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**Gair gan y Gweinidog      A word from the Minister**

The last month has been a wonderful ‘roller coaster’ of spirituality within the Church. In the days leading up to the Easter Week there was a feeling of expectancy as we looked forward to the Easter weekend services. The celebrations started on Palm Sunday with a special service that started at 10 am, with an extra highlight of the Sunday School children singing as part of the service. Then on Good Friday everything seemed to go so well, in the preparations and the execution of the worship meetings and feastings. Easter Sunday was such a blessing for those who attended the two services as well as the breakfast in between.

I cannot name all those who contributed because there are so many who worked openly and behind the scenes I know I would leave some names out. Therefore I thank God for moving all those who volunteered to do such wonderful work on His behalf.

This past week the Church has been given wonderful PR throughout the UK in both Welsh and English TV and Radio programmes. The reaction has been astounding. I have received dozens of enquiries and words of congratulations from the UK by phone, mail and Email messages. Many have stated that they intend coming to a service when they come to Toronto on an upcoming vacation, others have said they will recommend coming here to friends who are visiting the city. And, of course, each of you non Church based readers of the Gadwyn are very welcome to join us when you visit the city. You would be pleasantly surprised at the warm atmosphere and welcome here.

The Dewi Sant Church, Live and Silent Auction at Rosedale Golf Club on April 1<sup>st</sup> went extremely well. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event, and the Church funds have been given a substantial boost. Well done. A big thank you to all who contributed and who attended the event

Therefore there is so much to celebrate, so much to thank the Lord for, and so much we can feel good about here at the church as we continue our journey of faith through this special year in its history.

Bendithion, Deian.

## Report From UCW:

March and early April have been busy and productive months for the UCW.

In March, Myfanwy Bajaj hosted an afternoon at the movies. Everyone there enjoyed a wonderful time watching "The Englishman Who Went Up The Hill And Came Down The Mountain". Thanks to Myfanwy for arranging this event!

The Easter weekend was especially busy starting with Good Friday, which was a full day of events. Between the two Good Friday services, Betty Jones co-ordinated an excellent supper. There was plenty to eat and the food was delicious! A special thank you to Betty for her hard work and also to her very capable assistants. Following the evening service, a Good Friday tea was served. This tea was co-ordinated by Theresa Thomas and was just what we all needed after all that wonderful singing. Thank you Theresa and team for all of your hard work!

On Easter Sunday, a group of ladies hosted the after service tea for the Neyland Choir and congregation. The choir was very pleased with such a warm welcome, and, again, sincere thanks are in order to the ladies for arranging this!

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to Myfanwy Bajaj for co-ordinating the funeral receptions recently as well as all of the ladies who participated. Needless to say, this is always such a difficult time for families, and I know it means a lot to people to have this time of reflection catered to and in the caring hands of the ladies of the church.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** – "Getting To Know You": Following the meeting we will all participate in two activities. "Getting to Know You" where we all bring something from home to speak about and "Guess the Baby" (please bring your baby pictures).

**Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Bazaar (10:30 am – 2:00 pm) The Spring Bazaar committee has started to meet to organize this important community and fundraising event. Nina Morris has agreed to be the convener. Please contact Nina if you would like to volunteer. We are looking for volunteers not only to help on the day of the bazaar but also to help with setup on the Thursday night and clean up on Saturday afternoon. Particular plea to the gentlemen again to assist with assembly of the tables. Also, we would appreciate your donations: knitting, sewing, crafts, baking, and treasures. For the spring bazaar only, we are also planning a section for gently used clothing. Please contact Nina for more information. (416) 497-5578 or elwynnamorris@rogers.com.

We are looking at a variety of other activities in the Summer months. These include cookery demonstrations, Strawberry Tea and a Saturday outing. Stay tuned.....

Finally, a plea for the **tea list!** We all enjoy a cup of tea after the service, please put your name on this list to volunteer and if you aren't certain what to do, let me know, I'll find someone to help.

