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Gair gan y Gweinidog A word from the Minister

The Church – an Update.

During the Summer months people have been contacting me enquiring as to how the Church has been 'getting on' since the centenary celebrations. I would like to present an update for those who have and do show an interest:

The Church building has seen a 'facelift' over the past year. Much needed renovation work has been completed and also the building has been tastefully painted and decorated. One place that now stands out is the Clinton Room, our Library, which has been transformed into a 'space of high standard'. The Fellowship Hall has been painted and thoroughly cleaned, where we can meet in an atmosphere of comfort. The Sanctuary has had a complete 'facelift' with new carpets and drapery, the stained glass window, the newly polished floors, the lights replaced and the north wall used as a tribute to 100 years of worship.

At the South entrance we have placed a glass wall cabinet containing the bardic robes of two of our much-loved past ministers, Heddwyn and Cerwyn. The floor from the Narthex to the Fellowship Hall and the stairs at the north side of the Church has been re-tiled. The Car parking area has been resurfaced. And we have replaced the boiler and created a working space within the boiler room.

As you can see from the above list we have been very busy!!

Yes, Dewi Sant Church can feel proud of its place of worship. Many people have been involved in the work of renewing the building, and all who contributed to the efforts of the centenary fund raising activities have played their part in the renewal.

I thank each and every person who has contributed as they could.

There is much to do again to raise the standards, but so much has been achieved already. You are all invited to come along on any given Sunday morning, around 11 am, to see the church for yourself.

Bendith, Blessings,

Deian Evans, Gweinidog.

A Prayer To Jesus

Slow me down Lord, ease the pounding of my heart by the quietening of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a clear vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tension of my nerves and my muscles with the soothingly beautiful music of the streams that live in my memory. Teach me the art of taking mini vacations, of slowing down to look at the glorious colours of the flowers, to give back the smiles of girls and boys, to chat with friends, to pat a dog. Teach me to read daily your Holy Book and to listen to celestial music.

Slow me down Lord and inspire me to send my roots deep down into the soil of your eternal values. Help me, to once again know the magical, restoring power of good sleep, that I may grow toward my destiny—the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Finally for the Government of Canada and the Canadian people, the church, my Pastor, brothers and sisters. I, as you, do bless them now and forever more Amen.

Olmedo (Orly) Bohorques N) “This was written on May 13th 2008 on my wonderful first day as a Canadian Citizen.”

Last Sunday there was a cake to honour Orly. This was a “thank you” from his fellow church members. Orly is always there to help when needed, without ever having to be asked. He sets up tables and chairs, brings tea and coffee for the elderly, on Sunday mornings. He cleans up, collects dishes and generally helps in any way that is needed. Orly has always got a ready smile and a word of greeting for all.

Thank you Orly, for being our friend, you are really appreciated.

UCW Merched Y Capel.

Welcome back after, hopefully a busy Summer. The ladies of the UCW committee met recently to make plans for the Fall and Winter. We realize that it is nearly impossible to have general meetings every month, therefore have opted for suitable activities that do not take too much time out; and that hopefully, everyone can enjoy.

Our major event of the season is of course the **Christmas Bazaar**. This is a lot of hard work, fun and is also the main fundraiser of the year. **Nina Morris** is the contact person. Telephone number---416 488 6445.

We are asking for baked goods of all kinds, jams, preserves and pickles etc. Gently used china and knick knacks, knitted goods, crafts, jewellery. Welsh memorabilia. Christmas decorations etc. Clothes that are clean and wearable, handbags, accessories etc etc. Also please include articles for the children’s stall. Please make sure that any electrical articles etc. are in working order, before bringing them to us.

We are not taking books at this time. All goods can be left **neatly** in the cloakroom. Mark them clearly “UCW” or “Christmas Bazaar.”

The date-- **Saturday-November 8th from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.**

Goods can be dropped off at the church from 2.00 pm until 8.00 pm on Friday 7th.

