

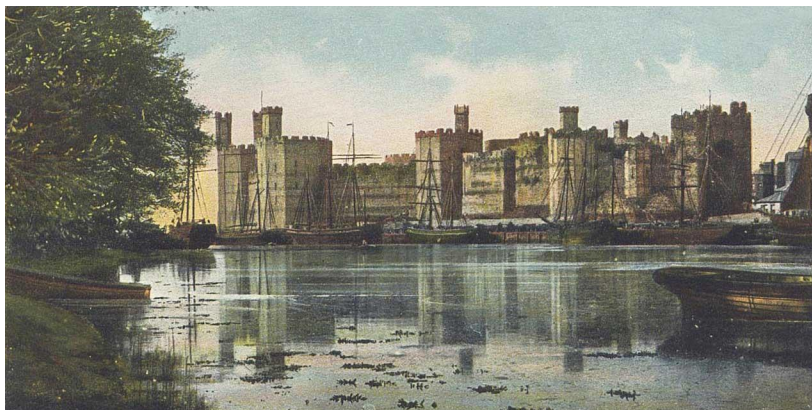
Chelmsford & District Welsh Society  
Cymdeithas Gymraeg Chelmsford a'r Cylch



## THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY 2011 / 2012



**President Carys Williams**



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<b>Church Services</b>	<b>Shirley Moody</b>
<b>Cymanfa Ganu</b>	<b>Shirley Moody</b>
<b>Welsh Classes</b>	<b>Shirley Moody</b>

# Diary 2011 . 2012

## SEPTEMBER

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**CROESO YN ÔL**

## OCTOBER

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

**MEMORIES of an ANGLESEY FARMER** with comedian Tudur Owen

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

**HALLOWEEN SUPPER** Hosted by Don & Shirley Moody

## NOVEMBER

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

**ADVENTURES of an OCEAN ROWER** with Elin Haf

## DECEMBER

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

**CHRISTMAS TEA**

Hosted by Mair & Brian Thomas

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

**DATHLU NADOLIG (CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION)**

## JANUARY 2011

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

**NOSWAITH O ADLONIANIAT GYMRAEG**

## FEBRUARY

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**GOING GOING .... GONE** The life of an Auctioneer with Mike Logan Wood

## MARCH

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**ST DAVID'S DAY DINNER** County Hotel Chelmsford

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

**ST DAVID'S DAY SERVICE** Little Baddow URC

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**O BEN Y BRYN I'R TY CYFFREDIN** with Betty Williams - ex MP for Conwy

## APRIL

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

**A MUSICAL EVENING with SUPPER** hosted by Cynthia & John Styles

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

**Y TREN BACH** Caernarfon i Borthmadog with Ian King

## MAY

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

**CYMANFA SONGS of PRAISE, St Michaels and All Angels, Roxwell**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

**VISIT to NORTH WALES**

Organised by Carys Williams (President)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

**GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER**

## JUNE

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

**SUMMER SERVICE** 10.30 a.m. at Little Baddow URC

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

**LUNCH in the COUNTRY** Hosted by Carys & Arthur Williams

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

**GOLDEN ANIVERSARY CHARITY GARDEN PARTY** Hosted by Shirley & Don at Radley Green Farm

## JULY

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

**ANNUAL CONCERT**

Given by the Brythoniaid Male Choir. Chelmsford Cathedral . 7.30 p.m.

## JUNE NEWSLETTER - CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEHEFIN - 2011

Annwyl Gyfeillion /Dear Friends,

The Annual Concert was a great success and the melodious singing of the **Trelawnyd Male Choir** and the outstanding tenor voice of our guest soloist, **Andrew Rees**, is still echoing in our ears. The capacity audience left the Chelmsford Cathedral well satisfied with yet another musical treat. There are a number of people to thank, too numerous to mention individually, for supporting and helping to ensure the success of an event which is one of the highlights of the society year. Thanks go to all those members who sold tickets once again. **Arthur Williams**, concert secretary, deserves a most heartfelt special thank you for all his hard work that ensured a great evening and so does our retiring treasurer, **Eddie Alcock**, who is responsible for the financial side of the concert. **Eddie** retires from this important post at the AGM. He has been our treasurer since June 1993 and we thank him from the bottom of our hearts for his loyalty and professionalism. However, the good news is that **Eddie** will remain a member of our society and has volunteered to become our auditor. Diolch yn fawr to the ladies of the committee who prepared and served a delightful meal for the choristers - men sing so much better on a full stomach! Our last monthly meeting, the game show **Siôn a Siân**, was hilarious and the audience were enthralled as they listened to fellow members being interrogated by the well prepared and carefully chosen questions of the compere, **Arthur Williams**. The **Songs of Praise/Cymanfa Ganu** held on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell was another successful venture with requests for a repeat performance in 2012. Over **£300** was raised for the church funds. Thanks are extended to **Shirley Moody** for organising the event and to **Keith Byatt** for accompanying the singing once again. The society certainly plays an important part in the community life of the Chelmsford area.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House*

*Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 at 7.30pm for 8pm - please note the change to Wednesday*

This is the last meeting of the current society year and the summer holidays are fast approaching and many of you will be visiting Wales and foreign parts. However, before you depart please make every effort to join us at the annual general meeting. **Carys Williams** is looking forward to her second term of office as President of our society. Come and give her your support and at the same time join us in giving **Jim Armishaw** our thanks as he hands over the badge of office to his successor. **Jim** has enjoyed a most successful year as our President and we thank him for all his efforts. A large cheque will be presented to the **J's Charity** and the committee is most appreciative of your continuing support of deserving causes. **Carys** will be organising the second part of the evening and this promises to be an enjoyable surprise for everyone! Refreshments are in the hands of our hard working catering committee and raffle prizes will be provided by **Gwyneth Abbott**, **Shirley Moody** and **Derrick Thomas**. We will be auctioning some love spoons in aid of society funds.

**SUMMER SERVICE AT LITTLE BADDOW URC on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 10.30am.** Society members are invited to join the congregation of this delightful and historical church in the Essex countryside for this special service. It would be so good to see some new-faces from our 100+ membership at the church. We can offer transport to anyone who needs it. Some wonderful hymns have been selected for the service, so here is your chance to enjoy some nostalgic singing. Tea/coffee will be served on the church lawn following the service and usually the sun does shine on this day . and on the righteous too!

**GOLDEN JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY at RADLEY GREEN FARM on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 2.30pm.** Yes, in 2011-12 our Welsh Society is celebrating its **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and this is the first event of a new society year. Please come and join us at **Shirley** and **Don Moody's** delightful garden. There will be fun and games for young and old and a delicious tea following all the frivolities. We love to see children at this event . so bring your grandchildren, great grandchildren and your nieces and nephews to Roxwell Green. Admission for children is **free** and adults pay **£5** and this includes your refreshments. Come rain or shine as there is a large barn available should the weather be inclement. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Please bring a folding chair with you. Directions to **Radley Green Farm** . take the A414 (signposted Harlow, M11) road from Chelmsford. You will pass two garden nurseries and the Fox and Goose Pub - carry on until you see a large sign post for Radley Green, Roxwell, Willingale . turn right, there is a recent barn conversion on your left; and drive along this road . the Cuckoo Pub (now a restaurant) is on your left and just a little further up the road, also on your left, is the farm house . look out for some **Welsh Dragons!** Parking areas will be clearly signposted.

**A CHARITY COFFEE MORNING in TILLINGHAM** hosted by **Carys** and **Arthur Williams** on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011 raised **£186** . Diolch yn fawr to both **Carys** and **Arthur** for the warmth of their hospitality.

**WEST WALES VISIT – 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011.** 49 members and friends enjoyed a delightful visit to Carmarthen and West Wales. We give a big thank you to **Brian Thomas** for organising the visit. We look forward now to our visit to North Wales in May 2012 when **Carys**, ably assisted by **Arthur**, will be organising this venture. More news of this at the AGM!

**WELSH CLASSES.** The next Welsh class will be held at **Radley Green Farm** on **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.** Further details can be obtained from **Shirley Moody** on **01245-248178**

### SOCIETY NEWS

- **Haydn Stephens** from Burnham has been a patient in Broomfield Hospital but is now at home in the loving care of his wife **Gwenda**. We send them our very best wishes and hope that **Haydn's** health will improve very soon.
- Best wishes to all our members who have been unwell during the past few months. We wish them all a return to full fitness and look forward to seeing them at our monthly meetings and events in the autumn.

Cofion Cynnes,  
*Mair Thomas*

## Meeting and Activities Report June 2011

Society members joined the congregation of Little Baddow URC on the morning of Sunday June 19th. Local minister, Rev. Michael Powell welcomed everyone to this annual event. Society members Jim Armishaw read the first lesson in Welsh and Carys Williams read the second in English.

At the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday June 22nd, the president, Mr Jim Armishaw had the pleasant duty of handing over a cheque for £4,000 to his chosen charity, the J&S Hospice. The money had been raised by staging various events during his year, ranging from concerts to coffee mornings and by individual donation. He then went on to open the AGM and thanked the committee for all the generous help and support given to him and thanked the wider membership for their involvement and encouragement in what had been a very successful year for the society. He particularly thanked Eddie Alcock on his retirement from the position of Treasurer. He has quietly and efficiently attended to the society's books for the past 18 years. The secretary, Mrs Mair Thomas, thanked everyone for their huge support of the society and its activities during the year and listed the enjoyable events that had been organised. Treasurer, Eddie Alcock reported that the society had been financially successful during the year but he believed that the subscription needed to be raised to £15 to ensure a financially stable society. He reported that the subscription still represented excellent value for money as no extra charge is made for attending the monthly meeting. Particular thanks was expressed to Shirley Moody and Arthur Williams by Rosina Jones for the Welsh classes that had been held during the year and Cynthia Styles expressed gratitude on behalf of the membership to Brian Thomas for organising the three day visit to West Wales.

