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Neges y Gweinidog. A Message from the Minister.

Where did the Summer go??? It is just like yesterday when I was looking through the last message before sending it off to Myfanwy for printing. And here we are in September, and the highlight weekend of our **year---long celebration of 100 years of Welsh worship in Toronto upon us**. Ready for the event? I am certain that we are. Everything is now in place and everyone knows what they are doing. The central Celebration team are as competent a group as you could wish to have. Nothing can go wrong, so everything is going to go well.

The work leading up to the celebration weekend has truly been a team effort. The team was not hand picked, but is made up of volunteers. EVERYONE has been given the opportunity to be a part of that team; no-one has been refused a place or a voice in the preparations, every suggestion has been considered. The result of this attitude is that we are presenting to the community, the city, the world an united, harmonious celebration of a joyful family gathering 100 years after the Dewi Sant Church family was founded. This issue of the Gadwyn is a special edition that presents to you the details of the celebration weekend. If you have been uncertain about joining us for one or more of the events, I am sure that the information you will read here will whet your appetite for a taste of the weekend action, and be assured that we as a Church will give all-comers a truly Dewi Sant Welsh Church welcome!

Our motto for the year--long celebration is 'Our Foundation, Our Future.' 'Ein Dechreuad, ein Dyfodol'. I would like to end my preamble with a request to take note of the last word in the motto. FUTURE. The Church, in celebrating, has looked back with pride at its prestigious history. The Church has, though, but one aim, to carry the word of Christ into the future, in the Welsh way, together in harmony as only the Welsh know how. May the

future be as wonderful a journey as the past has been, and if we travel in Christ's footsteps we need fear nothing on that journey.

Bendith Duw arnoch,

Deian Evans, Gweinidog.

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**Report From UCW:-----Merched Yr Eglwys.**

**The Strawberry Tea – June 26<sup>th</sup>:**

*A special thank you to Betty Jones for co-coordinating such a successful event! We all had a wonderful time! The tables were so nicely set and the food was delicious. Thank you also to everyone who assisted and attended!*

**Mark these dates on your calendar:**

**Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

*It's not too soon to start with crafts, baking, sewing, jams, preserves, gently used clothing etc. and the list goes on. Please keep the bazaar in mind. We really appreciate all the support that we get every year from all our good friends. Start to collect items now.*

**Sunday Morning Tea:**

*A very special thank you to the Sunday School for managing the tea through the month of August. September is Men's month – Gentlemen so far so good! We are counting on you!!!! Please sign the tea list for October and November. We need all of those who are able, to take a turn Looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming activities.*

**Sheryl Clay, President, UCW.**

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Centenary Picnic on Centre Island.

What a delight to see such a good turnout for the centenary picnic on June 3rd at St. Stephen's on the Lake church on Centre Island! Imagine the pews filled with congregants wearing red T-shirts with the words, "Dewi Sant Welsh Church Celebrates 100 Years", printed on the front. That was the sight that greeted worshippers as they entered the sanctuary of this very special church on a morning with threatening weather conditions that thankfully never materialized.

After the service, a barbecue lunch was enjoyed by all as hamburgers, hot dogs and potato chips were served up by our proficient chefs. Dessert goodies, Freezies, watermelon and chocolate bars completed a really fine outdoor meal. Special thanks to the food crew and to those who made the area so special with Welsh flags in abundance and red, green and white helium balloons flying proudly throughout the picnic area.

Special recognition must be given to **Pamela Evans**, the superintendent of the Sunday School, who planned and ran all the games with aplomb and a real sense of fun. Literally hundreds of red, green and white ribbons were distributed, much to the delight of the participants, both young and old alike. Pam's assistants, her daughters, **Jennifer and Stephanie**, and **Ashley Terry**, the capable announcer of many of the events are to be congratulated on a job well done. The group photo that was taken at the entrance to the island church will bear testimony to future congregations at Dewi Sant of the wonderful celebration that was held on June 3, 2007 on the Toronto Island. This photo will be mounted beside the one from 1931 that presently hangs in the back hall of the church, across from the office.

