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Neges y Gweinidog Minister's Message.

Dear readers,

Once more Easter has come and gone. In the stores there are mountains of Easter chocolate bunnies, damaged Easter eggs and seasonal candies for sale at half price. What I cannot understand is why the stores do not sell these at a reduced cost from the start in order to sell them all at the proper time? Surely this would make more sense.

Did I say that Easter was over? The fact is that Easter is still very much with us, and will be with us for weeks to come. On the Church Order of Service cover we see the information that reads 'Second Sunday of Easter', 'Third Sunday of Easter' Take note that it does not say 'after' but 'of'. A vital difference. Easter is still here. Easter remains. Easter and its message should remain in our consciousness and our hearts, not only until the season ends at Pentecost, but at all times.

Last month I set out a challenge to the 60% of the members at the church who do not attend services to try the experience. So far, not much response. Recently I heard the sad news that Wales is just about the least 'Christian' country in Christendom, with only an average of 5% members attending Sunday services. I wonder if the 'stay at home brigade' have also heard this and are trying to emulate the people of their homeland. If they are, they're doing a fine job.

And so, if raising a challenge does not work, how about another way? I would like to invite all members and their friends to attend an extraordinary service at the Church on May 24th, a service of the blessing of God's Creatures, our pets. It should prove a lively event, certainly one with a different atmosphere, one I hope will be remembered, cherished and repeated in the future. Remember the date and time, May 24th, 2009 at 11 am. The venue will be the Church green (east side). For information as to the location of the church, and all about the Church life, search our updated website.

Bendith Duw fyddo arnoch. Bless you, Deian.

Jerusalem Obituary 33 AD

Jerusalem.

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha—the place of the skull.

Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The cause of death was crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ a descendant of Abraham was a member of the House of David. He was the son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth and Mary, his devoted Mother.

Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by his mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that He healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5.000 people with only five loaves and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

Anne and Ray Dayes

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UCW Merched Y Capel.

Thanks to all the ladies who worked so hard to provide a really great dinner on Good Friday. Special thanks goes to Arleigh Quesnelle who cooked the dinner. It was one of the best that we have had in a long time. Thanks for your special effort Arleigh.

The afternoon a child of service was lead by Rev. Glenys Hughes who is well known to Dewi Sant members as she is a "child of the church," who went on to make her life's work that of ministering in Christ's name. Deian Evans and Merched Dewi took part as well as being ably accompanied by Dr. Murray Black.

After dinner, the Gymanfa Ganu was well attended. Congratulations to Betty Cullingworth for yet again proving what an able conductor she is. Betty also grew up in Dewi Sant and is the cousin of Glenys. The family would have been very proud of them.

Thanks go to Nina Morris for providing refreshments for the parched throats after singing with hwyl. Also thanks to all who came to support the two services.

Diolch yn fawr i bawb

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UCW Spring Bazaar.

We have decided to change the format slightly. This Spring we are concentrating mainly on baked goods, jams preserves etc. Gaynor McConnell will once again coordinate this stall. We are asking for gently used china, figurines etc, knitted goods, Welsh goods including tapes etc. Tables are available for a small fee. We do not want any clothes or electrical goods. There will **not** be a white elephant stall this time. When you bring in your donations please put your names on the bags, boxes etc.

It is very labour intensive and frustrating to have to take car loads of damaged goods etc to the dump. There will be a raffle, so if you have something to donate for that we would be thankful.

The Spring Sale coordinator will be **Nina Smith Morris** Tel: **416 488 6445** Date May 23rd ...

Time 10 am until 200 pm. Set up will be from 4 pm onwards on Friday evening May 22nd.

In the last executive meeting of the UCW Nina Morris was kind enough to accept the chair of the UCW. Myfanwy Bajaj and Joy Bailey had undertaken to co chair until there was a willing volunteer. Thanks Nina. Please give her your support in her endeavours. The UCW ladies contribute a great deal to Dewi Sant

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Kitchen Corner.....Cornel Fach Y Gegin.

Easter Sunday Breakfast at Dewi Sant

Thirty people enjoyed a hot breakfast after early morning communion. Both the food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Left over muffins and scones were sold after the morning service. I am pleased to report that \$140 was raised for the Mission and Service fund. Thank you to Audrey Evans, Lyn Jones and Joan Lloyd for all their help and support. A big thank you also to all who helped clear up in time for the 11 o clock service.

