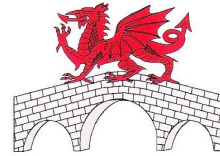


Chelmsford & District Welsh Society  
Cymdeithas Gymraeg Chelmsford a'r Cylch



## THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY 2012 / 2013



**President Liz Armishaw**



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Welsh Classes	<i>Shirley Moody</i>

## MONTHLY MEETINGS and EVENTS 2012 – 2013

SEPTEMBER 26 <sup>th</sup>	VISIT TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY
SEPTEMBER 27 <sup>th</sup>	CROESO YN ÔL
OCTOBER 25 <sup>th</sup>	NOSWAITH GYDA TREBOR EDWARDS
NOVEMBER 24 <sup>th</sup>	CHARITY CONCERT (Saturday 7.30pm) Given by Chelmsford Male Voice Choir at Central Baptist Church, Chelmsford
DECEMBER 13 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION / DATHLU NADOLIG.
JANUARY 24 <sup>th</sup>	NOSWAITH O ADLONIAANT GYMRAEG
FEBRUARY 21 <sup>st</sup>	YNYS B R and the HOLY COAST. With David Brown
MARCH 1 <sup>st</sup> (Friday 7pm)	ST. DAVID'S DAY DINNER at the County Hotel, Chelmsford
MARCH 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday 3.30pm)	ST. DAVID'S DAY SERVICE at Little Baddow URC
MARCH 21 <sup>st</sup>	WELSH MYTHS and LEGENDS with Pat Beddoe
APRIL 25 <sup>th</sup>	CONQUERING EVERES with Tori James
MAY 9 <sup>th</sup> . 12 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday to Sunday)	SOCIETY VISIT TO LLANGOLLEN Organised by Liz Armishaw (President).
MAY 19 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday 2.30pm)	SONGS OF PRAISE/CYMANFA GANU at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell
MAY 23 <sup>rd</sup>	CALL MY BLUFF with Brian Thomas and panel
JUNE 9 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday 10.30am)	SUMMER SERVICE at Little Baddow URC
JUNE 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Saturday 7.30pm)	ANNUAL CONCERT Given by Côr Godreŷ Aran at Chelmsford Cathedral
JUNE 27 <sup>th</sup>	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 29 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday 2.30pm)	CHARITY GARDEN PARTY at Radley Green Farm' Hosted by Shirley and Don Moody

### OTHER FUND RAISING / CHARITY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 (Saturday) at 10.30am  
COFFEE MORNING  
Hosted by Edith and David Brown

OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 (Friday) at 7.30pm  
SUPPER and SING-A-LONG  
Hosted by Shirley and Don Moody

DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 (Sunday) at 3pm  
CHRISTMAS TEA  
Hosted by Mair and Brian Thomas

FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 (Saturday) at 10.30am  
COFFEE MORNING  
Hosted by Buddug and Ray Rowland Frank

APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 (Friday) at 7.30pm  
MUSICAL EVENING WITH SUPPER  
Hosted by Liz and Jim Armishaw

## 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*



## Meeting and Activities Report June 2012

### AGM & GARDEN PARTY

The AGM was the final Meeting of Carys Williams's year of office as President of the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society in its Golden Jubilee Year. She thanked everybody who had contributed to making it a resounding success: in particular Mair Thomas, the Secretary, who ensured the smooth running of all the events; Liz Armishaw, the Vice President; the immensely supportive Committee; the members for their record attendance throughout; and her husband Arthur for his support. Highlights had been: the opening Charity Garden Party in June 2011; the St David's Day celebrations - the Dinner, with Hugh Edwards of the BBC as Guest Speaker, and attended by the Mayor of Chelmsford, and the Service at Little Baddow URC with the Rev Dr Cally Hammond, Dean of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge; a Cymnfa Ganu (Songs of Praise); a wonderful 4 day visit to North Wales; and the Golden Jubilee Dinner. In her speech, Mair thanked the Members, whose support had helped to make the year yn flwyddyn gwyach, blwyddyn ardderchog+. When the Society was formed there were many Welsh Societies in Essex; sadly, whilst the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society had thrived, flourished and developed, none of the others had survived. She congratulated Carys on having presided so well, once again for a second time. Derek Thomas, who was retiring from the Committee after serving with total commitment for over 20 years was then invited to become an Honorary Vice President. At the end of a year that had been expensive as well as a great success, Carys, in her first year as treasurer, reported that the finances remained healthy. She then retired as President and handed the mantle to Liz. Liz said that she was very honoured and pleased to be the President for the 2012 - 2013 season. The Committee were then elected and all the remaining retiring members re-elected. Strawberries and cream were served at the interval, after which Peter Daniels, the author of a book *A Search of Welshness*+, gave a thought provoking presentation exploring the qualities that distinguish the Welsh from the English, and the values which are worth preserving. The first event of Liz's year was a Garden Party in aid of the J's Hospice, the Society's Charity for her year of office. Held in Radley Green Farm, and hosted by Shirley and Don Moody, it was great success, raising £446.

The next event is the prestigious Annual Concert held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday 14 July, at 7.30 pm, given by the Brythoniaid Male Choir from Blaenau Ffestiniog in Snowdonia, seven times National Champions, with the Baritone Soloist Iwan Wyn Parry.









## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEDI 2012

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

The summer, such as it was, is nearly over and we now look forward to the winter months. Though the weather was disappointing, I hope that you were able to enjoy your break. The last society year, our **Golden Jubilee** year, was an outstanding success and much enjoyed by all who participated in the wide range of events. The Brythoniaid Concert, although a month later than we usually hold this event, was a wonderful evening and much appreciated by a most receptive audience. Our concert secretary, **Arthur Williams**, wishes to thank all members who attended and who sold tickets for the concert. We in turn owe **Arthur** a big thank you for organising this Golden Concert. We can now look forward to sharing our 51<sup>st</sup> year together. Our new President, **Liz Armishaw**, has planned a most interesting programme of events which I hope you will all attend and support as loyally as you did last year. Details of our first monthly meeting and other events are listed below:

### CROESO YN ÔL

**At the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

We start our new season with a welcoming meeting and I hope that it will be attended by new members as well as our loyal band of supporters. **Liz Armishaw** will outline the programme for **2012 – 13** and a member of **J's Charity** (the charity we will be supporting this year), will give a brief overview of the work of this deserving organisation. There will be an opportunity for you to pay your annual subscription and to collect the Programme Card. **Mike Price** will once more present highlights of both the International and National Eisteddfodau. Refreshments will be provided by the committee and **Carys** and **Arthur Williams** will be giving all present a cup cake in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Raffle prizes will be donated by **Enid Morris, Gwyneth Abbott, Maureen Byatt** and **Shirley Moody**. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

**ANNUAL SUSCRIPTIONS.** **Carys Williams**, the society treasurer, will be collecting our annual subscription of **£15** at the September monthly meeting. If you are unable to attend please send your cheque, made payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, together with a completed pro-forma to **Carys at 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT**. Please include a stamped addressed envelope to receive the programme for 2012-13. The pro-forma is included with this newsletter for those who receive it by mail and the internet users can download the form which is an attachment to the newsletter. David Brown will also be putting a membership form on the society web-site. We would be grateful if you would pay your subs. as soon as possible and we hope that other halves and partners will also join the society this year in order to boost our numbers and our income.

### FUTURE EVENTS

**VISIT TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012.** Forty nine people have given their names to **Carys Williams** for this visit. I hope that you have all remembered! There are still **8 places** available on the coach so if you would like to join this excursion please ring **Carys on 01621 778711** as soon as possible. The total cost of the visit is **£20** . money to be collected on the coach. The coach will leave **Radley Green Farm** at **9am**.prompt and we thank **Shirley** and **Don Moody** for allowing us to park our cars at their home. The tour of the Abbey will commence at **11.30am** . The coach will leave London for our return journey at **3pm** - thus ensuring plenty of time for lunch.

**CHARITY COFFEE MORNING** **Edith** and **David Brown** invite you to their home at **8 Forefields Green , Chelmsford CM1 6YU** on **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 10.30am** for this first charity event of the society year. Donations of **£3.50** are invited and raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Please ring **Edith and David on 01245-465052** if you need directions. I hope that you will make a special effort to support this event which is being hosted by two members who give so much to our society.

**SUPPER and SING-A-LONG** in aid of **J's Hospice** on **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.30pm.** **Shirley** and **Don Moody** invite you to attend this event at **Radley Green Farm**. Tickets priced at **£12.50** per person will be available at the Croeso Evening or ring **Shirley on 01245-248178** if you wish to make a booking. **Ivy Price** will be tinkling the piano for what promises to be a night of enjoyable singing and a hot food supper. Events organised at Radley Green Farm are always good fun so please come along and have a great evening and at the same time support a deserving charity. Bring your friends and family along to this event. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted.

**J's CHARITY CONCERT** on **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm** in the **Central Baptist Church, Victoria Rd. Chelmsford**. The concert will be given by the **Chelmsford Male Voice Choir** and guest soloist, **Emily Onslow (soprano)**. Tickets priced at **£8** can be obtained from **Liz Armishaw on 01245-281162**. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible.