There will be a tea room serving light lunches, tea coffee etc. where you can, after spending an (“enormous”) amount of money at the bazaar, we hope !!!) sit and enjoy fellowship with friends. It is always fun to compare bargains that have been bought!!! Fun can be had by all plus the financial help that is being given to Dewi Sant.

Please come be a participant by donating, buying and joining in the fun.

Thank you on behalf of Dewi Sant UCW. Co Chairs Myfanwy Bajaj, and Joy Bailey.

Sunday November 16th. the UCW will be providing a light luncheon of sandwiches etc. at a cost of \$5. There will be tickets sold ahead of time for this event.

Tuesday November 25th. 7.00pm. The Annual Advent Service. Refreshments to follow

Sunday December 14th. UCW will be serving a fancy morning tea (Christmas goodies) after the service in appreciation of your continued support.

Myfanwy.

Kitchen Corner----Cornel Fach Y Gegin.

You are in luck as I have two great, simple recipes for this edition. These have both been tried by the Lunch Bunch and Merched Dewi.

Spiced Squash Soup. (8-10 portions.)

This was enjoyed by the September Lunch Bunch group.

Ingredients.

2 pounds butternut squash~~~1 pound of carrots peeled and quartered~~~2 medium onions, peeled and roughly chopped~~~1 cinnamon stick halved~~~1 inch piece of fresh ginger grated~~~a few sprigs of fresh thyme~~~salt and pepper~~~ 2 tablespoons olive oil~~~1 ½ pints~~or more chicken or vegetable stock..

Method

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Cut the squash in half, spoon out the seeds and then peel .Cut into finger width wedges. Put all the ingredients except the stock into a roasting tin

Roast for an hour, stirring halfway through. Bake until the vegetables are quite soft.

Remove the cinnamon stick and the thyme.

Put everything in a food processor or blender with the stock. Blend until smooth. (I do this in 2 batches

Sieve if required, or leave for a more rustic sop.

Heat (with extra stock or water if required) before serving. This freezes very well. (Up to 3 months.)

Gaynor McConnell.

Now for the cookies enjoyed by Merched Dewi.~~There are some perks to all the practicing that we do!!!

One Hundred Good Cookies.

Ingredients.

1 cup of white sugar~~~ 1 cup of brown sugar (more if you have a sweet tooth!!!)~~~1 cup of oil~~~ 1 cup of margarine~~~1 egg~~~ ½ a teaspoon of vanilla.

Cream together the above ingredients.

Combine~~~ 3 ½ cups of flour~~~1 teaspoon of baking soda~~~1 teaspoon cream of tartar~~~

Then Add~~~1 cup of rice Krispies~~~ 1cup of coconut~~~ 1 cup of oatmeal.

Mix everything together really well.Roll out into balls and flatten with a fork.

Bake at 350 degrees F. for 10 to 15 minutes.

(I make half of this quantity)

Olwen Dunets.

Mission & Service 20th Anniversary BBQ

Our 20th year proved to be only the second time in our history where steady rain interfered with our festivities. While it dampened the ground, it could not dampen the Dewi Sant spirit and Joan Lloyd's home once again played host to over 40 people, who attended in spite of the rain. Even though, Joan's house was filled to capacity and there was a bit of a wait for burgers, everyone enjoyed themselves.

This year, in honour of the 20th Anniversary, there was a specially donated cake to enjoy and a presentation of appreciation to Joan Lloyd, who, from the beginning, has graciously opened her home and given her time and resources.

Once again, Carysann did a super job cooking the burgers and we appreciate her slaving at the BBQ in the rain (fortunately under a tent!). Betty Jones did an outstanding job on the salads which everyone enjoyed. Thanks also to Shirley Evans, Bonnie Booth, Nest Pritchard, and all the faithful helpers who shared in the workload and to everyone who made a salad or a dessert, and gave a donation.

The BBQ is always well attended and the committee is grateful to the faithful supporters who come out each year for good food and fellowship. Our final total after expenses was \$322.25. 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 third decade. Mission & Service Committee.

Meriel Simpson. Joan Lloyd. Betty Jones. Nest Pritchard.

