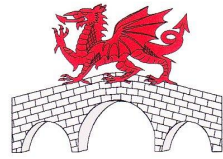


Chelmsford & District Welsh Society  
Cymdeithas Gymraeg Chelmsford a'r Cylch



## THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY 2014 / 2015



**President, Buddug Rowland Frank**



## **Committee Members 2014 . 2015**

President / Llywdd	<i>Buddug Rowland Frank</i>
Vice President / Is-lywydd	<i>Shirley Moody</i>
Honorary Vice Presidents	<i>Jean Davies, Norma Maskell, Janet Wash Eddie Alcock, Derrick Thomas</i>
Past President	<i>Ivy Price</i>
Secretary / Yagrifennydd	<i>Mair Thomas</i>
Assistant Secretary	<i>Brian Thomas</i>
Membership Secretary	<i>Carys Williams</i>
Treasurer	<i>Carys Williams</i>
Concert Organiser	<i>Arthur Williams (Co-opted)</i>
St David's Day Dinner Organisers	<i>Cynthia Styles &amp; David Brown</i>
Webmaster & Audio	<i>David Brown</i>
Press Secretary	<i>Jim Armishaw</i>
Society Archivist	<i>Eddie Alcock</i>
Multimedia	<i>Mike Price</i>
Refreshments	<i>Liz Armishaw Maureen Byatt Edith Brown Enid Morris Ivy Price</i>
Raffles	<i>Ron Jones Brian Farmer John Morris</i>
Church Services	<i>Shirley Moody</i>
Welsh Classes	<i>Shirley Moody</i>

## MONTHLY MEETINGS and EVENTS 2014 – 2015

SEPTEMBER 25 <sup>th</sup>	CROESO YN ÔL
OCTOBER 23 <sup>rd</sup>	QUIZ EVENING with <i>Arthur Williams</i> and <i>Brian Thomas</i>
NOVEMBER 27 <sup>th</sup>	HEADHUNTERS, CANNIBALS and EXPATRIOTS with <i>Brian Farmer</i>
DECEMBER 11 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION with <i>Robin Huw Bowen</i>
JANUARY 23 <sup>rd</sup>	NOSON LAWEN with <i>Ffrindiau o Geredigion</i>
FEBRUARY 20 <sup>th</sup>	A DOCTOR CALLS with <i>Dr Huw Idris Jones</i>
FEBRUARY 27 <sup>th</sup> (Friday 7pm)	ST. DAVID\$ DAY DINNER at the County Hotel, Chelmsford
MARCH 1 <sup>st</sup> (Sunday 3.30pm)	ST. DAVID\$ DAY SERVICE at Little Baddow URC
MARCH 26 <sup>th</sup>	THE NATIONAL LIBRARY of WALES with <i>Cyril Evans</i>
APRIL 23 <sup>rd</sup>	LIFE in MERTHYR TYDFIL with <i>Gwynne Mack</i>
MAY 10 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday to Wednesday)	VISIT to ABERYSTWYTH organised by <i>Buddug Rowland Frank</i>
MAY 28 <sup>th</sup>	RESTORING a COACH with <i>John Lloyd Williams</i>
JUNE 7 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday 10.30am)	SUMMER SERVICE at Little Baddow URC
JUNE 13 <sup>th</sup>	ANNUAL CONCERT with the <i>London Welsh Male Voice Choir</i>
JUNE 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 27 <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 27 <sup>th</sup>	FUND RAISING COFFEE MORNING Hosted by <i>Cynthia &amp; John Styles</i>
NOVEMBER 8 <sup>th</sup>	COFFEE MORNING Hosted by <i>Keith &amp; Maureen Byatt</i>
DECEMBER 7 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday) at 3pm	CHRISTMAS TEA Hosted by <i>Liz &amp; Jim Armishaw</i>
FEBRUARY 14 <sup>th</sup>	VALENTINES COFFEE MORNING Hosted by <i>Buddug and Ray Rowland Frank</i>
MARCH 14 <sup>th</sup>	MIKES MUSICAL MISCELLANY with <i>Mike Price</i> , hosted by <i>Shirley &amp; Don Moody</i>
MAY 16 <sup>th</sup>	COFFEE MORNING Hosted by <i>Edith &amp; David Brown</i>