**VISIT TO LLANGOLLEN** **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013.** **Liz Armishaw** is organising this visit to Llangollen and the group will stay at the **Wild Pheasant Hotel**. A programme of visits and evening entertainment is being arranged for what promises to be a most exciting visit to this delightful part of Wales. Please give **Liz** a ring on **01245-281162** if you are interested in joining the party . a few places are still available. Deposits of **£50** per person required by the end of October 2012 . cheques payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society.

### SOCIETY NEWS

- We send to all our members who have been unwell over the summer break our very best wishes and hope that they will be well enough to join us at our September meeting.

*Cofion Cynnes.  
Mair Thomas*

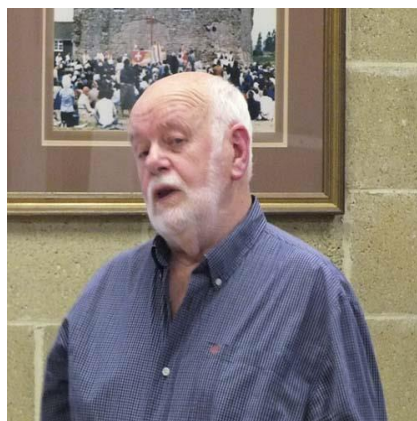
## Meeting and Activities Report September 2012

### CROESO EVENING



Liz Armishaw, the President of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, welcomed members to the first monthly meeting of the 2012/2013 season on 27 September, and outlined the programme for the year. Two events, the Annual Charity Garden Party in June and a wonderful visit to Westminster Abbey arranged by Father Louis had already occurred. The Monthly Meetings are normally held on the fourth Thursday of each month at Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, commencing at 8 pm. Seven charity events had been planned in support of the Jc Hospice, which caters for young adults with life limiting illnesses, the President's Charity for the year. Highlights of the year will be the St David's Day Dinner on 1 March, and the Annual Concert, on Saturday 22 June at Chelmsford Cathedral, given by the famous male voice choir Cor Godreŷ Aran. The theme of the September meeting was Croeso yn Ol, (Welcome Back). Liz welcomed Denise Whiffin, founder member of the Jc. This is the fourth time the Jc have been the Society's charity, and Denise described the great strides made and the challenges ahead. The meeting then continued with a wonderful DVD presentation of the National Eisteddfod of Wales and the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod. The National Eisteddfod is the pinnacle of the Welsh cultural calendar with 160,000 visitors over 8 days. The society sponsored the 2nd Prize awarded to Robert Lewis in the 16 to 19 male solo competition and the 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded to Steffan Harri and Megan Lyn in the 16 to 19 Songs from the Shows competition. Llangollen Eisteddfod has been described as Wales's gift to the world. 5,000 singers, dancers and instrumentalists from about 50 countries compete before an audience of 50,000. The pinnacle is the competition for the Pavrotti Choir of the World trophy, won by Delica Ton male choir from Germany. Ivy Price, the Vice President, thanked Mike for all the hard work that went into the preparation of his presentation, and the catering team for providing excellent refreshments. An Evening with Trebor Edwards, the well known Welsh tenor is the theme for the 25th October Meeting. Then on Saturday 24 November the main Charity event of the year, a concert given by Chelmsford Male Voice Choir with soloist Emily Onslow, will be held at Central Baptist Church, Chelmsford at 7.30 pm. Tickets will cost £8 and will be available from Jim Armishaw, tel 01245 281162 and Arthur Williams, tel 01621 778711.

*Jim Armishaw*





## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS HYDREF 2012

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

What a busy start we have had to our 2012-13 society year! It all began with a very special visit to Westminster Abbey on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September when **Father Louis Darrant** kindly organised this event for us and we are indebted to him for initiating what proved to be a memorable occasion for all who journeyed to London. We had a full house for our **Croeso Yn Ôl** meeting and we all enjoyed the delicious refreshments provided by the ladies of the committee. **Mike Price** gave an inspiring visual presentation on the National and International Eisteddfodau. Diolch yn fawr **Mike**! Then on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, **Edith** and **David Brown** and their family hosted a charity coffee morning. Their house was full to overflowing with some of the gentlemen enjoying the comfort and warmth of the garden summer house. This event raised **£200** for the J&P Charity and it was most encouraging to see so many members attending this function.

Details of the next monthly meeting and other events are listed below:

### **'NOSWAITH GYDA TREBOR EDWARDS' 'AN EVENING WITH TREBOR EDWARDS'**

**Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

We are delighted to welcome **Trebor Edwards** back to Chelmsford. Two years ago **Trebor** entertained us for the first time and brought with him his charming wife **Ann**. **Trebor** is a popular tenor from the Corwen area of North Wales where he had his farm. He was in school with **Jim Armishaw**. You will recall that he gave us a night to remember by his singing of a selection of Welsh songs and hymns from his extensive repertoire. He will be accompanied by society member, **Meinir Wyn Davies**, who is an accomplished pianist and a past winner of the Blue Riband at the National Eisteddfod of Wales. **Meinir** is a music teacher in the area and hails from Aberystwyth. Please join us at this meeting and bring your friends and family - for an evening of music making not to be missed!

Refreshments and raffle. **Jean Jones, Rosina Jones** and **Mair Thomas**.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.** **Carys Williams**, the society treasurer, is collecting our annual subscription of **£15** and if you are unable to attend the October monthly meeting, please send your cheque, made payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, together with a completed pro-forma to **Carys at 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT**. Please include a stamped addressed envelope to receive the programme for 2012-13. The pro-forma was sent out in the last Newsletter and it can also be downloaded from the society web-site. Early payment of subs. will be much appreciated. Please pay by the **1<sup>st</sup> December 2012** at the latest, otherwise we will regrettably assume that you no longer wish to continue with your membership.

**TE GYDA SHIRLEY, TEA WITH SHIRLEY-** **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm at Radley Green Farm. Shirley Moody** invites all Welsh speakers to join her and all Welsh learners. **old and new**, for tea and conversation at her home. Please come along for what promises to be a pleasant and rewarding afternoon.

**'SING FOR YOUR SUPPER', Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at Radley Green Farm at 7.30pm. This event is a sell-out – no more tickets left.** If you wish to be placed on a reserve list in the event of a return of tickets please ring **Jim Armishaw** on **01245-281162**.

**'FIFTY YEARS OF THE WELSH SOCIETY IN CHELMSFORD'.** Thanks are extended to **Eddie Alcock** for writing this impressive history of our society. The document runs to 47 pages and can be downloaded and/or viewed on the society web-site. **Eddie** will have a limited number of printed copies available at the October monthly meeting.

#### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

**J's CHARITY CONCERT on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm in the Central Baptist Church, Victoria Rd. Chelmsford.** The concert will be given by the **Chelmsford Male Voice Choir** and guest soloist, **Emily Onslow (soprano)**. Tickets priced at **£8** can be obtained from **Liz Armishaw on 01245-281162** or **Arthur Williams on 01621-778711**. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible and encourage your friends and family to attend. **The Society needs the support of ALL members to ensure that we have a full church.**

**VISIT TO LLANGOLLEN Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013.** This visit organised by our President, **Liz Armishaw**, is now **fully** booked. A booking form is included for those receiving the Newsletter by post whilst the form is attached to the e-mailed Newsletter. If you have a friend or family member coming on the trip please ensure that they also complete the pro-forma. Please give **Liz** a ring on **01245-281162** if you have any queries or if you would like your name to be put on a waiting list. Deposits of **£50** per person are required by the end of **October 2012**. cheques payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. Full information on the organisation will be given at the next monthly meeting.

#### **SOCIETY NEWS**

- We send our best wishes to all our members who have been unwell. We are glad to hear that **Agnes Evans** is slowly improving. Please let me know if you have news of anyone who has been unwell.

*Cofion Cynnes.  
Mair Thomas*

## Meeting and Activities Report October 2012

### AN EVENING with TREBOR EDWARDS



Liz Armishaw, the President of the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, welcomed Trebor Edwards, the popular Welsh tenor from Betws Gwerfil Goch in north Wales, the guest artist at the October meeting. Trebor, the most successful singer of the Welsh recording industry, with album sales of more than 250,000 including two gold discs, was well known to many in the audience, having entertained the Society in 2010. A successful farmer, he was President of the Royal Welsh Show in 2011. He is also a regular cabaret entertainer with the P&O line! Trebor sang several well-known songs in Welsh and English, including: %Cymru Lan+(Dear Wales); Dafydd Iwan's nostalgic %Mi Glywaf Y Llais+(I Hear The Voice); %In Dydd Ar Y Tro+(One Day At A Time); Elvis Presley's %r Hen Shep+(Old Shep); %I Walk Beside You+; %I Only Had Time+; and %Love Changes Everything+. Surely the favourite for those who understand Welsh was %Diolch+, a personal song of gratitude for all the wonderful benefits he enjoys, composed specially for Trebor by a fellow singer; the words are hauntingly beautiful and the music glorious. His piano accompanist was Society member Meinir Wyn Davies. Meinir, a Blue Riband winner at the National Eisteddfod of Wales, made the piano sing! In order to give Trebor a rest she played two medleys, each of six Welsh airs. The chocolate prize for identifying eight of them was won by Carys Williams. The presentations at the conclusion were made by Mair Thomas. There have been two recent fund raising events for the J's Hospice, the Society's Charity for the year; a coffee morning hosted by Edith and David Brown raised £200 and a %Sing For Your Supper+ hosted by Shirley and Don Moody raised £601. The main fund raising event of the year for the J's Hospice will be a Charity Concert, on Saturday 24th November at the Chelmsford Central Baptist Church at 7.30 pm, given by the Chelmsford Male Voice Choir with soprano soloist Emily Onsloe. Tickets, at £8 each, can be purchased from Arthur Williams on 01621 778711 and David Brown on 01245 465052 or via the Society's web site. There will not be a regular Thursday Monthly Meeting in November. In December, there will be a Charity Christmas Tea hosted by Mair and Brian Thomas at 3 pm on Sunday the 9th, and the theme of the Monthly Meeting on Thursday the 13th will be Dathlu Nadolig (Christmas Celebration).

