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Gair gan y Gweinidog A word from the Minister

Firstly I would like to wish you all a new year filled with the blessings of God. We cannot know what lies ahead, we do know that we will face good times and bad, sadness and joy, successes and failures. We also know, through faith, that we will not face anything alone.

As we move through January we see again the lengthening of the days. Winter is still upon us and with us, but we know what lies ahead – the wondrous days of renewal and rebirth we call Spring.

I read recently about a strange phenomenon, that I cannot fully understand, concerning the shortest day of 2006. As usual the shortest day fell on December 21st and 22nd, yet I am told that the sun was at its lowest point on the horizon over a week earlier, and that by the official shortest day the sun had actually risen some amount. This seems to go contrary to common sense, to logic and to the laws of nature. But if the experts in the field tell us that this is so, we have to accept it as correct.

Throughout my life I have known of a strange phenomenon that I cannot fully explain in simple language, concerning those difficult days in my life. Those days of trials and tribulations, of difficulty and hardship, when I was at a low ebb, dark days seemingly devoid of light. These days cannot be postponed, delayed or cancelled. They have to happen and dealt with before we can move on. But move on we can, because when those dark days come to us we have already encountered and experienced the phenomenon of the rising of the Son, some time ago.

We need fear nothing as we face our future this year or any year in our lives, as long as we face life with the risen Son as our companion. And so let us celebrate, in joy, in confidence in faith, together as fellow Christians, and together with a God who loves us, and has always loved us.

May God's blessing and care keep us all safe throughout 2007, and beyond.

Bendith Duw fyddo arom oll drwy'r flwyddyn hon a thu hwnt.

Deian.

Another word from the Minister.

I have received responses from readers on many occasions concerning some of the things I have said in my message. But the response to my statement concerning the use of the word 'Holidays' as opposed to 'Christmas' in the December issue has been supportive and numerous. I am always happy to receive a response, because it proves that there are people out there who read the message and that my words hit home at times.

Here is one example of emails I received on the subject :

Dear Deian,

I have today received the December edition of Y Gadwyn and have to thank you and let you know that I agree completely with your sentiments about the way Christmas is portrayed by many. It gives me offence too when Christmas is not mentioned by name and more importantly, as you say, it insults our faith and our Lord. After all Jesus is the only reason that we celebrate Christmas.

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi gyd yn Eglwys Dewi Sant.

Eryl (Venner)

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Here is another email that I received – Do you remember Eleine Hughes?

I am not sure how many people are still going to church from the time we were living in Canada but when I found the web site it brought back so many memories I had to contact you. I went to Dewi Sant for most of the seventies with my Mam and Dad, David and Margaret Hughes, my sisters Amanda and Michelle I am Eleine the eldest of the three.

The church has not changed, it looks just like I remember it. Do you still have a get together after services? I remember the apple juice! Then we would go to the donut shop on the corner afterwards. I know there probably won't be many of the familiar faces still there but I have so many fond memories of parties, the Gymanfa Ganu , the church trips and going to the cabin up north and having Howard and Martin meet us there.

I just thought you would like to know that no matter where we go Dewi Sant is never forgotten.

Sincerely,

**Eleine Mcloughlin ( nee Hughes )  
Deian.**

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UCW Merched Yr Eglwys.

The UCW has an exciting year ahead. Our new executive is hard at work planning the activities for 2007 and it is our hope that we will have strong participation from the Dewi Sant Community. In the immediate future, you can look forward to:

A Valentine's Lunch, **February 14th**. For more information contact Gaynor McConnell at 416 293 1336.
An Afternoon At The Movies, **March 27th**. For more information contact Myfanwy Bajaj at 905 737 4399.

We are also planning a 6-week daytime cookery demonstration series, beginning in the March/April timeframe. For more info contact Sheryl Clay at 416 652 7537.

*Due to the renovations in the church, we have had to re-schedule our 12th Night Dinner and Murder Mystery night to **January 27th**.*

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to get involved. Please share your thoughts and ideas with any member of our new committee.

Myfanwy Bajaj – Past President. Sheryl Clay – President. Gaynor McConnell –First Vice President. Theresa Thomas – Second Vice President. TBD – Secretary. Betty Stroud – Treasurer. Pam Evans – Member at large Iona Rees – Member at large. Maureen Davies – Member at large. Joy Bailey – E-mail secretary. Betty Jones – Telephone conveyor. Betty Evans – Corresponding secretary

As a final note, I would like to thank those that participated in last year's executive who have stepped down this year. We will miss you!