*****Found at Joan Lloyd's house after the M&S BBQ on Sept. 7th - a clear, plastic umbrella, an "Everton" blue folding chair and a jacket with no name only a television schedule in the pocket. Please contact Joan Lloyd.

That's life—Let's have a little smile. It helps those facial muscles!!!—Man, “ Darling, years ago you had a figure like Coke bottle.” Wife: “Yes darling I still do, only difference is, earlier it was 300ml now it's 1.5 ltr~~~~ Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?~~~~ Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?~~~~

If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?~~~~ If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?~~~~ Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?~~~~

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?.....

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

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These were supplied by Ann and Ray Days of London Ontario. They have real Pembrokeshire wit !!!! Please send me some more things that we can smile at.

*****Here is a task for all of you.*** What would you like Saint Peter, or God, to say to you when you arrive at the Pearl Gates. I heard many very interesting ideas at a recent function. I will print your answers.*****

IF ANYONE IS PLANNING TO GO TO QUEBEC CITY, HERE IS AN INTERESTING EVENT THAT IS PART OF THEIR 400 YR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

La Rencontre - Y Cyfarfod - The Meeting - Nitu Natshiskuataw From September 8 to December 21, 2008

Location **Maison Hamel-Bruneau** www.artdiagonale.org a project by **Diagonale, centre des arts et des fibres du Québec** DIAGONALE will gather together, in an exhibition, 36 professional fibre artists. This project grew out of an exhibition held in Wales in 2006. The Welsh people have a lot in common with the Québécois; similar cultural baggage, similar historical events. They are two enduring peoples, and both have that little “je ne sais quoi” that cannot be denied. These similarities are intriguing; is it a question of geography, of our historical relationship to the English? Is it the distant druidic influence in Wales and the exchanges with the native culture in Québec? To find the answers to these questions, artists from all of these cultures will be invited to work together on this new project.

Sheryl Clay

The Ontario Welsh Festival, Kingston, 2009

The Board of the Ontario Welsh Festival is delighted to announce that the guest choir for the 2009 Gymanfa weekend is Ger Y Lli Choir from Aberystwyth.

Under the leadership of Gregory Roberts, this young choir was formed in 2004 and consists of a mixture of young professionals, university and 6th form students. The choir competes regularly in the Urdd eisteddfod, the Wyl Cerdd Dant and the Llangollen National Eisteddfod.

They won the youth choir competition at the National Eisteddfod in Swansea in 2004 and are featured on a CD of the best Welsh folk choirs released in 2007.

We look forward to welcoming a "youth" choir to the Ontario Welsh Festival, and I'm sure that we will be thrilled with a new and unusual repertoire.

Mark your calendars for April 24-26. We return to the Holiday Inn in downtown Kingston. St. Paul's Anglican Church will again be the venue for the concert on Saturday night and the two Gymanfa sessions on Sunday. And don't forget to check our website regularly www.ontariowelshfestival.com

Hefina Phillips

Melangell.

Casgl fi at gesail dy ddaioni,
Cudd fi tu mewn ffin dy gariad di,
Achub fi rhag y saeth drywanol,
A'r cylchoedd o niwed.

Aderyn weithiau, neu 'sgyfarnog, neu gath, neu gi,
Yr un ysbryd ydwyf i.
Dy gyfaill, a'th angel dy hun,
Câr fi, fel y caraf di.

Deall fi, Melangell.
Gad glywed fy llais yn noddfa dy gartref di.
Goleua fi â channwyll dy galon ffyddlon,
Cydgerddwn gyda'n gilydd yn yr awr hwyrol.

Defnyn ar y glaswellt ydwyf i,
Y blodau ar finion ffordd -
Ac yn yr wybren, yr Enfys.

I hope that Welsh readers will appreciate these words which are part of a song written by Dr Keith Davies Jones of Manitoba. He is an Oncologist and a contemporary composer. I felt that these words were far too profound not to share. M (He has also learnt Welsh !!!)