*Jim Armishaw*



## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER - CYLCHLYTHYR MIS TACWEDD 2012

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

The clocks have gone back and the long winter evenings are now with us. We are all starting preparing for the Christmas Festivities. It is time to start buying Christmas presents and writing our Christmas cards and looking forward to 2013. However, I am pleased to report that our **Autumn** fund raising events were highly successful with **£200** raised at **Edith and David Browns'** coffee morning held on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September and **£600** at the **Sing for your Supper** evening organised by **Shirley and Don Moody**. We are indebted to both couples for the warmth of their hospitality and their generosity. The October monthly meeting was well attended and all present enjoyed the singing of **Trebor Edwards** who was so ably supported by the accompanist, **Meinir Wyn Davies**. Please note that there is **no** Monthly Meeting at the Cathedral Chapter House this month. It is replaced by a charity concert which is detailed below.

**GRAND CHARITY CONCERT in aid of J's**  
**at the Central Baptist Church, Victoria Rd., South Chelmsford**  
**on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm**  
**The concert will be given by the Chelmsford Male Voice Choir**  
**with guest soloist, Emily Onsloe (soprano).**

The society is greatly indebted to the **Chelmsford Male Voice Choir** for supporting charity functions over so many years. The choir first performed a society charity concert in **1969** under the baton of the late **Jack Gane**. This is an excellent opportunity for all our members to give a big thank you to the choir for this ongoing support . simply by ensuring a full house at the 2012 concert. The guest soloist, **Emily Onsloe**, is a local girl who is currently studying music at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. **Emily** has already won many prestigious awards and she has set her sights on becoming a professional opera singer. If you attend this concert I feel sure that when **Emily** appears in the world's top Opera Houses you will be able to say that you heard her sing in Chelmsford at the start of her career. Tickets costing **£8** are available from **Arthur Williams** on **01621 778711** or from **David Brown** on **01245 465052**. There will also be an opportunity to pay at the door.

**I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL ALL MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS CONCERT AND PLEASE  
BRING ALONG YOU FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

**ANNUAL SUSCRPTIONS.** **Carys Williams**, the society treasurer, wishes to thank all those members who have already paid their 2012-13 subscription. If you have not already paid the annual subscription of **£15**, **Carys** will be collecting the money during November 2012. Please send your cheque, made payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, together with a completed pro-forma to **Carys at 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT**. Please include a stamped addressed envelope to receive the programme for 2012-13. The **pro- forma** was sent out in the last September Newsletter and it can also be downloaded from the society web-site. Please pay by the **1<sup>st</sup> December 2012** at the latest, otherwise we will regrettably assume that you no longer wish to continue with your membership.

**WELSH CLASSES.** The next session will be held on **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Radley Green Farm at 2.30pm**. New members will be most welcome and the support of Welsh speakers would be greatly appreciated.

**VISIT TO LLANGOLLEN, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2013.** A reminder for those who have booked a place for this visit . deposits of **£50** per person should have been paid by now. If you have not already done this please send a cheque payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society to **Carys Williams at 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT**. The approximate cost of the visit is **£295** plus any hotel single room supplement.

**GIG in MALDON, Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 8pm in the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon** featuring Welsh artist **Huw Williams** (singer, songwriter and clog dancer) and **Maartin Allcock** (instrumentalist). Tickets are priced at **£10** in advance or **£12** at the door. **Ticket office: 01621 856503**

**FUTURE EVENTS: dates for your diary:**

- **CHARITY CHRISTMAS TEA on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 3pm.** **Mair** and **Brian Thomas** invite members to this annual event- more details in the December Newsletter.
- **THE CHRISTMAS MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012.** Our President, **Liz Armishaw**, looks forward to seeing you all at this festive evening.

**SOCIETY NEWS**

- **Jim Allen** and **Elizabeth Peters** have both been in hospitable and are now at their respective homes. We wish them both a speedy recovery. **Agnes Evans** is making slow but steady progress and is determined to attend a monthly meeting in the near future.
- It was most pleasing to see **Rowland Webb** and **Maggie Cranmer** at our October meeting. They have both been unwell for some time.
- Congratulations to **Maureen** and **Keith Byatt** who have recently celebrated their **20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**.

*Cofion Cynnes.*  
*Mair Thomas*



## Meeting and Activities Report November 2012

### Charity Concert with Chelmsford Male Voice Choir & Emily Onsloe



Photo Courtesy Chelmsford Male Voice Choir website

Liz Armishaw, the President of the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, welcomed Trebor Edwards, the popular Welsh tenor from Betws Gwerfil Goch in north Wales, the guest artist at the October meeting. Trebor, the most successful singer of the Welsh recording industry, with album sales of more than 250,000 including two gold discs, was well known to many in the audience, having entertained the Society in 2010. A successful farmer, he was President of the Royal Welsh Show in 2011. He is also a regular cabaret entertainer with the P&O line! Trebor sang several well-known songs in Welsh and English, including: *Cymru Lan* (Dear Wales); *Dafydd Iwan* & nostalgic *Mi Glywaf Y Llais* (I Hear The Voice); *Un Dydd Ar Y Tro* (One Day At A Time); Elvis Presley's *Yr Hen Shep* (Old Shep); *Idi Walk Beside You*; *I Only Had Time*; and *Love Changes Everything*. Surely the favourite for those who understand Welsh was *Diolch*, a personal song of gratitude for all the wonderful benefits he enjoys, composed specially for Trebor by a fellow singer; the words are hauntingly beautiful and the music glorious. His piano accompanist was Society member Meinir Wyn Davies. Meinir, a Blue Riband winner at the National Eisteddfod of Wales, made the piano sing! In order to give Trebor a rest she played two medleys, each of six Welsh airs. The chocolate prize for identifying eight of them was won by Carys Williams. The presentations at the conclusion were made by Mair Thomas. There have been two recent fund raising events for the *Jos Hospice*, the Society's Charity for the year; a coffee morning hosted by Edith and David Brown raised £200 and a *Sing For Your Supper* hosted by Shirley and Don Moody raised £601. The main fund raising event of the year for the *Jos Hospice* will be a Charity Concert, on Saturday 24th November at the Chelmsford Central Baptist Church at 7.30 pm, given by the Chelmsford Male Voice Choir with soprano soloist Emily Onsloe. Tickets, at £8 each, can be purchased from Arthur Williams on 01621 778711 and David Brown on 01245 465052 or via the Society's web site. There will not be a regular Thursday Monthly Meeting in November. In December, there will be a Charity Christmas Tea hosted by Mair and Brian Thomas at 3 pm on Sunday the 9th, and the theme of the Monthly Meeting on Thursday the 13th will be *Dathlu Nadolig* (Christmas Celebration).

*Jim Armishaw*



Photo courtesy Emily Onsloe website

DATHLU NADOLIG - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



*Nadolig Llawen*



*Merry Christmas*



**Mae Llywydd ac aelodau y pwyllgor yn gwahodd pawb i'n cyfarfod Nadolig.**

The President, **Liz Armishaw**, and the committee invite members to our

**-Christmas Celebration – Dathlu Nadolig'**

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

Please come and join us for our festive celebrations. **Liz Armishaw** is arranging a varied and seasonal programme which will include some community involvement. Our catering committee will provide light seasonal refreshments. There will be the usual **Bumper Xmas Raffle**.

If you would like to make a donation to our charity, in lieu of sending Christmas cards, this will be possible. The President will provide a large Xmas card that you can sign. This will be displayed in the Chapter House.