Looking forward to seeing you all at these activities.

**Sheryl Clay President, UCW**

*Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!! Jack, 6    Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong fore you got dead. Daniel, 9 .*

## Good Friday Gymanfa Programme

Many thanks to all the octogenarians in our congregation who helped to develop the program for the Good Friday Gymanfa Ganu by selecting their favourite hymns for inclusion in the program. Every hymn was sung with feeling and the sound generated was to be applauded. I must apologize to two of our stalwart members for omitting them in the selection process. I plead "their youthful appearance" as an excuse but I sincerely apologize nonetheless. As it happens, both of the hymns that were their particular favourites were also chosen by others and therefore were already part of the program. However, to set the record straight, Megan Morris would have selected Maesgwyn and Ellen Fitzgibbon, Aberystwyth.

Kudos to the selection committee!! You contributed substantially to the warm feelings and memories generated by the singing on Good Friday.

Betty Cullingworth

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## Spring Auction and Luncheon

Again this year, the Spring Auction and Luncheon held at Rosedale Golf Club was a resounding success. Although the temperature did not live up to the high standard set two years ago when the thermometer hovered around 80 degrees, the warmth of the fellowship and the excellent lunch more than made up for the cool damp weather. Two hundred supporters appreciated the skill of our auctioneer, Reverend Dr. Cerwyn Davies, as he cajoled and encouraged bids from the receptive audience. Even his red suspenders (purchased for 50 pence in Wales) were enthusiastically contended for by his adoring female fans. Eventually the lucky winner was Trish Stevenson. Although final numbers are not yet available, the expected total raised should exceed \$14,000.

The Renewal Committee would like to thank Leona Francis who spearheaded this initiative, her able assistant chair, Annette Evans, our auctioneer, Cerwyn Davies, and all those who so generously donated items for auction. A special thank you as well to all those who supported the initiative with their attendance. When we all work together, we can achieve great things. Diolch yn fawr iawn i chi gyd!

Tickets for the October banquet and concert will be available soon. Don't forget to mark, October 19, 20 and 21 on your calendar. The year 2007 is the year to "recollect and re-connect". Keep checking the website, [www.dewisant.com](http://www.dewisant.com) for updated information.

Betty Cullingworth.

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## Calling All Advertisers!

The centenary celebration committee is hoping to produce a commemorative booklet for the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> weekend. To help defray the expenses of this initiative, we hope to attract advertisers willing to place an ad in the booklet. If you have contact with a company that might be interested in supporting this venture, please contact Betty Cullingworth at [cullingwho@rogers.com](mailto:cullingwho@rogers.com) or at 416 486 0432. A letter to give to prospective companies will be available in the church office by May 6.

Diolch yn fawr iawn.....Betty Cullingworth.

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Angels Explained by Children *I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold. Gregory, 5*  
*Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it.* Olive, 9 *Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. Mitchell, 7*

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### Eisteddfod Dewi Sant 2007.

One more special event over and what could be more special or traditionally Welsh than an Eisteddfod? It has been a long time since we have held such an event at Dewi Sant and therefore there was a great deal of excitement and anticipation.

The categories were numerous and varied, as the organizers tried to ensure that there was "something for everyone"- cooking, crafts, flower arranging, art and photography, as well as the more traditional literary, musical and recitation competitions. Unfortunately, few children participated because the event clashed with March Break. (The organizers will be more careful in future!) However, the children that did compete just delighted us all. 3 year old Katie Quesnelle won the first prize for her innovatively decorated peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Also her recitation (complete with props- a wall and a caterpillar) was so enjoyable that we insisted that she repeat the performance. Fortunately, the morning's emcee, the Rev. Deian Evans, was totally flexible in his timetabling, so when 3 year old Madison Carys Freemantle took some time to overcome her shyness, we were still treated to another version of "Who's that tickling my back?"