Gaynor McConnell.

Breakfast Strata. (4-6 servings.)

Ingredients.

8 thin slices of Italian sliced bread 1 tablespoon of butter ½ a cup of sliced leeks ½ a cup of sliced mushrooms 2 ozs. Smoked salmon 1 cup of shredded cheese (Swiss or Cheddar.) 3 eggs 2 cups of milk (2%) ½ a teaspoon of Dijon mustard pepper to taste.

Method.

Saute mushrooms and leeks in butter. Cool. Cut the salmon into small pieces. and add to the vegetables. Cube the bread and layer ½ in a greased 8"x 8" baking dish.

Top with the salmon mixture and half the cheese. Cover with remaining bread and grated cheese.

Combine the eggs, milk, mustard and pepper. Pour over the ingredients in the dish. Cover and refrigerate over night. Bake uncovered for, for 35 -45 minutes, until golden. Serve hot.

Note:-This is also good for lunch or a light supper served with a salad. 4oz. of ham may be substituted for the mushrooms and salmon.

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Salmon Crunch Pie.

Ingredients.

1½ cups of flour 1 teaspoon of salt ½ a cup of butter 1 cup of grated cheddar cheese... 1 teaspoon of paprika 1/2 a cup finely chopped pecans 3 eggs 1 cup of sour cream ½ a cup of grated Swiss cheese ¼ cup of mayonnaise 2 tablespoons of chopped pimento 2 tablespoons of grated onion 1lb.(27 oz can) of salmon.

Method.

Combine the flour, salt, butter, cheese (cheddar) paprika and nuts

Mix well until it is of a crumbly consistency. Press into a 10 inch pie dish, reserving 1 cup of the mixture for later. Beat the eggs, add, Mayonnaise sour cream, Swiss cheese, pimento and onion.

Drain the salmon, flake it, and place it on the pie mixture in the plate. Spoon over the egg mixture and sprinkle with the rest of the crumbs.

Bake at 375 for 40 minutes. Allow to stand before serving. Goes well with a nice dish of fresh salad and a glass of wine Bon appetite.

Iona Rees

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Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, "We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house."

Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van, because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like.

At the height of the gale, the harbourmaster radioed a coastguard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff.

Annwyl Myfanwy:

I read with interest each issue of Y Gadwyn, which you so ably edit.

In the March 2009 issue, there is a letter that makes reference to NINNAU and, following a polite introduction, characterizes recent changes in the publication as "disconcerting" and "detrimental." It also raises the possibility of NINNAU failing. This is the first time that we encounter this concept, which is totally foreign to us.

Over more than thirty years, NINNAU has reflected the energy extant in the Welsh Community in North America--the publication will not fail unless the Community fails. A recent reduction in frequency of the print publication is a temporary measure that is part of a broader plan to protect the viability of the enterprise and should result in an even better newspaper. It is also publicly known that, having the future in mind, we are seeking to expand our editorial staff.

With the phrase "sort of online version of NINNAU," the letter also makes use of our trademark in a manner that risks misleading the reader. There is only one on line version of NINNAU, and it is to be found on our website, www.ninnau.com, where those who wish to read the real thing on their computers should go. This website, particularly its Calendar of Events, is updated more frequently than the print publication.

NINNAU subscribers have the best of two worlds: the convenience of the paper edition and the accessibility of the on line version--the latter supplemented with updates as needed. May I mention incidentally that the online version of NINNAU can be "zoomed in" to make the type larger and easier to read, a feature that may be of interest to some of your readers.

It is unfortunate that we couldn't comment prior to publication of your March issue, but you may set aside your personal concern about missing the regular NINNAU. Rest assured that NINNAU--The North American Welsh Newspaper®, the only continental publication that in its very name recognizes the Welsh Community in Canada, is thriving.

Arturo Roberts, Publisher

Thank you Artruro for setting us straight. I apologise for any misinformation that was passed on to me. I am delighted, as I am sure the readers will be, to hear that all is well. Obviously with all good intentions Mr. David Parry was miss informed.

As we said in the breakfast meeting at the National Gymanfa Festival in Chicago, Y Ninnau is very valuable in that it keeps all Welsh groups throughout North America abreast of current news and activities, and the publisher does as ever an excellent job.