## JUNE NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEHEFIN 2014

Annwyl Gyfeillion/Dear Friends,

What a wonderful evening we experienced on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at the Chelmsford Cathedral. The **Pontarddulais Male Voice Choir** did us proud and they excelled themselves. **Rhian Lois** - the beautiful and talented soprano enthralled us with her magnificent singing. She has a wonderful career ahead of her. The audience was appreciative and responsive to the performers and they commented on the warmth and enthusiasm of their reception. The event was a sell-out! If you missed this concert- you missed a treat! We owe a big thank you to **Arthur Williams**, so ably assisted by **Carys**, for organising such a successful evening. We have received many favourable comments about the concert with people already looking forward to the 2015 event. **Arthur** wishes to thank all those people who assisted him in so many ways - ticket sellers, stage erectors, ushers, stewards, programme sellers and refreshment servers. Some of us had a further treat when the choir continued with their magnificent singing into the early hours of Sunday morning at the Miami Hotel.

### *'ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING'*

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm prompt start.**

This is the last meeting of the society ~~year~~so please come along in large numbers to support our retiring President, **Ivy Price** and welcome her successor, **Buddug Rowland Frank**. New officers and committee will be elected, and they, with your support, will look forward to the 2014-15 ~~year~~with great enthusiasm. I extend a very big thank you to all members who have supported our fund raising/charity events throughout the year. A representative from **CHES** will be presented with a cheque to the value of **£2520**. It is most satisfying to think that we have had considerable enjoyment at a range of events and at the same time we have been supporting a local charity and ensuring the future development of our thriving society. Refreshments will be organised by the Catering Committee and raffle prizes will be donated by **Ron Jones, Enid Morris, David Brown** and **John Lloyd Williams**. Following the formal part of the evening and the refreshments, some topical entertainment will be provided.

**CYMANFA GANU/SONG of PRAISE held at St. Michael's Church Roxwell on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May.** A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended this annual gathering. Our sincere thanks go to **Meinir Wyn Davies**, who conducted the singing, and to the organist, **Keith Byatt**. Thanks also to the ladies who provided the refreshments.

**VISIT TO SOUTH WALES - June 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> 2014.** **D-DAY** is upon us! Those travelling should be at Radley Green Farm by 8am to ensure a prompt departure by 8.30am.

**CHARITY/FUND RAISING COFFEE MORNING in the ESSEX COUNTRYSIDE, Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 10.30am.** **Carys** and **Arthur Williams** are looking forward to seeing you in their home at 3 Englefields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT telephone: 01621-778711. The sun usually shines for this event so please come and join us. Transport can be arranged if necessary. Raffle prizes welcomed as usual!

**WELSH CLASS** - The next classes will be held on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm.** We extend our thanks to **Shirley Moody** for organising and hosting these classes throughout the year.

**SUMMER SERVICE at LITTLE BADDOW URC on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am.** We look forward once again to our annual visit to this delightful church situated in the Essex countryside. The church members are most welcoming and this year the trainee minister will take the service with **Ivy Price** and **Buddug Rowland Frank** reading the lessons. Tea/coffee will be served at the conclusion of the service. Please make an effort to attend this service and thus ensure that our long tradition of joining up with the church congregation continues. If you haven't attended previously why not join us this year?

**FUND RAISING/CHARITY GARDEN PARTY, Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 2.30pm at Radley Green Farm.** **Shirley** and **Don Moody** look forward to welcoming you once again to their delightful home. This will be the first event of the society ~~year~~for our newly elected President, **Buddug Rowland Frank's**. Family and friends are asked to join us as the more we have the merrier we will be! Admission is **£5** to include refreshments; **children free**. We are always delighted to see children at this function as they add so much to the occasion. Games and activities will be organised as usual providing you with the opportunity to win some fabulous prizes! Please bring folding chairs and table with you if possible - raffle prizes are most acceptable. 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.

### **SOCIETY NEWS**

- **Jean Davies** and **Agnes Evans** have both been in hospital but they have returned to their respective homes. We wish them a return to better health.
- **Stuart Roberts** remains in Madelayne Court, School Lane Chelmsford CM1 7DR. He has settled in his new home and would welcome visitors.
- **Wynford James** and a number of other members have been unwell during the year and I send them all our very best wishes and hope that the summer months will enable them to improve and recover their health.
- **Congratulations to John Williams** who recently celebrated his **87<sup>th</sup> birthday**.
- **Congratulations to Vera and Derrick Thomas** on the celebration of their **diamond wedding anniversary**- 60 years and still going strong!

Happy holiday to everyone.