A word from The Tea ladies. These ladies have been supplying National Gymanfa attendees with tea for several years now and wondered if there would be any interest here. Glengettie Tea, a favourite in Wales for generations, is now available in North America through My Grandmother's Teapot Gift Shop and Tea Room, 3950 Main Street, Adamsville, Pennsylvania, 16110, USA. Shop Telephone: 724.932.5197 Shop Mobile: 724.699.8908. Email: tea@mygrandmothersteapot.com Visit us online: www.mygrandmothersteapot.com Special introductory pricing for our North American customers! Please let us know of your interest.

Cymry A'r Byd.

On August 6th 2008 Myfanwy Bajaj represented us (the Welsh living abroad) at the National Eisteddfod in Cardiff. It was a great honour for her to have been chosen for this role.

Myfanwy spent weeks perfecting her speeches and on the big day she was very nervous. Those of us who know Myfanwy well realize that before appearing before an audience of any size she is a quivering mass of anxiety despite her calm exterior.

For several days prior to this event Myfanwy had appeared on several TV talk shows and radio interviews. She is a fantastic ambassador for Dewi Sant, the North American Welsh and the overseas Welsh in general.

I knew that Myfanwy is well known in Wales, but after the TV interviews she was recognized by many people. She was asked by one soul if "she was the lady that made them laugh on the telly,." Then announced it to all and sundry that were in a particular store in Lampeter!!!!

Travelling to the eisteddfod field on a shuttle bus she was greeted by Shirley and Tal Griffiths with their daughter Sian. They had driven there from Carmarthen after seeing Myfanwy on TV. This family had

once lived in Ottawa and had been part of the Ontario Gymanfa Ganu crowd. When we arrived at The Cymry A'r Byd tent to gather before the welcoming tea etc who should we see but Annette Evans the wife of our minister at Dewi Sant. She had travelled down for the day from Criccieth with a friend. A four hour journey each way. Lord Roger Roberts was also there. We also met Howard Harries a member of Dewi Sant who has now been residing in Wales for many years. There was a great deal of exuberance, hugs and laughter and a host of people wishing to congratulate Myfanwy. Tea followed with an address given by Myfanwy. Those not fortunate enough to understand the language of Heaven.. were given headphones through which we could hear an instantaneous translation. Myfanwy's speech was excellent. (She did not bribe me to say this!!!) We then tramped on mass to the eisteddfod pavilion, packed with people plus a few hundred members of the bardic circle sitting on the stage. It was an awesome experience. It was something else to see Myfanwy walking up to that huge stage, hold on to the lectern and take issue with the fact that more respect should be shown to those of us that who live overseas and have to travel many miles to support the eisteddfod. Good for her. The archdruid then invited Cymry A'r Byd to stand and be acknowledged. For me this was a new experience and I found the pageantry quite moving..It was well worth the long journey.

Gaynor McConnell.

Ashley Terry

Many of you will know that Ashley Terry is a full member of the church having been confirmed a couple of years ago. However she still helps with the Sunday School and other areas when she is available.

Ashley is a very active member of her Sea Cadet Corp "R.C.S.C.C. Haida" and has been the recipient of many awards, both at the local level and at the Summer Camp which is held in Kingston Ontario.

At the local level she has been awarded Best First Year Cadet, Top Drill Team Member, Perfect Attendance and Top mark in her class. At the summer camp "H.M.C.S. Ontario" she was awarded top cadet for her division. A couple of years ago Ashley was awarded the Cadet Legion Medal of Excellence for outstanding citizenship.

Ashley has also participated in many competitions, both at the local and provincial level where the teams she is on have scored very high marks. She is on the Drill, Seamanship, Sheer Legs, Heaving Line and Band Teams. At the summer camp she studies music to enhance the level of playing and reading for when she returns to the local corps to enable her to teach the younger cadets.

As you can see she is a very busy young lady and yet she still finds time occasionally to be with the church family.

My Trip To Norfolk Virginia.

In March of this year I was able to go to Norfolk, Virginia thanks to funds from the Gareth Owen Fund of Dewi Sant. In Norfolk myself and the rest of my peers at R.C.S.C.C. (Royal Canadian Sea Cadets) Haida experienced an amazing time at one of the biggest military bases in the U.S.A. We did a lot of sight seeing at the beaches and we also went to many Museums where we saw everything from aircraft carriers to helicopters to boats that go on land. We had good times at the mall in Virginia had a movie night when we went to the theatres and watched a movie of our choice.