Sheryl Clay.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at DEWI SANT

This year Dewi Sant Welsh United Church will be the host church for the World Day of Prayer for our region of Toronto. This ecumenical service is organized by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, and is traditionally held on the first Friday of March. The World Day of Prayer was begun in Canada and the United States in 1922, and is held in more than 170 countries today.

This year's service was written by the women of Paraguay, and is entitled "**United Under God's Tent**".

People from our neighbouring churches will be participating in the service, as well as members of Dewi Sant, and all are invited to join in the social time and refreshments following the worship service.

Looking forward to seeing many of our members at this special afternoon service on March 2nd.

Guest Speaker and the time of the service will be announced soon.

Nêst Pritchard.

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### The Kingston Welsh celebrate.

Put a few Welsh people together and somehow the noise level in the room increases exponentially! Such was the case at the end of December when about 50 friends and family gathered to celebrate the "special" birthday of Denny Williams in Kingston, Ontario.

Denny and Malcolm Williams, both Welsh speaking and long time residents of Kingston, are pillars of the local Welsh community. Is there anyone that they don't know in the city, thanks to their occupations and volunteer work? Malcolm is a retired physician and Denny is a violinist. Both are members of the Kingston Symphony orchestra, Malcolm as a Bass player and Denny as Concert Master. Malcolm is also of great help to the Board of the Ontario Welsh Festival as we prepare for the upcoming **Gymanfa Ganu in Kingston at the end of April**.

After all the other guests had gone home, the Welsh contingent was still there, including Malcolm and Denny's three children, their partners and the grandchildren, ranging from Megan, the eldest, to three month old Ieuan David. Of course, being Welsh, we had to raise our voices in song. Especially moving was the duet between Malcolm and daughter, Claire. "Aderyn Pur" has never sounded sweeter.

As we reluctantly parted company after a wonderful party, we promised to prepare our grandchildren to participate in Awr y Plant (Children's Hour) during the upcoming Gymanfa weekend. What an exciting way to introduce them to their heritage and culture?

**Hefina Phillips.**

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Ontario Welsh Festival, April 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Ontario Welsh Festival is looking forward to welcoming readers of Y Gadwyn to Kingston, Ontario on April 27-29 this year. The Holiday Inn on the waterfront will be the venue of the festival, and both the concert and two Gymanfa sessions will take place at St. Paul's Anglican Church- a very short walk from the hotel.

Cor Meibion Prysor will entertain us on Saturday evening, under the leadership of their conductor, Iwan Morgan. Especially exciting is the news that National Eisteddfod winner Sioned Wyn will accompany the choir as their soloist. Sioned won first prize at the 2006 Eisteddfod in Swansea. We are in for a treat!

As an introduction to the main events of the weekend, the Noson Lawen on Friday evening always sets the mood. Would you like to participate? Let **Myfanwy Bajaj** know. There is space on the registration form to confirm your interest.

For the first time in several years we will hold a Children's Hour on Saturday morning. Please, please support our little ones -the future of the organization- by encouraging your children or grandchildren to perform and by attending the Awr y Plant at 11 AM. Don't forget The Poetry reading Saturday afternoon, either your own work, or your favourite poems..

The banquet will begin earlier than usual at 5.30 PM and tickets may be reserved up until Friday afternoon. You'd like to sit with a friend? No problem! You are able to reserve your place at the Registration Desk

Now to the finale of the weekend - the two **Gymanfa** sessions. Although the church is close to the hotel, you may pre order a lunch, which will be served in the church hall, thus saving energy for the afternoon singing session.

Details of the weekend are on our website - www.ontariowelshfestival.ca

Hefina Phillips.

RENEWAL 2007

This has to be the most exciting time in the history of Dewi Sant Church. As we approach the weekend of October 19 -21 the momentum is gathering speed, and at committee meetings the ideas flow ceaselessly, and the enthusiasm is tangible.

As readers of Y Gadwyn know, one major event is planned per month from now until October. The first date to mark in your calendar is **Saturday, February 17**. That is the night of the **Noson Lawen**. However, a Noson Lawen is not possible without your input. Please call Deian, emcee for the evening, and tell him you would just love to participate! What is the traditional entertainment at a Noson Lawen? A song (solo/duet/choral), instrumental, a dance, a recitation, a joke, or a skit - i.e. your very own "party piece". Deian is waiting for your phone call at 416-485-7583.