One of my personal highlights was to hear 8 year old Nia Contini's Welsh recitation. Her pronunciation was perfect-thanks to some coaching from her Nain! As a result of winning first prize in both the Welsh and English categories, she was the recipient of the Trophy for children's recitation.

Dewi Sant is fortunate to possess a large number of awards for various eisteddfod competitions, from the maker of the best Welsh cakes to the best literary entries. This year a new award, in memory of Elaine Kirkham, was presented to the best competitor in the Learners' category. Elaine had been one of the most enthusiastic and faithful students in the Toronto Welsh Learners' classes. I'm sure she would have been delighted that the new trophy was awarded to Angela Vitale, whose entry, "Llythyr o Toronto i Gymru yn 1907" (A letter from Toronto to Wales in 1907), was as excellent as any learner's work that the adjudicator had ever read. In fact, Angela was strongly advised to compete as a Learner in next year's National Eisteddfod.

One of the categories was an instrumental duet, and the only entries were John Otley (guitar) and the Rev. Deian Evans (mouth organ). Quite an unusual combination, wouldn't you agree?? Definitely never witnessed at any eisteddfod in Wales - but who's to know, such a duo might become a standard in future National Eisteddfodau!

It was an extremely enjoyable day. Everyone entered the spirit of the occasion and it was rewarding to see so many colourful ribbons sported by the proud winners. Thank you very much to everyone who made the event such a successful one - the planners, adjudicators, competitors, accompanists, refreshment providers and everyone who attended. A very special word of thanks goes to Annette Evans, without whom the day would not have flowed so smoothly. Diolch o galon, Annette.

Hefina Phillips.

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### Welsh Media coverage of Dewi Sant Church.

On Easter Sunday a programme was aired on BBC Radio Cymru about the centenary celebrations at Dewi Sant Church. Over the following few days further programmes on Welsh radio and TV mentioned the Church and its various spiritual and social impact upon the Welsh people of Toronto.

Since then the reaction from Wales has been astounding. Newspaper articles on the Church have been published in local "Papurau Bro" and also in the Caernarfon and Denbigh Herald. E mail messages and phone messages of good wishes have poured in to church and home, as well as enquiries about the church services by people wishing to worship here when they visit the city. Others wrote about their connections to Dewi Sant. One lady from Wales wrote about her grandfather who was a member at Clinton Street, and of course we sent her a picture of the original Church. Another lady told us about her uncle, Rev. R. J. Jones, from Anglesey who was the first minister of the Church, returning to his homeland in 1911 where he became one of the leading lights of the Pulpit in Wales. We responded by searching the Clinton Room at the Church for a picture of him, and his picture is also on its way to Wales.

The Church is well and truly in full public view this year, here in Toronto and also in Wales. Thank you to all those who participated, and especially those who organized and co-ordinated the visit of the reporters from BBC Wales. Many thanks go to Annette Evans for contacting Gwenfair Michael and encouraging her to come to Toronto to produce the programmes and be responsible for getting them out on the air.

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***Marriage is a three-ring circus: Engagement ring, wedding ring, and suffering. For Sale: Wedding dress, size 8. Worn once by mistake! There are two times when a man doesn't understand a woman.... Before marriage and after marriage. Women and cats will do as they please. Men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.***

## Renewal News and Announcements

Mark your calendars for two fun celebration events coming up.

### A Concert in May

On **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, Sheryl Clay and Jean Thompson present “**The Way We Were: A Musical Retrospective of the Last 100 Years**”. Come and take a walk down memory lane in music. Narrator for the evening’s historical highlights will be Rev. Dr. Cerwyn Davies.

Show time is 8:00pm at Dewi Sant. Tickets are \$5.00, making you eligible for a door prize and, of course, refreshments will be available.

