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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.

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

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

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.