The Eisteddfod will take place at 10 AM on **Saturday, March 10th**. Hard copies of the programme are available at the church, along with a copy of the recitations and registration form. These, of course, can also be found on the Dewi Sant website (www.dewisant.com). Even if you can't attend (but please do your very best to be there), you can compete in several categories. Your literary efforts should be received no later than March 1st. Art, craft, and photography should be at the church by Friday, March 9th and the baking by 9 AM on Saturday. For more information, please call the church or Hefina Phillips at 905 847 5474.

Not too much time to rest before the April event! On **Sunday, April 1st** we will make our way across Yonge St. to the Rosedale Country Club. The 2005 Auction was such a resounding success that the committee has been persuaded to arrange yet another **Luncheon and Auction**, to which everyone is invited. Luncheon consists of leek soup, a choice of crepes and salad, strawberry shortcake with mascarpone, tea and coffee. There will also be a cash bar. The cost is \$30.00 per person (\$20.00 for children under 16). Reserve your tickets now from Leona Francis.

More events are planned for May and June. Watch this space for further information!

Hefina Phillips.

How Can We Make The Auction A Resounding Success?

Successful events don't just happen. They take a lot of effort and planning. **Leona Francis** needs as much help as possible with the upcoming Auction. Could you please contribute in any way?

For example, would you be willing to offer your chalet / cottage / timeshare as part of a vacation package? Are you a fantastic cook? Then maybe you'd be willing to host a dinner party at your home, or provide baked goods/ preserves/soups to the successful bidder.

A great idea would be for a group to put together a "theme basket", e.g. for the kitchen, the spa, the handyman, gourmet delights, for children traveling in the car, etc. Perhaps you would be willing to act as chauffeur or be a handyman or gardener for a day. Is there a business that you know that would be willing to offer its services for a day - a spa or house cleaning.

Can you knit? An afghan or a sweater would be great.

Could you, or a shop that you know, donate some art or an antique piece, a case of wine, jewelry, sporting goods, electronics, a camera, D V Ds, CDs, luggage, leather goods or, of course, anything Welsh. What about tickets to a sporting event or the theatre? Would your favourite restaurants be willing to donate a dinner for 2 or 4 people at their establishment?

Or you might have an even better suggestion!

Please, please help. This is the final effort to reach our goal of \$100,000. Together we can achieve this.

Hefina Phillips.

Grandmothers to Grandmother

I'm sure that many of you heard or saw the TV program about Stephen Lewis – '*The Man Who Could Not Sleep*'. Stephen Lewis speaks so eloquently about the disastrous situation in Africa due to the HIV / AIDS epidemic – and the desperate need to do something NOW.

I have been inspired by a friend who attended the AIDS conference in Toronto last August, and found out about the campaign 'grandmothers to grandmothers' and started a group at Jubilee United Church in Toronto . This campaign is to encourage awareness in Canada about Africa's Grandmothers and their struggle to secure the support needed for a brighter future for themselves and their orphaned grandchildren. (An estimated 13 million children have been orphaned by AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa, and between 40 – 60% of these live in grand-parent headed households.)For more information see www.stephenlewisfoundation.org or speak to me.

Nêst Pritchard.

Just a note to friends across the sea - more I think in Toronto than elsewhere. I remember with great joy the months I spent with you, the warmth of your welcome far outweighed the minus 35 cold ! I look forward to meeting you all again in 2007, many at the Gymanfa in Washington D.C. and, hopefully everyone on September 9th in Dewi Sant. I know that I don't have everyone's e-mail - will you please pass my greetings and best wishes to all.

Family wise here there was one new arrival - September 1st 2006 to Sian and Geoff a daughter Megan Catherine. Pleased to say that all is well. Taid to five!!! **The "ancient" rog !!**

Parliament is no place to consider semi-retirement ! I'm a Liberal-Democrat Whip (so one day a week if anything goes wrong I'm to blam!!), also spokesperson on Welsh affairs and International Development - it really is practical ministry.

Some folk have already visited UK Parliament and it's been a pleasure to entertain. The largest group was the Burlington Male Voice choir some weeks ago. The Albert Hall Concert was an inspiration.

If anyone is in London, please don't pass through without contacting me (07710438 273).

