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Gair gan y Gweinidog A word from the Minister

Being busy is a wonderful thing! There is nothing better than waking up in the morning knowing that for the rest of that day there will be plenty to keep us preoccupied. There can be nothing worse than getting up trying to consider how to fill empty hours. The past few weeks in my life, therefore, have been good times for me, because I have filled my days with working alongside wonderful people and working on behalf of the Lord's Church doing the practical duties that have led up to the Weekend of Centennial Celebrations at the Granite Club Ballroom, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church and at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. My gratitude to those who have worked to ensure that the 250+ banquet attendees, the 1000+ at the 'Cyngerdd y Cant' and the full Church on Sunday morning and afternoon sessions of Worship were fully satisfied and departed knowing that they had truly been in an unforgettable Celebration.

But this is only the beginning! Our motto for the last three years of preparation has been "Our Foundation, Our Future". I truly believe that the foundation has now been laid for a faithful future. The number of people from the Church who have had a part in the groundwork is great – people who have used their talents, abilities, strengths and experience in small ways and great, each contribution adding to the value of the whole. It is now the time to give ourselves a big pat on the back (if that is physically possible), but then to really think about how we can keep the momentum going to the future. One of the most heartwarming aspects of the work I have done in the past three years is seeing the co-operation between Church members in the celebration projects. I have seen friendships grow and flourish as a result of people working together. I have heard people say that they did not really know a certain person until they had worked alongside them on a project, that they now appreciate their fellow Church members in a different and more appreciative way after having the time to chat with them during the week rather than just on the Sunday. I pray that this feeling of 'family' will continue to the future. I am certain that it will, because we all, always want to develop the 'feelgood factors' in our lives. May we now look to our future with a positive, determined attitude, knowing that all we do is done in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ and to His Glory.
Bendith Duw fyddo arnoch,

Deian.

U.C. W

Merched Y Capel.

First of all, a special thank you to all of the ladies who have worked to make 2007 a successful year (and to all of our supporters – both men and women alike).

To all who have helped with Sunday Morning tea, thank you! To the group of ladies who organized the special Anniversary Weekend lunch thank you! A special thank you to Barry Hastings who helped us set up tables and to Gaynor and Myfanwy for organizing the event. To those who worked so hard to beautify our sanctuary this last year, thank you! To those who have worked to ensure that receptions are beautifully done, especially those for families in time of grief.....thank you! Your UCW executive will be meeting to plan the 2008 year. We look forward to your continued support and participation.

Upcoming Events:

Nov 26th – Advent Service: 7:00 pm:

Please join us for the UCW Advent Service. It's always such a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season.

Sheryl Clay.

Memories from Merched Dewi.

In researching some material for both the commemorative book and the history book produced for our centenary celebrations, it was determined (after some cross country consultation with Carolyn Lewis) that Merched Dewi had its first 'gig' as a quartet at the 1981 eisteddfod performing in the penillion category. The members of that quartet were Nora Davies, Olwen Dunets, Haulwen Edwards and Carolyn Lewis. Two of the original foursome have been stalwart members of Merched Dewi over the past 26 years so it is with deep nostalgia that the choir now accepts the resignation of both Nora and Olwen from active membership. Of course, both will still be members emeriti when the opportunity arises but the members of Merched Dewi wish to thank both Olwen and Nora for their many years of loyal and faithful service to the choir. They will truly be missed in the soprano section standing together in the centre of the back row. For being both the initiators and the heart of what has turned into a Welsh choral tradition at Dewi Sant, diolch yn fawr iawn i chi!!

Betty Cullingworth.

Dewi Sant's Centenary Celebrations.

It's all over! Three years in the preparation and then, in the twinkling of an eye - well, in 72 hours - it was over. To describe my reaction to the weekend as euphoric would be an understatement. I felt as if I were floating six inches off the ground the entire time.