### Centenary Picnic on Centre Island

On **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Dewi Sant is holding their **summer picnic on Toronto’s Centre Island**. This year, being our celebration year, it will be a very special day and **we’re asking everyone to come out and bring friends and family**.

First, we will have our bilingual Worship Service in St. Andrew-By-The-Lake Church at 11:00am and the congregation of this island church will be joining us. Then, right near the church, is the picnic area, where we will have a **BBQ, refreshments, games and fellowship**. (You can bring your own lunch, if you prefer.)

To mark this special picnic, each person will receive a T-Shirt.

Also, for this special event, we will be taking an historic group photograph, just like they did in 1931.

There is **no charge for this event**, except the ferry ride over to the Toronto Island. Water taxis are available for those of us who cannot walk distances and it arrives right at the church. (See Toronto Ferry Information below.)

Since we need to know the number of people in order to plan the BBQ and have enough T-Shirts, please let Betty Cullingworth or Meriel Simpson know that you will be attending.

Don’t miss this fun and exciting day. We’re looking forward to seeing everyone on the Island.

### Toronto Ferry Information

#### **Directions to Ferry Dock**

The Toronto Ferry Docks is located at the foot of Bay Street and Queens Quay, just West of the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel.

Walk or Drive to Main entrance at foot of Bay St on Queens Quay. Enter through park and enter via walkway between Harbour Castle Westin Hotel and Harbour Castle condominiums. Parking is available 1 block north at Lakeshore and Bay, 1 block west on Queens Quay between Bay and York Sts, 1 block east opposite Toronto Star building adjacent to Captain Johns restaurant.

**Ferry** Leaves Ferry Dock at 9:30 and 10:00A.M.

Take the ferry from the foot of Bay Street to Wards Island or to Centre Island. Call the Ferry Docks (416-392-8193) for departure times or click on the Ferry Schedule. It’s about 15 minutes from Centre Island Dock to the church and about a 20-25 minute walk from the Ward’s Island Dock. Every Sunday, the church van meets the ferry arriving at the Ward’s Island dock around 10:00, so if you’d like a ride, take the ferry arriving at Ward’s before 10:00.

#### **Fares**

Adults ~ \$6.00 student (with ID Card) and Seniors over 65 ~ \$3.50 Juniors (under 14) ~ \$2.50

Children under 2 ~ Free

**For transportation of goods, you can rent blue carts from the Ferry Docks**

#### **Water Taxi**

For transportation of small groups and supplies, **another option is the Water Taxi**. Privately operated, and departing from the foot of York Street (at the Second Cup wharf,) this boat can dock at the small jetty behind the Church. It’s an ideal way of transporting people and supplies directly to the Church.

**\$8.00 each way.**

## Of Interest.-----O Ddiddordeb.

Do you ever get a hankering for a good Welsh pub--the kind that has delicious food and feels warm and inviting as soon as you walk through the door? If so, you may want to try The Cat and the Fiddle in Cobourg, Ontario. Cobourg and the neighbouring town of Port Hope make a very pleasant day trip, just an hour's drive east along the 401, and a meal at this pub is likely to be the highlight of your outing.

Two years ago, we bought some farmland in the rolling hills of Northumberland County and built a house overlooking Rice Lake for weekend getaways from Toronto. The unspoiled, historical nature of these towns was as strong an attraction as the lovely countryside and easy commute. Port Hope is said to have the best preserved 19<sup>th</sup> century streetscape in Ontario, and it's popular with antique hunters. Canada's last functioning "atmospheric theatre", the Capitol Theatre, puts on excellent productions. The heart of Cobourg is Victoria Hall, which was opened in 1860 by the Prince of Wales and named in honour of his mother. Its courtroom is modeled on that of the Old Bailey in London, and its grand concert hall is spectacular. If you continue to walk east along the main street (King Street) past the restaurants and shops, you'll soon come across a lovely park leading down to the boardwalk and beach.