It is our hope that the picnic will become an annual event so that it will, once again, become a "must do" for families as they fill their spring calendars. For many years, the picnic was a mainstay on the Dewi Sant calendar. With the enthusiasm that was demonstrated this year, let's endeavour to keep the 'picnic spirit' alive for future generations.

Again to the renewal committee, a genuine vote of thanks. Your enthusiasm and support of all the special events this year is making 2007 a real celebration. Of course, the culmination of all these events is in October. Please mark the 19, 20 and 21 on your calendars now. We promise you won't be disappointed...**Betty Cullingworth.**

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A man rushed into a busy doctor's office and shouted "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!!!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient." By the way, the guy who wrote these 10 puns entered them in a contest. He figured with 10 entries, he couldn't lose. As they were reading the list of winners, he was really hoping one of his puns would win, but unfortunately, no pun in ten did!!! (get it?)

## Count Down to Dewi Sant's Centenary Celebrations.

The clock is ticking as members of Dewi Sant Welsh United Church in Toronto eagerly anticipate our upcoming 100th Birthday. Mark the weekend of October 19-21 on your calendars and please come and join us in this "**once in a lifetime**" event.

**Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>** is the date of our celebratory Banquet at the Granite Club. In addition to a sumptuous meal, you will be entertained by talented "children of the church". We look forward to hearing Gaynor Jones Low, Sheryl Clay, David Jones and Merched Dewi. We will also be entertained by Dawnsywyr Y Ddraig Goch, a recently formed folk dance group, led by Brenda Davis. The two ministers, The Rev. Dr. Cerwyn Davies and the Rev. Deian Evans are also planning a surprise performance! Tickets for the banquet cost \$75.00 (Canadian)

A water colour painting of the church has been commissioned, and will be auctioned during the evening. One lucky attendee will also go home with return tickets to Wales, thanks to Zoom Airlines.

**Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>**. Yorkminster Park Baptist Church is the venue for a Grand Concert where Cantorion y Cant (100 Voice Choir) will entertain a capacity crowd. For this special event the **Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir** and the **Burlington Welsh Male Chorus** will unite to delight us in song. Former maestro of the Toronto Welsh, **David Low**, will conduct a combined section of the programme.

We are delighted to announce that **Gwenan Gibbard**, a supreme harpist and singer, will be the guest soloist at the concert. Gwenan studied music at Bangor University and The Royal Academy in London. A winner at the National Eisteddfod, the Cerdd Dant Festival and the Pan Celtic Festival, Gwenan specializes in Welsh folk music and Cerdd Dant. She has represented Wales in various Celtic countries - the Lorient Festival in Brittany, the World Harp Congress in Dublin, the Celtic Connection in Glasgow and the European Harpists' Symposium in Cardiff. Readers of Ninnau who attended last year's National Gymanfa Ganu would have heard Gwenan perform and can attest to her skill on the harp and her joyous, lively voice and personality.

All this for a mere \$25.00!

**Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>**. the **Reverend Deian Evans**, minister of Dewi Sant will conduct the morning service, during which a new stained glass window will be dedicated. Should you attend the morning service, you will be invited for a free lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Don't linger over lunch, though, because I can guarantee that it will be "standing room only" in the Sanctuary as we search for seats for the afternoon's Gymanfa session. **Iwan Edwards**, formerly of Llanelli and now living in Lachine, PQ, will lead us all in our favourite Welsh hymns. I also heard a whisper that BBC Wales plans to record the event for the weekly Welsh hymn singing programme, "Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol".

This is a weekend that should not be missed. We invite readers of Ninnau to join us to help celebrate the birthday of the only remaining Welsh Church in Canada. For further details, check our website at [www.dewisant.com](http://www.dewisant.com) or call the church at 416-485-7583.