Jim's final duty was to hand over office to the incoming president, Carys Williams. Carys then outlined some of the events she would be organising for the coming year, which included a three-night stay in Beaumaris on Anglesey, and that the choir at the concert in Chelmsford Cathedral next July would be Brythoniad Male Choir from North Wales. She was honoured to be president this season which marks the society's Golden Anniversary and she plans to host some special events to mark the occasion. She then announced that Liz Armishaw would be her vice president and that Eddie Alcock and Janet Wash, one of the founder members of the society, were to be Honorary Vice Presidents. Ken Lee then sang the Welsh favourite, 'Weddi Keep a Welcome'. During the interval a strawberry supper was provided and the evening concluded with a quiz organised and devised by Arthur and Carys Williams and 10 year old William Laird, grandson of members Edith & David Brown.

The first event of the new society year was a garden party held on Saturday June 25th at the home of Shirley and Don Moody. The weather, once again, was fine, dry and sunny and the 65 plus members and friends that attended raised a magnificent £700.







## SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER NEWSLETTER - CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEDI A MIS HYDREF

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

The coming year is a very special one for our society. We are celebrating **50** glorious and successful years in Chelmsford. I sincerely hope that you will all make every effort to support the society and join us at the events that have been organised to celebrate this momentous occasion. We are the only remaining Welsh Society in the area. **Yes, we are the survivors and long may we continue to flourish.**

The committee has organised a varied and most interesting programme of events for this **Golden Anniversary Year**. We started the New Year with a **Garden Party** hosted by **Shirley** and **Don Moody** at Radley Green Farm. The attendance was the highest ever and it was wonderful to have so many children present - and we raised over **£700!** Diolch yn fawr **Shirley** and **Don** for your hospitality.

**Please note that this Newsletter, because of administrative and distribution problems, covers both September and October 2011.**

Details of the two monthly meetings and a range of other events and happenings are listed below and over the page.

### *CROESO YN ÔL*

*Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House*

*Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 at 7.30pm for 8pm*

Come and join members and friends at our first monthly meeting of the 2011-12 season. **Carys Williams**, our new President, will be there to greet you and she will inform you of the planned programme of events which have been arranged for the **Golden Year**. **Mike Price** will be presenting visual highlights of the Wrexham National Eisteddfod. Any presentation by **Mike** is always worth watching. All present will receive a special **Golden Jubilee** gift. Light refreshments will be served and the raffle prizes will be donated by **Derrick Thomas, Edith Brown, Edith Morris** and **Gwyneth Abbott**. This first meeting is always most enjoyable and I hope that you will be able to attend. There will be an opportunity to pay your annual subscription and to collect your **Golden Jubilee** programme of events.

### **'Memories of an Anglesey Farmer'** by Tudur Owen

*Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House*  
*Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7.30pm for 8pm*

We are most honoured and fortunate that **Tudur Owen**, a very famous Welsh comedian, writer and presenter, has agreed to join us for this meeting. He often appears on S4C and he is well known not only as a TV performer but also as a class act circuit comedian. He has recently performed at the prestigious **Edinburgh Festival** and his one man show received excellent reviews. Don't miss this very special evening. So come and join us and bring along your friends for a night of fun and laughter. **Tudur** will be making the long journey from North Wales so let us reward him for his efforts by ensuring a full house and a receptive Chelmsford audience. He is making a special effort to be with us as we celebrate our Golden Jubilee. The refreshments and raffle prizes will be provided by **Jean Jones, Rosina Jones** and **Mair Thomas**.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS.** The subscription this year is **£15** per member. It has become necessary for us to increase the levy on members because of escalating accommodation and administrative costs. The revised rate still provides excellent value for money. Please send your subscription to our new treasurer, **Carys Williams, 3 Engelfields, South St, Tillingham CM0 7AT**, completing the enclosed pro-forma **accurately** and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope so that **Carys** can send you a Programme of Events card. E-mail recipients of this Newsletter can download the pro-forma from the society web-site for completion. **Payment can also be made at a monthly meeting.**

Please help by paying before **December 1<sup>st</sup> 2011**. Otherwise, we will sadly assume that you do not wish to renew your membership. If you have any problems please contact me on **01245-269845**.

**THE COFFEE MORNING** which was to be held on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2011** has been cancelled.

**GRAND HALLOWEEN 'SPOOK-TACULAR SUPPER'.**



You are invited by **Shirley** and **Don Moody** to this social event being held in aid of society funds on **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.30pm at Radley Green Farm**. This promises to be an evening of suspense and excitement so please come appropriately attired. Only witches, gremlins, ghosts, spooks, spirits, vampires etc will be allowed to enter the Halloween Cavern. Please ring **Shirley** on **01245-248178** if you wish to attend. Tickets can also be purchased at the next meetings at **£12.50** per person inclusive of food and fine wine. Join us for this haunting experience. and bring your friends!

**NORTH WALES VISIT – 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2012.** **Carys Williams** is organising this visit to Anglesey and she already has a long list of those wishing to join this venture. The inclusive cost (coach, accommodation, dinner bed and breakfast, entrance fees, entertainment and gratuities) will be no more than **£250** for those sharing a room and **£280** for singles. There will be a small refund given to those of you who are National Trust members. Those wishing to travel will be requested to complete a pro-forma, available at the September meeting or downloaded from the web-site. A deposit of **£50** per person is required from each person intending to join this holiday. Please send a cheque payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society to **Carys Williams, 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT** by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2011**. The hotel requires a deposit!

**WELSH CLASSES.** The next Welsh class will be held at **Radley Green Farm** on **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 2pm**. Further details can be obtained from **Shirley Moody** on **01245-248178**. **Mike Price** has recorded a DVD - **'Welsh in a Week'** and the set of three discs is available from **Mike** at a charge of **£6** for the set. They will be available at the September monthly meeting and if you wish to place an order give **Mike** a ring on **01277-210541**.

## **SOCIETY NEWS**

***The summer has brought great sadness to a number of families.***

**Haydn Stephens**, originally from Cwmtwrch, who had been a member for many years, has sadly passed away. **Haydn** will be remembered for his sense of humour, his American Welsh accent, his charm and his love of people. We send our deepest sympathy to his beloved wife, **Gwenda**, his son, **Roy** and all the family. The society was represented at **Haydn's** funeral which was held in Burnham.

**Maureen** and **Keith Byatt's** son-in-law, **Philippe**, died suddenly in Singapore. We offer our condolences to his wife **Valmai**, his two sons **Roops** and **Sacha** and all the family.

We were also sad to hear of the death of **Buddug Rowland Frank's** mother in Aberystwyth. Our thoughts are with **Buddug**, her brother **Richard**, and **Ray** and **Charlotte**.

Our dear friend, **Gethin Hughes MBE** from Llanelli, died suddenly in June while on a cruise ship. This talented pianist will be sadly missed by all who had the good fortune to hear him play. His rendering of *Lily of the Valley* for the Llanelli Male Voice Choir was something extra special.

I send best wishes to members who have been unwell during the holidays. **Renee Foster** and **Vera Thomas** have been in hospital but are now recovering at home and **Wynford James** has been receiving hospital treatment.

We wish **Chris Abbott** all the best as he enters hospital for a foot operation.

**A THANK YOU.** **Cynthia Styles** thanks all members who were the recipients of a flower arrangement at the 2011 St. David's Day Dinner for returning the bowls. She would be pleased to receive the remainder as soon as possible.

I end this Newsletter on a happy note and I am delighted to inform you of the birth of **Pat Murray's** first grandson, **Harry**. Daughter **Caroline** and her husband, together with grandma, are delighted with the new arrival. Grandma has already paid his society subs and he has become our youngest member!

Our newest member, **Rachel Taylor**, gave birth to a beautiful daughter. **Elizabeth (Beth) Haf** just 5 days after **Rachel** attended her first society meeting! We congratulate **Rachel** and her husband **Richard**, on what is a significant event in the history of the society - it is many years since we were able to announce a birth by one of our members.