While exploring downtown Cobourg one day, we happened upon a pub that was flying the Welsh flag, about a five minute walk from Victoria Hall. There was a large Welsh dragon painted on the patio's fence and Welsh Rugby League plaques on the walls. When we asked what the connection was, we were told the owners were Welsh. On a subsequent visit with my Welsh mother, Barrie Jones stopped by our table to greet her. Barrie and his wife Eira immigrated to Canada from Newport, South Wales in 1973. Eira had worked in pubs in Britain, as well as at The Feathers on Kingston Road in Toronto. Upon moving to Cobourg in 1983, they noticed the lack of British style pubs in the area, and started to look for a good location to open their own. They found an old building that had originally been the Cobourg dairy, just one block north of King Street, and opened The Cat and the Fiddle in 1985. The many Welsh items featured in the decoration were collected by the Joneses during visits home, or supplied by some of their regular customers.

The menu includes stuffed Yorkshire puddings, steak and kidney pie, shepherd's pie, Cornish pastie, fish and chips, as well as the usual Canadian favourites. It's reasonably priced (most of the British entrees are in the \$9-\$13 range) and the food is excellent. Sometimes you'll even find a Welsh dish among their specials. Be sure to leave room for a delicious dessert, such as sherry trifle or bread and butter pudding. Brunch is served on Sundays from 11:00-3:00. I won't comment on their selection of beers as this is a church publication, but you can rest assured that it's licensed! We've always found the service good and the atmosphere very family friendly. It has high chairs and a children's menu. The Cat and the Fiddle soon became a favourite spot for my husband, children and I to visit after a long day of amusing the locals with our efforts at farming! We hope you like it, too.

Cobourg is about 110 km. east of Toronto along the 401, then a five minute drive south of the highway exit. If you're commuting to the upcoming Welsh Festival in Kingston, a visit to Cobourg would break the journey without making much of a detour. To find the pub, you should take Exit # 474 off Hwy. 401, which is Division Street. Take it south, following the many signs for downtown or Victoria Hall on King Street. Just one block north of King Street, turn right onto Covert Street and look for the Welsh flag. Barrie says someone has "taken it as a souvenir", which often happens, but he plans to replace it soon! The pub is on your right, at 38 Covert Street. There's a parking lot with two hours of free parking across the street from the pub. Cobourg is also accessible by ViaRail.

If you drive west along Cobourg's main street (King Street), it becomes Hwy 2, the old highway between the towns of Port Hope and Cobourg. In 7 km, you'll arrive in Port Hope, and after exploring its historical downtown, you'll see several sign posted routes north to the 401.

*The Cat and the Fiddle*  
*Telephone: 905-377-9029*  
*E-mail: info@catandfiddle.com*

**Meg Lloyd Jones.**

*The owners of the Cat and Fiddle have not solicited an advertisement in Y Gadwyn. Meg thought that since many are going to Kingston for the Gymanfa weekend that this would be of interest.*

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**Israel with Love.**

March 8<sup>th</sup> we boarded the Air Canada plane bound for Israel. This was my sixth flight to Israel, three of those as Volunteer for Israel, yet I knew this would be the most memorable. My grandson Blake turned thirteen, the year of his bar mitzpha. March 9<sup>th</sup> we checked into a hotel near the Tel Aviv Marina and Sea Promenade. All the family gathered together and the tour began. I will list only a few sites we saw on our journey. We visited the ancient town of Beit Govrin, for an archeological dig at Tel Maresha. My friend Val, and myself, picked up our trowels, spades, and a large pail. We actually found broken pottery, including one fairly large piece of a jug, which caused great excitement. This archeological site is two thousand, two hundred years old. On to Latrun, visiting the Armoured Forces Museum. March 13<sup>th</sup> found us settled in the new city of Jerusalem. We visited Yad Vashem, Her Herzle, the Knesset. In the old city we strolled the Cardo, Kortel (western wall), the Herodian Mansions, and Rabbinical Tunnel.