What were the highlights? So, so many! Friday evening at the Granite Club started off brilliantly with the beautifully set tables, and a truly delicious dinner. The photographs and the video took us all down memory lane. The evening's entertainment, provided by members of Dewi Sant confirmed how much talent we have at our church: solos by Gaynor Jones Low, Sheryl Clay and David Jones, two dances by Dawnsywyr y Ddraig Goch, a duet by the Two Revs (Deian and Cerwyn) and a medley of songs by Merched Dewi. And Friday evening was also the start of our love affair with the totally delightful Gwenan Gibbard when we were given an introduction to her incredible talent. What a singer and what a harpist.

Saturday night's concert by the 100 Voice Choir had been long anticipated, but even we, members of the planning committee, were not prepared for its phenomenal success. York Minster Park Baptist Church is reputed to hold over a thousand people, and on Saturday evening the church was packed! Emcee, the Rev Dr. Cerwyn Davies estimated that there were as many as 1,300 in attendance. Much as we enjoyed the individual performances given by the Toronto Welsh Male Voice choir under its director William Woloschuk and the Burlington Welsh Male Chorus directed by Richard Street, it was when both choirs combined, under the leadership of David Low, that we were treated to a volume of sound and a wealth of song that was quite thrilling. And the icing on the cake? Gwenan Gibbard! A comment from my daughter-in-law: "I had goose bumps as I listened to her."

Then on to Sunday morning. The Welsh saying "Diwedd y gan yw'r geiniog" may be roughly translated as "everything comes with a price". Running a church costs money. A new roof and new furnace were just two essential repairs needed at Dewi Sant, so it was decided that we should attempt to raise \$100,000. Leona Francis designed a colourful banner recording the stages in the financial search. Once we reached our goal, a red dragon would be placed in the centre of the banner with the announcement that The Dragon Has Landed!

As soon as the Reverend Deian Evans welcomed a full house to the morning service, the congregation was astonished to see a large red cardboard dragon enter the Sanctuary. It was carried by the children of the Sunday School, all dressed in their Welsh costumes, and when challenged by Deian as to why it was there, they all shouted, "The Dragon Has Landed". We had, indeed, reached our financial goal of \$100,000. Very emotional!

A beautiful stained glass window depicting St. David (Dewi Sant) was unveiled by Leona Francis and Dr. Murray Black. It is a great enhancement to the Sanctuary.

One of the definite highlights of the morning was having 9 of the younger children charm us with three little Welsh hymns. They all looked adorable- the girls in their Welsh costumes and the only boy in his Welsh rugby shirt! There were some extremely proud parents and grandparents in the congregation.

We were especially delighted to see four generations of the Humphreys Jones family at the service. Katherine (96 years young and widow of the late John Humphries Jones, former minister of Dewi Sant), daughter Gaynor Jones Low (who brought tears to my eyes with her rendition of Bless This House), granddaughter Bronwen and great granddaughter baby Hannah.

A delicious lunch provided by the UCW and a huge cake decorated with a red dragon gave us the necessary energy to sing our hearts out at the afternoon's Gymanfa. Iwan Edwards of Montreal was the guest conductor and he certainly was able to produce a wonderful sound from us. Iwan is a Member of the Order of Canada because of his outstanding achievements in the Arts, so we were especially grateful that he and his wife, Undeg, made time to celebrate our 100th birthday with us.

Thanks to everyone involved, especially to our young teenagers for participating so willingly in so many events. Although it is invidious to name names, I must give special mention to Leona Francis for her work in producing the Commemorative Booklet, Meriel Simpson for her "History of Dewi Sant", Robert Jones for the Friday evening's Video, Betty Jones for her archival work, Henry Dykstra and Bonnie Booth for their tireless work towards the concert, and the many, many people who worked on the various committees. And a very special thanks to the person who led us through all the preparations, chaired all the committees, fed and watered (and wined!) us these past three years - Betty Cullingworth. If you feel I omitted someone's name, please forgive me. Be assured that your contribution towards the success of the weekend is gratefully appreciated.