Overall the trip to Norfolk was a great experience for me and appreciate the generosity of the fund to make the lives of myself and other young people at Dewi Sant's more enriched.

Ashley Terry

CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday August 9th **David Holyer** and **Nohemy Méndez** were married in Toronto. The wedding took place at the McLean House Gardens, with Pastor Roy Sommerville of Queensway Baptist Church, officiating. Nohemy's sister Esther Méndez was the Maid of Honour and Sarah Méndez (niece) the flower girl. David's friend Brian Kamphuis was Best Man. Following the service - which was partially interrupted by a heavy shower - the reception was held at Mc Lean House, with Sheila Holyer as MC.

After their honeymoon in San Francisco David and Nohemy moved to their new residence at 404 - 88 Palace Pier Court, Toronto M8V 4C2 .

Thanks to Rev. Deian Evans and all the members of Dewi Sant for their prayers and good wishes for David and Nohemy, on this happy occasion.

APPRECIATION / THANKS

Thank you to Rev. Deian Evans and members of Dewi Sant who have expressed their concern, offered advice, good wishes, and prayers over the past number of months and especially during my recent surgery. This came as an indirect result of the fracture I experienced after falling in the icy parking lot last November! I'm hopeful that following the surgery in August I will soon recover the full use of my arm and hand. Diolch am eich cydymdeimlad, a'ch gweddiau.

Nêst Pritchard.

A MEMORABLE OCCASION.

It was early June 2008, I heard, that a concert was to be held at Carnegie Hall, New York, featuring a 400 plus male voice choir, comprising of some 10 choirs, from all corners of the world, two from Wales, three from Canada, two from Australia and one each from Ireland, England, and the U.S.A. I also discovered that the **Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir (TWMVC)**, was to be one of the 10 choirs. Added to all these voices, was that of Bryn Terfel. Wales' own Bass Baritone, and now world renowned. I immediately felt I had to attend this concert, one way or another, so I called my nephew Stephen Jones, a founding member of the TWMVC, to inquire if there might possibly be a spare seat on their coach to New York. Steve's casual response was, "would you like to sing with us at the concert?" My next question to Stephen was: "You *are* kidding aren't you?" He wasn't kidding! I think he must have known that my life-long dream had been to sing in a male voice choir, preferably a Welsh choir, so when he posed that question, I was - well - kind of dumbfounded - and I am thinking as to whether I could accomplish the task of learning - what turned out to be ten pieces of words and music, to sing at Carnegie Hall all without music copies, all in a matter of 10 weeks, a daunting task. Something I had never done before.

I shared this information with my family and some friends, and without hesitation, the response was "How could you possibly say no to an opportunity of a lifetime.?" I very quickly gave my positive answer to Steve, and my life-long dream - was suddenly fulfilled. The last line of one of the pieces we sang reads " Now life has killed the dream I dreamed", life certainly did not kill my dream, on the contrary.

I think I missed one practice out of the twelve or so, and much to my surprise, I managed to learn most of the words, except for the first word in a line or two. I must admit however, that I had prepared for the odd memory lapse, and had typed all the words on conveniently sized paper, for the odd 'sneak' view. but when I regrettably lost my wallet just minutes before the concert was due to start, that included my crib sheets, I was 'on my own' as one might say. Our very able conductor, Dr. Haydn James, however, was a great help, as he mouthed just about every word, from all the versus , as well as some very graphic signals to help all 400 or more choristers, remember what the next word or line should be. Haydn was brimming with Welsh humour, and had all of us in stitches during both rehearsals prior to the

concert. He had everyone so relaxed, we sang our hearts out. Eventually, we hope, a CD of the concert will be made available.

Carnegie Hall was in itself a sight to behold, particularly when viewed from the stage. On occasion, I found myself just listening to the 'wall of sound' the choir was producing, (not because I forgot the words by the way!!) and it was quite overwhelming, I couldn't believe I was actually part of it all, and contributing to that wonderful sound.