- **The Charity Concert** held on **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012** in the Central Baptist Church proved to be an outstanding success. **Chelmsford Male Voice Choir** provided a varied repertoire which was well received by a most appreciative audience. The young soloist, **Emily Onsloe**, captivated all present, with her most mature and professional performance. She is a name to look out for in the future! The profit from the evening was approximately **£1800** . a magnificent outcome for the **J&S Charity**. Sincere thanks are extended to all those who attended and to those who assisted behind the scene.
- **Annual Subscriptions**. Our treasurer, **Carys Williams**, thanks you all for paying your subscription so promptly. We now have **101** paid up members. Diolch yn fawr.
- **Fund raising Christmas Tea**. **Mair and Brian Thomas** invite you to their annual **Christmas Tea on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 3pm., 5 Milligans Chase, Galleywood CM2 8QD**. A small wrapped Christmas gift for the raffle would be much appreciated. **Ivy Price** will lead the carol singing and kick start the society's Christmas Celebrations.
- **Welsh classes**. The next meeting is on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm**. We are indebted to **Shirley Moody** for her generosity and for organising these classes.
- **'Adloniant Cymraeg- An Evening of Welsh Entertainment' on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013**. We start the New Year by providing members with an opportunity to sing, dance, read poetry and stories, tell jokes or play musical instruments, as they entertain fellow society members. We ask that contributions be in Welsh or have a strong Welsh flavour. **Liz Armishaw** will be compiling a programme so please let her know as soon as possible if you are volunteering to do a turn. Give her a telephone call on **01245-281162** or see her at the Christmas meeting.
- **St. David's Day Dinner**. This annual event will be held on **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 at the County Hotel, Chelmsford**. Tickets costing **£30** can be ordered from **Cynthia Styles** on **01245-469713** and they will be available at the January meeting. We had a full house last year . so don't leave it too late to book your ticket.
- **Chelmsford Male Voice Choir**. The choir has been invited to sing in the **'1000 Voices Concert'**, in the **Royal Albert Hall on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014**. The cost of purchasing the required music is well in excess of **£1000** and the choir has submitted a bid for **£1000** to the Chelmsford City Council as part of the Grand Award Scheme. The choir has been shortlisted for the December vote and is seeking as much support as possible from the general public. It has assisted the Welsh Society at numerous charity events since 1969. This is our opportunity to support the choir and all you have to do is go to the Council website, [www.chelmsfordgrandawards.co.uk](http://www.chelmsfordgrandawards.co.uk) and look for the page that says vote and please choose the **Chelmsford Male Voice Choir** - available as from December 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>. One vote is allowed from each e-mail address. Please encourage your friends and family to support the choir. **Your vote counts!**

**Society news**. We send our best wishes to all members who have recently been unwell. They include **Ken Lee, Agnes Evans, Elizabeth Peters, June Jones, Pat** and **Jim Allen** and **Barbara** and **Wynford James**. We hope that 2013 will be a much healthier year for all of them.

**Nadolig Llawen i chi gyd.**

**Cofion Cynnes iawn,**

*Mair*

## Meeting and Activities Report December 2012 DATHLU NADOLIG (CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION)



The Christmas celebrations of Chelmsford and District Welsh society began with a very successful charity event in aid of the Jop Hospice, a Christmas tea hosted by Mair and Brian Thomas on Sunday 9. Those attending enjoyed a wonderful spread and some spirited carol singing, accompanied by the multi-talented Ivy Price. The President, Liz Armishaw, thanked Mair and Brian for being such welcoming hosts. Because of illnesses, many members were unable to attend the Christmas Celebrations at Chelmsford Cathedral chapter house on 13 December. Those who were there enjoyed an evening of festive songs, carols and readings. Arthur Williams read a haunting and thought provoking story by Helen Steiner Rice, The Christmas Guest; Mair Thomas read an extract by Gervais Phin, amusing A Wain in a Manger; Brian Thomas read from A Christmas in Wales; and Cynthia Styles, Mike Price and Jim Armishaw enacted Preseb (A Manger in) Bethlehem. Ivy led and accompanied the spirited singing with her characteristic gusto. A great favourite was the Welsh song Suoŷ Gwynt. After the serving of the refreshments, Mike presented a CD of music in churches, concert halls and cathedrals from all over Europe, to great acclaim. This included the Kings College Cambridge Choir singing Suo Gan in impeccable Welsh. The Vice president, Ivy Price thanked all who had taken part.

*Jim Armishaw*





# JANUARY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS IONAWR 2013

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

## BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA I CHI GYD HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

The president and members of the committee wish you all a very healthy, happy and peaceful New Year. We pray that 2013 will bring worldwide peace and financial stability to our country. I should like to thank all of you who supported the Charity Christmas Tea held at our home on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2012. We had an enjoyable afternoon and managed to raise £270 for the Jc Charity fund. **Diolch yn fawr!** We are at the start of a new calendar year and almost halfway through our society year. There is plenty planned and I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings and events. Details of our forthcoming events and meetings are listed below:

### 'NOSWAITH O ADLONIAANT GYMRAEG'

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013 in the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House,  
7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

**Liz Armishaw** is organising this strongly flavoured Welsh evening. This is an opportunity for our members to show off their talents at an evening which in the past has always been much enjoyed. Please ring **Liz** as soon as possible on **01245-281162** if you are prepared to participate. We look forward to having some new volunteers this year! I hope that we will fill the Chapter House to capacity, at this, our first meeting of 2013. So come along for an evening of music making, fun and laughter.

Refreshments and raffle . **Margaret Cox, Janet Wash and Margo Williams.**

**WELSH CLASSES.** The next session will be held on **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm.** New members will be most welcome and the support of Welsh speakers would be greatly appreciated. Further details can be obtained from **Shirley Moody** on **01245-248178.**

**St DAVID'S DAY DINNER, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013** at the County Hotel, Chelmsford at **7pm.** Tickets priced at **£30** each are available from **Cynthia Styles** on **01245-469713** or from **David Brown 01245-465052.** **Cynthia** will have a supply of tickets at the January monthly meeting. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Cheques are payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. There is a vegetarian option available . please inform **Cynthia** if you are a vegetarian.

**St. DAVID'S DAY SERVICE, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 at 3.30pm at Little Baddow URC.** The **Rev. Dr. Cally Hammond** will be officiating at this service. Please make a very special effort to attend this annual service when we celebrate our Patron Saint.

**FUND RAISING COFFEE MORNING, Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 10.30am, hosted by Buddug and Ray Rowland Frank** at their home . **40 Ingrebourne Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1BN.** Further information in the February Newsletter but please put this date in your diary. Lifts can be arranged.

**VISIT TO LLANGOLLEN, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2013.** Everyone has paid their deposit of £50 per person for this visit . many thanks. The balance of **£240** per person for those sharing a room and **£270** for those in a single room is payable by the end of **February 2013.** Cheques made payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, should be sent to **Carys Williams at 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT.**

**WELSH THEATRE PRODUCTION. 'Ffair Doliau'** – a play by Gwenlan Parry is being performed by a group of newly graduated Welsh actors from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London at Finborough Theatre, Earls Court from February 3, 4, 5 , 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. This is a play in Welsh with English sub-titles. You can book on line [www.finboroughtheatre.co.uk](http://www.finboroughtheatre.co.uk) if you are interested. Tickets are £14 . concessions £10.

### SOCIETY NEWS

- **Agnes Evans** has recently been a patient at Broomfield Hospital but is now recovering at home. I was so pleased that **Agnes** managed to attend our Christmas tea.

Prior to the Christmas break, two of our former members . **Des Richards** who hailed for Merthyr Tydfil and **Rose Evans** from Llanelli, sadly died. We extend our deepest sympathy to both families.

*Cofion Cynnes.  
Mair Thomas*

## Meeting and Activities Report January 2013

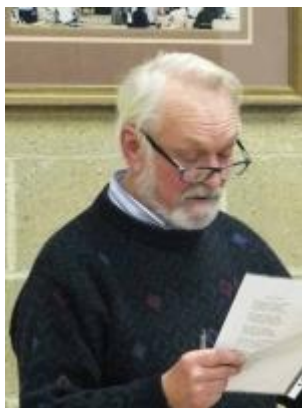
### NOSWAITH O ADLONANT GYMRAEG



Liz Armishaw, the President of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, welcomed the forty seven members, which included newly born baby Kate, who had braved the wintry weather to attend the January meeting. The traditional home-grown form of entertainment, the *Noson Lawen*, is eagerly awaited at every January Meetings. The strong Welsh cultural tradition of *Fisteddfodau* and of *Ŵr Urdd* (the youth movement), ensures that children are used to taking part in competitive cultural competitions and entertainment. Consequently, within the Society there is never a shortage of members eager to parade their considerable talents as actors, story tellers, singers, reciters and poets. The result was an evening of fun, poignancy, mirth, wonder and just a touch of *hiraeth*. Derrick Thomas, with David Brown as his stooge, was a convincing Tommy Cooper, the Welsh comedian; Mair Thomas presented Eiry Palfrey's version of a tale from the *Mabinogion*, (Europe's oldest folk tales ); Brian Thomas sang a beautiful song, *Anfonaf Angel*, written by Robert Arwyn for Bryn Terfel; Cynthia Styles read a poem about a family's trip to the seaside, which had to wait for granddad to die first, - it was even funnier in her English description than in the original Welsh form!); audience participation followed, led by Ivy Price, with the singing of *Ŵr Lan Y Mor* and *Sosban Fach*; Eddie Alcock, who is relearning the Welsh of his long-ago youth, displayed a very amusing poetic talent; John Lloyd-Williams sang *Bugeilio Gwenith Gwyn*; Buddig Frank recited a hilarious poem about Blodwen Jones, a girl who collected rugby shirts and ended up in the scrum when a player failed to turn up!; Jean Davies read some poems, which included *Ŵ Men Were Perfect*; Ron Jones, a comedian who knows just how close to the mark to venture after the 9 o'clock deadline, prompted hysterical laughter, as always!; Liz Armishaw solved the problem of who she could ask to follow Ron by deciding to do so herself with a poem *Slimming After Christmas*; the audience then listened to a disc from 1950 and were asked to guess the identity of the wonderful child singer - several famous performers were suggested - and were amazed that it was our own Cynthia!; Jim Armishaw read two poems he had composed in the 1950s, *Aelwyd Nain* in Welsh and *On leaving Home*; finally, Ivy and Mike Price sang the ditty *Ŵ Shani, Tyrd i Ganu*, which is all about a wife's shortcomings . a perfect antidote to Jean's earlier poem about men's imperfections! At the conclusion, Liz thanked all the entertainers who had taken part, and the ladies who prepared the refreshments. Finally, after a splendid evening's entertainment, the hall resounded to a joyful singing of the National Anthem, *Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau*.