**Cofion Cynnes,**

*Mair*



## Meeting and Activities Report June 2014

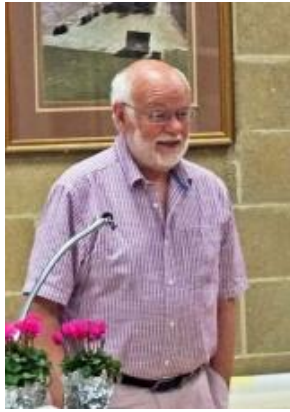
### “AGM”

The June programme commenced with a memorable trip to south Wales from 5th-8th, organised by the President, Ivy Price, and her husband Mike. The programme included a drive up the the spectacular Rhigos Mountains to Merthyr Tydfil and Cyfarthfa Castle followed by a ride on the Brecon Mountain Railway; a visit to the Dylan Thomas Centre and Swansea Market (the oldest in Wales), and a tour of the delightful Gower peninsula; and a step back in time at the restored manor house and gardens of Llancaiach Fawr. Evening entertainment included concerts by the Cor Glannau Gwendraeth (ladies choir), the superb Cor y Cwm children's choir and The Gentlemen Singers. On Sunday 7th, members joined the congregation of Little Baddow URC for an uplifting Summer Service taken by the Rev. Bert Keller, a visiting minister from the USA. At the AGM on 26th Ivy presented Rob Saggs, Executive Director of CHESS (a charity that cares for homeless, single, vulnerable adults), with a cheque for £2620. Other charity and sponsorship donations totalling £380 were also made. Ivy thanked everybody who had held, and those who had supported, the Charity/ Fundraising events. In her valedictory speech she thanked all the hardworking committee members and everybody who had attended the monthly meetings, and especially her husband, Mike. Mair Thomas, the Secretary, echoed these sentiments, adding that the AGM is a time to look back and forward. The society had enjoyed a highly successful year, a year of fun and friendship. The Treasurer, Carys Williams, presented the accounts which showed a healthy balance, and proposed that the membership fee should remain at £15. This is surely the best value anywhere, with 10 monthly meetings included in a total of 16 events and 8 fundraising/ charity events during the Season. The next business was Ivy's retirement and Buddug Rowland-Frank's installation as President for the 2014-2015 Season. Buddug said that she was greatly honoured to be the President, and promised an interesting programme. The Vice-president will be Shirley Moody. All the outgoing members of the Committee were reappointed. Following refreshments Mike showed a wonderful presentation of Dylan Thomas's Under Milk Wood, to celebrate the hundred years since his birth. On 28th, Shirley and Don Moody welcomed the Society to their delightful home for the Annual Garden Party, Buddug's first fundraising/charity event, which raised £498. It was a particular delight that so many children attended, to enjoy the many games. The afternoon concluded with a wonderful tea. A Coffee Morning, hosted by Carys and Arthur Williams on 11 June, raised £280.

*Jim Armishaw*







## GARDEN PARTY JUNE 2014







## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEDI 2014

Annwyl Gyfeillion/Dear Friends,

Here we are at the start of another society year! I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break and are ready to give the society your much valued support during 2014-15. Details of our first monthly meeting and other events are listed below.

### *'CROESO YN ÔL'*

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm prompt start.**

This will be the first meeting for our newly elected President- **Buddug Rowland Frank**. She is looking forward to meeting you all after our long summer break. It will be great for us all to meet up with our friends once more and catch up on the holiday news. The President's charity for the year is called **'First Steps'** and a representative from the charity will give a short talk on the aims and work of this worthwhile charity. The catering committee is organising the refreshments.

Following the refreshments, our dear friend **Mike Price**, will give another of his celebrated presentations. I look forward to seeing you all at this meeting. Please come and support Buddug at the start of her year as our President.

Raffle prizes will be donated by Enid Morris, Shirley Moody, Ivy Price and Carys Williams.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS** The good news is that the annual subscription remains this year at **£15** per member. **This is a real bargain!** **Carys Williams**, our treasurer, will be collecting the annual subscription at the meeting. In return you will receive a copy of the 2014-15 programme. Should you be unable to attend, please send a cheque to **Carys** - 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society and enclose a stamped addressed envelope so that you can be sent the programme. A form is enclosed for those members without an e-mail address. For those of you who receive the Newsletter electronically, **David Brown** has put a pro-forma on the society web-site. Click- **ABOUT US**; and then click the second **HERE** near the bottom of the page to get the form. It is important that you fill in the details correctly. A wrong e-mail address can cause a great deal of frustration and additional work!