There is now so much energy, excitement and enthusiasm in the church that it cannot but augur well for Dewi Sant. As the Rev. Deian Evans said in the morning service, the celebrations are over but now we need to carry on the momentum and work together for the future of the only Welsh church in Canada.

Hefina Phillips.

How to Say Diolch yn Fawr iawn??

There is an African adage that suggests that 'it takes a whole village to raise a child'. Perhaps we can start a Welsh equivalent that says, 'it takes an entire congregation to bring a stated goal to a successful completion'. Certainly it was our entire congregation that helped to make the centenary celebrations at Dewi Sant a time of joy, excitement and renewal.

Several different members quarterbacked the individual events that were held over the past three years leading up to the October celebrations. Colourful pictorial memories of many of these special times can be found in the commemorative book, Century of Praise/Canrif o Foliant, that is still available for purchase at the church. It is a wonderful reminder of all that Dewi Sant has meant to us, not only over the last few years but well into the past. These memories are shared by many in the section entitled, 'A Walk Down Memory Lane', and we do thank those who shared those special memories with us. It helps bring Dewi Sant Welsh Church and its past to life for us once again.

A sincere **diolch yn fawr iawn** goes to the committee members who worked tirelessly yet joyfully over the past three years; to the church membership who supported each initiative with such enthusiasm; to the many who attended events and gave both physical and fiscal support; and especially to the Reverend Deian Evans who gave us both spiritual and practical guidance through this exciting time. Deian and his wife Annette arrived in

Canada when the plans for the centenary were just in their infancy. Both have played an integral role in nurturing them into maturity.

Memorabilia of various kinds have been developed over the last year to commemorate the centenary and many of these are still available for purchase: mugs decorated with the Welsh dragon and the centennial logo; T-shirts with logos; the history book outlining the first 100 years of Dewi Sant Welsh United church; the commemorative book; special commemorative stamps designed by one of our Sunday School students, Meeko Thomas; the cookbook that has received critical acclaim in local newspapers. We encourage you to buy some or all of these items as remembrances of a very special time in the life of our church.

Let's give each other a group clap. This couldn't have happened without you...and you....and you.....and.....

Can't wait for the 125th!!!!!!.....

Betty Cullingworth.

St. David's Society - A Victorian Christmas.

This Christmas season the St. David's Society of Toronto will venture back in time to the Niagara region. Our tour starts in the 17th century Village of Jordan. While in Jordan visit the Cave Spring winery, the oldest functioning wine cellar in all of Ontario, or check out the many antique and craft shops which line the main street. Alternatively, visit the Jordan Historical Museum which includes an 1816 log house and an 1859 stone school house, or, take a walking tour of the village which lists 21 sites of historic interest.

Our next destination is Niagara-on-the-Lake ("N-O-T-L" in local shorthand). The town accentuates its British heritage with its Georgian and Victorian-styled buildings. Wander back through time at the Prince of Wales Hotel and indulge in a scrumptious Afternoon Tea, or dine at one of the fabulous restaurants in town. Shopping is spectacular - don't forget to drop by the Christmas store. Or, take a leisurely stroll through the waterfront park to Fort George, or an even more leisurely carriage ride through the Old Town. The choice is yours.

A short drive along the Niagara Parkway, once referred to by Winston Churchill as "the prettiest Sunday afternoon drive in the world", will bring us to Niagara Falls where we will enjoy Niagara's Festival of Lights featuring over 3 million lights and 120 animated displays - the largest in Canada!

Forty winks later, we will be back in Toronto.

Date: Saturday **December 1st**, 8:00 a.m. departure from Dewi Sant: **\$35* per person**. R.S.V.P.: Donna Morris, (416) 756-1249 * Price quoted based on 25 participants. Price reduction: \$25 per person based on 40+participants.**Book early for this fabulous trip.**

Mimosa.

The publication of a new book is a great excuse for a party. A new book with a strong Welsh connection is an even greater thrill. So when Susan Wilkinson's book about the Mimosa was recently published, friends and family couldn't wait to get together to celebrate.