**Hefina Phillips.**

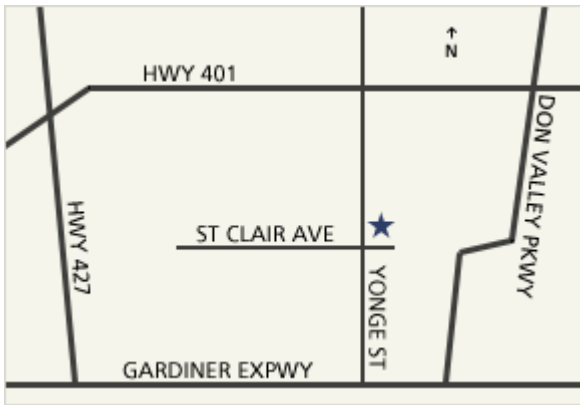
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Saturday night's concert tickets--- \$25.00--- can be purchased at the Church or from **Bonnie Booth**, 416-485-7583. To order Tickets online or by phone follow the links, www.dewisant.com to www.TicketBreak.com/. The Posters are up and now you need to purchase your Tickets early to avoid disappointment when we sell-out this once in a lifetime Event.

Getting to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church www.yorkminsterpark.com :-

Driving: Yorkminster Park Baptist Church is located at 1585 Yonge Street, between Heath Street E. and Glen Elm Avenue, one block North of the major intersection of Yonge Street and St. Clair Avenue.

Parking information: A small parking lot is located behind the Church, off Glen Elm Avenue. Additional parking is located West of Alvin Avenue.

Public Transportation: From most parts of the city, the most efficient means of getting to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church is by subway. The nearest subway stop is St. Clair station. Access is also provided via the 512 (Keele - St. Clair Station) streetcar line.



Another Successful Mission & Service Barbeque..

The tradition continues and once again this year, the M&S barbeque was a great success. Over 50 people attended and the rain stopped and held off until the barbeque ended. Joan Lloyd graciously opened her home again this year. A big thank you goes to Carysann for cooking the burgers. Betty Jones, who couldn't come out, did an outstanding job on the salads which everyone enjoyed, also Ellen Fitzgibbon for the delicious potato salad. Thanks also to Shirley Evans, Nest Pritchard, all the faithful helpers and to everyone who baked desserts and gave a donation.

The BBQ is always well attended and the committee is grateful to the faithful followers who come out each year for good food and fellowship. This year, we were pleased to welcome an extra special guest who had never attended before – Lord Roger Roberts.

Our final total after expenses was \$426. As always, a special thank you to Joan for giving us a place and to you for making it so successful.

Looking forward to our 20th year next year.

Mission & Service Committee: Meriel Simpson, Joan Lloyd, Betty Jones, Nest Pritchard.

Meriel Simpson.

Ontario Welsh Festival / OGGA Awards Scholarship.

In 2007 the Ontario Welsh Festival / OGGA offered a scholarship to attend Cymdeithas Madog's annual Welsh Language Immersion Course. Cwrs Cymraeg, as it is known, was held in Albany, New York, in July this year. The recipient of the award was Christopher Llewelyn Morgan of Oakville, Ontario. Christopher is of immediate Welsh descent but learnt only the most rudimentary phrases when growing up. He currently attends weekly language classes in Toronto with John Otley as his teacher.

John Otley is also the Ontario Welsh Festival's webmaster, and it was in honour of John's wonderful work on our behalf that the Board awarded this scholarship to one of his students. Llonygfarchiadau,, Chris, a diolch o galon i ti, John, am dy waith dros y Gymraeg a'r "pethau" Cymreig.

Hefina Phillips.

GOOD SAMARITAN A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then, she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

Thanks to the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir.

The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir highlighted their contribution of the Welsh culture and their gift of music to the City of Toronto at the Eaton Centre Community Booth on Thursday and Friday, September 6th and 7th. It was an opportunity to increase their membership and to promote their exciting upcoming Season 2007 and 2008. We were able to promote the "100 Voice Concert, Cyngerdd y Cant". David Hughes quickly and competently created a terrific T.W.M.V.C. Brochure for the display. Diolch David.

Thanks goes to Bruno DaSilva and the Staff at the Eaton Centre for their kind assistance.

Also, I would like to thank all the Members of the T.W.M.V.C. for their enthusiasm and generous assistance with this wonderful opportunity to promote the "100 Voice Concert, Cyngerdd y Cant" for Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. Diolch yn fawr iawn. **Bonnie Booth.**

Geraint Wyn Davies Takes to CanStage

Dewi Sant Welsh United Church is very pleased to welcome Geraint Wyn Davies back to Toronto for CanStage's 20th anniversary season where he will be appearing as Dr. Frederick Treves in "The Elephant Man".