*Jim Armishaw*







## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS CHWEFROR 2013

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

Thank goodness the snow has now melted away as the weather conditions made life difficult for many of us who needed to be out and about. However, it not deter 49 members from attending our January monthly meeting and what a jolly evening we had! We owe a big thank you to those 13 talented members who were willing to entertain us so brilliantly. Diolch yn fawr i chi bob un.

Details of our next monthly meeting (please note that this is being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February and not the 4<sup>th</sup>) and other events are listed below:

### 'YNYS BŶR and the HOLY COAST'

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013 in the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

**David Brown**, who is a stalwart of our society, will be giving this illustrated talk. As you are aware, **David** does a great deal for our society and is very talented in many ways. We can look forward to a most informative presentation and interesting evening. Let us turn out in force to listen to **David** for what I am sure will be an evening to remember.

Refreshments and raffle . **Glenys Freeman, Pat Murray and June Jones**

**FUND RAISING COFFEE MORNING, Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 10.30am, hosted by Buddug and Ray Rowland Frank** at their home . **40 Ingrebourne Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1BN**. We hope that as many of you as possible will support this event. As the venue is outside of Chelmsford, lifts can be organised - please ring me on **01245-269845** if you require assistance. Donations of £3.50 and raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted. Please ring **Buddug** on **01708-222691** if you require directions.

**St DAVID'S DAY DINNER, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 at the County Hotel, Chelmsford at 7pm.** 94 members and friends have already booked their tickets for our annual dinner. If you haven't already done so, please ring **Cynthia Styles** on **01245-469713** or **David Brown 01245-465052**, as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Tickets are priced at £30 and cheques should be made payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. Should you have any dietary requirements please inform **Cynthia** as soon as possible.

**St. DAVID'S DAY SERVICE, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 at 3.30pm at Little Baddow URC.** Our President, **Liz Armishaw** and the committee look forward to the company of members and friends at this annual event to commemorate our **Patron Saint, Dewi**. The **Rev. Dr. Cally Hammond** will be officiating at this service once more and we are greatly indebted to **Cally** for her support over many, many years. Let us show our appreciation by making an extra effort to join her and fellow members at this very special service. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

**WELSH CLASSES.** The next session will be held on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm.** Ring **Shirley Moody** on **01245-248178** if you have any queries.

**VISIT TO LLANGOLLEN, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2013.** The coach, hotel, visits to places of interest and evening entertainment have all been booked. The balance of **£240** per person for those sharing a room and **£270** for those in a single room is payable by the end of **February 2013**. Cheques made payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, should be sent to **Carys Williams at 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT**, or you can pay **Carys** at the February monthly meeting. Cars can be parked at Radley Green Farm and it is intended to leave this location at 8.30am.

### SOCIETY NEWS

- **Jacinth Cowmeadow** has not been able to attend our meetings because of ill health. However, friends of **Jacinth** will be sad to hear that she has recently suffered a stroke and is now recovering at her home in Stock.
- **Agnes Evans, Maggie Cranmer, Ken Lee** and **Elizabeth Peters** have all been unwell and have been unable to attend recent meetings and events. We hope that they will soon be able to join us once again.
- **Coleg Harlech Summer School, 13<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> July 2013.** This is a course for Welsh learners and more details can be obtained from [www.harlech.ac/en/residentail/short-courses.php](http://www.harlech.ac/en/residentail/short-courses.php).

*Cofion Cynnes.  
Mair Thomas*

## Meeting and Activities Report February 2013

### Ynys Bŷr and the Holy Coast with David Brown



St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major



St Govans Chapel



St David's on Caldey

At the February Meeting of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, the President, Liz Armishaw, welcomed the 50 hardy souls who had braved the icy winds to hear David Brown, the Society's webmaster, deliver a well-researched talk titled Ynys Bŷr and the Holy Coast. Ynys Bŷr is better known as Caldey Island, and the talk concentrated on the Saints and the main places of west Wales. David dedicated his talk to the late former President, Betty Hammond, who loved her native Pembrokeshire, where the Celtic Church was first established in about 400 AD and germinated into the Age of Saints. Soon afterwards, Illtud founded a monastery school at Llanilltud Fawr, with more than a thousand scholars including the Saints Sampson, Gildas, possibly Dafydd (David, the Patron Saint of Wales) and almost all the early leaders of Irish monasticism. Asceticism took over from the more worldly scholarly values and many retreated to remote, desolate places, associated with the Coptic traditions of North Africa. Their narrow, dank dwellings were often perched precariously in the cliffs of west Wales. David illustrated his talk with slides of many of these holy places. Just off the coast at Tenby lies Ynys Bŷr, the home today of a monastery risen from the ashes of Henry VIII's dissolution. Here the Cistercian Order practices its faith. A fascinating DVD showed how the life of the monastery has adapted to the 21st century. The monks were all elderly, and sadly, over the last 7 years their number has decreased from 18 to 13. The Vice-president, Ivy Price, congratulated David on the thoroughness of his research and presented him with a liquid gift. Earlier in the month, a Charity Coffee Morning hosted by Buddug and Ray Rowland raised £250 for the J.

*Jim Armishaw*



The monastery on Caldey Is.



St Illtud's Church, Caldey Is.



Ogham Stone,  
Caldey Is.

## ST DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2013

March the 1st, Dydd Gwyl Dewi, is a joyous occasion when Welsh people everywhere, and especially those in the diaspora, honour their Patron Saint, David. Chelmsford and District Welsh Society celebrate with a dinner and a church service. For the 50th consecutive year the annual Dinner was held at the County Hotel. The Room was resplendent, decked in the National colours of red, white and green, with a regal Ddraig Goch, the Red Dragon of Wales as a backdrop to the top table. On arrival, guests were given a daffodil, a Welsh emblem, by young Katie and Isabella Bartels and greeted with haunting Welsh airs played by their parents Rachel, a harpist and Ken on a flute. The rousing processional march, the ~~%Men of Harlech+~~ announced the entry of the Mayor of Chelmsford, Cllr. Christopher Kingsley and the Mayoress Mrs Marian Kingsley, escorted by the President, Liz Armishaw, and her husband, and the guest speaker, Professor Emeritus John L Davies and his wife, Mrs Sue Davies, escorted by the Vice-president, Ivy Price, and her husband. Following the Grace, said by Fr. Louis Durrant, a fine traditional dinner of Cawl cennin a thatws (leek and potato soup), Cig Owen rhost mewn gwin coch, garleg a rosmari (roast lamb in red wine, garlic and rosemary) and Tarten lemwn (lemon tart) was enjoyed by all. The Loyal Toast to ~~%The Queen+~~ was proposed by the President. In proposing the Toast to ~~%Dewi Sant~~", the Vice-president recalled that Dewi was a tee total vegetarian, but would hopefully pardon the wine. The President then introduced Professor Davies. Born in Tonypany, he received his secondary education at Dinefor Grammar School, the Alma Mater of Archbishop Rowan Williams and Harry Secombe, and was an under and post graduate at Aberystwyth and Birmingham Universities. He was Pro Vice Chancellor at Anglia Ruskin and La Trobe University, Australia, and held Visiting Professorships in New York, Copenhagen, Danube and Utah. He has held consulting appointments in 59 countries. Meanwhile, he has been Musical Director of several choirs and was the founder of the Phoenix Players, who are passionate followers of Dylan Thomas and have performed for the Society. John drew of this vast and varied experience to deliver a highly entertaining, thought provoking, humorous and masterful speech, reminding us how the Welsh: wallow in nostalgia; nourish traditions; encourage social cohesion; remember ancient triumphs (Men of Harlech), and tragedies (the drowning of the Tryweryn valley); pass on folklore; confirm their distinctive properties; and practise academic colonialism in the education system of England! At the conclusion, he proposed a Toast to ~~%The Society+~~ Before proposing a Toast to ~~%Our Guests+~~, the President thanked all those who had contributed to a wonderful evening; firstly John for his wonderful speech; the Mayor and Mayoress for gracing the Society with their presence; Brian Thomas the MC, a class act as always; special thanks to Cynthia Styles who was responsible for organising the evening so wonderfully, and David Brown who assisted by providing the place cards and seating plan; Shirley Moody for providing the flowers; and finally the talented musicians Rachel and Ken and their daughters for handing out the daffodils so charmingly. Liz then invited Shirley and Don Moody to go forward to receive the special award of the Order of the Leek in recognition of their continuing hard work, dedication and generosity to the Society. Responding on behalf of the guests, the Mayor recalled the successful year for Chelmsford with the granting of City status, and the part played in the bid by the 500 charity/voluntary associations such as the Welsh Society. Rachel and Ken and young Katie Bartels then delighted with some nostalgic and some exciting music, which included audience participation, always a feature of Welsh celebrations. On Sunday 3 March the Society continued their celebrations of the life of Dewi Sant with a service at Little Baddow URC with the Rev Dr Cally Hammond, Dean of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge officiating as always. In her thought provoking sermon she spoke about the concepts of heaven and hell, a challenging theme she had promised one of the members of the Society, some years ago, that she would address. Following tradition, the last hymn, Seintiau Cymru, was dedicated to Society members who had died during the year, this year Des Richards and Rose Evans. The President thanked the Minister and Elders of the Church for their continuing generosity in allowing the Society to use the Church.