Edrych ymlaen at eich gweld yn yr hydref. Pob bendith i'r flwyddyn newydd.

Every blessing for 2007,

Roger (Roberts

VIEW FROM THE LORDS - Lord Roger Roberts

The year end is the time for reflection and for looking forward to 2007. But first of all I would wish all who read these words a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and constructive new year.

In Parliament the Government of Wales Bill became law and in the coming year will give the National Assembly more opportunity to serve the people of Wales. It will be up to the Assembly to make the most of its additional powers, especially for all who have wanted a stronger Welsh language act. Because of, primarily, the efforts of Labour Peer, Lord Gwilym Prys-Davies and as a Liberal Democrat I was delighted to speak in support, there is a full opportunity for the Assembly to enact a more effective and fair language policy.

Two other measures were approved in the year, first of all that which established a Commissioner to ensure that our Older People are not unfairly treated in any way. The Transport Wales Act should ensure greater co-ordination of road and rail transport in Wales. One of my responsibilities is as a spokesperson in the Lords on Welsh affairs, the other is to speak and act on International Development.

My main concern has been with the treatment of people abroad and in the United Kingdom. On a number of occasions we have debated modern-day slavery and people trafficking. It is estimated that about 4,000 women are trafficked into the United Kingdom every year, in addition children are also brought here and both categories are in grave danger of abuse of every kind. The last day of the autumn session I was successful in receiving a pledge from the government that they will sign and ratify the United Nations Convention to safeguard Children from trafficking and they also will publish, in January, a Plan on the issue of Trafficking of adults and children. The Council of Europe Convention would strengthen Britain's commitment in these matters and I will continue to press with others of all parties that this Convention be signed.

It is always a pleasure to welcome people to Westminster. I have hosted two choirs. The Burlington, Male Voice Choir from Ontario, Canada were singing at the Albert Hall as part of massed Welsh Choirs - 15 all together. A great evening. Many of the choristers I knew from my time as Minister in Toronto.

The other choir was from Kampala, Uganda, the Watoto Children,s Choir of 18 orphans of Aids victims. They were superb and the whole visit was very moving. The children sang in the Parliament Chapel and then had a great tea in the Lords main dining room. It was a day to remember.

Finally a little name dropping! I had a chat with the King of Jordan when he paid us a visit! That's Parliament . One day we host some of the most deprived children in the world and the next day we are in very different company.

2007 will provide new opportunities to serve on **Wales and the World** matters

TWO REQUESTS OUT OF THREE ACCEPTED !

The House of Lords debated Modern day Slavery on Tuesday, December 19. **Roger Roberts** (Lord Roberts of Llandudno), Liberal Democrat overseas development spokesman stated-

"I am pleased that in yesterday's debate on modern-day slavery that the government promised to sign the protocol on the UN Convention on the Rights of the child that deals with sexual exploitation of children and publish their Action Plan on Human Trafficking in the new year.

We still wait for government signing and ratifying the Council of Europe Convention against human trafficking. There was amongst those who spoke 100% agreement on this. The government must not drag its feet any longer"

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church..."

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "**What's a church?**"

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### The LUNCH BUNCH/CAWL A BRAWL

Last month 45 excited members met to begin the meeting with meditations and reflections on Advent, complete with the lighting of the Advent Wreath by four of our beloved members, Eirlys Barker, Anne Boswell, Inga Jensen and Marjorie Tspiras. Following, we opened the curtains and were entertained with readings, solos, Christmas trivia and joined Good King Wenceslas ( Rev. Deian) and his Page (Rob Bruce) in the singing of this very descriptive carol. The Hollyberries (Catherine, Joan, Audrey, Risti and Jean Iona) tripped the light fantastic once again this year to the tune of "We're A Couple of Swells" and led the audience in a number of weather-related popular Christmas favourites. Several sessions of carol singing led a passerby to remark "how wonderful it was to hear singing (with harmony!) flowing through our church doors."

A chicken luncheon followed and many of our merry band said they just didn't want the festivities to end. Lunch Bunch members generously contributed toiletry items, food, gloves, etc. to our hamper which was once again delivered to a shelter for abused women.

A warm invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to experience fellowship and merriment on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month at 10:30 am. Don't forget to bring your "brown bag" lunch to enjoy along with a \*piping hot bowl of home made soup and a cup (or two) of tea. \*(both supplied) Call Catherine Otley, Anne Boswell or myself for further information. Wishing everyone Deep Peace as we journey through the memorable year 2007.