Some members of the choir, used their spare time to take in some tours of New York, Stephen and myself included. I realized that my last visit to this great city was 49 years ago to the month. I was on a work assignment in the US, for the years 1958-59, but about all I can remember from that visit, was a trip to the top of the Empire State building, which at the time, was still the tallest building in the world. It was Labour Day weekend, and a small group of New York Welsh residents, had planned a trip to Toronto to the National Gymanfa Ganu, held at the Royal York Hotel, I gladly accepted their invitation to go along, another memorable occasion, but no comparison to this return trip to New York!

A closing note, the concert was produced by Mark Burrows, and Melody Music, many of you from Wales, will remember Mark's father, tenor, Stewart Burrows who was very popular some years ago. The opening piece was Divine Brahma, from the Pearl Fishers, by Gounod, a rousing piece, that lubricated all vocal chords in preparation for the rest of the concert.. Rhodri Clarke, piano soloist played a Liszt arrangement - Paraphrase on Rigoletto, by Verdi. Six of the participating choirs performed individually, and the **TWMVC choice, was Nidaros, by D.Prothero**, a very challenging piece, but their rendering was very well sung, and many compliments were heard after the concert. They were followed by the choir from Ireland, the last to sing. The Donaghadee Male Voice Choir, whose rendering of Danny Boy, was wonderful, and many agreed, it outshone most of the other individual choir performances. The closing hymn, Cwm Rhondda, sung in English, and with audience participation was very well received, particularly as Bryn joined in as well. As for Bryn, no words from a humble chorister like myself, can adequately describe his performance, other than he seemed to - without any effort - fill the vast Carnegie Hall with his rich Baritone voice, and his perfect diction, with every word clearly understood by everyone.

I don't think I am alone in saying that this event was truly one of the most memorable occasions of my life, one that I wouldn't have missed for the world. I am deeply indebted to Stephen for inviting me in the first place, and to the TWMVC for allowing me to practice, and sing with them at Carnegie Hall.

Regrettably, circumstances do not allow me to continue with the choir.

My sincere thanks to everyone that made this possible,

O waelod fy nghalon, Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Dewi Wyn Jones, Ennismore, Ontario. (September 2008)

Er Parchus Cof In Memoriam

Sara Foy.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Sara Foy.

Sara was the beloved daughter of Dorothy and the late Dr. J. A. B. Jones. Sara was the mother of Jeffrey, Michael, Cailey and Steven and partner of Bill Stewart. Sister of Genevive (John) Billingsley and brothers John, James,(Janet). Charles (Beth) and David. She will be greatly missed by all her nieces and nephews.

The Dewi Sant family and Welsh community at large extend our condolences and prayers to all the family in their grief.

Change Of Address

Hefina [Phillips~~~hefina@cogeco.ca](mailto:hefina@cogeco.ca)

Sarah Iliffe's new address is Spring Farm, 33933 Prospect Hill Rd., RR3, Granton, ON N0M 1V0 Phone #1-226-268-7768

Gadwyn Donors.

Tom and June Edwards, Margaret Frampton, Amy & Percy Jordan, Audrey & Meirion Roberts, Megan McEwan, Owen & Josie Jones, David Jones, Nora & Cerwyn Davies, Enyd Floyd.

Smile~~~ Women over 50 don't have babies because they would put them down and forget where they left them~~~ My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.~~~The best way to forget your troubles is to wear tight shoes.~~~ Sometimes I think I understand everything, and then I regain consciousness.