This play tells the tender and powerful story of a grotesque sideshow freak known as the "Elephant Man" (Brent Carver) whose life was changed forever by a chance encounter with a gifted young doctor (Geraint Wyn Davies). The Elephant Man takes us from the seedy and sordid voyeurism of Victorian London to the elegant world of British aristocracy where he becomes a cherished celebrity. Based on real-life events, "The Elephant Man" reveals that beauty truly lies in the eye, and soul, of the beholder. "A startling act of magic...The lines that divide beauty and ugliness have been confoundingly blurred, and you are left uneasily sorting out your reactions". The New York Times

Date: Saturday **October 27**, 2007 Time: 2:00 p.m. Where:**Bluma Appel Theatre**. St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, 27. Front St. E. Tickets:\$40.00 (Regular \$67+ Service Fee) Contact: Donna Morris (416) 756-1249

Note: * Confirmation by Thursday September 27th, 2007 is required - No exception.*****

The North American Festival of Wales, Washington.

Quite a large contingent from the Toronto area attended this year's Gymanfa weekend in Washington. Was it merely the location that attracted so many of us, or was it anything to do with the fact that Cor Meibion Maelgwn, under the leadership of Trystan Lewis, just happened to be the guest choir??

The venue was perfect: an excellent hotel on the edge of historic Alexandria - not within walking distance but with a frequent free shuttle service to the old town. Perfect for those of us who love to shop! It was an easy drive into the capital city and its infinite attractions. Too much to see and do in too short a time.

The weekend's events began with a concert given by Dafydd Iwan- possibly the most famous of current Welsh entertainers. His fame as a language activist is legendary and he used his songs to promote his fight for the rights of Wales. Much of what we take for granted today, such as bi-lingual road signs and official recognition for the language, we owe to Dafydd Iwan and the committed activists of that era. He remains incredibly energetic and willingly continued his singing after official events were over.

The highlight of Friday evening was the Grand Banquet and Concert at which Ottawa's own Sharon Mercer was the soloist. Not only is she a totally delightful person, she has the voice of an angel and thoroughly deserved the standing ovation we gave her.

Saturday night was our chance to hear Cor Meibion Maelgwn. Readers of Y Gadwyn who attended the OGGA in Stratford two years ago will be very familiar with this great choir and its charismatic leader. We were not disappointed. With Sharon as their soloist, they treated us to a musical feast and Trystan, their conductor, had us all eating out of his hand!! (Excuse the double metaphor!)

On Sunday morning the Rev. Richard Baskwill delivered the bi-lingual sermon "Dyma'r Ffordd. Rhodiwch ynddi!" (This is the way, walk in it) Although the afternoon Gymanfa Session was to start at 2.30 P.M, the diehard

altos and sopranos were in place well before 2 o'clock! (As we had staked our claim earlier we didn't need to be there quite so early for the evening session!) We sang our hearts out. No Gymanfa in Wales could produce a better sound. It was truly wonderful. Backed by his choir and with Sharon as soloist in both sessions, Trystan commanded our attention and brought out the very best in us musically.

What else went on during the weekend? A great deal! The Eisteddfod has become an integral part of the Festival. Myfanwy Bajaj and her committee had provided a wide variety of competitions. Lord Roger Roberts, visiting from Wales, adjudicated the English literary entries and the Welsh and English recitations. Trystan Lewis was the adjudicator of all the music categories and Hefina Phillips of the Welsh and Learners' literary competitions. The highlight of the annual Festival Eisteddfod is the David Morris Award whereby the winner receives \$3,000 in order to compete in the National Eisteddfod in Wales. Unfortunately, this year the first prize was withheld due to lack of competition. Nancy Wright, the only competitor, was highly commended and sang a solo at Y Gymanfa..

There were also ten different seminars. Attendees could learn about subjects as diverse as the Mabinogion, Welsh Pirates, Poetry of Gwyn Thomas or Welsh for Beginners. In between the events we also visited the Market Place, where a large variety of Welsh items were for sale. Some of us also managed the odd tourist trip around the Capital City.