As most Welsh people know, the Mimosa was the ship that carried the first settlers from Wales to Patagonia in 1865. The publication of Sue's book was timed to coincide with Gwyl Y Glaniad (the anniversary of the landing in Porth Madryn by those first settlers.)

The clipper ship was built in Aberdeen, Scotland, for a Liverpool merchant to carry cargoes of sugar and cotton between the England and Brazil and China. How, then, did such a clipper end up transporting passengers from their homeland to such a far away destination?

Other ships had refused to take the 163 Welsh men, women and children on such a perilous journey, but the owners of The Mimosa had no such qualms. So she was fitted with makeshift berths, and the timber was later used to build new homes for the settlers in Patagonia.

Why did these brave Welsh people travel to what must have seemed like the ends of the world? To preserve their traditions and language. In the new country they would be able to conduct their religion, education and business through the medium of Welsh with no interference from the English government.

Sue, who now lives in Oakville, Ontario, was born in India and raised in Ireland. Her connection with this Scottish built ship that transported 163 brave / foolhardy Welsh people to their new world began when she realized that her great-great uncle, Thomas Greene, was the newly graduated doctor on the Mimosa. Since making this discovery, Sue has had a passionate affinity for the clipper. She decided it was time to write the story of the Mimosa, and

that, indeed, she was worthy of a book of her own.

The writing of the story has entailed almost ten years of research, and during that time Sue has become the undisputed expert on the Mimosa. She has been invited to speak at numerous gatherings in Wales, North America and Argentina. In September she will address an Irish Conference in Buenos Aires.

A frequent visitor to Y Wladfa (the colony), as the Welsh settlement is affectionately known, Sue is a fluent Spanish speaker. As a result of her very first visit to the National Eisteddfod this year, she now has a burning desire to brush up on her Welsh. Somewhere amongst all of her writing, research, travels and guest appearances, Sue may find time to return to the Welsh classes at Dewi Sant.

'Mimosa: the Life and Times of the Ship that sailed to Patagonia' is published in Wales by Y Lolfa

Hefina Phillips.

Susan Wilkinson asked me to send you the notice regarding her talk on The Welsh Colony in Patagonia to be held on Saturday, November 17. If you would like hard copies, please give me a mailing address. Many thanks Jean Talman Program Assistant, Celtic Studies, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto President, Canadian Celtic Arts Association.

A chicken crossing the road; poultry in motion. If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress. Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you a flat miner. Give God what's right -- not what's left.

Man's way leads to a hopeless end—God's way leads to endless hope. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone. We don't change God's message -- His message changes us. The church is prayer conditioned. When God ordains, He sustains. WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning. Plan ahead -- It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark. Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.

On Sunday December 9th The Outreach Division of St. Luke Parish Church presents a dramatic presentation of Dylan Thomas' classic story "A Child's Christmas in Wales" in the church at 1371 Elgin Street, Burlington.

Narration of this Dylan Thomas classic is by the Reverend Deian Evans, Minister of Toronto's Dewi Sant United Church. The event includes vocal pieces by the well known Welsh singing group Merchyd Dewi and audience participation in the singing of well-known Christmas Carols. Performances are at 3:00pm and 7:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each & are available at the Different Drummer Bookstore in Burlington & by calling 905-681-6907. There will be a reception (Te Bach) in the Parish Hall after each performance. All the proceeds from these performances will be donated to St. Matthew's House and the Burlington Salvation Army.

Keith Braithwaite.

"The music in my heart I bore, Long after it was heard no more."

Diolch yn fawr iawn to the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir and the Burlington Welsh Male Chorus for all their support with helping to sell Tickets and mostly for the gift of their music and time for the **"100 Voice Concert"**.

Words fail me... but "awe-inspiring", "sensational", "wonderful" were some of the many accolades we heard describing this memorable Event.

Now, with the memories of "Cwm Rhondda", we move forward to other Concerts.

