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Gair gan y Gweinidog A word from the Minister

He is Risen! Let us rejoice! This was the message shared by people of Faith since I last presented my message to the Gadwyn readers. And what better way to begin my latest message. A message of hope and security, joy and certainty based on the fact that Jesus, who died on the Cross at Calvary, has conquered death and has 'prepared a way for us to the Father', to quote his own words. It is wonderful that we are able to experience such joyful news, and to have celebrated the occasion of Easter to remind us of the good news of our Salvation. The only regret is that we tend to forget or put in the back of our mind the fact that 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that we shall not be lost, but rather will inherit eternal life'. We need to remind ourselves of these facts, we need to keep in our conscious thoughts, the idea that our God is a God of Love, and that Christ died to give us a 'second chance' in life. We need to take that second chance and make the most of our ability to do good deeds, for the sake of the One who sacrificed his very life to give us that second chance.

Sometimes a Church gets many opportunities in a short period of time to celebrate good news, to be uplifted by events that lift the spirit. And certainly in the last few weeks the Dewi Sant Welsh United Church family has witnessed such events, through the successes of members in various fields in life, through our work in Outreach by individuals and Church groups, as well as hearing of joyful occasions, namely congratulating Clarice Terry on becoming a Great Grandmother, and Myfanwy Bajaj and Gaynor Mc Connell on becoming Grandmothers. Our very own Church ladies' Choir, Merched Dewi, made us all feel proud as we listened to them singing at the St. David's Day Concert. Then, on Easter Sunday, we were witnesses to the Confirmation of Stephanie and Lynette as full members of Christ's Church here at Dewi Sant. All joyful occasions, all being shared experiences within our Church community family.

Of course, in the midst of joy we are always reminded of our mortality. We bode a sad farewell to a dear friend of the Church recently, namely Ann Boswell, who had served the Church with grace and dignity for many years. Yet even in this sad situation, there could be seen the experience of joy and hope, in that we knew this was not a final farewell; we know this to be true because of the message of Easter and the Third Day.

We can face EVERYTHING this life throws at us with confidence that do not have to go alone into the unknown, that we have a Saviour who has always been with us, is here now and will never abandon us. Yes, let us be joyful, for we know He is Risen. Bendithion, Deian.

Merched Y Capel UCW.

Thanks go to all the ladies for their hard work over the Easter weekend. Betty Jones, for preparing and presenting the Good Friday Dinner and Gaynor McConnell for the Te Bach following the Gymanfa. Thanks go to the ladies who helped with the serving and also the clean up afterwards.

The Sunday tea list needs to be kept up to date. This is where the weekly fellowship takes place after the Sunday morning worship and is an important part of the day. People who do not get out as often as they would like do enjoy the Sunday morning snack and a cup of tea /coffee.

Recently there has been a large problem in the kitchen. Three times in as many months specialists and plumbers have been called in to rectify the problems.

The trouble stems from dirty dishes being put in the dishwasher and scraps being washed down the sink!! This is a plea to all our wonderful helpers to rinse everything before putting them in the dish washer and to clean the scraps out of the sink instead of washing them down the drain. Please be vigilant as this is costing the church far too much money. Thank you.

There will be an UCW meeting on **Tuesday April 29th at 7.30 All the ladies are invited to join us.**

Myfanwy Bajaj and Joy Bailey.

Celebrating St. David's Day Weekend

What a grand weekend to be Welsh or even a ‘wannabe’ Welshman/woman!!

The festivities began on Friday evening, February, 29. Even the snowy and blustery Friday evening weather could not deter the intrepid Welsh partygoers as they made their way to the Albany Club for the St. David’s banquet. Although the pre-banquet socializing was somewhat curtailed by the weather-delayed arrival of many (including our president, Myfanwy Bajaj who spent 3 hours in transit), the warmth of the fellowship and the outstanding meal that followed more than compensated for any inconvenience. Jade Thomas and Madison Carys Freemantle were this year’s young Welsh lasses dressed in authentic costume and seated at the head table. Special guest, Dr. Murray Black, was made an honorary Welshman and given a bouquet of leeks and a Welsh tie to confirm his inauguration into this august group. The toast to Canada was given by Bonnie Booth and guest speaker, Reverend Deian Evans, concluded his remarks with the toast to Wales. Two outstanding soloists, Sheryl Clay, and Gwyndaf Jones, with accompanist Alde Caloncagong provided the post dinner musical entertainment.