Any complaints? None whatsoever! A truly great experience. Kudos to all who made it happen. **Hefina Phillips.**

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\*\*\***"Dafydd Iwan** is the newest most original discovery in Welsh folk singing. He has created a tremendous following, perhaps the first modern Welsh language singer to become a teenage idol. He is also a poet, writer and cartoonist—He writes his own lyrics and music. Dafydd sings of love and he sings of Wales. He embodies the spirit of a new generation dedicated to fight for the language and the land we love, for free Wales."\*\*\* These words are taken from the sleeve of **Dafydd's first record, "Y Dydd"** which I have here on my desk. **Myfanwy.** I had the **honour** of spending an hour or so with Dafydd in Washington. An honour, because his lyrics have, over the years helped me get through some difficult times in my life... I felt it important to let him know the influence his words have on people. I was able to tell him how others had shared their feelings with me of the spiritual/emotional effect his words have had on them. (even "Carlo," tongue in cheek!!) A gentleman doctor sat with me in the afterglow one night, with tears streaming down his face; profoundly moved as he listened to Dafydd singing.. Isn't it wonderful that years after that first record, I was sitting with someone who has **"lived his dream."** Dafydd has lived through trials and tribulations, through joys and sorrows and tremendous successes. He is **now** able to lecture with confidence and pride on how the Welsh language has been saved and of how it has a bright future **now.** This legend has fought with every breath in his body for the language and country that he loves so much. This is a man who has fought for what he believes in and who has never given up. "Fought" is a strange word to use when speaking of this gentle pacifist. The list of his accomplishments are endless as you will see if you go into the web. He has retired as many times as Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones, but Wales will not allow him to do so. He is invited back over and over again to perform the favourites. This must give him a great sense of satisfaction as he throws back his head, closes his eyes and just lets the music carry him away.

Dafydd is chair of Plaid Cymru, Carnarfon Council, Sain and still finds time to preach etc. etc. Dafydd is now translating his lyrics into English. This will show many more what Dafydd Iwan is all about. Many of us owe him a great debt of gratitude. Ydyn Dafydd, "Er gwaetha' pawb a phobpeth ry'n ni yma o hyd." Despite everything we are still here..

Llongyfarchiadau Dafydd. Diolch am bobpeth wyt yn ei wneud dros ein hiaith an gwlad.

**Myfanwy o Toronto--Castell Haidd!**

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(o ddiddordeb—Of interest) **Lady Llanover Yr Arglwyddes Llanofer**. Gan . R. G. Jenkins.

In 1802 a remarkable woman, Augusta Waddington, was born in the house of Ty Uchaf (Upper House) not far from the town of Abergavenny (Y Fenni) in the southeastern Welsh county of Monmouthshire (now known by its traditional Welsh name of Gwent). Augusta was the daughter of an English businessman who had become wealthy through business dealings in London and the United States. Augusta's mother had some Welsh blood in her however and, although born into a wealthy English-speaking family, Augusta always considered herself to be Welsh.

In those days, at the beginning of the nineteenth century Eastern Gwent, which adjoins the English border and seems very "English" to many visitors today, was almost entirely Welsh-speaking even though English was making inroads. (Gwent villages with present-day, English-sounding names were Welsh-speaking. For example, one of the great Welsh educators

Gruffydd Jones's circulating schools, where adult men and women were taught to read and write in Welsh – making Wales the most literate country in Europe in the 18th century – was in Llanwynell. Today it's listed on maps as Wolves Newton).

Augusta learned Welsh as a child when visiting her father's tenants in their cottages and, as a young woman, developed an increasingly enthusiastic interest in Welsh literature and all aspects of Welsh culture. She was married in 1823 to Benjamin Hall, whose wealthy family owned coal-mines in the Abercarn area of western Gwent. Sir Benjamin (he was knighted a few years later and became Minister of Works) was an intelligent and open-minded man who not only supported his wife in her Welsh cultural activities but opened a Welsh church for his Abercarn workers. As Minister of Works he commissioned the building of a clock-tower for the **Houses of Parliament**; it was named "**Big Ben**" after him. Later still Queen Victoria bestowed the title of "Lord Llanover" on him.