**What a way to start our Golden Jubilee!**

Cofion Cynnes,  
*Mair Thomas*



# Meeting and Activities Report September

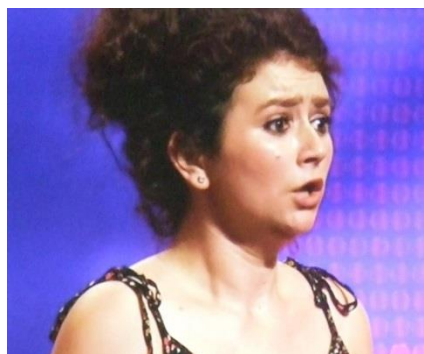
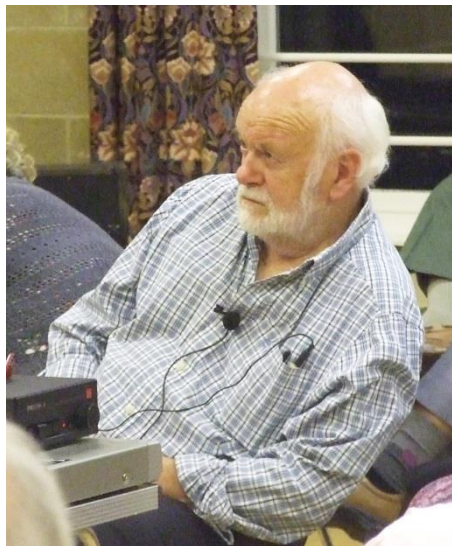
## CROESO YN ÔL

At the first monthly meeting of the Golden Jubilee Year of the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, the President, Carys Williams, welcomed the 65 members attending. Also in the audience were two visitors from Vancouver, and two new babies! The Society is very active, with a programme of 21 events, and has a thriving membership. Over the past few years it has raised many thousands of pounds for charities with a local connection, and will be making a gift to the Air Ambulance this year. Carys outlined the programme of monthly meetings, normally held at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House on the fourth Thursday of the month, beginning with the next event, on 27 October, Memories Of An Anglesey Farmer by Tudur Owen, a popular comedian on the Welsh TV channel S4C,. In November Elin Haf, who has rowed the Atlantic and Indian Oceans will present Adventures Of An Ocean Rower. Christmas celebrations will be followed in January by Noswaith O Adloniant Cymraeg, entertainment by volunteers from the Society, a Welsh tradition. Highlights will be: the St. David's Day Dinner on 2nd March, with Huw Edwards the TV presenter as Guest Speaker; a Cymanfa Ganu (Songs of Praise) at Roxwell Parish Church on 13 May; a Golden Jubilee Dinner at the monthly meeting on 24 May; and the ever popular Annual Concert, on Saturday 14th July (a month later than usual) given by Brythoniaid Male Choir. Early booking is always advised! There will be another event in October, a Halloween Supper hosted by Shirley and Don Moody at their home on Friday 28. Further information on the programme will be given in the monthly reports.

Each member was presented with a Welsh "cupcake" by way of celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the society

Mike Price then made an excellent DVD presentation of the National Eisteddfod of Wales, held in Wreccsam. It is the biggest cultural festival in Europe and is held exclusively in Welsh. The school children of Wales over the generations have been steeped in competitive singing, composing and reciting poetry, playing musical instruments, and dancing. The fervour continues into adulthood and lays the foundation for choral singing. The Society sponsors two of the competitions, the Girls Solo 16 - 19 year old won by Elen Lloyd Roberts, and the 12 - 16 year old Girls Solo was won by 16 year old Ceri Haf Roberts. Perhaps Ceri's wonderful voice will grace our Annual Concert one day. Highlights of the Eisteddfod were the concert given by the performing arts school Ysgol Glanaethwy to commemorate 150 years of the modern Eisteddfod, and the winners of the brass band competition, the European Champions, Band Tredegar.

The Vice-president, Liz Armishaw, congratulated Mike for his masterful presentation and thanked the ladies who provided the refreshments.





## Meeting and Activities Report October 2011

### TUDUR OWEN and the GRAND SPOOKTACULAR

Eighty members and friends attended the October Meeting of the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society at the Cathedral Chapter House. The guest speaker was Tudur Owen, a comedian from Anglesey, who is popular throughout the UK and a regular performer on the Welsh TV channel S4C. ~~%~~Memories of an Anglesey Farmer+was the title of his presentation. It appears that when times were difficult for small farmers in the 1980s, and ~~%~~diversification+was encouraged by the Government, Tudur's father embraced this exhortation wholeheartedly! He was persuaded by a Dubliner, who turned out to be a rogue, to house all his wild animals on the farm and open a Zoo, which ended in a catastrophe, with Tudur featured in the News of the World! He wove fact and fiction skilfully and hilariously to the delight of the audience, and was congratulated by Liz Armishaw, the Vice-president who presented him with a Society goblet. The following day, Shirley and Don Moody hosted a ~~%~~Halloween Spooktacular+, attended by about 50 suitably attired members and friends. They were thanked by the President, Carys Williams, for their generosity, hospitality and all the effort they had made to convert their garage into a spooky coven.







# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER - CYLCHLYTHYR MIS TACWEDD

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

Our society experienced a tremendous ending to the month of October. At our monthly meeting we were entertained by **Tudur Owen**, the Welsh comedian, who had all those present in fits of laughter when he related his hilarious experiences of growing up on an Anglesey farm. It was an evening of great fun and more importantly, **Tudur** really enjoyed his visit to Chelmsford and we look forward to him making a return visit in the future. On Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011, **Shirley** and **Don Moody** opened their home once again and invited members to a Spooktacular Evening in their decorated barn. The experience was very frightening and ghostly and some of our members were not easily recognised in their Halloween apparel. It was obvious that **Shirley, Don** and some of their friends had gone to a great deal of trouble to decorate the venue for this special Halloween evening. A very big thank you to all of them for their help and their generosity. A profit of **£471** was made from the event. A wonderful boost to society funds! Look on the society web-site for some eerie photographs.

## *'ADVENTURES OF AN OCEAN ROWER'* A presentation by **ELIN HAF**

*Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House  
Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7.30pm for 8pm*

Our guest speaker, **Elin Haf Davies**, grew up in the small village of Parc, close to the shores of Bala Lake. She is a qualified nurse who has obtained her BSc and MSc with an emphasis on neuroscience. She has recently completed her PhD and is now a Dr Nurse! In 2007, **Elin** rowed the Atlantic Ocean and just over a year later she rowed across the Indian Ocean. **Elin** has found that combining research and adventure simultaneously satisfies her craving for new knowledge and new experiences. She is an acclaimed and inspirational speaker and we look forward to her recalling some of her numerous adventures. Reviews state that: she has her audiences enthralled from start to finish. Her book, *On Tempestuous Seas. Rowing Two Oceans* was a sell out at its recent launching at the National Geographic Store in London. **Elin** has raised over **£250,000** for children's charities. Come along and bring your family and friends to listen to the exciting exploits of this inspiring and remarkable young lady. The refreshments and raffle prizes will be provided by **Enid Morris, Mary Jones** and **Ivy Price**.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.** The subscription this year is **£15** per member. **84 members** have already joined and if you wish to join please send your subscription to our new treasurer, **Carys Williams, 3 Engelfields, South St, Tillingham CM0 7AT**, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope so that **Carys** can send you a **Programme of Events** card. E-mail recipients of this Newsletter can download a pro-forma from the society web-site for completion. Payment can also be made at a monthly meeting. Please help by paying before **December 1<sup>st</sup> 2011**. Otherwise, we will sadly assume that you do not wish to renew your membership. If you have any problems please contact me on **01245-269845**.

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**WELSH CLASSES.** The next Welsh class will be held at **Radley Green Farm** on **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011**. Further details can be obtained from **Shirley Moody** on **01245-248178**.

**'TALES of an ABER LAD' by David Lloyd.** I have been asked to advertise this book which describes David's life as a small boy in Aberystwyth. **David Lloyd** was born and brought up in Aber in the 1940s and 50s. The book is published by Y Lolfa and can be obtained from Amazon ISBN 978-1-84771-3 at a cost of £9.95. It is a trip down memory lane for those who lived in the area during those years: describing a way of life gone forever. It is the first of three books by the same author.

### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

- **CHRISTMAS TEA – Brian and I** invite members to a Christmas Tea at our home - **5 Milligans Chase Galleywood CM2 8QD** on **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 3pm**. This is an opportunity for members to celebrate the start of the Xmas celebrations. Please let me know if you intend coming (**01245-269845**), in order for me to ascertain the likely number attending.
- **DATHLU NADOLIG – CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – Cathedral Chapter House** on **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011**. This is a meeting not to be missed as it will be a most special **'Golden Anniversary'** celebration. More details in the December Newsletter.

### **SOCIETY NEWS**

- **Chris Abbott** is now recovering from his recent cataract operation and **Wynford James** continues to receive regular treatment for his condition. **Maggie Cranmer** is now recovering at home, following surgery on her hip. All three look forward to joining us at our meetings and events in the future.
- **Menna Hubbard** is unable to attend our monthly meetings as she has difficulty in walking. She sends her warmest greetings to all society members and she very much enjoys hearing about our events and monthly meetings.
- Our archivist, **Eddie Alcock**, has almost completed writing **'A History of the Society'** and this will be published in the near future.

**Cofion Cynnes,  
Mair Thomas**



## Meeting and Activities Report November 2011

### Ocean Rowing with (Nurse) Elin Haf

Elin Haf Davies, a farmer's daughter from a small village of Parc near Llyn Tegid (Bala Lake) in north Wales, is indeed a remarkable young lady, with a fearless thirst for adventure. She was the inspirational speaker at the November meeting of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. Elin trained as a paediatric nurse at Great Ormond St. Children's Hospital. During this time she played rugby for London Welsh and the Wasps, and played for the Welsh A team 13 times. During her studies she became very involved with children suffering with life limiting metabolic disorders, and later determined to raise money for research into the condition. In December 2007, together with another young lady, Hardip Sidhu, a nursing colleague, she set off to row across the Atlantic Ocean. Neither had any rowing experience but completed the 2560 mile journey in 77 days, raising £190,000. In 2009 she set out with three other young women on an even more challenging journey . to row from Australia across the Pacific Ocean to Mauritius, a distance of 3670 miles. Despite winds up to 50 mph and waves up to 50 ft high towards the end, they completed the journey in 78 days, this time raising £23,000 for Breast Cancer Care. Next, she decided to take up sailing, has competed in the Fastness race, and is looking forward to sailing from China to San Francisco. Altogether she has raised £250,000 for medical charities. In the meantime she completed a London University Doctorate. The 65 Society members present were captivated by Dr Davies's charm, and she was congratulated by the Vice-president, Liz Armishaw, who presented her with a Society goblet.





## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER - CYLCHLYTHYR MIS RHAGFYR

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

### **NADOLIG LLAWEN I CHI GYD - A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL**

The President and members of the committee invite you all to our '**Christmas Celebrations - Dathlu Nadolig**' on **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011** at the **Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House** at **7.30pm** for a prompt **8pm** start. Be sure to join us for a jolly evening of Christmas fun and hilarity. It will be an opportunity for you to enjoy Xmas entertainment presented by our hard working committee and other members. Rehearsals have been going on for some time for what will be a special **Golden Anniversary Christmas Production**. Refreshments and wine will be served during the interval and there will be an opportunity to sing some favourite seasonal songs. There will be the usual bumper Xmas raffle with outstanding prizes! Come along early to secure a good seat as we are expecting a full house. We are expecting a visit from our favourite Christmas Celebrity . no prize for guessing who!

**FUND RAISING CHRISTMAS TEA – Brian and I** have an open house at **5 Milligans Chase, Galleywood CM2 8QD** on **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011** and look forward to inviting you into our home at **3pm**. A small Xmasqwrapped raffle prize would be gratefully accepted. This will be a pleasant way to start our Christmas Celebrations and we hope to have a sing . a . long of favourite carols.

**VISIT TO NORTH WALES, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.** The final payment of **£200** per person for those sharing a room and **£230** for those in a single room is to be paid by the end of **February 2012**. Cheques payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society should be sent to **Carys Williams, 3 Engelfields South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT**.

**WELSH CLASSES** The next Welsh class will be held at **Radley Green Farm** on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011** at **2pm**.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** **Carys Williams** wishes to thank members for paying their subscriptions so promptly. We are assuming, regretfully, that if the subscription has not been paid that you no longer wish to renew your membership. In order to minimise our increasing expenditure, we will cease forwarding you our monthly newsletter. This does not apply to prospective new members. We have recently welcomed a number of new members but we are always sorry to lose a member.

**NOSWAITH O ADLONANT GYMRAEG – January 26<sup>th</sup> 2012.** The first monthly meeting of **2012** provides members with an opportunity to '**show off**' their talents. However, we request that all acts are either in **Welsh** or are strongly linked with our **Welsh** culture. Sing . individually or in groups, dance, tell jokes, read poetry or stories etc. So don't hide your talents . volunteer and give your name to **Carys Williams (01621-778711)** so that she can organise her programme well in advance. Let us have another night to remember . so - **don't be shy – give it a try!**

**GOLDEN JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY ST. DAVID'S DAY DINNER** This celebration dinner will be held in the **County Hotel, Chelmsford** on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012**. Tickets at **£30** each will be available from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 from **Cynthia Styles 01245-469713** or **David Brown 01245-465052**. Please place your order for tickets as soon as possible as the dinner is likely to be a sell out!

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** **Chelmsford Male Voice Choir** are giving a concert in **Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford** on **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2011** at **7.30pm**. Tickets are available at **£8** each from **Brian Thomas 01245-269845**. You will recognise some of the male choristers and on this occasion the men will be joined by some of the ladies who have formed a choir . the Welsh Society is well represented in this female choir.

### **SOCIETY NEWS**

- **Roy Allen** is in hospital at the present time and we wish **Roy** and all those members who have been unwell, a speedy return to better health. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and events in 2012. I know that many of you miss not being able to be with us . and we in turn miss you.

**May I wish you all a very merry and enjoyable Christmas with your loved ones.**

**Nadolig Llawen i chi gyd gyda eich teulu oll.**

**Cofion Cynnes.**

*Mair Thomas*

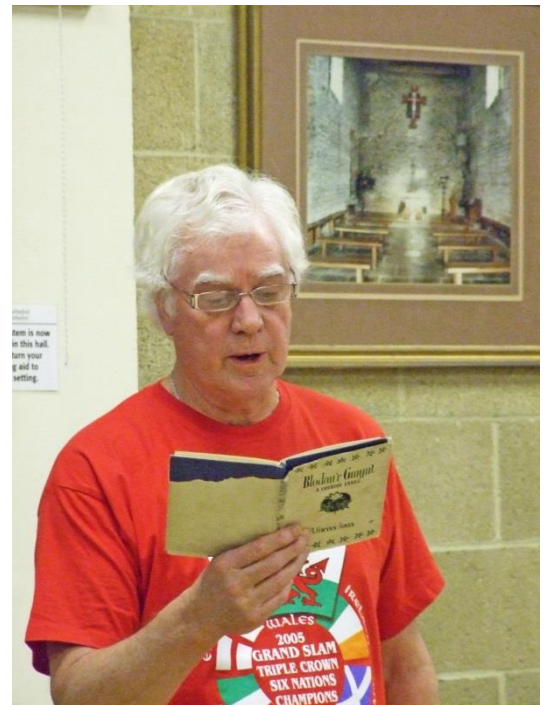
# Meeting and Activities Report December 2011

## DATHLU NADOLIG - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Dathluq Nadolig, the Christmas celebrations of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society arranged by the President, Carys Williams, were a roaring success, with over 80 members attending. The first half saw the members of the committee, in their dressing gowns, as the residents of Cartref Hamdden Haulfryn (Sunshine Retirement Home) reminiscing and complaining; then suddenly casting off their dressing gowns, to reveal a motley range of apparel, and dancing to the tune of Dancing Queen from the musical Mamma Mia. The sketch continued in the same vein, with much ad-libbing, interspersed with amusing poems and jokes, and with songs from the musical, suitably adjusted and sung in Welsh and English. Refreshments were served during the interval. Afterwards the entertainment continued, with a song by Ken Lee, a poem by Arthur Williams and carols sung by the audience. Sion Corn (Father Christmas) made an appearance to distribute some ~~pass~~ parcels and to give a gift to the youngest member, six month old Beth Taylor, who had slept serenely throughout! The Vice-president, Liz Armishaw, congratulated everyone who had taken part, and in particular Enid Morris who produced the sketch. She thanked Shirley and Don Moody who provided the wine, Gwyneth Abbott and her catering team, and Keith Byatt who played the piano for the carols.









## JANUARY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS IONAWR 2012

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

### BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA I CHI GYD 2012 A HAPPY, HEALTHY and PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Let us hope that **2012** will be a year when the economic situation improves and when we will have more control over our own lives. It should be a year of great celebration for all of us as we continue to enjoy our Golden Jubilee Year, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics. These three major events, together with many other occasions, should make 2012 a year to remember. We start this memorable year with a meeting which celebrates our '**Welshness**'.

### *'Noswaith O Adloniant Gymraeg'* *'An Evening of Welsh Entertainment'*

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012, in the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House  
at 7.30pm for an 8pm start**

This is an evening when members are able to portray their individual talents. Please ring **Carys Williams** on **01621 778711**, as soon as possible, if you are prepared to make a contribution. Remember the **Welsh flavour** please! This meeting always provides an excellent start to the New Year and as this is our Golden Year let us all make an effort to make it even better than usual! The refreshments and raffle will be organised by **Vera Thomas, Agnes Evans** and **Dot Curtis**. I should like to thank you all for your generosity in providing such good quality raffle prizes over the past year and for buying raffle tickets!

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** **Carys Williams** wishes to thank members for paying their subscriptions so promptly. We now have **105** paid up members.

**FUND RAISING CHRISTMAS TEA** – held on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011. **Brian** and **I** would like to thank the **36** members and **two** delightful babies for attending our Christmas Tea when **£227.50** was raised. Thanks also to those who were unable to attend but made generous donations. Thanks to **Ivy Price** for playing carols and ensuring that everyone sang them!

**DONATIONS TO CHARITY IN LIEU OF CHRISTMAS CARDS.** The sum of **£100** was collected for the Essex Air Ambulance with donations being made by **Maureen** and **Keith Byatt, Carys** and **Arthur Williams, Eddie** and **Marie Alcock, David** and **Edith Brown, Stuart Roberts, Shirley** and **Don Moody, Ivy** and **Mike Price, Pat Murray** and family.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE ST. DAVID'S DAY DINNER, Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 at the County Hotel, Chelmsford at 7pm.** Tickets for this event are now available from **Cynthia Styles** 01245-469713 at a cost of **£30** each. Please ring **Cynthia** as soon as possible to book your tickets or send a s.a.e to 2 Littell Tweed, Chelmsford CM2 6SH. cheques payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. A vegetarian option is available and you should inform **Cynthia** if you require a vegetarian alternative. It is advisable to book your ticket as soon as possible as places are limited and only a few tickets remain to be sold. The last date for booking is **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February** as table plans have to be finalised by this date. but don't leave it this late or you might well be disappointed! We are delighted that the guest speaker for our Golden Jubilee Dinner is **Huw Edwards**, the renowned BBC announcer. The **Mayor** and **Mayoress of Chelmsford** will also be attending this prestigious event.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE ST. DAVID'S DAY SERVICE, Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012.** We are holding this special service in **Little Baddow URC** at 3.30pm. The Rev. Dr. **Cally Hammond** has agreed to officiate once again and we look forward to another inspiring service. The president and committee are asking members to make a very special effort to join us at our Golden Jubilee St. David's Day service. Let us fill the church and sing our hearts out! Tea will be served following the service.

**VISIT TO NORTH WALES, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.** The final payment of **£200** per person for those sharing a room and **£230** for those in a single room is to be paid by the end of **February 2012**. Cheques payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society should be sent to **Carys Williams, 3 Engelfields South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT.**

**WELSH CLASSES** The next Welsh class will be held at **Radley Green Farm** on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 2pm.** Further information can be obtained from **Shirley Moody** on **01245 248178.**

**A FUND RAISING LADIES PANCAKE DAY LUNCH** will be hosted by **Shirley Moody** at **Radley Green Farm** on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at 1pm.** More details in the next newsletter. Give **Shirley** a ring if you are interested **01245 248178.** Lifts can be arranged.