March 15<sup>th</sup>, the day of the bar mitzpha, we were surrounded by the Judean Hills, in a place called Genesis Land. My daughter Audrey and Graham stood by Blake's side while he beautifully read his Hebrew portion. There was a part in the service for his brother Cole, age ten years, and sister Madison, age seven. Both grandfathers read Hebrew prayers, and my other daughter Alexandria was included, making this an incredible experience for me. We spent our final days in Eilat, in a hotel a few minutes from Aqabah, Jordan, near Saudi Arabia, and on the other side of us, the Sinai Desert and Egypt. I believe everyone should visit Israel at least once during their lifetime. One feels the history of the Bible wherever one walks, or whatever hills your eyes view. Truly, there is beauty everywhere. Shalom – Heddwch!

***Jeanette Roberts.***

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**From "Far and Wide".....O Bell ac Agos.**

Thanks to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the cookbook "From Our Tables ~ Wrth Ein Bwrdd" and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mug are now in Lambeth Palace.

On Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, while in Toronto, the Right Reverend Dr. Rowan Williams was presented with the gift of a cookbook, a mug, and the letter from the Church included the Church Pamphlet and the "2007 Anniversary Celebrations" flyer, from the only Welsh Church in Canada. Rowan Williams The Archbishop of Canterbury was delighted to hear the word, "Croeso" and was amazed to learn about Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. "Bendith" ended the conversation.

The following e-mail was received from a neighbour, ~ I received a phone call from my 7 yr old granddaughter from Yukon, Oklahoma, a suburb of Oklahoma City. She had a sleepover for her 7th birthday last week-end and her mom (my daughter) let them make a recipe from the cookbook I sent. It is on page 107 called "Impossible Pie". My daughter said it was hilarious to see them with the oven light on watching the coconut rise to the top. She will always remember that and told the teacher on Monday that it was a magic pie. The teacher is going to do the recipe as an end of the year project with the class next month.

Thanks to the work of the members of Dewi Sant Welsh United Church, people from "far and wide" are truly amazed to hear about Dewi Sant Welsh United Church, the only Welsh Church in Canada as we continue to celebrate. Dewch i ddathlu ein Canmlwyddiant.

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**Bonnie Booth.**

**Great News.....Newyddion Da Iawn**

Have you heard of the venture to establish the first ever daily newspaper material for those involved in Welsh-medium education (whether as teachers or students) and for anyone in the process of learning the language. In addition to all of this, Y BYD will create a link between its readers both in Wales and well beyond its borders, to create an international community

of readers and contributors. It will be an important step forward for Wales. This is a truly historic venture. It has already attracted the support of celebrities from a wide range of fields and the people of Wales have responded in Welsh? The paper will be called Y BYD ('The World') and is due to be launched in 2007. It will be available in newsagents throughout Wales, and subscribers – wherever they may be - will be able to access the entire paper online every day. We have just appointed our Editor and Deputy editor. Y BYD will contain news from Wales, the UK and the world. It will fill a gaping hole in the provision of daily Welsh news and incisive analysis from a Welsh perspective, and will offer a wealth of with enthusiasm and generosity – investing over \$575,000 (£300,000) and joining the Supporters' Club.

**In Memoriam Er Cof.**

**LORNA HOBBS (nee EVANS)**

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Lorna. She passed away peacefully on St. David's Day, March 1<sup>st</sup>. 2007 at Hill House Hospice at the age of 71. Lorna was the loving wife of Peter, dear mother of Stephen and Kerry. She will be sadly missed by her grandsons David and Andrew, and their mother Janet. Lorna will be fondly remembered by her family and friends in Canada and Wales.

Lorna was born in Swansea and as a young bride came over to make a life in Canada with Peter. New friends, that lasted a lifetime were made.