Augusta was unquestionably a privileged member of the British upper class. As a child she played with the daughters of the then king (George III) and was subsequently a friend of the Prince of Wales (later George IV). She and her husband maintained a town house in London and travelled extensively throughout Britain and Europe.

What differentiated her from most of her English (and anglicized Welsh) fellow-members of the landed gentry in Wales was her passionate love of all things Welsh. Lady Llanover was a strong supporter of eisteddfodau in Y Fenni (where there was a flourishing Welsh cultural society, Cymreigyddion y Fenni), and elsewhere. At the National Eisteddfod of Wales, held in Cardiff in 1834 she adopted the bardic name "Gwenynen Gwent" ("The Bee of Gwent"), chosen to indicate that she was "as busy as a bee" in her support of Welsh causes. She revived interest in the Welsh triple harp and traditional. She ensured that all the workers on her estate were Welsh-speaking and encouraged her female employees to wear Welsh dress. She also took a leading part in the movement to preserve Welsh manuscripts and established a flock of black Welsh mountain sheep on her estate.

Lady Llanover survived her husband by thirty years. She died in 1896 at the age of 93. Reporting her funeral, the local newspaper wrote: "At her expressed wish, the solemn rites observed yesterday at Llanover...were conducted entirely, from first to last, in the language of the people of Wales".

Today, despite more than two centuries of Anglicization, there are signs that the people of Gwent are beginning to cherish their Welsh heritage once again. An increasing number of schools in which Welsh is the medium of instruction (but in which all children are also fluent in English and, often, in one or two European languages in addition) now exist in the county. These days it's not uncommon to meet multilingual Welsh speaking children and teenagers from Y Fenni, Newport, (Casnewydd) and Chepstow (Casgwent), which is located on the English border. Lady Llanover must be delighted.

Adapted from "The Welsh Tradition of Gwent" by Prof. G J Williams.

John Jenkins, a native of Treforest (Trefforest) near Pontypridd, Glamorganshire is a former president of the St. David's Society of Toronto and a former member, with his family, of Cymdeithas Cymreig Lledynys Moneter). He is learning Welsh. Dewi Sant Church. He continues to be a supporter of Dewi Sant and Y Gadwyn. Later he was president of the Cymrodorion Society of Boston. John now lives in Waterloo and in Monterey, California where he is vice-president of the Welsh Society of the Monterey Peninsula

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*Which Bible character had no parents? Joshua son of Nun! Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? Samson. He brought the house down! What kind of vehicles were in the Bible? God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a **Fury**, David's **Triumph** was heard all over the land! **A Honda**, because his disciples were all in **Accord!** What excuse did Adam give the children for leaving the Garden? "You're mother ate us out of house and home!" What do they call pastors in Germany? German Shepherds!*  
**It does not hurt to have a little Bible humour. Lee Griffiths Ottawa.**

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IN MEMORIAM-----ER PARCHUS GOE.

ON JANUARY 17th, 2007 A BELOVED LADY PASSED AWAY AT YORK CENTRAL HOSPITAL IN RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO WITHIN DAYS OF HER 88th BIRTHDAY. EIRA MEIRION THOMAS WAS BORN EIRA MEIRION ROBERTS ON JANUARY 24th, 1919 IN Y BALA, MEIRIONYDD, WALES, THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN AND ELUNED ROBERTS AND CAME TO CANADA IN THE 1940's.

EIRA'S LINEAGE HAD HISTORICAL TIES TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WALES, HER FATHER WAS THE PRECENTOR FOR MANY YEARS AT CAPEL TEGID WELSH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. ONE OF THE GREAT BARDS IN NINETEENTH CENTURY WALES, DAVID ROBERTS (DEWI HAVHESP) WAS HER GREAT GRANDFATHER. FURTHER BACK HER GRAND PARENTAL LINEAGE WERE WILLIAM EDWARDS WRITER OF MANY WELSH HYMNS, ONE OF WHICH THE FIRST LINE READS " DOES NEB OND EF FY IESU HARDD" AND THE REVEREND JOHN EVANS, ADWY'R CLAWDD (1723— 1853). BOTH THESE GENTLEMEN WERE OF GREAT HELP AND BENEFIT TO THE REVEREND THOMAS CHARLES OF Y BALA.