#### SOCIETY NEWS

It is with great sadness that I inform you that **Menna Hubbard** from Writtle died on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at the age of 87. **Menna** hailed from North Wales but had spent most of her adult life in Tunbridge Wells. She moved to Chelmsford to be near her daughter. **Menna** used to enjoy our monthly meetings but ill health prevented her from attending for the past two years. However, she enjoyed reading this monthly newsletter and keeping up with society news. The date and time of her funeral has not been finalised.

- Congratulations to **Valerie** and **Roy Allen** on the birth of their first grandchild. **Florence Emma Thomas**, born to their daughter **Penny** and son-in-law **Bart**.
- **Agnes Evans** has been unwell and we wish her a speedy recovery.
- A number of other members continue to receive hospital treatment and we wish them all a swift return to good health.

**Cofion Cynnes.**  
*Mair Thomas*

## Meeting and Activities Report January 2012

On Thursday, 26th January the Chelmsford & District Welsh Society held its annual Noswaith O Adloniant Gymraeg+ (an evening of Welsh Entertainment), a homespun evening where the entertaining talents of the society's membership are aired.

The theme which ran through the evening was community singing and began with Derrick Thomas singing 'Whiskey on a Sunday' (Seth Davey) and The Old Carmarthen Oak where the audience joined in with the choruses. The audience then participated in the singing of Eistedd Ar Ben Llidiart which was initiated by members of the society's Welsh language learner's class. John Lloyd Williams and Arthur Williams sang the Welsh favourite Calon Lân and later Arthur read a descriptive Welsh poem about the Llyn peninsula. It was then the turn of Ron Jones who had everyone laughing with stories and jokes from his seemingly endless repertoire. There followed a short story by the Welsh Bard, Jacob Davies, translated into English, telling of the killing of a pet cockerel for the Christmas table, which was retold by Mair Thomas.

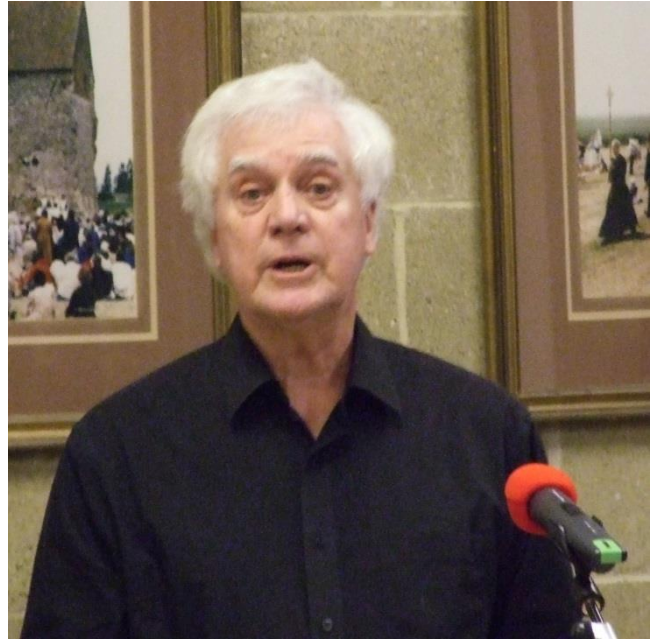
Before the break for tea, biscuits, and the raffle, member Jim Allan recited the poem 'As if you were not there' and sang the Victorian parlour song 'The Volunteer Organist'.

Following the interval Buddug Frank played the harp and accompanied the audience with the singing 'Bugeilio Gwenith Gwyn' and 'All through the Night'. She also ably demonstrated the art of Penillion singing. Ivy and Mike Price with their friends Medwyn and Geoff Hewitt from Llanelli, sang a four part harmony, with Ivy at the piano. This was followed by the unaccompanied singing of Brian Thomas who sang a Welsh lullaby and the much-loved 'My Little Welsh Home'.

This highly nostalgic evening ended with Carys and Arthur Williams leading the audience with 'Lawr Ar Lan Y Môr' (Down by the Riverside) and culminated in the singing of the Welsh National Anthem.









## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS CHWEFROR 2012

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

The society had a most promising start to 2012. On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, the Chapter House was full and everyone present enjoyed a typical Welsh ~~Noson~~ Lawenq Talented society members entertained the receptive audience with songs, music and amusing stories. The audience had the opportunity to sing some favourite Welsh songs and hymns. The highlight for many people was the Penillion singing rendered by two of our members and the dulcet tones of harp music. If you were unable to come you missed a treat! Donq miss the next meeting which is detailed below:

### **‘GOING, GOING, GONE – the Life of an Auctioneer’ Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

We are delighted to welcome back to the society, **Mike Logan Wood**, who will give a presentation on his life as an auctioneer. **Mike** joined us a few years ago when he gave a most interesting talk on ~~The~~ Life of Garden Birdsq Following his talk, **Mike** will auction some love spoons which belonged to the late **Mair Goodman**. The money raised will be donated to the Society Charity funds. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

The refreshments and raffle will be organised by **Cynthia Styles**, **Shirley Moody** and **Maureen Byatt**.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE ST. DAVID'S DAY DINNER, Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 at the County Hotel, Chelmsford at 7pm.** Guest speaker . **Huw Edwards**. **126** members and friends will be attending this prestigious event and there is a waiting list! If by any misfortune those who have tickets find yourself/yourselfs unable to attend . please let **Cynthia Styles (01245-469713)** know as soon as possible in order that she can inform those on the waiting list of the availability of a spare ticketq There is a Golden Jubilee Drinks Reception in the lounge bar from 6.50pm onwards. Guests will be asked to take their seats in the dining room at around 7.20pm. Entertainment will be provided by **Rachel** and **Ken Bartels** (harp and flute). We all look forward to this memorable event with great expectations!

**GOLDEN JUBILEE ST. DAVID'S DAY SERVICE, Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012.** We are holding this special service in **Little Baddow URC** at **3.30pm**. **The Revd. Dr. Cally Hammond**, will officiate at this service. The committee is delighted that **Cally** (the daughter of the late Betty Hammond) is to join us once again at Little Baddow. It will provide an ideal opportunity to give thanks for the fact that our society has grown and flourished, and continues to do so, after 50 years since its formation. We are the only surviving Welsh Society in Essex and this is a consequence of your support. Please join us for this memorable and historical service. Some delightful hymns have been selected and I look forward to seeing a full church at Little Baddow. Tea will be served following the service.

**VISIT TO NORTH WALES, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.** The final payment of **£200** per person for those sharing a room and **£230** for those in a single room is to be paid by the end of **February 2012**. Cheques payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society should be sent to **Carys Williams, 3 Engelfields South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT** or you can pay at the next monthly meeting.

**WELSH CLASSES** The next Welsh classes will be held at **Radley Green Farm** on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 2pm**. Further information can be obtained from **Shirley Moody** on **01245 248178**.

**A FUND RAISING LADIES PANCAKE DAY LUNCH** **Shirley Moody** extends an invitation to female members and friends to lunch at her home at **Radley Green Farm** on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at 1pm**. Give **Shirley** a ring if you are interested (**01245 248178**). Lifts can be arranged. The proceeds are in aid of the Society funds.

**SPECIAL GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012.** Our May Monthly meeting, to be held in the Cathedral Chapter House, is to take the form of a special dinner. We have been raising funds to **subsidise** this event for our paid upq members and the cost will be just **£10** per member. If members wish to bring their other halves or friends, the full cost of a ticket will be **£25**. This gives an indication of the level of subsidy being allocated to our membership. Outside professional caterers have been booked and the meal includes a glass of wine. Tickets will be on sale from **Carys Williams** from the March meeting onwards. Admission to this event will be by ticket as **Carys** has to notify the caterers of our exact numbers before the event. Please book early as we can only accommodate 80 people in the Chapter House . priority will be given to society members . so donq leave it too late to apply for your tickets.

#### **SOCIETY NEWS**

- Sadly, we have several members who have been unwell and unable to attend our meetings. **Agnes Evans** has had a stroke and is a patient at Broomfield Hospital. We wish **Agnes** well and hope she makes a speedy recovery.
- Best wishes to **Maggie Cranmer** who is at home, recovering from a broken leg.

**Cofion Cynnes.**  
*Mair Thomas*

## Meeting and Activities Report February 2012

Going, Going, Gone! The Life of an Auctioneer, was the subject of Mike Logan Wood's talk to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society's November meeting. Mike is an excellent speaker, full of humour and a font of information. He began his professional career as a young Articled Pupil, and his early life revolved around livestock sales, initially being allowed to auction calves and then progressing to pigs, sheep and finally cattle. Regular bidders use a range of nods, winks, prods and finger signs to hide their intentions from other bidders. When their bid is successful, however, they expect the auctioneer to address them by name, or else! On one memorable occasion, in order to remember the name of a rather sensitive Mr Nap he thought of Knapsack, but ended up calling him Mr Ruck, which went down very badly! Apparently an auctioneer is not required to have any qualifications, but does need a team of expert advisers. Important points to remember are: the auctioneer is endeavouring to get the best price possible for the seller, and commission for himself; the vendor should always agree the commission in advance; set a reserve price in advance - the auctioneer may use phantom bids to achieve the reserve!; a mistaken bidder should tell the auctioneer immediately. He will probably sell it again, but it will definitely be too late afterwards. Mike said that the best training for a budding auctioneer would be a year at RADA! (Royal Society of Performing Arts), to cultivate an ability to tell jokes, keep the audience happy, and, when telephone bids are delayed or interrupted, to fill in the time by talking gibberish! At the end of his talk, Mike showed his expertise by auctioning three Welsh love spoons, the proceeds going to the Society.