**Jean Iona Thompson, Coordinator.**

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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 email**

alisonlawson@sympatico.ca

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If you spin an oriental man in a circle three times does he become disoriented? *Atheism is a non-prophet organization.* If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes? *I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me it would defeat the purpose.* What if there were no hypothetical questions? *If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?* . If someone with multiple personalities threaten to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation? *Is there another word for synonym?* Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?" *What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?* If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages? *Would a fly without wings be called a walk?* Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them? *If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?* Can vegetarians eat animal crackers? *If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?*

## Musical Opportunity to Celebrate St. David's Day 2007

### Requests needed for the "Here's to You" CBC Program

"Here's To You" is a live daily three-hour morning program that challenges, delights and expands the horizons of a community of Canadians. Shelley Solmes, the host, presents stories of daily life and requests for classical music.

**Broadcast time:** Weekdays at 9:00 a.m. (9:30 NT) on CBC Radio Two (94.1 FM ~ Toronto)

Please send in a musical request as soon as possible for March 1, 2007-----**St. David's Day.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of request: March 1, 2007, St. David's Day.

Name of musical request and possibly the artist or group performing the piece.

The reason why musical piece is important to you and/or to whom you would like to dedicate the piece of music.

Mail to: Here's to You, CBC Radio, PO Box 500, Stn. A, Toronto M5W 1E6 or email to [herestoyou@cbc.ca](mailto:herestoyou@cbc.ca) or [www.cbc.ca/herestoyou/requests](http://www.cbc.ca/herestoyou/requests)

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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 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

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### In Memoriam

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### Robert George Brobyn.

*March 14, 1921 To August 15, 2006.*

*George passed away on August 15<sup>th</sup>. In his 86<sup>th</sup> year. He was born in Toronto and joined the R.C.A.F. in 1940. From 1941 to 1945 he was stationed in Britain serving as a reconnaissance pilot, attached to the R.A.F. It was here that he met his future wife Eirlys at Tywyn, Meirionydd, Wales. i n 1942. They were married in 1944 at Brynchrug Welsh Presbyterian church by the reverend J.H. Williams.*

*In 1945 George returned to Canada with Eirlys as a new immigrant. Both attended Dewi Sant church where they became faithful members for the passed sixty years.*

*George worked for the Toronto Fire Department from 1945 until 1985 when he retired from their medical office.*

*Our sympathy is extended to his family who will miss him dearly. His wife Eirlys , his sons and their wives; Ken and Sandy, Derek and Heidi, Stephen and Sandra. Also his grandchildren Sheena, Tasha, Eryn, Andrew and Jordan.*

**Geraint H Jones.**

## Competition Corner.

Congratulations to all those who sent in the correct answers to the December competition. The winner drawn out from the hat was the entry sent in by Vaughan and Sally. Well done you two!! Further cause for celebration!

Here are the correct answers :

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| Les Champs Elysees – Paris                 | Bond Street – London                 |
| Wall Street – New York                     | Sunset Blvd – Hollywood              |
| Via Veneto – Rome                          | Beacon Street – San Francisco/Boston |
| Blvd. St. Michel – Montreal/Paris          | Wilshire Blvd. – Los Angeles         |
| Peachtree St. – Atlanta                    | Nevsky Prospect – St. Petersburg     |
| Hans Christian Andersen Blvd. – Copenhagen |                                      |
| Kurfurstendam – Berlin                     | Dizengoff – Tel-Aviv                 |
| Madison Ave. – New York                    | Picadilly – London                   |
| Coronation Street – Manchester             | Bourbon Street – New Orleans         |
| Basin Street – New Orleans                 | Las Ramblas – Barcelona/Mexico City  |
| Bloor Street – Toronto                     |                                      |

Here is the contest for this month. How well do you know your centenary year? This is a quiz about the year 1907.