EIRA BECAME A MEMBER OF DEWI SANT WELSH CHURCH ON ARRIVING IN CANADA AND MET HER FUTURE HUSBAND DAVID DANIEL THOMAS OF CYDWELI. THEY WERE FAITHFUL ATTENDERS AT CLINTON STREET UNTIL MOVING TO THE AREA OF KLEINBURG IN THE LATE FIFTIES AND BECAME MEMBERS AT TESTON UNITED CHURCH WHERE EIRA PLAYED THE ORGAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

HER CONNECTION WITH DEWI SANT WELSH GOES BACK TO THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH. EIRA'S AUNT WAS MRS MIRIAM BEARE A LONGTIME FAITHFUL MEMBER. HER UNCLE MEIRION ROBERTS A GREAT FRIEND OF THE LATE TOM HUGHES (THORNCLIFFE OR DAGMAR) AS HE WAS KNOWN, WAS KILLED IN FRANCE ON NOVEMBER 11TH, 1918, THE LAST DAY OF WORLD WAR 1, WHILE BOTH WERE SERVING IN THE CANADIAN ARMY. EIRA WAS A VERY CARING LADY AND THE WELCOME EXTENDED TO VISITORS AT THE THOMAS HOME WAS UNSURPASSED. WE GRIEVE OVER HER PASSING AND OUR THOUGHTS AND SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO HER FAMILY, HUSBAND DAVID,

DAUGHTER ANN, SON GARETH, INLAWS ERNEST PAGE AND KAREN THOMAS AND GRAND CHILDREN KENNETH, JEREMMY, HALEY, TARA AND GREGORY ALSO TWO SISTERS- IN- LAW IN WALES. EIRA WAS PREDECEASED BY TWO BROTHERS, BERWYN AND GWYNFOR AND BY DAUGHTER BARBARA LYN.

PRIVATE FUNERAL ATTENDED BY FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS WAS CONDUCTED BY THE MINISTER OF TESTON UNITED CHURCH FOLLOWED BY CREMATION.

GERAINT.H.JONES.

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Gadwyn Donors.

Elizabeth & Edward Blunn; David Jones: Alyce Roberts: Bryan Thomas. **Thank you**

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On The Move.

Elwyn & Violet Clay, 159 Hillside Drive South, Elliot Lake, Ontario, P5A 1N2 Tel #705-461-8864

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Thank You.

*I would like to thank you all so much for your good wishes for my return to good health. It was very kind of reverend Deian to visit me. I enjoyed seeing him. Good wishes to all and with a little luck I shall see you all at the banquet. Best wishes **Sybil Mather.***

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Diolch Yn Fawr to Brenda Davies.

Saturday nights, 7 pm. at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church a group of ten dancers stand in a circle, eagerly waiting for Brenda to start the warm up exercises prior to our dance routines. Laughs, groans, occasionally sore muscles YET, we have fun together. Our dance instructor Brenda Davies, Robert Bruce, Annette and Deian Evans, Jennifer and Stephanie Evans, Leona Francis, Meriel Simpson, Ashley Terry, and myself. We are in a dance group called, "Dawnsyr Y Ddraig Goch." Brenda is not only our teacher but she has designed and made all the beautiful costumes that we will wear for our performances. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. **Jeanette Roberts.**

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Congratulations to Elwyn Morris on celebrating his 86<sup>th</sup>. Birthday recently. We wish him a belated happy birthday and a return to much better health soon.

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Pren Crin (O Ymryson y beirdd 1956.) Pren Crin.

O'i ddolur ni wŷr ddelio—ac adar
Ai gedy yn ango',
A'r ddear fyw yn gwywo
Yn hagr a briw ar gwr bro.

Ni leda mwy dan flodau—daw gwanwyn
Digynnwrf yw'r gwreiddiau;
Yn ysig dan eu bwysau
Wedi'r bri mae'n bwdwr a brau.

Beirdd Sir Forgannwg

Beirdd Sir Gaernarfon (Pwt bach o Gymraeg--- Myfanwy.)