Saturday morning, March 1, dawned clear and bright. Several members of the Welsh community gathered at City Hall for the flag raising ceremony, sponsored by Councillor Cliff Jenkins. Peter Williams, president of the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir, thanked Councillor Jenkins for his support of the Welsh community and of this event in particular. Again an authentic Welsh note was struck by the three Thomas sisters, Jade Meeko and Tegan, outfitted in their Welsh costumes. As the flag was raised out of doors, the assembled group watched proudly and then sang the national anthem, Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau. Thanks are extended to Bonnie Booth for organizing this very special event and ensuring that the Welsh flag, again this year, flew proudly at City Hall.

On Saturday evening, The St. David’s Day Concert (Cyngerdd Dydd Gwyl Dewi) was held at Metropolitan United Church in downtown Toronto. A very full audience was delighted by the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir and their guests, Shannon Mercer, the Northumberland Orchestra, Merched Dewi and guest MC, Christopher Thomas of the CBC. This was the inaugural event of what is hoped will become an annual tradition of a St. David’s Day Concert featuring Welsh music and musicians. The final number of the evening featured all of the musical groups performing together Cwm Rhondda, one of the most beloved hymns of Wales. Many have since commented on the glorious music that was generated by the joint choir with its orchestral accompaniment. It would be worth coming to next year’s concert just to hear a reprise of that final number. Mark it on your calendars now.

At the Sunday morning service at Dewi Sant, one of the Scripture readings was given by Myfanwy Bajaj, the president of the St. David’s Society. This has been a tradition of longstanding at this service. At the evening Welsh

service Merched Dewi sang Caru Cymru as their salute to Wales. This service was especially enriched by the Welsh learners who gave very proficient readings in Welsh and also introduced all of the hymns for the evening. Teachers, John Otley and Annette Evans, are to be congratulated for the exceptionally fine work they are doing in preparing all these eager students in the study of the Welsh language. Some of the learners ‘wowed’ even the native speakers in attendance. I, as a Welsh ‘wannabe’ speaker am perhaps easily impressed but we all agreed that the learners displayed admirable proficiency in their readings. Reverend Deian Evans, as adjudicator, announced the winners in the literary competitions that had been set for the learner classes and completed a very warm and satisfying evening service.

The entire weekend was a real treat and confirmed how fortunate we are to be Welsh in a community that values and validates Welsh culture. Diolch yn fawr iawn to all those involved in making the weekend events so special.

Submitted by **Betty Cullingworth**

(Stand-in for our usual scribe, Hefina Phillips, who was the honoured guest speaker at the Celebrations in Ottawa.

“Celebrating the ‘Land of Song’”

The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir takes great pride and pleasure in thanking everyone who contributed to the joyful Celebration of the “Land of Song” on St. David’s Day weekend. It was truly a wonderful and memorable occasion. Diolch.

The celebrations of the “Land of Song” began with an inundation of Musical Requests from the Welsh community. Alison Howard, the Producer and having lived in Wales, provided the listeners with a feast of music as an invitation to the St. David’s Day Events.

Enhancing the evening’s Welsh festivities during the Grand Concert on March 1st was Clement Carelse performing "Variations and Reflections on Welsh Tunes" on Canada's largest organ and Gerald Martindale playing the carillon with an array of music from the land of Wales into the evening’s crisp, winter air.

“Singing with a Purpose”

The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir lives for the motto, “The world just wouldn’t be the same without music.” This was the message conveyed at the “British Isle Show” where many people were drawn to the TWMVC Booth after seeing the “Red Dragon” displayed and showed a keen interest in the Choir’s many upcoming Concerts.

Wales was recognized from the stage in the “Closing Ceremonies” of the British Show and a young woman won Tickets to the Llanelli Concert on September 20th.. Welsh music is thriving in the City of Toronto and beyond where the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir continues to “sing with a purpose” in preparation for their trip to Carnegie Hall. Pob hwyl....

Bonnie Booth Publicity, TWMVC.

The Ontario Welsh Festival, Stratford , May 2-4

I missed all the March 1st celebrations in Toronto this year. I missed the banquet on Friday night, the raising of the Ddraig Goch outside City Hall on the morning of March 1st and the fantastic concert on Saturday evening. I also missed the Welsh Learners' Service at Dewi Sant on Sunday evening. Did I feel sorry for myself? You bet, especially as everyone is still talking about how wonderful every event was.

