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President's Message

Croeso a cyfarchion I bawb - welcome & greetings.

Our Annual General Meeting and potluck supper will be held on Thursday, May 21/09 at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The Ontario Welsh Festival is in Kingston this year - on April 24-26. I encourage everyone to attend. It's a great weekend featuring a Noson Lawen, a banquet, concert and 2 Gymanfa sessions.

We need volunteers to serve on the Executive Committee for 2009-2010. The more people we have on the Committee, the less work there will be for each person.

Please see this newsletter for more information about the upcoming events.

Lezlie Wood, President

The Ontario Welsh Festival

Kingston, 2009

FINAL REMINDER!! - by Hefina Phillips

Do you get totally incensed with those seemingly endless phone calls reminding you that the warranty on your washing machine, vacuum cleaner etc. etc. is about to run out? I certainly do, but at this moment I make no apology for joining the "Final Reminder" bandwagon!

April 24 – 26. That is the date of this year's Ontario Welsh Festival at the Holiday Inn in Kingston. I promise that it will be splendid weekend. The venue is great. I have waved my magic wand and spring will have

sprung, ensuring that the Waterfront will be delightful.

Much as the downtown shopping and sights are extremely attractive, don't miss any of the attractions organized for us at the Festival. Emcee par excellence, Myfanwy Bajaj, will be in charge of the Noson Lawen. Don't forget to let her know that you intend to participate or you might well be the butt of her jokes!

Please attend the AGM on Saturday morning. We will finish in time for you all to get to Awr Y Plant (the Children's Hour.) This is an opportunity for parents and grandparents to have their little ones share their talents with us, the extremely appreciative audience.

A quick dash to the shops and/or a bite to eat and you'll be ready for the Genealogy Seminar, followed by the poetry reading. This year's session will be dedicated to the late, beloved Albert Hale.

The banquet begins early enough for us to get ready to walk over to St, Paul's Anglican Church for the Grand Concert. The guest choir is the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir with Sheryl Clay as soloist .

Sunday is the big day- the reason why we've all congregated in Kingston. Y Gymanfa! Margaret Daniel from Aberporth, Wales, will lead us in song, and it will be a day to remember.

Reserve your rooms by phoning the hotel direct 613-549-8400 and don't forget to state that you're with the Welsh Festival to get preferential room rates. Also don't forget to check our website at www.ontariowelshfestival.com

See you all in Kingston.

Local News

☞ The **Mercer family** want to thank all who came to Shannon Mercer's concert in March. The family says that it was great to see so many old friends.

☞ **Dawn Bard**, a former president of the OWS, is now living in St Vincent's Hospital, after a traumatic year. Room 201N, phone 613 233-4041 x 8249. She would love to have visitors and phone calls. Please phone before coming. St Vincents is at 60 Cambridge St North, 1 block west of Bronson.

HARP WORKSHOPS: NANCY HURRELL

Sunday, April 26th, 2-4pm
Ottawa Mennonite Church
1830 Kilborn Avenue

We'll begin with a short session on PLAYING IN A HARP ENSEMBLE, learning a multi-level ensemble arrangement by Nancy. All levels of playing are welcome, and music is provided. Ideas and tips to improve an ensembles' sound are given, plus brief comments/demo on performing the ensembles in her new book, 'The Ring of Harps'.

The main workshop is RENAISSANCE DANCE MUSIC FOR HARP. We'll play Renaissance dances from the 16th century, and also learn the dance steps! Knowing the tempo and pulse of the dance is important for playing the music. We'll also do some improvisation and discuss sources for music from the period. All levels of playing are welcome. (There will be a short tea break around 3:00pm.)

Admission: \$30 at the door

And in advance:

The Leading Note, 370 Elgin St.

The Ottawa Folklore Centre, 1111 Bank St.

Contact: Mary Muckle mucklerice@rogers.com
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AWR SGWRSIO

Dewch ac ymunwch gyda ni i sgwrsio yn Gymraeg. 'Rydym yn dechrau grwp newydd sydd am gwrdd bob mis i ymarfer yr iaith wrth drafod bob math o bwnciau.

LLE? Tafarn Y Clock Tower, 575 Stryd Bank

PA AMSER? 7-9 p.m.

PA DDIWRNOD? nos Lun olaf pob mis

Bydd croeso cynnes i bawb sydd yn siarad Cymraeg neu yn ei dysgu.

Bydd y cyfarfod nesaf am saith o'r gloch, Nos Lun, Ebrill 27.

Ffoniwch Alison Lawson 725-2704 am wybodaeth.

CALLING ALL WELSH SPEAKERS

AND PEOPLE LEARNING TO SPEAK WELSH

Come and join a new group which is being set up to give everyone the opportunity to speak Welsh on a regular basis. We meet once a month, on the last Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Clock Tower Pub, 575 Bank Street. This pub is easily accessible from the Queensway in both directions.

Everyone is welcome-please come and support us.

Please phone Alison Lawson 725-2704 for more information.

Potluck Dinner & AGM Thursday, May 21

Come and enjoy fabulous home-cooked food!

Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm for 6 pm
Annual General Meeting 7:30 pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church
470 Roosevelt Ave, Ottawa.

Bring an appetizer, main course, salad or dessert

(Note: the church does not allow wine or alcohol.)

Annual General Meeting

The function of the AGM is to receive the annual reports of the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, to vote on any issues and to elect the Directors for the coming year.

This is not usually a long meeting but it IS IMPORTANT.

Every year we have people who have to retire from the Executive, so it is critical that we have some volunteers every year who are willing to help during the coming year.

Please let Lezlie know how you could help at (613) 225-8845 or by email to ldwood7@sympatico.ca or by mail to 205 - 1465 Baseline Road Ottawa ON K2C 3L9

Welsh T-Shirt Company

I'd just like to draw your attention to a Welsh language T-Shirt shop. We ship t-shirts all over the world.

www.crysaut.co.uk

A wide range of Welsh language t-shirts and hoodies for adults and children.

Learn Welsh on the Web

If you are learning Welsh the following sites are worth a 'click'. BBC Wales--Learn Welsh
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/learnwelsh/grammar/>

Did you know

☞ that it was Treorchy-born **Donald Davies (1924-1999)** who first 'enabled computers to talk to each other' thereby making the internet possible? Readers may be interested to know that he and **Myfanwy Davies'** father (the late **Albert G. Davies** - a former President of the Welsh Society) were first cousins, a connection her family is very proud of. ☞ Or that the highest mountain in the world was named after Welshman, **George Everest (1790-1866)**, distinguished geodetic surveyor?