Diolch yn fawr Myfanwy.

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Now, as you might know I have been in the fire service both here and in Glamorgan, I also enjoy telling stories, so with your indulgence I will put the two together once in a while. Needless to say, names will have been changed to protect the innocent. **Huw**

The first one is titled: **A smell of smoke.**

It was a warm spring Sunday afternoon back in the early seventies, several of us were in "our" pub having a quick pint before lunch. The pub had been defined as ours by the fact they had not barred us after a dozen of us had left in a rush when the siren sounded, and they had kept our un-consumed pints behind the bar for our return.

We were just contemplating going home when siren started up, (this was in pre-pager days when every one in the town knew when there was a call, and all usually ducked for cover!) Once again we

tested the patience of the bar tender as six of us made for the door at the same time. Now once outside the bar most of us were on foot, but it was amazing how many could fit in the Austin Mini that one of the boys owned, and how fast we could get in and out.

On arrival at the station we found it was a call for "smell of burning" at Evan the farm's house on the outskirts of town. Now, on the last call to this farm, for one of his barns going up in flames, the farmer had proved a gracious and generous host, very free with his home made beer and his good wife's cooking, so with these memories it was a very, very quick turnout, the water tender and the pump escape were shooting out of the station in record time with us inside pulling up our leggings and buttoning up our tunics, and thinking more about missed lunches than smells of smoke.

When we got there Evan was waiting for us with a worried expression on his florid face, "I tell you boys, the smell is all over the house it is. Don't know where to look. You had best come on in. See if you can do better than me".

Well, the ten of us and our station officer walked all over that old farm house, from the attic where we inspected the thatched roof for our worst case scenario, to the cellar, yes we could smell the smoke, but, no sign of it. These days we would use a thermal imaging camera, but in those days, nose, Mk1, sniffing for the use of hands, two, feeling for hot spots were all we had and we used these all over to no avail.

We had been there long enough to be well fed by his wife, pass our expert opinion on his home made brew, (the drivers however were not amused at not having any). When one of the more observant of us, a driver I think, came out with an interesting question. "Is it me or have any of you noticed that the smell of burning seems to fade away at times"?

He was right, it did fade away, especially when Evan went out to his shed to get more of his home brew. Ah ha, Evan, over here man, and there, as we looked, little wisps of smoke were emerging from the pocket of his jacket.

The log book entry for that shout read: Small hay fire, source of ignition, carelessly discarded pipe. You see, Evan was an incurable pipe smoker but his missus had banned him from smoking "that smelly old thing in my house" and absent minded Evan had not put it out, instead it went, still lit into the pocket of his working jacket that he had worn while putting down feed for the cows for the past few years, with hay getting in to the pockets.

The florid face turned a little redder, and our silence was bought by a crate of his home brew for our next darts night in the station.

Huw Jones --Caledon.

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PEACE

Protecting people for peace
Everybody loves each other – now that's peace!
Always be optimistic that war will end
Christ, the Prince of Peace
Empathy for others.

By Nia Contini.

Dec.7.2008.

This was written by Nia for Christmas, but her proud nain, Nest thought that this would be appropriate when the "Peace Message," would be published.

CHILDREN'S GOODWILL MESSAGE

TODAY millions throughout the world will hear the Goodwill Message from the boys and girls of Wales.

On lonely sheep farms in Australia the radio will boom out words of greeting from children in Welsh valleys. Tough Yankee farmers, worrying about the price of wheat or cattle, will hear the words in Dakota or Idaho. Large-lipped negro boys on cotton plantations in Georgia or Louisiana will wonder slowly where this place Wales is. Unemployed hobos, lolling, hands in pocket, outside a radio store in New York or Philadelphia will think bitterly and agree when they hear the phrase in the Message: "We do not know why there should be so much sorrow in a world which is so beautiful, and so much want in a world which is so rich."

In the Welsh colonies in Patagonia and in Utica listeners will be waiting for the reading of the Message, just as in Britain on Christmas Day we waited for the voices coming from all parts of the Empire. Welshmen on vessels sailing in different parts of the world will tune in, and in some radio zones, such as the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic, will be able to hear "We, the children of Wales, once again warmly greet you on Goodwill Day."