In order not to miss out on absolutely everything, I braved the freezing weather and attended the final practice of the Toronto Welsh Male Choir on the Wednesday evening. And I was so pleased that I did. The guys, under the baton of William Woloschuk, sounded fabulous. Even though I was supposed to keep quiet for the entire practice, I just had to applaud, especially after their rendition of my favourite "O Gymru". We are in for a truly memorable concert in Stratford. Do not miss it! Merched Dewi also got rave reviews and you can hear them at the Noson Lawen on the Friday night.

Joining the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir will be soloist Catrin Davies of Washington. Catrin was the recipient of the David Morris Award at the North American Festival of Wales and has competed at the National Eisteddfod of Wales. Both Catrin and the Choir will participate in the two Cymanfa services on Sunday. Mari Morgan, well known for her energy and enthusiasm in addition to her musical prowess, is the guest conductor on Sunday. Mari is also founder and director of the North American Choir which will perform and compete in Patagonia this Fall. (Mari plans to have quite a long practice in Stratford for choristers who are traveling to Patagonia, so bring your music.)

I spoke to our contact at the Arden Park Hotel last week and was told that the majority of rooms have already been reserved. If you haven't booked yet, call the hotel a.s.a.p and don't forget to tell them that you are with the Ontario Welsh Festival in order to get the special room rate. The phone number is 1-877-788-8818 or 519-275-2936. Visit our website at www.ontariowelshfestival.ca See you at Stratford.

Hefina Phillips.

WELSH HERITAGE WEEKEND IN OTTAWA A GREAT SUCCESS

The weekend of March 1st was a very busy and enjoyable one in Ottawa. We were lucky that the weather co-operated and we could celebrate St. David's Day and our Welsh heritage in style.

On Friday night the Ottawa Welsh Choral Society held their 40th anniversary concert. This group was started in 1968 in the basement of Albert and Vronwen Davies' house, and has shared Welsh music with audiences near and far since then. They travelled to Wales three times, as well as the United States, and to various locations in Canada. They have also appeared at the Ontario Welsh Festival several times, and the National Gymanfa twice.

For this concert, the choir presented a wide selection of Welsh music, and featured solos by former members Duncan Schuthe and Pegi Jenkins, along with a new duet by John Griffiths and Marilyn Jenkins, the director of the choir. The full, and receptive audience was comprised of many former members of the choir, along with various friends and supporters. At the end of the concert, Marilyn invited Roy Morris, the first conductor of the group, to conduct Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau, and he asked Alan Thomas, organist extraordinaire, to accompany. It was a fitting climax to a wonderful evening.

For something a little different, we held a genealogy workshop on Saturday morning. This was led by Hugh Reekie who told us of various resources and steps we should follow to find our ancestors from Wales. That was followed by a seminar from Dr. Pawl Birt who is the chair of Celtic Studies at the University of Ottawa. Pawl also teaches for Cwmdeithas Madog, and has done extensive work in Patagonia. His talk was about the Welsh Identity in Canada. Both sessions were well attended, and very informative.

Our annual Dinner and Dance was held on Saturday evening in the penthouse of the Crowne Plaza hotel. The meal included leek and potato Soup, followed by salad, roast lamb, and chocolate cake. Again the turnout was wonderful, and can be attributed in part to our guest speaker. **Hefina Phillips** came up from Toronto to tell us about her pride in being Welsh, and she peppered her talk with a few jokes and some serious comments. Following the delightful speech, and some irreverent comments from the MC, Alan Thomas, we adjourned to the dance floor and tripped the light fantastic.

The weekend concluded on Sunday afternoon with our annual Gymanfa Ganu. Again the turnout was marvellous, and the singing was heavenly. Roy Morris led the congregation, accompanied by Alan Thomas on the organ. The Ottawa Welsh Choral Society provided an anthem (A Gwnaith Y Ser) and John Griffiths sang a beautiful rendition of Cymry Fach. The singing was followed by fellowship in the church hall where gallons of tea and plates of Welsh cakes disappeared in minutes.

By the end of the celebrations, there were a lot of tired, but happy celebrants who then went home to rest and recharge for another week of shovelling snow!

Myfanwy Sian Davies.