Lorna's home and family were her pride and joy. Her baking and entertaining were a work of art. Lorna studied culinary skills under the direction of well known personality Bonnie Stern. She taught her pupil well, as anyone sampling Lorna's gourmet dinners would tell you.

Lorna was an active member of the Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. Her Welsh Cakes and church suppers will be greatly missed! She worked hard on behalf of the UCW with bake sales etc.

Lorna loved to sing and had been a member of the Dewi Singers, The Agape and Merched Dewi.

A private funeral took place with interment at Maple Cemetery. A Memorial service was held at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>

The Reverend Deian conducted the memorial service to a packed church.

Lorna will be greatly missed by all who knew her. "Calon lan yn llawn daioni."

**Myfanwy.**

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**Gadwyn Donors.**

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**Dolch am eich cyfraniad. Thank you for your contribution.**

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**New E Mail Address.**

Vaughan Lewis and Sally: vasale@rogers.com

Some people go to Church for the sake of a walk  
Some go there to laugh and talk  
Some go there to seek a lover  
Others fashion to discover  
Some go there to wink and nod  
But few go there to worship God

Above found in an Autograph book, c1920COFFEE MORNING

Some cakes, please, for the cake stall  
And gifts for the tombola  
A packet of biscuits, tins of fruit,  
Or fizzy cans of Cola.



We always have the white elephants  
But we try to be discreet,  
The things that we find ugly  
To others are a treat.

There's a lot of friendly chatter,  
Some gossip – nothing spiteful,  
The cheerful clink of cups and spoons,  
The coffee smells delightful.  
Please come along at ten o'clock,  
But just a word of warning:  
Make sure there's money in your purse,  
Enjoy our coffee morning

**Marian Guthrie.**

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As you see we now include a monthly calendar on the last page of Y Gadwyn. If you keep that in a prominent place you will be sure to know what is going on in Dewi Sant and the Welsh community at large.

This time I have included two interesting articles. They are an ideal length. I would be very pleased and far less stressed if more would follow. Somehow many of our topics have been forgotten. Now that our wonderful cookery book is on sale, we should think about gathering more recipes. They always make an interesting addition to Y Gadwyn. What about your latest adventures, (in half a page or so?) We would love to hear about them. Or if you have an interesting topic that you would like to write about, please do so. I do my best to accommodate all of you. Let us know of our children and grandchildren's successes and triumphs. However small they are it is great to hear about them.

If you have a suggestion for a new feature please contact me.

With respect, I would like to point out that **a deadline is set for a very good reason**. I need the time to proof read etc. Articles on the night before the Gadwyn is going to be printed is just too late.

**My next deadline is May 20<sup>th</sup>. This gives everyone an extra week to find articles etc.**

**Thank you . Myfanwy @rogers.com 905 737 4399.**

Three handsome male dogs are walking down the street when they see a beautiful, enticing, female Poodle. The three male dogs fall all over themselves in an effort to be the one to reach her first, but end up arriving in front of her at the same time. The males are speechless before her beauty, slobbering on themselves and hoping for just a glance from her in return. Aware of her charms and her obvious effect on the three suitors, she decides to be kind and tells them,

"The first one who can use the words 'liver' and 'cheese' together in an imaginative, intelligent sentence can go out with me."

The sturdy, muscular black Lab speaks up quickly and says, "I love liver and cheese." "Oh, how childish," said the Poodle. "That shows no imagination or intelligence whatsoever."

She turns to the tall, shiny Golden Retriever and says "How well can you do?"

"Um. I HATE liver and cheese," blurts the Golden Retriever.

"My, my," said the Poodle. "I guess it's hopeless. That's just as dumb as the Lab's sentence."

She then turns to the last of the three dogs and says, "How about you, little guy?"

The last of the three, tiny in stature but big in fame and finesse, is the Taco Bell Chihuahua.

He gives her a smile, a sly wink, turns to the Golden Retriever and the Lab and says.... **Liver alone... Cheese mine."**

*Arun Bajaj*