Saint Davids Society

On June 26th, the St. David's Society of Toronto held it's Annual General Meeting. A lovely roast lamb dinner was prepared by Mrs. Amy Jordan - to rave reviews. During the course of the evening we reminisced about the activities and events which had been held over the past two years and paid tribute to Mrs. Myfanwy Bajaj who, after 10 years of leadership and dedicated service has decided to pass the baton (gavel, actually) to **Mr. Peter Williams**, our newly-elected **President**. Joining Peter for the 2008/2009 term are fellow officers and committee members:

Myfanwy Bajaj, Past President~~~Mabel Hastings, Vice-President~~~Margaret Carabine, Secretary~~~ Harold Woodey, Treasurer and Honorary Life President~~~Annette Evans, Committee Member~~~ Vaughan Lewis, Committee Member~~~Sally Lewis, Committee Member~~~Donna Morris, Committee Member. Please look for future announcements regarding our upcoming Karaoke Night. A traditional Christmas Celebration will be held on Saturday, December 13th, 2008 at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. The St. David's Society of Toronto Annual Banquet will be held at the Albany Club on Friday February 27, 2009. Details to follow..

~*~*Of Interest`~*~*`.

The following information is excerpted from an article in the Fairlawn United Church newspaper and gives the members at Dewi Sant some sense of the history of the manse. Thanks to Dr, Murray Black for noticing the article.

Story of a Community....by Gary Schlee

The 185-acre farm of former Toronto publisher Alfred St. Germain may have had a Yonge Street address, but the estate itself probably wasn't visible from the road. Despite its vista view from a height of land, the house was buried deep within the property.

The farm lane – which, no surprise, is today's St. Germain Avenue – ran west of Yonge for more than a kilometre. At the beginning of the lane, off to the right, was a small two storey white house that likely served as a farm worker's home. After all, St. Germain's property was a 'hobby' farm, not the sort of place a retired businessman would be operating himself. The worker's house still stands, one of the oldest buildings in the area. Located on the west side of the alley behind the Yonge Street stores between St. Germain and Melrose, **the house also once served as the manse for Dewi Sant Welsh United Church around the corner.**

[TWMVC Notes](#)

The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir just completed a successful trip to New York. This included a Concert in Utica for the St. David's Society with an appearance on the 11 o'clock News and culminating at Carnegie Hall. The TWMVC enchanted the Carnegie Hall audience with their performance of "Nidaros" and they enjoyed singing as part of the 425 member mass choir in the "Celtic Celebration" with Bryn Terfel.

Home again, on a warm September 20th evening was "An Evening of Song" ~ "Noson O Gân", the TWMVC and the Llanelli Male Choir with soloist, Adele O'Neill, celebrated the 'Land of Song' and delighted another audience with their rich voices.

Bargains!! Bargains!! Bargains!!

Last year during the centennial celebrations, specially designed mugs were available for sale. These mugs received very favourable comments from many who enjoyed their comfortable design. The good news is that we have several of these mugs still available for purchase. The better news is that their price has been reduced to \$2 a mug so that we can sell out our inventory. Shirts in various colours and sizes with Dewi Sant logos are also available for \$3.

With the stock market plummeting, everyone is looking for a bargain. Here is the antidote to the market blues. Imagine buying a mug for \$2 or a T-shirt for \$3. You'll make yourself feel better and help Dewi Sant's economy at the same time. Multiple purchases will make you (and us) feel even better!! There are samples of the mugs and the T-shirts on the table in the narthex.

Happy bargain hunting!!!.....**Betty Cullingworth.**

~*~*~*~*~*VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION~*~*~*~*~*

During a congregational meeting on the 7th. of September it was decided that the Welsh language Service and the Bilingual service would change over times for just one Sunday.

On the first Sunday in November ie November 2nd. The Welsh language service will be at 11.00 am. The Bilingual service will be at 7 pm.

~*~*~*~*~*Please pass this message on to everyone. Thank You.~*~*~*~*~*

Every Sunday apart from November 2nd will be at the normal times.

The Bilingual Services at 11.00 am with the Sunday school.

The Welsh language services at 7.00pm on the first Sunday of every month.

Next Gadwyn

Please get all information, articles etc in to me as soon as possible as I will be leaving for Patagonia on Monday October 13th. I would like to get most of the Gadwyn done before I go. A few last minute church related items can be filled in by the church office.

Again a plea for more articles to make this a worthwhile periodical---of interest and variety.

Thank you. Myfanwy Bajaj

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