Sponsored by The Ontario Gymanfa Ganu Association..... Programme Update:

Beryl Baigent, member of the League of Canadian Poets, the Welsh Academy, and the Celtic Arts Association will be the presenter at this year's poetry seminar to be held at The Arden Park Hotel, 522 Ontario Street, Stratford, Ontario on Saturday May 3, 2008 from 2 pm to 3 pm.

Born in the small mining town of Llay, North Wales, Beryl Baigent maintains close ties with her Celtic roots. Beryl returns to North Wales and visits and gives workshops every year.

Beryl Baigent's presentation: "WELSH WOMEN IN MYTHOLOGY, LITERATURE & HISTORY: In the poetry of Welsh Canadian Beryl Baigent" is an exploration of women in myths such as "Mabinogion" as well as other Welsh literary figures. Beryl will show how these figures have had an influence in her poems such as Nain from North Wales, her mother and other wise women in her life.

Please plan to attend this exciting event!

Kerri Hobbs.

British Isles Show 2008.

Once a year, the British Isles Show brings a little bit of "home" to Toronto. Those who survived the winter trek were greeted with marching bands, pipers and dancers, cups of tea with buttered scones, and, a vast assortment of treats imported for the occasion.

The highlight of the weekend is always the same - meeting and greeting people and introducing them to our beloved Dewi Sant Welsh United Church, the St. David's Society of Toronto, and this year, the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir. Last year, I met up with a former member of Dewi Sant, the late Ceinwen Flood, with her son David, whom I taught in Sunday School some twenty years ago. This year, I was able to put in touch with Sally Lewis a long-lost friend whom she had not seen in, at least, 32

years. For me, this is the mark of a successful weekend. Yes, we made a tangible profit, but, its the intangible benefits that make our involvement worthwhile.

A big thank you to everyone who gave of their time to support of this event: Rev. Deian and Annette Evans, Mabel and Barry Hastings, Dorothy Jones, Meriel Simpson, Teresa Thomas, Jade and Meeko, Gaynor Williams, Colin Christie, Peter Lloyd Jones, Bonnie Booth, Michael Conroy, Ed Golem, and, Maureen Davies.

Who knows who we'll meet next year?

Donna Morris.

"Best laid plans of mice and men...."

Talk about changing horses in mid stream, well let me tell you!!!! After fifteen years of blissful retirement and at 80 years of age I am starting a new ministry in Wales! When Nora and I purchased a home in Pembrokeshire in 2006, our thought was to winter in Wales, taking it easy, enjoying the countryside and the local beaches. We had hardly settled in before the telephone started ringing, "Can you come to preach on Sunday.....can you help us outso and so's in hospital would you mind...."

Quite frankly I rather enjoyed it! However I had not reckoned on what was going to follow.....an invitation to have my own pastorate in Pembrokeshire! Yes a good old fashioned "**Call**" from a newly formed group of churches looking for little inspiration and leadership! Well bless my cotton socks! My initial reaction was "thank you, but no thank you", but then my pulse began to beat faster, my adrenal glands began to swell and I was caught up in the excitement of the idea, and I said to myself, "Self, if God could call Moses, who was 80 years of age, to lead His people out of their bondage in Egypt into the Promised Land, maybe He's got His eye on you!!!" When Nora heard of the "goings on," she rolled her eyes and said "Cerwyn bach you've still got many good years left in you, if you want to, then spend them in doing something you love to do" I knew then that my "fate" was sealed!!!

So in October of this year I will be in the "shafts" once more.

My pastorate will consist of six entirely Welsh speaking churches, all belonging to the Union of Welsh Congregationalists in Wales. My main thrust will be to lead six independent congregations into a closer relationship with each other by bringing them together for Sunday worship.

I am taking the motto of the United Church of Canada, "Ut omnes unum sint" (That they may all be one.) We intend to start slowly, (after all you can't rush the Welsh!!).... by bringing the six together once a month, four once a month, and then two congregations twice a month. If this gives them a good feeling of togetherness, then who knows where we'll go from there!

My second thrust will be to start a school to enable church members to conduct church services by forming teams of missionaries" which will go to various churches to serve on Sundays. If this will be successful, then maybe in a few years I will work myself out of a job, and will have revolutionized the ministry of the church!! It's all in God's hands, and may His will be done, with me there to give a little shove! See you all in April.

Cerwyn.