"Christmas with a Welsh Accent", Saturday, November 25th at Trinity United Church in Cobourg, Ontario. Experience the World Premier of "Nidaros" presented by the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir with the Northumberland Orchestra and Choir. Hilda Morgan's orchestral arrangement of Daniel Protheroe's 'Nidaros' will be performed in this special musical concert. Adults \$22, Seniors \$20, Youth \$8 and children under 12 with an adult, free. Tickets from Bonnie Booth or www.Ticketbreak.com

"Christmas Concert", "Cyngerdd Nadolig" at Eglinton St. George's United Church with the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist/soprano, Deanna Hendriks on Wednesday, December 5th, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25.00. Tickets from Bonnie Booth or www.Ticketbreak.com Give your family, friends and yourself an early Christmas gift of Music. "Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

Bonnie Booth.

Centenary Luncheon.

A lunch for around 250 people was prepared and served on Sunday 21st. October by the ladies of the church (UCW). The planning was undertaken by Myfanwy Bajaj and myself---**quite an undertaking!** Our sincere thanks to the small army of willing volunteers, both women and men. They helped with the set up, baking, food preparation, serving and clearing. **Do you know what 30 loaves of bread look like?** They all had to be buttered, fillings prepared, then cut and displayed.

We can give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. We now know that not only does an army march on its stomach, but the Ontario Welsh sing better after eating well!

Diolch yn fawr o'r galon.

Gaynor McConnell.

Celebrating the 100 Years of Dewi Sant Welsh United Church.

If you would like the Recording for the "100 Voice Concert" and/or Cymanfa Ganu, please make your cheque payable to "**Dewi Sant Welsh United Church**".

Cymanfa Ganu ~ \$10.00 ~ YES _____ NO _____

"100 Voice Concert" 2 compact disc set ~ \$20.00 ~ YES _____ NO _____

Total number of cd sets _____ Postage, please add \$5.00

Total payment enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail _____

Please send your request with a cheque to "**Dewi Sant Welsh United Church**", 33 Melrose Avenue, Toronto M5M 1Y6. **Diolch yn fawr.**

Thank You-----Diolch yn Fawr.

On behalf of Sian, John and myself I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during a sad and difficult time in our lives.

Your many cards and phone calls were a source of great comfort to Ifor, and ourselves, throughout his illness. The Memorial Service was just as we wished - the flowers from the church looked beautiful and we appreciated the contribution of everyone who participated.

Thank you to the ladies for their hard work preparing and serving the reception following the service.

You all helped us, as a family, through a difficult day which, although sad, has left us with uplifting and heartwarming memories.

Diolch o'r galon.

Sybil Pugh.

I want to thank my Dewi Sant family for the many cards, telephone calls and flowers that I have received during my recent convalescence. Your words of love and encouragement have gone a long way to helping me in my recovery. I hope to see you soon. Diolch yn fawr. **Catherine Otley.**

Exercise daily -- walk with the Lord. Never give the devil a ride -- he will always want to drive. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it. . Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back. 21. He who angers you controls you. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.

In Memoriam.

Er Parchus Gof.

Ifor Glyn Pugh.

We were saddened to hear the news of the passing of Ifor Pugh after a lengthy battle with cancer. Ifor was born in London, in 1936 but was later evacuated to live with his Nain in Penmachno, near Betws Y Coed. After his schooling Ifor studied electronic engineering and gained a Higher National Diploma from Hendon Technical College in London.

After immigrating to Canada he got a B.A. in Computer Science at York University. He worked for Ontario Hydro for 24 years, his interest in computers having started in 1960.

Ifor was a very well known member of Dewi Sant Welsh United Church, having taken many official roles during the years. He was also a member of Clwb Cymraeg, Clwb, Y Genhinen and of course years of work with the Cardiff Caravan group under the umbrella of the Saint Davids Society of Toronto.

Although Ifor loved his Canadian home his heart never left Wales and he went back often.

His ashes will be scattered on his son Glyn's grave in Aurora, on his family's grave in Penmachno and on a favourite walk in Snowdonia.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Our condolences go to Sybil and the family.

