebrations in Ottawa

The Ottawa Welsh Society would like to extend a warm invitation to members of the St David's Society of Toronto and members of Dewi Sant Church to join us in our celebrations of Gwyl Dewi Sant in Ottawa on February 24 and 25, 2007.

We will be holding a dinner dance on Saturday February 24th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and we are very honoured and to have the Rev. Deian Evans of Toronto as our guest speaker.

A Gymanfa Ganu will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 25th. at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Marilyn Jenkins, director of the Ottawa Welsh Choral Society, will be conducting.

The cost of the dinner dance is \$54 per person if purchased before February 4th, and \$59 after that date.

Rooms will be available at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for Saturday night at a rate of \$139 plus taxes. This rate will be available until January 24th. If you would prefer to stay with members of the society, please let us know in advance and we would be happy to arrange it.

For more information please contact Alison Lawson at 613-725-2704 or e-mail alisonlawson@sympatico.ca

The next Gadwyn will be the Christmas edition. I am sure many of you have stories to tell. I really do need some input. As you see from this edition there are many donors. Some of them donate quite sizeable amounts. I feel that I should give them something of value to read, making it worth while to donate to.

I am the Editor and as such need writers. I am trying to provide short interesting items and getting away from longer accounts etc. They are very interesting, but readers have shared that they prefer a variety of short articles.

You know where I am. 34 Carrington Drive, Richmond Hill, L4C 8A2. Ontario. 905 737 4399

myfanwy@rogers.com

Author and lecturer, Leo Buscaglia, once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child.

The winner was:

A four-year-old child, whose next door neighbour was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy just said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."
Bonnie Booth.

Competition Corner.

I was pleasantly surprised at the response to last month's competition – more answers sent in than all previous entries put together! You obviously like a bit of a challenge.

Here are the answers :

- 1 Largest City in Africa – Cairo
- 2 City with the largest population in the world – Tokyo
- 3 Capitol city of Australia – Canberra
4. The largest theatre districts are in London and New York
- 5 The Coliseum is in Rome, Italy

Unscrambled Cities :

Amsterdam, Venice London
Sacramento New York Paris
Athens Bangkok Toronto
Barcelona Buenos Aires Rome

This month's winner is Rita Hoffman. Congratulations!!

Here is the task for this month, a competition with a Christmas theme.

Name the carol/song that includes the lines :

1. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing
2. Let every heart prepare him room
3. What can I give Him, poor as I am
4. Glory to the newborn king
5. The stars are shining brightly
6. And glory shone around
7. Shining in the east, beyond them far
8. To save us all from Satan's power

Which of the following Christmas symbols/traditions have a religious background?

Angels	Manger	Turkey	Gifts
Mince pies	Carols	Crackers	Plum pudding
Tinsel	Donkey	Santa Claus	Christmas cards
Eggnog	Shepherds	Star	Advent candles

Did you know?

- If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
- . A 3-year old Boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- . If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound Boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 ft. room.
- . You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
- . The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.