Cerwyn, I am sure that I speak for all your old friends. We wish you God's blessing in this new very worthwhile venture. If anyone can do this you can. I am sure that from time to time Gadwyn readers will hear about your experiences. **M.**

Watch for these consolidations in 2008 1.) Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W. R. Grace Co. will merge and become: **Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.**
2.) PolyGram Records, Warner Bros., and Zest Crackers join forces and become: **Poly, Warner Cracker.**
3.) 3M will merge with Goodyear and become: **MMMGood.**
4. Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become:
ZipAudiDoDa . 5. FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS, and become: **FedUP.**

On the anniversary of our mothers passing Wendy and Joy want to celebrate it with our mothers favourite hymn The only one she remembered and we sang with her continuously for the last few months of her life. We did not know this version at the time, but think it is most appropriate for us all. A Senior version of Jesus Loves Me' Here is a new version just for us who have white hair or no hair at all. For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and all you others, check out this newest version of Jesus Loves Me.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
'Have no fear, for I am near.'

(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

This is in memory of our beloved Nan Smith. Nan was famous for her Welsh cakes and her love of baking..especially for her friends, Dewi Sant and Caravan.

Melbourne Welsh Church.

In February 2008, we traveled to Australia (Oz) to escape part of the winter (not knowing how really snowy it turned out to be!) and arrived in Sydney a day late due to snow delays in Toronto, and a subsequent medical emergency landing en route due to a problem with another passenger. At least we can now say we've been to Las Vegas! Anyway, we missed the air connection to Sydney, but caught up with our plans in Oz by some longer drives in the first couple of days.

Our route took us to Melbourne area, then along the coast in leisurely fashion back to Sydney over about 12 days. We missed Melbourne city initially since, we were due to fly to Auckland, NZ, and take a cruise back around NZ to Oz, including Melbourne.

After a few days in Auckland, even managing a night to visit some friends from Oakville who happened to be renting a house north of Auckland, we boarded the Sapphire Princess (2670 passengers) to sail back to Sydney. After some beautiful scenery in NZ we headed across the Tasman Sea to Hobart, then to Melbourne.

The streetcars (or trams) in Melbourne are great and were an easy way to get to the city right from the ship. Traveling around the city on the tram, we saw a sign on a lamp post that said "Welsh Church", so we hopped off the tram (never seen us move so fast).

The church is at 320 La Trobe Street in Melbourne, right in the downtown central business district (in the CBD as they say). An 1852 newspaper notice had indicated that a Welsh service would be held, but apparently, the first service occurred in 1857 performed by Rev W M Evans. The current church

was dedicated in 1871 (there was an interim chapel on the site until then). Initially, all services were in Welsh, but English services were introduced to meet the needs of second generation Welsh Australians.

When we visited, we were given a very warm welcome by church members who were still at the Church following the Sunday service (if we had known re the church beforehand, we would have gone earlier and attended). Amongst other members, we met the current Minister Rev Sion Gough Hughes (not a relation of ours!), Secretary Christine Boomsma (whose father was a cousin of Lord Roger Roberts), and Lyn Platt (sorry, didn't get names for all we met). Rev Sion knew about Rev Deian and our Dewi Sant Church. Everyone was so nice, and we were so excited to be there, a highlight of our short stop in Melbourne (mind you, the koalas and kangaroos were favourites too!). Currently, two Welsh services per month are held along with the English services. The web address is member.netlink.com.au/~mwchurch which has some photos and info, along with links to Welsh newspapers.

The church celebrated it's 150th year on July 20th 2003.

Good on you, mates! **Brian & Joan Hughes**

Our Passage to India.

I was not at all prepared for the variety of religious influences I encountered in India. I imagined a Hindu country with Islamic influences. But there was far more to it!

After arriving in Mumbai (formerly Bombay), we flew to Aurangabad, 388km east of Mumbai. Not too far away are two World Heritage Sites, the ancient temples at Ellora and Ajanta. At Ellora there are 34 rock-sculptured temples from the 4th to the 9th Centuries, chiseled out of the basalt hillside by Buddhists, Hindus and Jains. The earliest temples were carved out of the hillside by Buddhists, but the most impressive is the Kailashnath Temple (#16). It took 800 artisans over 150 years to complete, and is the world's largest monolithic structure, twice the size of the Parthenon.

There are 29 caves in Ajanta, and carving by Buddhist monks began in the 2nd century B.C., but were abruptly abandoned after 9 centuries, only to be discovered by a British cavalryman out hunting in 1819. All of these intricately carved caves, with sculptures and paintings are Buddhist, and were abandoned when Hinduism became the major religion.