Myfanwy.

Robert Whiffin.

Bob (Robert Edwin) Whiffin passed away earlier this year- June 30th. In Milton Ontario. He was 79 and had suffered several months of failing health. Some of the longer standing members of Dewi Sant may remember Bob and his wife Olwen. Olwen's family, the Jones (Lilian and Jonathan,) were faithful members of the church for many years. Growing up Olwen was very active with the church youth, attending many events such as camps, picnics and bazaars. After being married at Dewi Sant in 1954, the newlyweds continued to be regularly in church activities. They continued to be highly active whilst they had a young family and still lived in the Toronto area. Bob operated a Sunoco service station near Jane and Annette for many years. In 1974 they moved out to Milton where Bob worked for the rest of the time.

Following the "Welsh Connection," Bob and Olwen built a cottage in balm Beach in 1959. They enjoyed many Summers there amongst their Welsh friends. The connection to the Welsh community has always been a strong tie. Bob and Olwen maintained contact with their many friends and relatives in Dewi Sant over the years. They were able to make periodic visits to Dewi Sant in recent years to keep the tradition going.

Bob and Olwen had three children: Brian (married to Terri), Susan Fowler (married to Grant) and Lynda (Toebes). The grandchildren are Jason, Chris and Mitchell Fowler, Mike and Nick Whiffin and Mathew Toebes; all boys as Olwen often reminds them.

Funeral services were held in Milton with Glenys Huws Oussoren and Harry Oussoren presiding. Many friends and family from Dewi Sant made the trip to Milton for the funeral and reception. Many were able to catch up on old friendships at the reception.

Our condolences go to Olwen and the family. Olwen can be reached at her home in Milton where she continues to live with Don Joss, a long time friend and relative. Don was the husband of the late Dilys Joss(Hughes).

Olwen can be reached at 12100 Fifth Line, RR#2 Rockwood, Ontario, N0B 2K0 tel. # 519 853 3478.

Cyril Evans.

Ray Gravell.

The passing of Ray Gravell on October 31 will be of great interest to the Rugby fans amongst Y Gadwyn readers. He was revered for his status as a broadcaster and much more as a passionate Welshman whose affection for his country informed everything he did. He helped Wales in the Five Nation Championships in 1976 and 1978 and was the proud owner of **23 caps. (Rugby !)**

He was a proud member of The National Eisteddfod- Gorsedd Y Beirdd. When I was inducted into the Gosedd in Llanelli, Ray was keeper of the sword. Before I was allowed up to the Archdderwydd Ray in a very deep voice said," Rhoddwch eich llaw ar y gledd."-put your hand on the sword. I was asked to swear that I would uphold peace etc. It was quite a moment for me to stand in front of the gentle giant with his huge sword.

He passed away in his mid fifties, far too young and will be mourned as a true son of Wales.

Condolences are extended to his family and friends from the rugby fans and the Welsh in Canada.

Myfanwy.

Change of Address.

Robert Bruce, barbara@cogeco.ca

Gadwyn Donors.

Jim & Joyce Nicol; Eirys Brobyn; David Jones; Megan Wynne McKee; Mr. & Mrs. S. Moore; Edward Morgan; Hilary Rider *Thank you all!!*

To Dewi Sant With Love.

In the Spring of 2004 I entered Dewi Sant and met Roger Roberts (now Lord Roger.) My first solo during a service was a selection of five Jewish prayers, with Roger giving the English translation before each song. Happy memory. I have since then been blessed with singing many solos during services, reading from the scriptures, volunteering for the bazaars, book sale, etc. etc. Willing work and many good laughs!

One experience comes to mind when Gaynor McConnell gave Annette and I dough, rolling pins and cookie cutters....Oh Oh,.We got "slightly silly" and soon there was dough flying through the air. Gaynor threatened to send us to Deian's office at which Annette responded, "Oh yes please." It is impossible to mention all the fun activities or fabulous people here. During a Murder Mystery directed by Sheryl Clay, I played the part of a radio announcer, and watched some outstanding performances by Donna Morris, Brenda Davis and Deian Evans and many more actors that evening.