**SUMMER GARDEN PARTY** On Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014 our Summer Garden party held at Radley Green Farm, attracted a good crowd of members and friends. The weather was good and due to the generosity of those attending and other donations, the sum of £498.30 was raised. **Edith Brown** and the catering committee provided a delicious tea which was much enjoyed by all present. Sincere thanks are extended once again to **Shirley** and **Don Moody** for hosting the annual event in their delightful gardens.

**FUND RAISING/CHARITY COFFEE MORNING.** This will be held on **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014** and hosted by **Cynthia** and **John Styles** at 2 Littell Tweed, Chelmsford at 10.30am. Give **Cynthia** a ring on **01245-469713** if you require directions. Raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted.

**ANNUAL OUTING TO WALES.** We shall be visiting Aberystwyth, the home area of our President, from 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> May 2015. **Buddug** will be giving us all the information at our September monthly meeting when you will be able to book your place. Deposits of **£60** will be requested by the end of October if you wish to join us.

**WELSH CLASSES – Shirley Moody** is organising Welsh Classes at **Radley Green Farm** and the September dates are as follows 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. New participants will be most welcome. Give **Shirley** a call on **01245 248178** for more information.

**WINNERS OF THE CHELMSFORD and DISTRICT WELSH SOCIETY NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD PRIZES.** Each year the society donates prize money to the value of **£150** for the winners of certain competitions at the National Eisteddfod. At the successful Carmarthenshire National Eisteddfod of Wales held in Llanelli in August 2014 the recipients of our prize money were- GirlsqSolo 16-19 years. **Ceri Haf Roberts**; BoysqSolo 16-19 years- **Steffan Lloyd Owen**. Look out for these names as they continue their music careers.

### SOCIETY NEWS

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the death of **Agnes Evans** at the age of 90. She died in Broomfield Hospital after a long illness. **Agnes** was a most popular and supportive member of our society for many, many years. She will be sadly missed by all who had the good fortune to know her. Her funeral will be held on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014** at **Holy Trinity Church**, Trinity Rd, Chelmsford CM2 6HS at 11.30am, followed by cremation at the Chelmsford Crematorium at 12.30pm. We extend our deepest sympathy to all the family at the loss of a much loved mother and grandmother. Those attending the funeral are invited back to **8 Byron Rd. Chelmsford CM2 6EP** for light refreshments. The family will be delighted to meet you.

- On a happier note, we congratulate **Liz** and **Jim Armishaw** who celebrated their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** in July 2014.

Cofion Cynnes,

*Mair*



## Meeting and Activities Report September 2014

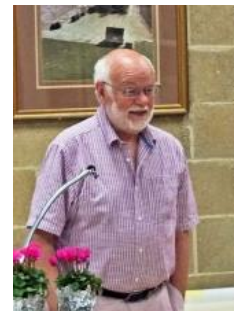
### "CROESO YN ÔL"

An introduction to our president's charity "*FIRST STEP*",  
and a look at this year's National Eisteddfod with Mike Price



Buddug Rowland Frank, the President of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, welcomed the 54 members assembled for her first Monthly Meeting on 25 September. Croeso Yn Ol (Welcome Back) was the theme, and she paid tribute to Agnes Evans who had died during the summer break. The charity Buddug had chosen for her year of office was First Step, whose vision is to maximise the potential of very young children with special needs and/or disabilities, and to support their families. She welcomed two of their trustees, Colin Coe and Brian Peters, who gave presentations describing the work of the charity, which has benefited 1200 families since its inception, and the immense challenge in raising the annual running cost of £600,000; two years ago the grant awarded was £250,000, next year it will have shrunk to £35,000. Refreshments of pate, cheese and wine were then enjoyed; the wine was provided by Liz and Jim Armishaw to celebrate their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary, and they were presented with a lovely basket of flowers. This was followed by Mike Price's masterful DVD presentation, a montage of competitions and concerts at the recent National Eisteddfod of Wales. This is the pinnacle of the Welsh cultural calendar, with 9 days of keen but friendly competition in music, instrumental and voice; dance; poetry, composition and recitation; visual arts and crafts. The Society donates two of the prizes; these were awarded to Ceri Haf Roberts, who won the GirlsqSolo, 16-19, and Steffan Lloyd Owen who won the BoysqSolo, 16-19; both are immensely talented. A children's choir, Cor Y Cwm, declared the Choir of the Festival, beating all the adult choirs, had entertained the Society to a wonderful concert earlier in the year. A vote of thanks to everybody who had contributed to the evening was proposed by the Vice-president, Shirley Moody. The fundraising/charity coffee morning hosted by Cynthia and John Styles raised £234.

