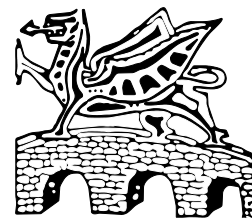


CHELMSFORD and DISTRICT WELSH SOCIETY



JUNE NEWSLETTER/ CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEHEFIN 2021

President Chatter June

Annwyl Gyfeillion

In spite of Covid the last twelve months seem to have flown by. My year as your **President** will come to an end this month, and I will hand over the Presidency into the capable hands of **Gwil Williams**.

Carys and myself feel very honoured in that we have been invited to represent the Society, on Monday 7th of June, at the Catholic Church London Road, when **Brother Gildas** will be ordained as a priest.

It is encouraging to see that our Society is become active again with **Shirley's picnic** on the **25th June** and **John Taylor** is shaking some life to the **Black Sheep Choir** ready for the **Noson Lawen** in January.

I was never keen on training to play sport as I felt that I played sport to keep fit and not having to keep fit to play sport. I was very pleased to come across 'The Laws of Contradiction' by my old friend Murphy when good is bad and bad is good.

Did you know- The inventor of the treadmill died age 54

The inventor of gymnastics died age 57

The world bodybuilding champion died age 41

The best footballer in the world Maradona died age 60

And then- The KFC inventor died age 94

The inventor of Nutella died age 88

The cigarette inventor Winston died age 102

The inventor of opium died age 106 in an earthquake

The inventor of Hennessy brandy died age 98

How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercising prolongs life?

The rabbit that is always jumping and it lives for around 2 year, and the turtle doesn't exercise at all, lives 200 years.

So rest, chill out and enjoy life!

Cofion cynnes

Arthur

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/PENBLWYDD HAPUS to Pauline Lewins who celebrated a special birthday recently. Best wishes to you from all of us.

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

Hosted by Shirley Moody

At Radley Green Farm on June 25th

A warm welcome is extended to all members of the Chelmsford Welsh Society to join us at Radley Farm for a 'Lunch Time Picnic' on June 25th, from 12pm to 3p.m.

Hopefully we will be able to sit out in the garden, so please would you bring your own comfortable deck chair/chair and cushions etc. If the weather happens to be inclement then we can all move into the Barn.

Please bring your own choice of food for your picnic, but a Tea and Coffee facility will be provided at the Farm for each member to help themselves.

It will be so good and uplifting to see everyone after such a long winter of lockdown and a lovely start to the Summer Season.

A very BIG Welcome to All from Shirley

Croeso cynnes i bawb.

The arrangements for **Edith Brown's "Celebration of Life" service** are as follows:

The service will be at **2.00p.m.** on **Saturday, 7th August** at **Central Baptist Church, Chelmsford**. This is almost opposite the multi-storey car park in Victoria Road South towards the railway station.

It would be helpful if people wishing to attend could **let David know by email** on bravedown3@gmail.com or by **phone on 07885363617**. This is to enable us to have sufficient refreshments and to ensure everyone can have a cup of tea and a cake afterwards. This will of course be subject to any Covid restrictions in force at the time.

News from Maureen and Keith Byatt

It may come as a surprise to you all but Maureen and I have **moved our home** from Chelmsford to **Deganwy, North Wales!** One morning we sat chatting over coffee and we were saying how tired we were becoming with the regular train journey to Maureen's cottage in Deganwy. Anyway out of the blue, I said why don't we move to Wales, you won't be surprised but Maureen jumped at the offer! So the next week we put our house on the market and sold it within a matter of days. Within a short time we had located a house here in Deganwy which met our needs

Come the 15 March 2021 we found ourselves packed and ready to move to Deganwy despite the pandemic and the winter weather. I had spent all my life in Chelmsford including schools, work and Trinity Methodist Church where I had played the organ for many, many years but Maureen was returning to the place where she was brought up and the place where she has close family and to where she had wanted to return for many years.

We are currently living in Maureen's cottage, which she is to retain and we will move into our new property as soon as some builders' works and rewiring are complete. We would love to see anyone of you if you happen to be in this area.

Our address is as follows:

Emral Cottage
Stamford Street
Deganwy
Conwy
North Wales
LL31 9UE Tel. no 01492 573360.

Some months ago in a News Letter, mention was made of Witham. I also have, many years ago, taken part at Witham in an Eisteddfod style music festival. It was the class for solo piano and I remember later in the evening, taking part in the Prize Winners Concert in the Witham Public Hall!

The Chapel in Guithavon Valley referred to was for a number of years, the meeting place of the Witham Peculiar People, a religious sect, who had similar meeting places across Essex and into East London. My Grandfather was a lay preacher at the Great Baddow chapel.

**Greeting to you all
Keith Byatt**



WELSH CLASSES

If anyone would be interested in attending regular Welsh classes, or would like some more information, please can you get in touch with Ivy Price on 01277 210541 or Sina Williams on 01245 231279.

Volunteers needed

If you would like to play an **active role** in the running and organising of the Society, you might be interested in **joining our committee**. We normally meet once a month to discuss and plan future events. We are currently looking to recruit some new members on to our committee. If you are interested in joining us, please can you **email me** on gwenno.gllwyd@gmail.com or **call** on 07724144432.

Diolch/Thank you

CRAB By Brian Farmer

Further to my last tale of PNG: I had heard that in Madang, if I went to the golf course a short walk from the Coast Watcher hotel, at twilight I would see the fruit bats return from feeding in the forests, to roost in the palm trees at the edge of the course for the night. So at about 6pm I sat on a bollard by the ninth hole with the sea at my back and the jungle about half a mile away and waited. Soon I could see a black cloud, like smoke rising from the jungle and as the cloud approached I could hear the rush of wind on wings and high pitched squeaking. The cloud got nearer and resolved itself into individual bats, just like the ones you see in the vampire films; with foxy heads and large black wings over 3 feet across. With lots of fuss and noise the bats struggled to find perches in the palms and gradually settled in their upside-down sleep position.

I walked back to the hotel as night was quickly descending. I wanted to use the toilet so I went to my room and, since there was still some natural light, I put up the seat and got ready. I then saw some movement in the bowl, so I quickly snapped on the light and there in the bottom of the bowl was a large crab waving enormous pincers around. Like a flash I flushed the toilet and the intruder disappeared.

Afterwards I went to the crowded hotel bar where Bruce, the rather camp hotel manager, was serving. I mentioned to him the crustacean I'd seen in the toilet and he said loudly that the management was not responsible for any wild life found in the rooms. He explained to me afterwards that the toilets flushed directly into the sea and it was not uncommon for various sea creatures to scuttle up the pipes to the toilets. I am so grateful that I didn't sit down!



Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. If you have anything that you would like me to include in the July Newsletter, please can you contact me before July 5th.

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