In the schools of Wales thousands of children assembled in their central halls will thus be almost in direct link with sailors and adventurers, workers and pioneers, sportsmen and merchants throughout the world. The Welsh children are taking part in the great adventure of encircling the globe with their Message. The Welsh children, in calling for "peace between the peoples and peace between the nations," are not only forwarding this ideal, but they are putting Wales in bright colours on the map.

"Wales is a part of England, like Yorkshire, isn't it?" How many times have Welsh travellers abroad heard this phrase! And still more frequently Welshmen are met by a look of blank ignorance when the name Wales is mentioned. Mr. Lloyd George, it is true, made Wales known, but he is, nevertheless, nearly always described in foreign books as an Englishman. Nothing is making Wales so famous as the Welsh Children's Message, and nowhere is this so little realised as in Great Britain. How, then, does this Message rush round the world on May 18, and who are these millions listening to it? Leaping from continent to continent, we shall, like Puck, "put a girdle round the earth in forty minutes," and find what happens to the words of the Welsh children.

In South Africa the boys and girls will hear in school the Message of Goodwill and will send greetings to Wales. Last year the Secretary of Education, Pretoria, wrote: "The South African boys and girls have a fellow-feeling with the children of Wales for many reasons. One of the ties we have in common is an unbounded enthusiasm for sport. Our Springboks one and all testify to the wonderful hospitality is eager to reciprocate, and there are many young budding Springboks who dream already of the day when they can meet their friendly and enthusiastic rivals the Welsh, for whose Rugby prowess they have the greatest admiration."

The Welsh greeting will be broadcast and enthusiastic friendliness which they experienced in Wales during their recent visit overseas. South Africa from Nairobi. Scores of replies have arrived in past years

from South Africa, and from Nyasaland, Zululand, and Transvaal.

From the Valley of the Nile letters have travelled across the Mediterranean to Cardiff bringing greetings. Asia will hear the **Message** of the **Children** of **Wales**, for the powerful wireless station at Bandoeng, Dutch East Indies, will send it over a considerable part of the East. The troubled Pacific, over which the menace of a great war looms, will listen to this appeal to the heart of the Asiatic peoples coming from the Welsh schools.

Last year the first cablegram from Asia, replying to the **Message**, came from Siam. The **Message** has been broadcast every year from Tokyo, and a reply has recently been received from Japan in which some **children** write: "We must create a **world**-community in which the morning stars sing and the face of every man and woman on the street shines."

In China, the Minister of Public Instruction circulates the **Message** in the schools under his control.

The youth of Persia has already this year sent their warm wishes to the youth of **Wales**.

Australia has responded well. The **children** of New South **Wales** have followed the example of the country after which their home was named, and are sending a **world message**, pledging themselves to do all they can to preserve harmony and goodwill among all peoples. Western Australia knows the **Message** well. New Zealand has broadcast the **Message** almost from the very beginning.

From America almost every vessel carrying mail brings letters across the Atlantic with replies to the **Message**. The United States will have a nation-wide broadcast of the **Message** from its whole range of stations, covering an area 3,000 miles across, with a population of 12,000,000. President Roosevelt is expected to speak on the same occasion. The United States leads the way in the number of replies, and the schools of Utica, where there is a large Welsh population, never fail to reply.

All the Canadian stations have broadcast the **Message** in the past, while Nova Scotia will broadcast this **message**: "From amid those apple blossoms and from amid our farms and mines, and out over the rockbound shores of the surrounding sea, we, the boys and girls of Nova Scotia, greet the **children** of **Wales**."

From Patagonia there has been a message in Welsh to the Welsh children.

Europe sends from its many countries numerous replies, and today millions of **children** will listen to the broadcast of the **Message**. Holland, Rumania, Finland, and Poland, to mention some of the countries only, will broadcast the **Message**. All the Norwegian and Danish stations broadcast it, while Czecho-Slovakia will send it not only in the Czech language, but in the German language—a praiseworthy gesture of tolerance to German minorities. All the French stations broadcast the **Message** simultaneously.

Last year the President of the Spanish Parliament sent a cable to the Speaker of the House of Commons asking him to convey to the **children** of **Wales** the congratulations of the **children** and Parliament of Spain.

Replies came from Sarajevo, Louvain, and from Mons. Dolls arrive from Greece and other European countries. Italy sends her greetings, while Vienna is the best city for replying. A Luxemburg school has sent a drawing of the Welsh Dragon I

Wales has made Goodwill Day into a great international event. Red Cross organisations throughout the world have also played a big part in this.