Myfanwy Bajaj and Wanda Sweet have been very helpful whenever I am in need of advice. I enjoy dancing with "Dawnsyr Y Ddraig Goch," under the direction of Brenda Davis.

Thank you all for the fellowship and the fabulous memories. Blwyddyn Newydd Dda in 2008. Bendith Duw arnoch. Carid, **Jeanette Roberts.**

Pwt Bach O Gymraeg.

Yr Oes Hon.

Dyma oes nwyd a maswedd—ni bu 'rïoed
Lai o bris ar rinwedd;
Oes anwar ddi drugaredd
Oes ofni bom a safn bedd.

Beirdd Sir Aberteifi.

Yr Oes Hon.

Rhyw oes wamal ei chalon—un arfog,
Ond a'i nerfau'n yfflon;
Un yn trechu'r entrychion
Yw'r oes wyllt ddi-aros hon .

Beirdd Sir Benfro.

Ymryson y Beirdd Mai 1956.

Myfanwy.

Kitchen Corner.

Cornel Fach Y Gegin.

Autumn Chicken.

Ingredients.

4lb chicken; olive oil; 4 slices of smoked streaky bacon, chopped; 1 clove of garlic crushed; 1 onion finely sliced; 2 parsnips peeled and cut into wedges; 2 apples, cored, peeled and sliced; 2 tablespoons plain flour; 750ml.cider; a sprig of fresh thyme, or ½ teaspoon of dried thyme; 1 chicken stock cube; salt and pepper.

Method.

Heat a casserole dish large enough to hold the chicken and add the olive oil. Then brown the chicken on all sides. Remove and add the onions and bacon. Saute gently until soft and just beginning to brown. Add the garlic, parsnip and apple and fry for another minute or two. Sprinkle over the flour and stir well. Add the cider stirring as you do, add the stock cube and keep stirring until incorporated. Return the chicken and any juices. Bring to a boil then finish cooking in the oven, covered, at a moderate temperature of 175, 350 or gas mark 4. After one hour in the oven remove the lid, turn up the heat slightly and cook for a further half hour. This will brown the skin of the breast, which is delicious and will have to be "divided" carefully amongst the family.

Serve with potatoes and something green of your choice.

The sauce is delicious and goes very well with mashed potatoes. Swede is great roasted with potatoes, onions and parsnips. Mwynhewch. Enjoy. **Dorothy Davies/ Cambria-----Wales's Magazine. M.**

As a retired teacher I was very touched and saddened when I read this. Only too often a child or youth is labeled "average," because educators are either too busy or just can't be bothered to think of one small positive thing to say when report card and interview time come around. What a world of difference it would make if one small positive remark was made. Myfanwy.

Average.

I don't cause the teachers trouble
My grades have been ok.
I listen in my classes,
And I'm in school every day.
My parents think I'm average,
My teachers think so too.
I wish I didn't know that,
'Cause there's lots I'd like to do.
I'd like to build a rocket !
I've a book that shows you how,
Or start a stamp collection.
Well no use in trying now,
'Cause since I found I'm average,
I'm **smart** enough you see
To know there's nothing special,
That I should expect of me!
I'm part of that majority
That hump part of the bell
Who spends his life unnoticed,
In an **average** kind of hell.

.Anonymous.

Little Alex in Church

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names with small American flags mounted on either side of it. The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex". "Good morning Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?" he asked. The pastor said, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked, "Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:45?"

Please send all your submissions to me at myfanwy@rogers.com or 905 737 4399. I really need items for next month. Try to get them to me by November 25th. It will then be printed on the 27th. and sent out.

We could all do with a little humour before the Winter sets in !!!Thank you Betty and Hefina for all the "official items" that you send.

Note: Error on page 2 – UCW Advent Service is on Tuesday 27th of November.

Six-year old Angie, and her four-year old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers!! M.