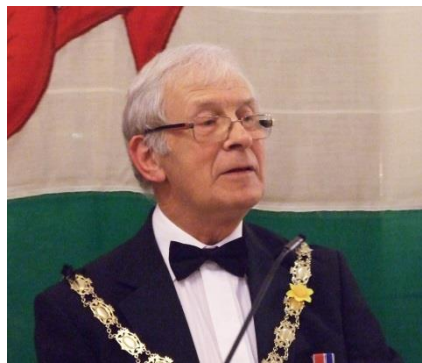
## ST DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2012

In common with Welsh Societies around the world, the Annual Dinner to celebrate the memory of our Patron Saint, Dewi Sant, is a highlight of the Society's year. For this our Golden Jubilee Year, the function room at the County Hotel was stunningly bedecked in yellow and green, under the gaze of a resplendent Draig Goch (the red dragon on our national banner), masterminded by the talented Cynthia Styles, the Dinner Secretary. The Society was honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford, Cllr. Bob Shepherd and Mrs Doreen Shepherd. After the Grace, said by Fr. Louis Darrant, the 126 Members and Guests sat down to a delicious feast of: Cawl cennin a thatws; Stecen brwsiedig mewn gwin coch, madrach, cig moch, wnion, tatws rhos a llysiau tymhorol; a Melba eirin gwlanog, sorbet a saws mafon. The toast to the Queen was proposed by the President, Carys Williams. The Vice-president, Liz Armishaw, in proposing the toast to Dewi Sant, recalled his dying words - Brothers and sisters, do the little things you have heard and seen with me. Be happy and keep the faith. We were certainly happy the previous weekend, when the Welsh rugby team won the Triple Crown, and Nathan Cleverly won the World Light-heavyweight boxing title! Carys then introduced the Guest of Honour, the talented Journalist, Presenter, Newsreader and President of the London Welsh Society, Huw Edwards. Huw's theme was The Essence of Welshness, a subject close to his heart. There followed a spellbinding masterful, humorous, and passionate presentation, tracing, among other things, the enormous contribution over the years of expatriate Welshmen to Welsh cultural and political institutions and to national self-confidence and pride. He is the presenter on the BBC 1 Wales current series The Story of Wales. He concluded by proposing a toast to The Society. Carys thanked and congratulated Huw on a wonderful presentation. She then recounted the Society's contribution to local Charities - over £30,000 during the last 10 years. She proposed the toast to Our Guests. The Mayor responded on behalf of the Guests, with a humorous speech. The evening concluded with a musical finale, with Rachel Bartels on the harp and her husband Ken on the flute. Rachel is a fine comedienne as well as a wonderful musician! The smooth running of the occasion was ensured by the multi-talented MC, Brian Thomas - a class act.

On Sunday 4 March, the Society held its Annual Service to commemorate Dewi Sant at Little Baddow United Reformed Church. The church was full and the singing superb, accompanied by Keith Byatt on the organ. The service was led by the Revd Dr Cally Hammond, Dean of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, who preached an inspiring sermon. The last hymn was dedicated to the memory of Society Members Haydn Stephens and Menna Hubbard who both died during the last year.







## MARCH NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MAWRTH 2012

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

Our **St. David's Day Celebrations** were exceptionally memorable and most successful in this our **Golden Jubilee Year**. We had the honour of having **Huw Edwards**, the BBC announcer, as our guest speaker at the **St. David's Day Dinner** held in the County Hotel on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012. He gave us a night to remember and he lived up to his reputation of being an outstanding public speaker. There were **125** members and friends at this event, all of whom had the opportunity to celebrate our Welshness and to indulge in a little nostalgia. **Rachel** and **Ken Bartels** provided their usual high quality entertainment on harp and flute. The Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford, **Councillor Bob Shepherd** and his wife **Doreen**, were in attendance. We extend our most sincere thanks to **Cynthia Styles** who organised this prestigious event, ably assisted by **David Brown**. On Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012 the annual **St. David's Day Service** was held in the Little Baddow URC. It was most pleasing to see the church so full and the church rafters vibrated to some fine singing of favourite hymns. **The Revd. Dr. Cally Hammond** returned to officiate at this service once again, and **Cally** gave an inspiring and a most appropriate sermon. The organist was **Keith Byatt** and the service was organised by **Shirley Moody**. We extend our thanks to all those who organised and took part in this weekend of celebration.

### **'O BEN Y BRYN I'R TY CYFFREDIN' 'From Pen Bryn to the House of Commons' A talk by Betty Williams**

**Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

We are delighted to welcome **Betty Williams**, former MP for Conwy, to give us a talk on her journey from her home in North Wales to the House of Commons. Betty attended Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle in Penygroes, near Caernarfon. She is an honorary fellow of the University of Wales. She was elected to parliament as Conwy MP in 1997 but she did not stand in the last election held in 2010. She opposed the war in Iraq. She is a cousin of our own **Arthur Williams** - it's good to have relatives in high places! **Betty** lists her interests as being opera and sheep dog trials. Do come along to what promises to be an interesting evening. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and to make comments. The refreshments and raffle will be organised by **Maureen Davies, Marlene Jeffrey** and **Hazel Hammond**.

**FUND RAISING LADIES PANCAKE DAY LUNCH.** This event, which was so generously hosted by **Shirley Moody** at her home at Radley Green Farm on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012, was most successful. **40 ladies** attended the lunch and **£420** was raised for society funds.

**WELSH CLASSES** The next Welsh classes will be held at **Radley Green Farm** on **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 2pm**. Further information can be obtained from **Shirley Moody** on **01245 248178**. **Mike Price** has informed me that a new Learning Welsh series is about to begin on S4C in the next few days. **Mike** will be recording the programme and will make copies available if he thinks that they will prove to be useful.

**SPECIAL GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012.** Our **May Monthly** meeting, to be held in the Cathedral Chapter House, is to take the form of a special dinner. We have been raising funds to **subsidise** this event for our paid up members and the cost will be just **£10** per member. If members wish to bring their other halves who are not members or friends, the full cost of a ticket will be **£25**. A **three course meal**, together with wine, tea and coffee is included in the price. A vegetarian option is available should this be required. Tickets are now available from **Carys Williams 0621 778711** and as we have to limit the number attending this event to **80**, you are strongly advised to book early. **don't delay – book today! Mike Price** will be giving an illustrated presentation entitled **'Golden Wales'**.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICES.**

- **'MUSICAL EVENING with SUPPER'** hosted by **Cynthia** and **John Styles** at their home on **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm**. More details in the next Newsletter.
- **SONGS of PRAISE/CYMANFA GANU** at **St. Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell** on **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 2.30pm**. This is the third consecutive year that we are holding this popular event at Roxwell Church. The conductor will be the **Revd. Eddie Carden** and the organist **Buddug Rowland Frank**. Tea will be served after the singing festival on the church lawn. Put this date in your diary as we are printing a special **Golden Jubilee Programme** for the event. Please come in your droves and bring your friends. Last year there were more church members than society. Let us change that this year - please!
- **ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.30pm** in **Chelmsford Cathedral**, given by **BRYTHONIAID MALE CHOIR** (music director – **John Eifion**) with guest soloist – **Iwan Wyn Parry** (baritone). **Iwan**, who is known as the singing vet, is a Blue Riband winner at the National Eisteddfod and has also won the young singer of the year at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod. Tickets, priced at **£13.50**, will soon be available. Contact **Arthur Williams** on **01621 778711** or **Eddie Alcock** on **01245 603448** to place your order for tickets. The cost of putting on this annual concert is now over **£5500**. To break even, we have to sell lots and lots of tickets! Therefore, we appeal to all society members to make every effort to purchase tickets for themselves and for their family and friends. You can be sure that it will be another evening of magical singing. This concert will be the final event in what has been a really **'Golden Year'**, overseen by our enthusiastic president, **Carys Williams**. **Let us fill the Chelmsford Cathedral to capacity.**

#### **SOCIETY NEWS**

- We send our best wishes to **Mick Hammond** who is now at home following an operation. We are glad to hear that **Agnes Evans** is also at home, following a long stay in hospital.

**Cofion Cynnes.**  
*Mair Thomas*



## Meeting and Activities Report March 2012

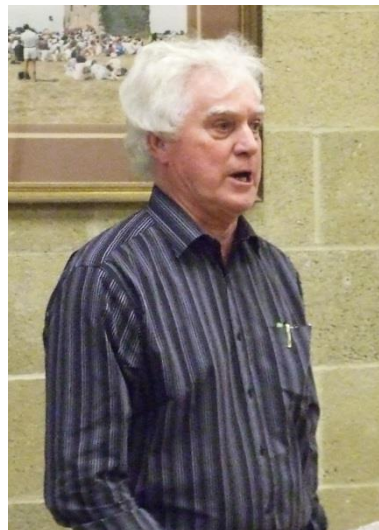
The Chelmsford & District Welsh Society welcomed the retired MP for Conwy, North Wales, Mrs Betty Williams at their meeting on Thursday 22nd March.

She was introduced to the meeting by her cousin Arthur Williams, husband of Carys, this year's president. For most of her life Betty Williams has been active in politics, she was a member of Arfon Borough Council, serving a term as Mayor, and was a member of Gwynedd Council. Betty was elected to parliament as the member for Conwy at the Labour landslide election of 1997. Before 1997 Parliament had been a largely male domain and Betty was one of 101 women to enter parliament at that time. There were quite a few problems to overcome ranging from the lack of female toilets to female prejudice from some male members.

On her first day she was intrigued about a pink ribbon on her coat hanger and when told it was for her sword, believed it to be a bit of a fresher's prank. It was however true, members of parliament are still not allowed to take their swords into the debating chamber!