For some reason the Welsh Message is less known in England than in almost any other part of the world.

Wales has reached far more millions of people throughout the world than was ever dreamed of in our imagination until Mr. Gwilym Davies had the vision to inspire the Message to the world on **May 18th, 1933**

This message has been read in Dewi Sant on the appropriate Sunday for many years in Welsh and several other languages.

FREE RICE

Play a challenging game on the computer, and help end hunger at the same time: and at no financial cost to you!

'Free Rice' is a computer quiz, which I find addictive (like most computer games!), *but* it is not a useless waste of time since it is sponsored by the **UN World Food Program**, and is a means of donating rice to needy people.

There are quizzes on various topics, e.g. geography, science, art history, languages etc....The most popular is English Vocabulary, which can be played at any level. For every right answer one gets, 10 grains of rice are donated, so as well as the satisfaction of knowing / guessing the right answer you are also helping in a very worth-while cause.

The web site will give you answers to questions about the donations, as well as how to play the game! **Go to www.freerice.com Give it a try - it's fun and really easy!** Nêst Pritchard

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Ontario Welsh Festival, Kingston, 2009

The resilience, ability and determination of the Ontario Welsh Festival's Board were put to the test prior to this year's Gymanfa Weekend. That we were able to ensure such a super, thoroughly enjoyable weekend is proof that we have those attributes in spades.

Back in January, president Deian Evans received the upsetting news that the expected choir, Co^r Ger Y Lli of Aberystwyth, had been affected by the economic troubles. Teachers, who until now had been allowed to travel during term time if they were representing Wales abroad, were suddenly forbidden to travel. As several members of the choir were teachers, they were forced to cancel their visit to Ontario. They were just as upset as we were.

Plan B, therefore! An immediate call was put in to the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir. Could they, would they fill the breach? Yes, they could and would! Hooray! They saved the day (the weekend actually), for which we were beyond grateful.

The next step was to invite Sheryl Clay as soloist. Sheryl accepted. No more worries. Everything was in place.

Two days prior to the big weekend Sheryl was forced to cancel her performance due to viral laryngitis. Not only could she not sing, she had no voice at all. Now what? The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir

to the rescue again! The soloist that had performed at their concert in Barrie agreed to join us in Kingston. Leigh-Ann Martin was totally fantastic. We all fell in love with her, especially as she was so versatile in her musical abilities. (Bring her back, guys!)

Of course, no-one, other than Board members, was aware of all this back stage drama and I heard nothing but praise for the weekend.

The Noson Lawen, as usual, was “worth the trip to Kingston!!” I have no idea from where Myfanwy Bajaj gets her jokes, but she is well advised to keep her source a secret! She kept us in gales of laughter. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Saturday was chock-a-block, starting with a Board breakfast meeting at 7.30, followed by a well-attended AGM. The resolution to change the number of attendees needed to form a quorum from 35 to 25 was accepted.

Next was the Awr Y Plant (Children’s Hour). There were only 4 children in attendance this year, all from Kingston. Sophie, Imogen and Isabelle Moore entertained us with their violin playing, Alastair Frank played the piano and finally Alastair and Imogen played a duet (piano and violin). Their chosen piece was Canon by Pachelbell. We were so impressed by their performance that they were invited to perform again in Sunday morning’s Gymanfa session.

The afternoon included poetry reading in honour of the late Albert Hale, a two hour Genealogy seminar, choir practices, shopping sprees, visits to the Market Place, and tea and chatting. At 4.30 we made our way to the bar for a pre-dinner drink. There we were met by president, Deian Evans, resplendent in his DJ and wearing the Chain of Office. During dinner Deian surprised us all with his gift for anagrams. Using the letters of various Board members’ names, he had re-configured them into more “appropriate”, descriptive names. Who are “Jyw, af am y jam” and “Wales, silly”? (answers below.)

Then to St. Paul’s Anglican Church for the evening’s concert given by the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir under the leadership of William Woloschuk, accompanied by Julie Loveless and with Leigh-Ann Martin as soloist. Thank you all for your willingness to step into the breach. We are so very grateful. Although the choir gave a 101% during the concert, and must have been exhausted, they were still able to join us back at the Holiday Inn The Afterglow went on to the wee small hours! It’s amazing what singing around the piano and a pint of beer can do to ones energy level.