Next stop was Chennai, formerly Madras, the first British settlement in Asia. There are two Churches there worthy of mention. Saint Thomas' Cathedral (Santhome), home of the statue of St Mary of Mylapore, claims to be one of only 3 churches built over the tomb of an apostle, this one to Doubting Thomas. The other two Churches being St Peter's Basilica in Rome, and the church of Santiago di Compostela in Spain (St James).

The other church of interest lies within the confines of Fort St George, the first British territorial possession in India, begun in 1640. Here is found the oldest surviving Anglican church in Asia, St Mary's Church. It was here former governor of Fort George, and founder of Yale University, Elihu Yale, was married. He was born in America, and buried in Wrexham, N.Wales, (and not Cheshire, England, as stated in the Church).

Not very far south of Chennai, on the eastern coast of India, is the former capital of French possessions in India, Pondicherry.

10 kms away is the "City of Dawn", Auroville, founded in 1968. It is a non-denominational eco-friendly commune with a spiritual discipline of inner consciousness rather than dogma, rule or ritual behaviour. It is hoped eventually to have a population of 50,000 from all over the world.

After a journey to the southernmost tip of India, KanyaKumara we turned north, up the west coast to Kochi (Cochin). The city is famous for the indigenous Keralan dance form, Kathakali, and for the Chinese fishing nets. The Church of St Francis, the oldest church in Asia is here, built in the 16th century, and where Vasco da Gama was initially buried (1524) before being re-interred in Portugal.

Not far from the old pepper exchange, at the end of Synagogue lane, is Pardesi Synagogue, founded in 1568. However, there has been a Jewish presence here since before the time of Christ, and the oldest artefact in the synagogue is a copperplate inscription from the Raja of Cochin, dating to the 4th century. Finally, in Old Goa, there is the Se, or St Catherine Cathedral, and next door is the Basilica of Bom Jesus (1605). Here lies the tomb of St Francis Xavier. He, along with St Ignatius Loyola, and 5 other priests, founded the Jesuit order. In 1541, Xavier was sent to work at the diocese of Goa, and after some success, he left to evangelize in China, but died of dysentery, and was buried at San Chuan Island. He was later exhumed by a group of Christians, re-buried in Malacca, only to be removed and taken to Goa. The body, however, was in a perfect state of preservation (a miracle), and in 1614 the right arm was removed and sent to the Pope in Rome, where it promptly wrote its name on paper! Every 10 years, the saint's body is carried from the Basilica of Bom Jesus to the Se Cathedral where visitors touch and photograph the corpse. There were 250,000 people, Hindus and Christians, present at the last exposition in 2004.

Dr. Stephen Jones.

Cardiff Canton Salvation Army Band & The Tournament of Roses 2009 (Of Interest).

The World's biggest floral parade, The Tournament of Roses is held annually on New Years day in Pasadena, California, USA. It was founded in 1890 and has been staged every year since

Only 22 top marching bands from all over the world are invited each year to take part in this highly prestigious and unique event; the competition is high and the honour of being chosen to take part is unsurpassable. No British band had ever been included until 1996 when the Royal British Legion Youth Band Brentwood was called to participate. This year however, that importance has been bestowed upon a local **Welsh** band of only 33 members ranging in age from 17 to 70 from the Canton Salvation Army Corps in Cardiff, South Wales. For these non-professional musicians who come from all walks of life; this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, an entire world away from the weekly worship meetings, playing at rest homes, around the local streets of Canton, and the Salvation Army Band stereotype of playing carols in the city centre. But perhaps the biggest challenge facing them at this present time is the gulf of the journey that lies ahead as they attempt to raise enough funds for all members to be able to seize this opportunity.

How will the band cope with the switch from playing to the elderly and infirm at local rest homes in Cardiff to performing in the most glamorous and glitzy, gambling capital of the world, Las Vegas? How do their day jobs affect their dedication to the cause? Will they be physically fit enough to be able to march and play for over 5.5 miles? Will they rise to the challenge and will they be able to persuade celebrities to get involved with their calendar project?

This is a story of a group of ordinary local people seizing a chance to put themselves and Welsh brass banding on the map and to show the real people behind the stereotype of The Salvation Army uniform. **Ally Williams**. Designated Press Co-ordinator Cardiff Canton Band.