1. Lord Baden Powell set up this group in 1907. What was it called?
2. This was the first lady to receive the British Medal of Honour, presented for her work as nurse in the Crimean War. Who was she?
3. The Nobel Prize winner for Literature this year wrote the Jungle Book and the Just So' stories. Who was he?
4. Maria Montessori of Italy set up her first 'children's house' in 1907. Nowadays people often send their children to \_\_\_\_\_ before starting Grade 1.
5. Bakelite was invented by Leo Baekeland in 1907. What kind of material is bakelite?
6. Who was Mutt's sidekick in the comic story that was started in 1907?
7. Which plague killed an estimated 6 million people in India in 1907 and was spread by rat fleas?
8. Carl Hagenback opened the first zoo to mimic actual natural habitats for animals. In which European country did this happen?
9. On February 20<sup>th</sup> 1907 the US passed an act to restrict or reduce new arrivals from entering the country. What was the act called?
10. Whose 'follies' of 1907 were inspired by Paris' famous Follies Berger?

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Gadwyn Donors.

Bill Davies, Margarethe & Vincent Davies, Shirley Evans, Haulwen Edwards, Megan McEwan, Mabel & Barry Hastings, Helene & Robert Maxwell, Ann McConnell, Margaret Nowell, Gwen Wild, Gwen Williams, Rona Wilkie. Lillian Powell. Reverend William Hudson (from B.C.). Meirion and Audrey Roberts, who wrote, "Rhy'n yndal i fwynhau pob copi o'r Gadwyn. Diolch yn fawr."

Margaret H Nowell, who wrote, "Very many thanks for all the copies of the Gadwyn this year. It is always good to hear all the latest news. Please give my regards and best wishes to anyone who may remember me. All the best to you all," Margaret.

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## On The Move.

My job at The Weir Group has come to an end. Effective immediately, please delete my email address there ([wsweet@theweirgroup.ca](mailto:wsweet@theweirgroup.ca)) from your address list. You can, of course still reach me at my home email or through the Church office.

**Wanda Sweet, Dewi Sant Secretary.**

## UCW-----Another Word.

Four years ago when Joy Bailey was president of the UCW it was decided that money would be raised to refurbish the Sanctuary by 2007. I followed on after Joy and we continued to concentrate on our goal. On Sunday we saw the results of four years hard work and dedication. The new carpet was down and the floors were glistening.

I am very very proud of the ladies of Dewi Sant. For the last four years we have enjoyed fellowship, hard work and so much fun. We have had bazaars, book and bake sales, dinners and entertainment; with two things in common. Our love of God and the love of His house.

We are proud to have achieved our goals and will continue under the leadership of Sheryl Clay to serve Dewi Sant and all that it represents. God bless all you ladies who have worked **so very hard.**

**Diolch. Myfanwy.**

## The Saint Davids Society Of Toronto.

Our celebrations this year will be on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The banquet is being held at Fantasy Farm. We have been fortunate to obtain Idris Charles a well known humorist, author and broadcaster. He comes highly recommended. Tickets are \$75 (Toronto prices are higher than Ottawa)!

Please contact Myfanwy Bajaj 905 737 4399 [myfanwy@rogers.com](mailto:myfanwy@rogers.com) or Margaret Carabine 905 727 9101 [mcarabine@sympatico.ca](mailto:mcarabine@sympatico.ca)

I would love to hear from Gadwyn readers. As you see from this edition there are no interesting anecdotes, reflections, memories etc. The readership has become quite large by now and it would please me greatly to be able to fill these pages with your work. Please, contribute. I am the editor not the writer!!! Travel tales are always acceptable, although I have to keep them to about half a page.

Ram and I went to New York for a few days at the beginning of this month. We saw a play "off Broadway." It was good, but what interested me most was to see Sian Phillips on stage. Many years ago she was married to Peter O'Toole. She is a member of Gorsedd y Beirdd and an accomplished actress, now of great age. How could she still remember all those lines??

We also met the Dalai Lama's personal physician, spending an hour and a half in his company. Although he spoke through an interpreter we were very moved by this spiritual Tibetan Monk. Apart from the aura of spirituality that seemed to be all round him, he was so perceptive, and so peaceful. It was a memorable experience for both of us.

We also saw the Drowsy Chaperone. This is a hilarious musical and is supposed to be coming to Toronto. It is well worth going to see. Myfanwy.

## Gaeaf

Eira gwyn ar y gweunydd,--- gwn y fall  
A ganfum foreddydd,  
Mantell wen a haenen hwydd,  
A'r manod ar y mynydd.

Robin Goch dderbyniai ged,---y'w hynt lom  
Gynt o law agored,  
Ac ar lawnt e gai ar led  
Rawn ac elw drwy'r hin galed.

Ran o ddarn J. Lloyd Jones.