The two Cymanfa sessions took place at St. Paul’s, where we were welcomed by the Rev. David Ward. Margaret Daniel from Aberporth directed us with a mix of passion and reverence. “The best director we’ve had” and “bring her back soon” were some of the comments I heard. Alastair and Imogen were applauded for their duet. Merched Dewi, under the baton of Betty Cullingworth, participated in both the morning and afternoon sessions. John Griffiths of Ottawa sang Bara Angylion Duw (Panis Angelicus). Margaret told me how much she appreciated working with Alan Thomas our organist/accompanist for the weekend. Alan also performed an organ solo during the afternoon session.

All too soon it was time to sing “God Be With You Till we Meet Again”. And as usual we all left for home, exhausted but exhilarated. The Rev. David Ward emailed me with the message that they had all been “very moved by the singing”. Our thanks go to our president, Rev Deian Evans, for steering us through the year. We all look forward to seeing you all in Stratford next year.

2011 is our Fiftieth Anniversary. Do you have any memorabilia of past Cymanfaoedd? Photographs, etc? Contact Betty Cullingworth at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church.

Check our website at Ontariowelshfestival.ca (Answers to anagrams: Jyw, af am y jam = Myfanwy Bajaj. Wales, silly= Sally Lewis)

Hefina Phillips.

Help Sought.

Hi - my name is Terry Dipple, and I'm one of the organizer's of a 50th reunion for Lewis School Pengam, Glamorganshire.. I'm trying to track down John R. Price, who lives near Toronto. I've tried the Canadian white-pages, but without any luck. He maybe unlisted/ex-directory, so your society is my last resort. If he is a member of your society, please give him my e mail, or ask him to call me at 513-892-3150 or 513-708-3962 (cell), both are Ohio #'s.

Regards - Terry Dipple

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Hello,
My name is Gwyneth and I am living in England. Since retiring, and finding myself with the time to do all the things I had promised that I would, I have been looking for members of my family with whom I and my late father had lost contact. One such member being my great aunt Hannah. My father had memories of her and I still have the Christening gift she sent for me in 1945. No record of her address then remains but I have traced some information and wondered if you could be of help to search further to see where she is buried and if anything can be discovered about her life.

Hannah Jones was born 17th September 1891 in Blaenau Ffestiniog Merioneth the daughter of Richard Jones a slate miner and his wife Mary nee Hughes. She was the fourth daughter. Finally a son was born in 1902. The family were Welsh speaking Calvinistic Methodists.

I think she emigrated to US in 1913 but have not found the relevant paperwork to prove this.

1927 she revisited the family home in Blaenau Ffestiniog (I also have a photo taken at my fathers house in Manchester) and returned Canada on the Athenia arriving in Montreal 25th June 1927. The ship's manifest stated that she was a domestic going to employer Wilber? Mr Harris 1276 Kings St West Toronto. Also stated is the fact that she had previously been resident since 1924, that she had paid for her passage herself and that her religion was Unit. Church.

3rd September 1930 Hannah crossed the border to US to visit her sister Sarah in Topeka Kansas (previously I had not known that Sarah had emigrated). Hannah gave her address as 99 Lamb Ave Toronto.

I have no more information. I do not believe that Hannah married and am sure that she would have continued her faith in Toronto. I have tried other avenues but such recent history in Canada is very difficult to uncover.

Can your church records be of any help and is there some-one in your congregation who is willing to search them for me or do you know where in Toronto she may have been buried so that I can go along that route ? Any help or advice would be very gratefully received.

Many thanks Gwyneth

Please send replies to Gwyneth. C/O info@dewisant.com or phone or write to the church. Thanks.

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The Editor of Y Gadwyn,

Hello, I enjoy reading your news letter and think you are simply "marvellous."

I wonder if you can help me find a shop that sells the music of Wales, tapes and CD's memorabilia etc. Even movies! My sister in law, who lives with her daughter in Saint Cathrines, is house bound. She is housebound and almost blind and is on oxygen. Her only pleasure in life is listening to tape books and a

variety of CD's. Some are of Welsh choirs.

A few days ago The Toronto Star in their column of CD reviews listed " Shannon Mercer Wales- The land of song (Analekta.) "The CD is a set of 15 traditional Welsh songs, gorgeously sung by Mercer."