Katie & Isabella Bartels



Rachel & Ken Bartels



Brian Thomas, M.C.



President Liz Armishaw



Dinner organiser, Cynthia Styles



Vice President, Ivy Price



Order of the Leek recipients  
Shirley & Don Moody



Professor Emeritus  
John L Davies



Mayor of Chelmsford,  
Cllr. Christopher Kingsley



Rachel Bartels



Rev Dr Cally Hammond,  
Dean of Gonville and Caius College,  
Cambridge



Little Baddow URC

## MARCH NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MAWRTH 2013

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

Before I review our recent events I draw your attention to our next monthly meeting:

**'WELSH MYTHS, LEGENDS and NICKNAMES' – a presentation by Pat Beddoe.**

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 in the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

This presentation by **Pat Beddoe**, who hails from Rhymney, promises to be another informative and interesting evening. **Pat** visited us 2 years ago when she gave a very moving account of **The Wives and Mothers of Aberfan** which focused on their visit to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. The topic of this meeting should be of great interest to us expatriates. I recall such nicknames as **Johnny D** (he worked for the Water Board); **Jones the Stitch** (a tailor); **Billy the Nail** (a cobbler); **Jane News of the World** (the local gossip). I expect you can think of a number yourselves. Please come along and bring your friends so that **Pat's** journey up from Wales will prove to be most worthwhile.

Refreshments and raffle . **Hazel Hammond, Maureen Byatt and Cynthia Styles.**

**FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING . YNYS BYR and the HOLY COAST.** The **50** members who braved the cold to attend this meeting were well rewarded by the informative, well researched and enjoyable presentation given by **David Brown**. We all left the Chapter House with improved knowledge of Welsh saints and the work of the monks of Caldey Island. Thank you ever so much, **David**.

**FUND RAISING COFFEE MORNING, hosted by Buddug and Ray Rowland Frank.** We give a big thank you to **Buddug** and **Ray** for the warmth of their hospitality at their delightful home in Upminster. **31** members and friends attended and **£275** was raised . a wonderful outcome. I extend many thanks on behalf of the committee to all those who attended, brought raffle prizes and bought raffle tickets and to those who made donations.

The events organised to celebrate our **Patron Saint, David**, have been most successful this year. Listed below is a summary of these events:

**St DAVID'S DAY DINNER, held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013** 104 members attended our annual dinner. The guest speaker, **Emeritus Professor John Davies**, accompanied by his wife **Sue**, gave a most impressive speech. The **Mayor** and **Mayoress of Chelmsford** were also present and very much enjoyed the warmth of the hospitality given to them. Musical entertainment provided by **Rachel** and **Ken Bartels** and their eldest daughter, **Katie**, was of the usual high standard. **Shirley** and **Don Moody** were installed into the '**Order of the Leek**' in appreciation of their commitment to the society. Congratulations to founder member, **Jean Davies**, who attended her 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive St. David's Day Dinner at the County Hotel. The society owes a very big thank you to **Cynthia Styles** who organised the dinner in her usual immaculate manner, ably assisted by **David Brown**.

**St. DAVID'S DAY SERVICE, held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 at 3.30pm at Little Baddow URC.** 42 members and friends attended this service and they were delighted that the **Rev. Dr. Cally Hammonnd** officiated at the service once again. She is an outstanding preacher and her sermon was much appreciated by everyone. Thanks are extended to **Keith Byatt** for playing the organ.

**WELSH CLASSES.** The next session will be held on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm.** Ring **Shirley Moody** on **01245-248178** if you have any queries.

**VISIT TO LLANGOLLEN, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2013.** Thank you all for paying your outstanding balances so promptly. Cars can be parked at **Radley Green Farm** and it is intended to leave this location at **8.30am**. More details to follow later.

### FUTURE EVENTS.

- **Musical evening with supper on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm.** This event is to be hosted by **Liz** and **Jim Armishaw** at their home 38A Chignal Rd Chelmsford. Donations of at least **£5** per head for an evening that promises to be entertaining, with some tasty food for added pleasure.
- **Songs of Praise/Cymanfa Ganu at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 2.30pm.**
- **Annual Summer Concert – Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 at 7.30pm.** This year we welcome **Côr Godre'r Aran**, reputed to be one of the best Welsh Male Voice choir with guest soloist **Aled Wyn Davies** (tenor). Tickets priced at **£13.50** can be obtained from **Arthur Williams 01621-778711** and at our next monthly meeting. You are advised to book your tickets early as when **Côr Godre'r Aran** and **Aled** previously visited Chelmsford . the concert was a sell out. Members will be given the first opportunity to purchase tickets before they are released to the general public. This is a concert not to be missed! **So - don't delay – book today!**

### SOCIETY NEWS

- The society sends best wishes to all members who are unwell and unable to attend our meetings and events. We look forward to seeing them once again in the near future.

*Cofion Cynnes.  
Mair Thomas*



## Meeting and Activities Report March 2013

### Myths Legends and Nicknames with Pat Beddoe



Pat Beddoe was the speaker at the March meeting of the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society; her subject was Welsh Myths and Legends. She traced the prehistory of the Celts and their journey across Europe. Clear evidence of the opulence and clear structure of their early civilisation is evident in the Halstatt burial tomb in Bavaria and the gold jewellery of Tene. Before the Roman conquests the Druids, the high priests of the faith, at their stronghold in Ynys Mon (Anglesey) were all powerful in Gaul and Britain. An independent Celtic church was established in the 3rd century. After the Romans departed pagan Angles, Saxons and Dane invaders gradually pushed the Celts westwards. This was the time of the legendary Arthur and Merlin. After the interval Pat continued in a lighter vein with examples of Welsh nicknames, which included: Dai Double Yolk, whose wife gave birth to twins; Dai Gress an academic; the brothers Tom, a travel agent and Bill, an undertaker, who were known as Tom There And Back and Bill One Way; Thomas Thomas, Sat Nav. Pat was congratulated on a masterful talk by Buddug Frank.

*Jim Armishaw*





## APRIL NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS EBRILL 2013

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

Listed below are a number of society events. It is hoped that the weather will have improved before our next monthly meeting- we await the return of higher temperatures. Our guest speaker at our May Monthly Meeting will tell us a bit more about the cold!

### **'CONQUERING EVEREST' – a presentation by Tori James (Speaker and Adventurer)**

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013 in the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

**Tori James** hails from Pembrokeshire and at the age of 25 she became the first Welsh woman to climb Mount Everest. She has starred in a BBC documentary . On Top of the World and she is a multi-talented individual with a passion for extreme adventure in sub-zero temperatures. In 2005, she was part of the first ever all female team to complete theqPolar Challengeq. a 360 mile race to the Magnetic North Pole. In 2010, she cycled the length of New Zealand from North to South. - a distance of 2400 km. Then **Conquering Everest** -come and listen to how **Tori** defied death to stand where no Welsh woman had stood before as she battled temperatures of -40C. Donq miss what promises to be a fascinating account of this amazing adventure . bring along your friends. **Tori** is coming from Cardiff so the least we can do is to ensure a full Cathedral Chapter House. Donq make the excuse that it is too cold!

Refreshments and raffle . **Enid Morris, Mary Jones and Carys Williams**

**FUND RAISING MUSICAL EVENING with SUPPER on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm.** **Liz and Jim Armishaw** are hosting this event at their home . 38A Chignal Rd. Chelmsford. Donations of £5 are invited and raffles prizes would be much appreciated. This event is now fully booked . thank you for your support.

**ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT– Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 at 7.30pm.** The concert will be given by **Côr Godre'r Aran**, whose music director, **Eirian Owen**, is also the accompanist. The choir members always enjoy coming to Chelmsford and have commented in the past on the warmth of the welcome given to them by a most receptive, capacity, audience. The guest soloist is **Aled Wyn Davies** (tenor) and he has delighted us in the past with the quality of his singing. Tickets priced at **£13.50** can be obtained from **Arthur Williams 01621-778711 – 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT** or from **Eddie Alcock 01245-603448 5 Elms Drive Chelmsford CM1 1RH. Please send a s.a.e when ordering by post.** Cheques are payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. Tickets are already selling well, so please book early to avoid disappointment. The last time the choir visited Chelmsford the concert was a sell out and a number of our members were disappointed in not being able to obtain tickets. Donq let this happen again - **so, don't delay book today!**

**WELSH CLASS** The next Welsh class will be held at Radley Green Farm on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. Ring **Shirley Moody** on 01245-248178 if you have any queries.

**SONGS of PRAISE/CYMANFA GANU – Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 2.30pm in St. Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell.** We extend a warm welcome to members and friends to what has become our annual visit to Roxwell Church. The **Rev. Eddie Carden** will conduct the singing and **Keith Byatt** will play the organ. Roxwell Church Choir will perform during the service. Light refreshments will be available after the service. If you can bring a plate of small cakes this would be much appreciated. Please join us for an uplifting afternoon of singing some of our favourite hymns. To ensure that this event continues we require the support **of all our members.**

### **REMINDERS:**

- **Visit to Llangollen, May 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 2013.** Members going on this visit are asked to arrive at **Radley Green Farm** on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May **before 8.15am**. This will enable you to safely park your car and ensure that we depart promptly at **8.30am** for the long journey to North Wales. If you intend inviting guests for an evening meal could you let **Liz** know the day and number of ~~extras~~ please.
- **Last Monthly Meeting of current 'society year' - Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 'Call My Bluff'** with a distinguished panel of experts!
- **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 – Annual General Meeting.**
- **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013 – Summer Garden Party at Radley Green Farm**

### **SOCIETY NEWS**

- We send our best wishes to all our members who have recently been unwell and have been unable to attend our meetings and events.

*Cofion Cynnes.  
Mair Thomas*

## Meeting and Activities Report April 2013

### CONQUERING EVEREST with Tori James



Conquering Everest was the subject of a talk given by Tori James to the 70 members attending the April meeting of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. She was welcomed by the President, Liz Armishaw. Tori was the first Welsh woman and, at the time, the youngest British woman, at the age of 25, to stand on the summit, on 24 May 2007. She is an inspirational speaker and for one and a half hours the audience were spellbound, and amazed. Before beginning the challenge she had to raise £54000 to pay for the rigorous training and the climb itself. The most serious part of the climb was traversing the terrifying Icefall, a jagged mass of ice moving downhill at 1 metre a day, made up of blocks as big as houses and with giant crevasses that were crossed on ladders. This had to be tackled ten times, since they had to return to Camp 1 each time after climbing to Camps 2, 3 and 4 successively, in order to adjust to the rarefied atmosphere, before undertaking the final dash to the summit. Previously, she was a member of the Pink Lady Polecats, a team of young women who came 6th out of 16 teams in the Polar Challenge, a 360 mile race to the north pole, and had cycled the length of New Zealand. She is now planning to walk to the south pole! At the end of the evening Tori received a standing ovation. Earlier in the month, a charity Musical Evening with Supper, hosted by Liz and Jim Armishaw, raised £340 for the Jc.

*Jim Armishaw*





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## MAY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MAI 2013

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

This year has flown by and it is hard to believe that we have only two monthly meetings left before the end of the society year. The presentation - '**On Conquering Everest**' at our April meeting by **Tori James** was simply outstanding and those members present gave **Tori** a richly deserved standing ovation. Our annual visit to Wales, which this year was to the delightful town of Llangollen, was a huge success thanks to the organisational skills of **Liz** and **Jim Armishaw**. The entertainment provided on all three evenings was of the highest order and made us all proud to be Welsh. We have a busy programme of events before the end of term and details are listed below:

### 'CALL MY BLUFF'

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 in the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

This is an evening of in-house entertainment and should provide everyone with a good laugh. **Brian Thomas** will be the Question Master and he will be assisted by **David Brown** who will be the scorer. The 'Call My Bluff' team will consist of **Enid Morris, Shirley Moody, John Lloyd Williams** and **Brian Farmer** - all selected for their high intellect and their ability to tell lies! The event will involve audience participation and you are asked to sit at tables of not more than eight people. This is your opportunity to pit your wits against the experts and to demonstrate your knowledge of some simple words. Come along and bring your friends and family to what promises to be an entertaining and amusing evening.

Refreshments and raffle. **Pauline Lewins, Edith Brown** and **Carys Williams**.

**FUND RAISING MUSICAL EVENING with SUPPER on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013.** **Liz and Jim Armishaw** hosted this successful event and **£340** was raised for the Jø Charity fund. Many thanks to all those who attended, to those who performed and to those who kindly donated raffle prizes.

**ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT - Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 at 7.30pm.** The concert will be given by **Côr Godre'r Aran**. The guest soloist is **Aled Wyn Davies** (tenor) is looking forward to another visit to Chelmsford. Tickets priced at **£13.50** are selling well and at the last count only a few remained unsold. We need to sell all **500** tickets in order to meet our increasing overheads, so please make an effort to invite friends and family to listen to this outstanding Male Voice Choir. Tickets can be obtained from **Arthur Williams 01621-778711 - 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT** or from **Eddie Alcock 01245-603448 5 Elms Drive Chelmsford CM1 1RH**. Please send a s.a.e when ordering by post. Cheques are payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. If you have any unsold tickets please return them to **Arthur** by **8<sup>th</sup> June 2013**.

**SONGS of PRAISE/CYMANFA GANU - Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 2.30pm in St. Michael and All Angels Church, Roxwell.** The **Rev. Eddie Carden** will conduct the singing once again and **Keith Byatt** will play the organ. Roxwell Church Choir will perform during the service. Light refreshments will be available after the service. If you can bring a plate of small cakes this would be much appreciated. Please make a special effort join us and bring your friends to share in an uplifting afternoon of singing some of our favourite hymns. To ensure that this event continues we require the support of **all our members**. We thank **Shirley Moody** for once again organising this event.

**WELSH CLASS** The next Welsh class will be held at Radley Green Farm on **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013** at 2.30pm. Ring **Shirley Moody** on 01245-248178 if you have any queries.

### REMINDERS:

- **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013- Summer Service at Little Baddow URC at 10.30am.** Society members join with church members for this annual occasion.
- **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 - Annual General Meeting.**
- **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 2.30pm - Summer Garden Party at Radley Green Farm,** courtesy of **Shirley and Don Moody**. This will be the first event of our President elect, **Ivy Price** and it is an occasion that needs your support.
- **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.30pm. Chelmsford Male Voice Choir give a joint concert with Newport MVC in the Central Baptist Church, Chelmsford. Tickets at the door - £10**

### SOCIETY NEWS:

- Members will be sad to hear that committee member, **Gwyneth Abbott**, has been a patient at Broomfield Hospital for over two weeks and has been very poorly. We send our very best regards to **Gwyneth** and hope that she will soon regain her strength. All members wish her a happy 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday next Sunday.
- Congratulations to society members **Judith Brunning** and **Ian King** who were married in April. We wish **Mr. and Mrs. King** a long and happy marriage.
- Founder member, **Jean Davies**, has recently celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations **Jean** on reaching this milestone in your life.
- **Brian Farmer** has written another book entitled '**Can Do Better**' and this can be downloaded from Amazon and read on your Kindle or some such electronic device. **Brian** has also provided details of '**Poetry 1900-2000**'; one hundred poets from Wales edited by Meic Stephens- Library of Wales ISBN 978-1-902638-88-1
- Many thanks to **David Brown** who has transferred our web-site to another provider. He has spent a great deal of time and effort in undertaking this task. Thank you so much **David**. The new site details are **www.chelmsfordwelsh.org.uk**

*Cofion Cynnes.  
Mair Thomas*

## Meeting and Activities Report May 2011

# "CALL MY BLUFF"

with Brian Thomas



The panel game Call My Bluff was the topic at the 23 May meeting of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. Brian Thomas, who organised the game, had chosen a fine range of words and possible definitions. The panel members, who tried to convince the eight competing teams that their definitions of the chosen words were the correct ones, were in fine form. They were: Enid Morris, a talented thespian; a convincing Shirley Moody; a straight faced Brian Farmer; and John Lloyd- Williams, who chortled throughout! The President's team guessed the most correct definitions . five out of eight . and were each rewarded with a tube of Smarties. Two teams did not manage to identify any of the words! Brian and the panel were suitably rewarded. Following a long tradition, the Society joined the members of Little Baddow URC at their morning service on 9 June. The Rev. Colin Hunt led the service, assisted by Branwen Rees. The President, Liz Armishaw, thanked the Church for their continuing friendship. Earlier in the month members were sad to hear of the death of Gwyneth Abbott, a loyal member. Gwyneth, a member of the committee for several years, was in charge of the catering duties to the end. She will be sorely missed. The next event is the annual concert, at 7.30 pm on Saturday 22 June at Chelmsford Cathedral, given this year by Cor Godreŷ Aran Male Voice Choir, who have given concerts in venues worldwide, including the Sidney Opera House. The few remaining tickets are available from Arthur Williams, Tel: 01621 778711, Eddie Alcock on 01245 603448 or via the web site. The AGM, when the Presidency will pass from Liz Armishaw to Ivy Price will be on 27 June. The first event of Ivy's year of office will be a Charity Garden Party at Radley Green Farm on Saturday 29 June, commencing at 2.30 pm, hosted by Shirley and Don Moody.