The key achievements in parliament of which she was most proud was her involvement with Health and Safety at Work and the Minimum Wage, an interest she believed stemmed from seeing her poorly paid quarryman father die of work related silicosis at the age of 58.

Her foreign fact finding trips abroad, thought of by some as a money wasting %olly+, were however extremely hard work. They proved an eye opener on how primitive some parts of the world still were, and she was profoundly affected by her findings in Papua New Guinea. On a visit to Romania she was heartened by the good treatment children were receiving at an orphanage. However, she was somewhat perturbed by the fact that the very palatial room that she had been given to stay in and the bed that she had slept in was in fact that of the country's former ruler, the brutal dictator Nikolai Ceausescu. She was passionate about keeping in touch with her constituents and rarely missed one of her weekly %urgeries+. She was horrified to find that some members did not meet their constituents on a regular basis, some only returning twice a year. Betty was thanked for her absorbing presentation and was presented with a commemorative society goblet by Mrs Mair Thomas. The evening ended with tea and biscuits and the drawing of the raffle.





## APRIL NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS EBRILL 2012

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

At the last monthly meeting, **Betty Williams**, former MP for Conwy, gave us a most impressive talk on her experiences as a Welsh female member of the House of Commons. Those present were most impressed by her fluent speech which was delivered without notes. All were fascinated by her in-depth account of her life as a politician. Many thanks to **Arthur Williams** for introducing us to his influential cousin! Details of the April monthly meeting are listed below:

### 'Y TRÊN BACH – Caernarfon i Borthmadog'

#### A presentation by Ian King

**Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

We are pleased to welcome **Ian King** to our April meeting. He will talk about the Welsh Highland Railway with specific reference to the spectacular 25 mile railway journey between Caernarfon and Porthmadog. The Welsh Highland Railway is the oldest railway company in the world which is still operating. The talk will be of particular interest to those 50+ members who will be visiting North Wales in May as **Carys** has arranged a trip on the **Trên Bach** during this visit. Come along to this meeting and be enthralled by the marvels of this wonderful journey through some of the most delightful scenery in Wales. The refreshments and raffle will be organised by **Liz Armishaw, Gwyneth Abbott** and **Enid Morris**.

**SPECIAL GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER, Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012.** Please note that this dinner is fully booked. 80 members have purchased their tickets and entry will be limited to ticket holders. The society has to adhere strictly to this number due to premise regulations. If you wish to have a vegetarian menu please contact **Carys**. You may put your name down on a reserve list in the event of any last minute cancellations, by giving **Carys Williams** a call on **01621 778711**.

**A FUND RAISING MUSICAL EVENING WITH SUPPER on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm.** **Cynthia** and **John Styles** are hosting this event, which will cost you only **£4**, at their home **2 Littell Tweed, Chelmsford CM2 6SH**. Please give them a ring on **01245-469713** if you are going to attend. Guest musicians will perform but there is still room for home talent - so if you would like to do a turn please phone **Cynthia**. Raffle prizes graciously received.

**ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in Chelmsford Cathedral at 7.30pm.** The concert will be given by **Brythoniaid Male Choir**. Music director : **John Eifion** and guest soloist : **Iwan Wyn Parry** (baritone). Tickets priced at **£13.50** can be obtained from **Arthur Williams** on **01621 778711** or send a s.a.e to his address **3 Englefields, South St., Tillingham CM0 7AT** or from **Eddie Alcock 01245 603448, 5 Elms Drive, Chelmsford CM1 1RH**. Cheques are payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. Members have the first opportunity to purchase tickets before they are released to the general public. To avoid disappointment, please book your tickets as soon as possible. Try to encourage friends and family to buy tickets from you. We need this concert, which is the last event of our Golden Jubilee Year, **to be a sell out! We need the support of all our members.**

**GOLDEN JUBILEE SONGS of PRAISE/CYMANFA GANU on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell at 2.30pm.** Our President, **Carys Williams**, is looking forward to welcoming you all to this special afternoon of the singing of some of your favourite hymns. The **Rev. Eddie Carden** will conduct the singing and **Buddug Rowland Frank** will be the organist. A special **Golden Jubilee** souvenir programme has been printed for this increasingly popular event. Society members join forces with church members and we look forward to some wonderful singing. Tea will be served on the Church lawn following the festival of song. Please come along in droves and bring your friends and neighbours.

**WELSH CLASS** The next Welsh classes will be held at **Radley Green Farm** on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 at 2pm**. Further information can be obtained from **Shirley Moody** on **01245 248178**.

**VISIT TO NORTH WALES May 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.** We shall be leaving **Radley Green Farm** on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 8am**. Thanks are extended to **Shirley and Don Moody** for allowing us to leave our cars at the farm once again.

#### ADVANCE NOTICES.

- **LUNCH in the COUNTRY** on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 1pm** – hosted by **Carys** and **Arthur Williams** in Tillingham.
- **SUMMER SERVICE** at **Little Baddow URC**, **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 10.30am**.

#### SOCIETY NEWS

- Many of our members have been unwell and so we send them our very best wishes and hope that they will soon return to good health. Included are **Jacinth Cowmeadow, Maggie Cranmer, Agnes Evans** and **Mic Hammond**.
- **Chris Abbott** is in hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Cofion Cynnes.  
*Mair Thomas*

## Meeting and Activities Report April 2012

The 40 mile long narrow gauge tracks of the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways pass through the magnificent scenery and stunning Welsh countryside of the Snowdonia National Park. This was the enchanting journey, in narrative, slide and video presentation, that Ian King took the 70 members and guests of the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society at the April Meeting. The Ffestiniog section was built in 1832 to transport roofing slates from the quarries to Porthmadog harbour, from whence ships took them to all parts of the globe. The wagons travelled 13 miles downhill under gravity and were hauled back by horses. Steam locomotives were introduced in 1864; the more powerful Fairlie double engine, a pioneer in narrow gauge introduced in 1867 was the first in the world, and is still in service! The 25 mile Caernarfon to Porthmadog section originally comprised several sections and also transported slates; these were gradually connected and the horses gave way to steam. With the demise of slates and the loss of passengers to the charabancs, both sections fell into disuse. The Ffestiniog leg closed in 1946 but was resurrected between 1955 and 1982. The Caernarfon section remained closed from 1936 until work began to reinstate it in 1997, opposed by John Major then approved by John Prescott. The track was re-laid by volunteers and it reopened in 1910. Today, the railways are powered by the most powerful narrow gauge steam locomotives in the world and 300,000 passengers passed through Porthmadog Harbour Station in 2011. The venture contributes £15m to the Welsh economy, employs 65 full time, and 350 others, and has 1000 regular volunteers! (See [festrail.co.uk](http://festrail.co.uk) for a fascinating account). The Vice-president, Liz Armishaw, awarded Ian with a Society goblet for a wonderful presentation. Fifty nine members of the Society are looking forward to travelling on the train this month!



## MAY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MAI 2012

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

Listed below are a number of forthcoming society events.

### 'GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER'

This special event will be held in the Cathedral Chapter House on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7pm** for a prompt **7.30pm** start. Please note the earlier starting time but be warned that the doors to the Chapter House will not be opened until **7pm** as the catering staff will be preparing the room. Entry to this celebration is by **ticket only** and **ALL** the 80 tickets have been sold. The entertainment following the dinner will include a visual presentation given by **Mike Price** on **'Golden Wales'**. We will also have an opportunity to sing some of our favourite Welsh tunes.

**THE FUND RAISING MUSICAL EVENING WITH SUPPER on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm.** hosted by **Cynthia** and **John Styles** was a great success and raised **£150**. We give our grateful thanks to **Cynthia** and **John** for their hospitality.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE SONGS of PRAISE/CYMANFA GANU on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell at 2.30pm.** Come along and support our President, **Carys Williams**, and enjoy singing well known and popular hymns. We will be joining members of the church and villagers at this festival of song. The **Revd. Eddie Carden**, who is assistant music director of the Chelmsford Male Voice Choir, will conduct the singing and this year **Buddug Rowland Frank** will be the organist. Society and church members will introduce their selected hymns. A special **Golden Jubilee Souvenir Programme** has been printed for this increasingly popular event. Tea will be served on the Church lawn following the singing. Please come along in droves and bring your friends and neighbours. We want there to be more society members than church members this year!

**ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in Chelmsford Cathedral at 7.30pm.** The concert will be given by **Brythoniaid Male Choir**. Music director : **John Eifion** and guest soloist : **Iwan Wyn Parry** (baritone). Tickets priced at **£13.50** can be obtained from **Arthur Williams** on **01621 778711** or send a s.a.e to his address **3 Englefields, South St., Tillingham CM0 7AT** or from **Eddie Alcock 01245 603448, 5 Elms Drive, Chelmsford CM1 1RH**. Cheques are payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. Tickets are now on general release and to avoid disappointment, please book your tickets as soon as possible. Try to encourage friends and family to buy tickets from you. We need this concert, which is the last event of our Golden Jubilee Year, **to be a sell out! 500 tickets to sell - so we need the support of all our members.** We want to fill the cathedral to capacity and give our visitors, who will have made a long journey to be with us, a typical Chelmsford Welsh Society welcome. There is nothing more rewarding for a choir . than a full house!

**WELSH CLASS.** Welsh classes will resume in September 2012.

**VISIT TO NORTH WALES May 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.** The long awaited visit to North Wales is fast approaching. There are 54 people making the trip. The coach will be leaving **Radley Green Farm on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 8am**, so please get to the departure point well ahead of this time. There will be comfort stops during the journey. You are asked to attach a **label** (with your name written on it) to your case as this will assist the hotel staff in taking your case to your allocated room. A detailed itinerary will be given to you on the coach. If you are inviting friends to join you for an evening meal, please let Carys know beforehand in order that she can advise the hotel staff.