Where is this tape available. I do hope that you can be of help. Thank you **Brenda Jones**

NB If any of you have any suitable material please get in touch with me either a home or by dropping material off to me at the church with my name and Brenda Jones clearly marked. I will make sure that they are delivered to the lady in question. Every little helps Diolch. Myfanw.

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As a young bagpiper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a grave-side service for a homeless man, with no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery way back in the country, and this man

would be the first to be laid to rest there.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost. and being a typical man did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the backhoe and the crew, who were eating lunch, but the hearse was nowhere in sight.

I apologized to the workers for my tardiness, and stepped to the side of the open grave, where I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long, but this was the proper thing to do. The

workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I played out my heart and soul. As I played the workers began to weep. I played, and I played, like I'd never played before: From My Home & The Lord is my Shepherd to Flowers of the Forest I closed the lengthy session with Amazing Grace and walked to my car. As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, "Boy oh boy, I'll be darned, I never seen nothin' like that before - and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years!!"

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In Hospital

We wish Leona Francis a speedy recovery after her recent major surgery. Your friends at Dewi Sant are thinking about you and praying that your recovery will be speedy

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Change of Address.

Olwen Whiffin has moved into a Retirement home.

Stone Lodge Retirement Residence, 165 Cole St. Guelph, Ontario. N1G 4N9

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Did you know that President Obama and wife Michelle had a taste of Wales when they attended the G20 dinner in London. Both the lamb and garlic came from the Elwy Valley, and the sea salt used was "Halen Môn Anglesey North Wales.

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Dog Logic

*Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our life whole.
The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.*

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all my friends at Dewi Sant for all your sympathy and support in the recent passing of my Dad. Your cards, flowers and messages of condolence have been truly comforting for me and my family. Diolch o'r galon. **Meriel Simpson.**

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Please mark on your calendar the following church activities.

Welsh classes Friday evenings 7-9 p.m. and Saturday mornings 9 a.m. - noon

Sportball classes Thursdays 3:30-5:15 p.m. and Friday afternoons 12:45-2:15 p.m. and Sat. 9-11 a.m.

Hope Korean Church Friday evenings 7:00 –9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 7:00 –8:00 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. and Sundays 2:00-05:30 p.m. In addition they have booked the Church on Thursday May 14th from 7-9 a.m.

Bible Study Class is held every Tuesday morning at the Church from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

TWMVC practices every Wednesday evening 7-10 p.m.

Merched Dewi practices on alternate Thursday evening 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Welsh language services are at 7.00 pm as from the first Sunday evening in April

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“On Sunday, May 24th at 11 a.m., there will be a ‘Special Service at Dewi Sant Church, a service of the ‘Blessing of Animals’. Bring your pets along to the Church and, weather provided, we will have an outdoor service on the East side of the Church which will be centred on our four-legged, furry, scaled, or feathery friends. Water and “bags,” will be provided in order to ensure that all are comfortable. What a fun way to celebrate God’s Creation. So note in your diary Sunday May 24th at 11 a.m.’

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******Reverend Deian Evans Officially Accepted into The United Church of Canada******

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, **June 28th, 2009 at 1pm**, when Dewi Sant will be honouring Reverend Deian Evans’ official acceptance into the ministry of the United Church (UC). He has now completed all the course requirements set by the United Church and gets their seal of approval at the UC conference in May.

Please note - This service is **INSTEAD** of the 11am service. The Korean church very kindly changed service times with us. The service has been set for this time to accommodate the people of the United Church, who have worked with the Dewi Sant Education Committee toward this acceptance, and who would like to be present with the Dewi Sant congregation for this celebration.

This service of celebration will include guest preachers and speakers, special appearances by the children of the Sunday School, Merched Dewi and others, specially selected scripture readings, prayers, favourite hymns as well as regular worship features, such as **A Word** with the Children.

A light luncheon will be served after the service, thanks to the UCW.

Come out and celebrate this blessing with Rev. Deian and Annette Evans. Meriel Simpson.

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Thanks to Mr and Mrs Hall of Toronto and Mr Vaughan Lewis for some of the jokes used recently.

Please note that Y Gadwyn Deadline will be on May 17th. myfanwy@rogers.com 905 737 4399
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