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Change Of Address.

Rev. Alwyn and Janet Evans janetalwyn@gmail.com

Those 6 year olds are back !! There are none so blind as Stevie Wonder.. Children should be seen and not spanked or grounded ... If at first you don't succeed get new batteries... You get out of something only what you See in the picture on the box ... When the blind lead the blind get out of the way.. A bird in the hand is going leave a nasty mess..

DEWI SANT UCW BAZAAR will be held **May 17, 2008 at 10:30-2:30 p.m.** (Advance notice.)

Please donate : china cups and saucers: and other treasures, costume jewellery, children's books and toys (in good condition only), gently used clothing, linens, knitting and sewing, Welsh memorabilia, books by **Welsh Authors only**. People travel from afar to purchase the home baking so come early to purchase the Welsh cakes, pies and preserves etc. .So ladies please get baking etc so that we live up to our "now", famous reputation! Eat a tasty lunch prepared by Chef Joy Bailey and her staff.

Do you have gifts to contribute for the Raffle? Come one, come all! Let's make this our best Bazaar ever. Nina Morris, Jeanette Roberts. Any questions, or suggestions, call **Jeanette 416 485-4564**

This year there was no eisteddfod, but the Welsh learners had a competition of their own. Eleni ni chafwyd Eisteddfod Dewi Sant ond fe gafwyd Eisteddfod ysgrifenedig arbennig i'r dysgwyr. Roedd y gystadlaeth eleni wedi ei rhannu i ddwy ran. Grwp 1 – ysgrifennu e.bost i filfeddyg Grwp 2 – ysgrifennu ar y teitl 'Gofal.'

Y beirniad oedd y gweinidog, roedd hyn yn ymarfer da iddo ar gyfer ei wyliau Haf pryd y bydd yn treulio wythnos fel tiwtor ar Gwrs Cymdeithas Madog. Dyma **flas** ar y darnau a ddaeth i mewn eleni

Grwp 1

Annwyl Milfeddyg

Rhiannon ydy fy enw i. Dwi'n naw oed. Mae gen i gath fach. Mae peswch arni hi.

Beth dw i'n ei wneud. Diolch yn fawr am bopeth, Rhiannon Jones

Annwyl Dr.Vet,

Dwi'n gi mawr, ond dyw fy mherchennog ddim yn cerdded gyda fi. Os gwelwch yn dda dewch yma i fy nghartref. Mi hoffwn gerdded heddiw..os gwelwch yn dda siaradwch a fe Fido

Annwyl Eddy G.Milford BVMS,RCVS

Rhaid i mi fynd ar eich gofyn am gyngor. Llawer o ddiolch i chi am y pelenni i Fflwffu fy nghath a diolch hefyd am y cyfarwyddiadau ar sut i ddefnyddio a sut i fwydwr pelenni iddo. Mae'r pecyn yn cynnwys cyfarwyddiadau llawn ond mi wnes i wynebu anhawster mawr !.....

[cafwyd disgrifiad manwl o'r hyn a ddigwyddodd i Fflwffu a'i berchennog ac mae'n gorffen fel hyn :

Byddwch angen dod a pelenni newydd iddo Pan y byddwch yn dod a pelenni i Fflwffu a allwch chi ddod a pelenni ychwanegol hefyd os gwelwch yn dda achos mae fy ngwallt i yn fwy neis a gloyw nag erioed o'r blaen..

Diolch yn fawr am y tro

Ms.Cath Derica

Y wobr gyntaf i Christopher Morgan a chydradd ail i Bob Baines a Glenys Huws.

Grwp 2

Beth sydd mewn gair? Gai i gyflwyno y gair gofal. Dim ond gair bach ydy o. Enw ydy o ond tasai rhywun yn ychwanegu u ar ei ddiwedd buasai o'n newid i ferf gofalu. Tasech chi'n ychwanegu us buasai'r enw yn newid yn ansoddair gofalus yn olaf tasech chi yn ychwanegu wr mae gynnnoch chi swydd sef gofalwr.

[Mae'n mynd ymlaen i egluro mewn tair stori y gwahanol fathau o ystyr i'r gair gofal a hynny wedi ei selio ar gariad a darpar briodas – cariad yn cynllunio yn ofalus /gofal cariad am fodrwy /y fam fel gofalwraig y ffrog briodas.

DEWI SANT FIGHTING HUNGER IN THE G.T.A.