### ADVANCE NOTICES.

- **SUMMER SERVICE at Little Baddow URC , Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 10.30am.** The **Revd. Colin Hunt** will lead this service. The society has been visiting this delightful church for **48 years** to share worship with church members. It would be wonderful to see more members supporting this annual event. Please make an effort to attend this year.
- **FUND RAISING LUNCH in the COUNTRY on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 1pm.** **Carys and Arthur Williams** invite you to join them for lunch at their delightful home in the village of Tillingham. Please ring them on **01621 778711** if you would like to book a place. The lunch is priced at **£10** per person. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

### SOCIETY NEWS

- We send our best wishes to all members who have recently been unwell and hope that they will be able to attend our monthly meetings and events very soon.

*Cofion Cynnes.  
Mair Thomas*



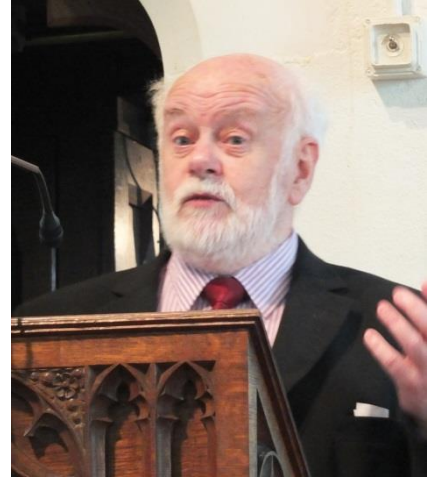
## Meeting and Activities Report May 2011

### CYMANFA GANU

The Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society continued in May. On the 14th, Society members were joined by parishioners of St Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell to celebrate the annual Cymanfa Ganu (Songs of Praise), conducted by the Rev Eddie Carden and arranged by Shirley Moody. There followed an outing to north west Wales from the 17th to the 20th, and a Dinner on the 24th, both arranged by the President, Carys Williams, assisted by her husband Arthur. The tour was based in Beaumaris on Ynys Mon (Isle of Anglesey), the stronghold of the fearsome Druids who governed the mystical religion of pre-Roman Celtic Europe. A visit to Clough Williams-Ellis's delightful Italianate Village of Portmeirion was followed by a 25 mile trip on the narrow gauge railway from Porthmadog to Caernarfon, through the wondrous Snowdonian scenery; there followed a tour of Plas Newydd, a mansion with its collection of Rex Whistler paintings and gardens planned by Humphrey Repton. The chilling tour of the now redundant, deep slate mines of LLechwedd, was a reminder that those days of full employment came at a fearful cost to health in a dark, damp, satanic environment, but fostered a wonderful, caring community spirit. The Dinner, on the 24th was a grand affair, the evening concluding with Mike Price's presentation, 'Golden Wales'.

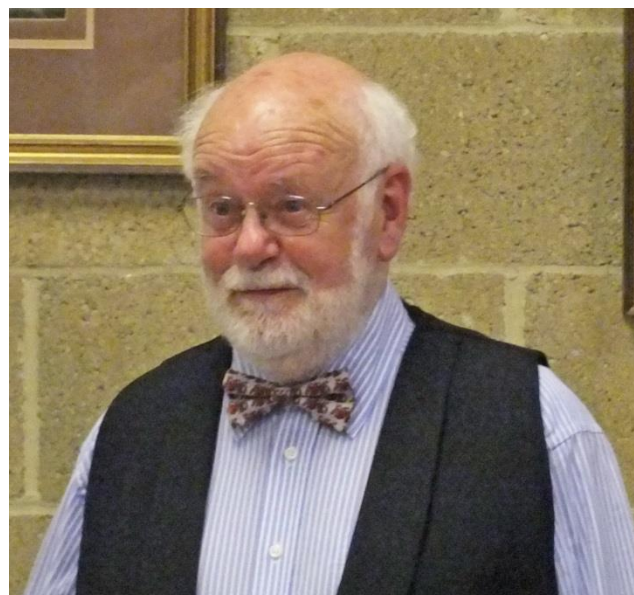








## Golden Jubilee Dinner





## Summer Service Little Baddow URC



## JUNE NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEHEFIN 2012

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

Our Golden Jubilee celebrations are almost completed. Those who travelled to Beaumaris had an outstanding time as did those members who attended the Jubilee Dinner last week. Our next monthly meeting is our Annual General meeting on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012. This meeting will give us an opportunity to look back with pleasure and pride on a most successful and unforgettable Golden Year. The President and the committee are grateful to you all for your loyal and unfailing support during our many celebrations. Diolch yn fawr. Listed below are a number of forthcoming society events.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**At the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

**Carys Williams**, our retiring President, is looking forward to meeting you all at this final monthly meeting of her Presidency. Please show your appreciation of her dynamic leadership and all her hard work during a very busy year in office by attending this meeting. It will also give you the opportunity to see **Liz Armishaw** take over the Presidency for 2012 -13. Following the business part of the evening, light refreshments will be provided and served by the committee. Raffle prizes will be donated by **Ron Jones, Shirley Moody, Eddie Alcock** and **David Brown**. A talk will be given by **Peter Daniels** on his new book – ‘**In Search of Welshness**’. History of the Society pamphlets produced by **Eddie Alcock**, together with an attractive commemorative Golden Jubilee bookmark, will be distributed to those members who have not as yet received these items.

**ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in Chelmsford Cathedral at 7.30pm.** The concert will be given by **Brythoniaid Male Choir**. Music director : **John Eifion** and guest soloist : **Iwan Wyn Parry** (baritone). Both these gentlemen were in school with **Bryn Terfel**. Tickets priced at **£13.50** can be obtained from **Arthur Williams** on **01621 778711** or send a s.a.e to his address **3 Englefields, South St., Tillingham CM0 7AT** or from **Eddie Alcock 01245 603448, 5 Elms Drive, Chelmsford CM1 1RH**. Cheques are payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. Tickets are now on general release and to avoid disappointment, **please book your tickets as soon as possible**. Try to encourage friends and family to buy tickets from you. We need this concert, which is the last event of our Golden Jubilee Year, **to be a sell out! 500 tickets to sell - so we need the support of all our members**. We still have over **100 tickets** to sell. The future of our annual concerts is in the hands of our members. We cannot afford to incur a loss at such an event. If every member could sell just 5 tickets we would fill the cathedral to capacity!

**SUMMER SERVICE at Little Baddow URC, Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 10.30am.** The **Rev. Colin Hunt** will lead this annual service. Society members and friends are invited to attend. The singing sounds so much better with a full church! The society has been visiting this delightful church for **48 years** to share worship with church members. It would be wonderful to see more members supporting this annual service. Please make an effort to attend this year. We can offer transport to anyone who needs it. Tea/coffee will be served on the church lawn following the service.

**FUND RAISING LUNCH in the COUNTRY on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 1pm.** **Carys and Arthur Williams** are hosting the event in their delightful home in the village of Tillingham. Their address is 3 Englefields South St. CM0 7AT. The lunch is priced at **£10** per person and the event is now fully booked. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received from those attending.

**CHARITY GARDEN PARTY hosted by Shirley and Don Moody at Radley Green Farm on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 2.30pm.** This will be the first charity event organised by our new President, **Liz Armishaw**. All the proceeds will be in aid of the **J's Charity**. Join us for fun and games and a delicious tea at this magnificent venue. Bring your friends and family. especially your children and grandchildren. Entry is **£5** per adult to include afternoon tea and all children will be admitted free. Please bring a folding chair with you. Directions to **Radley Green Farm**. take the A414 (signposted Harlow, M11) road from Chelmsford. You will pass two garden nurseries and the Fox and Goose Pub - carry on until you see a large sign post for Radley Green, Roxwell, Willingale. turn right, there is a recent barn conversion on your left; and drive along this road. the Cuckoo Pub (now a restaurant) is on your left and just a little further up the road, also on your left, is the farm house. take the second entrance. Parking areas will be clearly signposted. Look out for the dragon!

**VISIT TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012.** A coach has been booked for this visit and should you wish to reserve a place let **Carys Williams** know at the AGM. The cost will be **£20** per person and this includes transport and a donation to the Abbey. Grateful thanks to **Father Louis** for arranging this visit for us. The coach will leave Radley Green Farm at a time to be determined.

**VISIT TO LLANGOLLEN Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013.** Following the successful visit to Beaumaris this year, **Liz Armishaw** has made tentative arrangements to visit Llangollen in 2013. It is intended that the group will stay at the Wild Pheasant Hotel. More information in the September Newsletter but if you are interested give **Liz** a ring on 01245-281162 or see her at the AGM.

### SOCIETY NEWS

- We send our best wishes to all members who have been unwell and trust that their health will improve in the near future. We send our regards to Agnes Evans who has had another spell in hospital and to Vera Thomas who had a fall in Beaumaris and was admitted for a week to the Bangor Hospital. She is now at home having travelled to Chelmsford in the comfort of an ambulance.
- **Brian Farmer** has written a book. The Reluctant Misogynist which is on Kindle Direct Publishing.
- This is the last Newsletter before the summer break and I trust that you will all enjoy the rest of the summer wherever you spend it. I look forward to seeing you all in the September meeting when the programme for 2012-13 will be announced.

*Cofion Cynnes.  
Mair Thomas*



## Trip to Beaumaris, Ynys Môn





The Annual Concert  
**Brythoniaid Male Choir**  
supported by Iwan Wyn Parry