*Jim Armishaw*



## JUNE NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEHEFIN 2013

Annwyl Gyfeillion / Dear Friends,

The summer holidays are fast approaching and we are nearly at the end of another successful society year. Let us hope that the sun will shine for us during the two month summer break. We certainly deserve some sunshine after the long winter that we have experienced. Our monthly meetings and other events have brightened up those long winter months. We extend our thanks and heartfelt congratulations to our retiring President, **Liz Armishaw**, for all her efforts in ensuring that the 2012-13 society year, has been most memorable. However, the year is not over yet and listed below are further events which deserve your support.

### 'ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING'

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, 7.30pm for an 8pm start.**

I hope that you will make a special effort to attend the **AGM** and in so doing you can show your appreciation to **Liz** and her hard working committee for ensuring that our society continues to thrive. It will also give you an opportunity to be present at the installation of our President elect, **Ivy Price**. The first part of the evening will include reports from the President, secretary and treasurer. This will be followed by the presentation of a cheque for just over **£4000** to a representative of **J& Hospice**. I extend a very big thank you to all our members who have hosted and attended our fund raising events, together with those who have made generous donations. It is a reflection of your generosity that such an enormous amount of money has been raised for such a deserving cause. Following light refreshments there will be light entertainment provided by **Mike Price**.

Refreshments: **members of the committee**. Raffle: **Ron Jones, Eddie Alcock, Edith Brown and David Brown**

**SUMMER SERVICE at Little Baddow URC on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 10.30am.** Please join us for our annual visit to this delightful church. The **Rev. Colin Hunt** will officiate and he will be assisted by a young trainee minister, **Branwen Rees** who comes from Porthcawl.. The society is invited to the church every summer and the event has a permanent place in our annual programme. It would be wonderful to see some new faces joining the faithful in the congregation - so please make an effort to attend. Tea will be served on the lawn following the service.

**ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT- Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 at 7.30pm at Chelmsford Cathedral.** The concert will be given by the world famous - **Côr Godre'r Aran** and the guest soloist is **Aled Wyn Davies** (tenor). Tickets priced at **£13.50** are selling well but in order to fill the Chelmsford Cathedral to capacity we still need to sell a few more. Many thanks to all of you who have bought tickets and to those of you who have sold them to family and friends for this event. please make one last big effort to sell the remaining 50 tickets. Tickets can be obtained from **Arthur Williams 01621-778711 - 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT** or from **Eddie Alcock 01245-603448 5 Elms Drive Chelmsford CM1 1RH. Please send a s.a.e when ordering by post.** Cheques are payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. If you have any unsold tickets please return them to **Arthur** as soon as possible. The doors open at 6.45pm so if you want a good seat get there early.

**WELSH CLASS** The next Welsh classes will be held at Radley Green Farm on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013** at 2.00pm. Ring **Shirley Moody** on 01245-248178 if you have any queries.

**CHARITY GARDEN PARTY, Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 2.30pm.** This event will be held once again at **Radley Green Farm**, thanks to the generosity of **Shirley** and **Don Moody**. Admission is £5 per person (children free) and this includes an appetising afternoon tea. Come along whatever the weather, as activities will be organised under cover in the event of rain. Bring your family, especially your children. grandchildren, nephews, nieces, as games etc. are organised especially for the young at heart. Don't forget to bring folding chairs and a folding table if you can. Raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted. 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 and follow instructions for parking. Look out for the Welsh flag!

### SOCIETY NEWS:

It is with great sorrow that I inform you that on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013, **Gwyneth Abbott (nee Roberts)** passed away peacefully at her home. **Gwyneth** was a loyal and a most active member of our society for many years. She was wholeheartedly committed to the society and worked extremely hard at organising the refreshments at all our meetings and events. **Gwyneth**, who hailed from Old Colwyn, will be greatly missed by everyone who had the good fortune to know her. Our meetings and event will not be the same without **Gwyneth's** presence. We extend our very deepest sympathies to **Chris, Lynne, Huw and all the family** at the loss of a very special and much loved wife, mother and grandmother. A **'Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Gwyneth'** will be held in **Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 2pm.** I feel sure that the society will be well represented at the service. Light refreshments will be served in **The Link** adjoining the church, following the service.

I look forward to seeing you at the above events. If not, enjoy your summer vacation and our annual break. I send my best wishes to all members who have been unwell during the last few months and hope that you will be able to join us in September.

*Cofion Cynnes,  
Mair Thomas*



# Visit to LLANGOLLEN May 2013

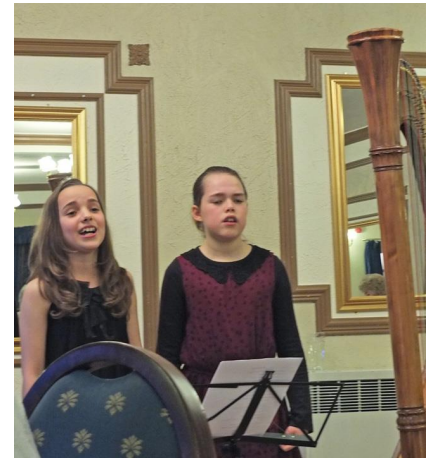
The four day visit to Llangollen, home of the International Musical Eisteddfod, arranged by Liz Armishaw, the President, was enjoyed by 51 members of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. On the first evening Elin Davies, a Blue Riband harpist and her daughters, 12 year old Elenid and Modlen, 10, who sing with Only Kids Aloud gave a delightful concert. Excellent entertainment was provided on the second and third evenings by Cor Bro Gwerfyl, a talented mixed voice choir, and by Cor Meibion Glyndwr male choir and their Musical Director and soloist, the well-known mezzo soprano Ann Atkinson. Four visits were made: to Erddig, voted Britain's Best Historic House in the UKTV History Series; a canal cruise across Thomas Telford's impressive Pontcysyllte aqueduct to Llangollen; a tour of Plas Newydd, the 18th century home of the romantic and amazingly well-connected Ladies of Llangollen; and finally a trip on the narrow gauge railway which runs alongside Bala Lake between Bala and Llanuwchllyn, home of the famous male voice choir Cor Godreŷ Aran



The Pheasant Hotel Llangollen



Elin Davies



Modlen & Elenid Davies



Erddig House



Pontcysyllte Aqueduct



Llangollen Wharf



Cor Bro Gwerfyl



Trebor Edwards



Plas Newydd



Bala Lake Train



Anne Atkinson



Liz Armishaw with  
Cor Meibion Glyndwyr



Bala Lake



# **The Annual Concert**

## **COR GODRE'R ARAN**

**supported by Aled Wyn Davies**

A capacity audience of 500 attended the Annual Concert of the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society held at Chelmsford Cathedral on 22 June, graced by the presence of the Mayor Cllr Trevor Miller and his wife Maureen. They were welcomed by the President, Liz Armishaw. The choir, Cor Godre'r Aran, have won four first prizes at both the National Eisteddfod and the Llangollen International Eisteddfod and have performed at prestigious venues in the UK, including The Royal Albert Hall, The Sage, The Globe, Bridgewater Hall and Birmingham Symphony Hall. They have toured Australia eight times New Zealand three times, the USA, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, Patagonia Ireland and Portugal. Their Music Director, Eirian Owen, an Honorary Druid of the Gorsedd of Bards, is widely admired in the world of song, and acts as their conductor and accompanist. The tenor Soloist, Aled Wyn Davies epitomises Welsh culture at its best; a farmer in his every day work, he is a Blue Riband winner at the National Eisteddfod, Singer of the Year at Llangollen in 2005, and has sung in 23 countries worldwide. It was no surprise, therefore, that the concert was a thundering success, with both the choir and Aled performing at their very best. The choir opened with a spine tingling Mae'r Iesu Yn Mynd I Ryfel (Jesus is riding to battle). Their varied programme included Mozart's O Isis And Osiris, Verdi's Evviva Beviam and Va Pensiero, an emotional Y Tangnefeddwyr (The Peacemakers), the traditional I'm Gonna Walk and Walk With Jesus, songs from Chess and Les Miserables, Robert Arwyn's Benedictus and Anfonaf Angel (I Will Send An Angel), and Eirian's haunting arrangement of The Fields Of Athenry. After the final number, Yn Y Man, (In the sweet bye and bye) the audience rose as one with thunderous applause. Aled sang an equally varied programme, which included The Holy City, I'll Walk With God, Lehar's You Are My Heart's Delight and Welsh favourites, including O Na Fyddai'r Haf O Hyd and a duet Iesu Iesu Rwy Ti'n Ddigon with chorister Erfyl Jones, to an equal acclaim. Presentations were made to Eirian, the choir and Aled by Liz, officiating as President for the last time.



Cor Godre'r Aran



Aled Wyn Davies



Mayor Cllr Trevor Miller



Aled and Erfyl Jones



Eirian Owen