Recently, the Outreach Committee met to investigate possible volunteer opportunities that Dewi Sant members could engage in, collectively as a church body. One suggestion, which came from the floor during our initial meeting, was a trip to the Daily Bread Food Bank. Since then, arrangements have been made for volunteers from Dewi Sant to attend at the Daily Bread Food Bank on Wednesday April 23rd. Please refer to itinerary below.

Date: Wednesday April 23, 2008 **Location:** Daily Bread Food Bank::191 New Toronto Street, Toronto
Telephone (416) 203 0050, www.dailybread.ca **Time:** 10:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

10:45 a.m. Drop Off and Weigh In

11:00 a.m. Tour and Presentation of DBFB operations and the scope of hunger and poverty in the GTA

12:00 p.m. Lunch, includes: vegetarian/meat entrée, soup, sandwich and salad bar, dessert, and beverage. Cost \$2

1:00 p.m. Sorting and Packaging Food (3 hours)

We are presently looking for 35 volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the sign-up sheet located in the fellowship hall.

Accompanying this effort, we will hold a food drive extending over a 4-week period commencing on Sunday **March 30th** to Sunday **April 20th**. Each week a different segment of the church body will be asked to lead the food drive, as follows:

Date	Team Lead	Suggested Donations
Sunday March 30th	Sunday School	Baby food, baby formula, Diapers, peanut butter, jam, cookies, cereal, oatmeal, healthy snacks, powdered milk, fruit juice, drinking boxes, etc.
Sunday April 6th	Men	Canned fish (tuna, salmon, etc.) and canned meat (ham, chicken, etc.)
Sunday April 13th	Women	Canned soup, dry soup, canned stew, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned beans, etc.
Sunday April 20th	Merched Dewi	Rice, dried pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, dried beans, lentils, etc.

THANK YOU!!! Donna Morris.

These are the standard church bookings. Please note. Other activities will be listed underneath.

Sunday: Dewi Sant morning worship, Sunday School. 11:00 am----12.30 pm.

Hope Korean Church. 2.00pm---5.30pm. Every Sunday.

*******1st Sunday** of each month: Welsh language worship service. *****

1st Tuesday of each month:Lunch Bunch 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday:10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Bible Study Group

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. TWMVC practice

Thursday:

3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Sportball group in Hall

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Merched Dewi practice

Friday:

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Sportball group in Hall

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Welsh Classes

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Hope Korean Church

Saturday:

7-8 a.m. & 3-5 p.m. Hope Korean Church

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Welsh Class

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Welsh Folk Dancing

April –Tuesday 8th. Session at 7.30.

April –Tuesday 29th UCW . General meeting for all the ladies.

May--- Saturday 17th. UCW Bazaar and Bake Sale.

Ode To Spring.

Oh! Such a commotion under the ground
When March says, "Ho there ho!"
Such spreading of rootlets far and wide,
Such whisperings to and fro,
"Are you ready there?" the snowdrop asked,
"It's time to start you know,"
"Almost, my dear," the scilla replied,
"I'll follow as soon as you go."
Then 'ha, ha, ha, the crocus came
Of laughter sweet and low,
Of millions of flowers under the earth,
Yes, millions beginning to grow.

Clive Rickets.

Sent in by Marian Guthrie (U K) from her Parish magazine. Thank you.

*Hefina Phillips our most faithful writer had a fall and fractured her left arm. We wish you a reasonably comfortable 6 weeks or so. My one consolation is that it was the **LEFT** arm!!! (if you get my meaning !!!?)
Get better soon. M.*

Thank you to our travellers who once again have come to the rescue!

We really do need some interesting articles to make this a lively production that encourages everyone to read it from cover to cover! For the next Gadwyn I need a recipe, "My hometown....village," some humorous experiences, holiday story.....anecdotes etc. etc. Don't forget that Y Gadwyn travels to several countries and is sent "on" and copied in other magazines. Please let us show everyone the stuff that we are made of here in our community. It takes time and money to this produce so let's make it worthwhile..

Thank you. Diolch yn fawr. Myfanwy.myfanwy@rogers.com 34 Carrington Drive, Richmond Hill, L4C 8 A 2. Ontario. 905 737 4399.

Hunant-dwyll sy'n ein dallu. Self- deceit is blinding. Nid cau dwrn ydyw cadernid. Closing your fist does not denote strength. M