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Cornel fach Y Gegin-----Kitchen Corner.

Leek, Cranberry and Chestnut Circle.

Ingredients. 3 large leeks: 1 large red onion: 1 red pepper roughly chopped: 4 cloves of garlic finely chopped: 1 lb. cooked chestnuts (canned ones are ideal): 8 oz. Cranberries: 6oz. white bread crumbs: 2 tablespoons of finely chopped parsley: 3 well beaten eggs: 1lb. Cox apples coarsely grated: 6oz. of goat cheese, crumbled, (or any other soft cheese of your choice): 4oz. mushrooms cut very finely 2oz. butter: To decorate you will need a few cranberries, rosemary and bay leaves .

Cranberry sauce.

1lb. of cranberries: 8oz. of soft brown sugar: ½ pint of port wine: ½ pint of orange juice; the peel of 1 orange grated.

Method.

In a large frying pan heat the butter, then gently sauté the mushrooms, garlic and onions.

In a large mixing bowl put the chestnuts very finely chopped with the onion mixture from the frying



pan, 8 oz. of cranberries, breadcrumbs, parsley, apples, the beaten eggs, pepper and salt to taste.  
Mix thoroughly  
Soak the leeks well. Slice them lengthwise. Remove each leaf and wash separately. Place the leeks in a saucepan of boiling water and boil gently for 1-2 minutes. Drain thoroughly and put in cold water. Drain again and dry very carefully with kitchen paper. .  
Grease a Savarin 24cm/ 9½” bowl with butter. Fill the mold with the leek leaves making sure that they overlap.  
Put half of the cranberry mixture in with the leeks and press firmly. Now press the cheese over all this. Add the rest of the cranberry mixture and press very very firmly. Now add the remaining leeks  
Make sure that there are no spaces or holes.  
Bake for 40-45 minutes at 400F or regulo 6.  
Allow to cool the turn out onto a serving dish and decorate.  
To make the sauce. Put all the ingredients into a saucepan, ie.1lb of cranberries etc. Simmer, and stir until the sauce becomes thick.  
Serve with roast potatoes and of course turkey or other meat of your choice Enjoy, **Myfanwy.**  
Good luck.I am going to try to make this for Thanksgiving. Ram will probably have to clean the kitchen for a week after my efforts!!!

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Lupus.

As one of the several people suffering from Lupus in Dewi Sant, I asked if I could include a short paragraph in Y Gadwyn. Many do not know anything about this disease.
Lupus can be a very debilitating disease, which takes many forms, most of them very painful and is a clever “imitator.” It can be very difficult to diagnose, although it is a great deal easier to do so than 20 years ago.
Having a young child to care for and a depression that could have been overpowering, I decided to pick myself up and join others in the struggle against Lupus. Of course there are good and bad days. I have become one of the event coordinators for Lupus Ontario. At least I am now doing something positive instead of sitting at home feeling sorry for myself.
Lupus impacts over 50.000 Canadians with the majority being young women in their childbearing years. But younger and older people are being diagnosed with lupus as well. Lupus really is the ***Disease of a Thousand Faces.***
In October there is a thrust on walkathons, before the weather gets too cold.
If you are interested in any way please contact angel_of_hope_yorkregion@yahoo.ca or Lupusontario.info@bellnet.ca
The donation link if you choose to use it is
<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/StartUp.aspx?TSID=159507>
Thank you for your time Tara Sian Freemantle.

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Please see the **back of this page** for a calendar of the coming month’s activities. There is so much going on. Y Gadwyn will be a week late in October in order that I can include a report about all the celebratory activities etc. (What ever will we do now that this is over??) Composing articles for Y Gadwyn could be on your list!! We will need another project to keep us out of mischief!!) Please get everything to me by the last Sunday in October-**ie.28<sup>th</sup>**. No late exceptions please as I will have to get it out in two days. [myfanwy@rogers.com](mailto:myfanwy@rogers.com) 34 Carrington Drive, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 8A2. 905 737-4399.

**\*\*\*WELSH SERVICE FOR OCTOBER – SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 P.M.\*\*\***