*Jim Armishaw*



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS HYDREF 2014

Annwyl Gyfeillion/Dear Friends,

It was great to see so many members at our *ŷroeso Yn Ôl* evening on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014. I give a big thank you to our catering committee for organising a delicious finger buffet to accompany the wine so generously donated by **Liz** and **Jim Armishaw** in celebration of their recent Golden Wedding anniversary. They were delighted to receive a basket of flowers from the Society. A most moving presentation was given on behalf of 'First Step' by **Brian Peters** and **Colin Coe**. First Step which provides nursery education for children with a range of special needs, is the President's chosen charity for the year and a collection made during our meeting raised **£115.05** . a remarkable outcome . many thanks for your generosity. Diolch yn fawr also to **Mike Price** for his excellent visual presentation on the 2014 National Eisteddfod of Wales.

### ????? 'QUIZ EVENING' ??????

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm prompt start.**

*Please note an unavoidable change of programme!*

**Brian Thomas** and **Arthur Williams** are organising a quiz evening. This is a popular event and provides an opportunity for our members to display their knowledge . or otherwise! The questions will not be too difficult and they have been tried and tested on 8 year olds! You are requested to sit at tables of 8 and you are welcome to bring family and friends to what should be an entertaining occasion. The quiz was originally scheduled for our November meeting. Details of the rearranged November meeting will be sent in the next newsletter.

Refreshments and raffle prizes will be organised by **Carys Williams, Janet Wash** and **Jo Davies**.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS** A big thank you to the 64 members who have already paid their £15 subscription so promptly. **Carys Williams**, our treasurer, will be pleased to accept your subs either at the October monthly meeting or you can send a cheque payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society to - 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society and enclose a stamped addressed envelope so that you can be sent the programme for 2014-15. For those of you who receive the Newsletter electronically, **David Brown** has put a pro-forma on the society web-site. Should we not receive your subscription by **December 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**, we will regrettably assume that you no longer wish to continue with your membership and we will cease sending you our monthly newsletter

**FUND RAISING/CHARITY COFFEE MORNING** held on **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014** and hosted by **Cynthia** and **John Styles** raised **£234**. We extend our warmest thanks to our hosts for organising such a splendid morning and their generous hospitality.

**ANNUAL OUTING TO WALES. MAY10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 2015.** We shall be visiting Aberystwyth and staying in the Marine Hotel which is on the Promenade and overlooking the sea.. Our President, **Buddug Rowland Frank** is taking names of those wishing to make this visit. The estimated cost of the outing which includes bed, breakfast and dinner, coach, local tours, tips and evening entertainment, is approximately **£280** per person in a double/twin room plus single room supplement of **£30** per person. Deposits of **£60** will be requested by the end of October if you wish to join us with cheques payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society..

**WELSH CLASSES – Shirley Moody** is organising Welsh Classes at **Radley Green Farm** and the October dates are Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 2pm. New participants will be most welcome . give **Shirley** a call on **01245 248178** for more information.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.** Coffee morning hosted by **Maureen** and **Keith Byatt** on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 10.30am.

**THE LONDON WELSH FESTIVAL OF MALE CHOIRS** at the Royal Albert Hall on **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014**. We wish Society members **Richard Collopy, Jim Armishaw, Ronald Lewins, Keith James, Derrick Thomas, Gareth Williams** and **Brian Thomas** all the best as they sing with the Chelmsford Male Voice Choir at this prestigious event. This concert is a sell out!

**CHELMSFORD MALE VOICE CHOIR** will be giving a concert in support of the **Royal British Legion** at **Trinity Methodist Church Chelmsford** on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm**. Tickets priced at **£10** can be obtained from **Brian Thomas** on **01245-269845** or at a monthly meeting.

### SOCIETY NEWS

- We send our very best wishes to those members who are unwell and unable to attend our meetings and events.

Cofion Cynnes,

*Mair*

## Meeting and Activities Report October 2014

### "GRAND QUIZ"



Buddug Rowland Frank, the President of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, welcomed members and guests to the meeting held at the Cathedral Chapter House on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. She was sad to announce the death of Norma Maskell, who, whilst unwell for some time had faithfully attended our recent meetings. Norma was an Honorary Vice President marking her active membership over many years. Her funeral was to be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Buddug was happy to celebrate the birthday of member Elsie Salmon, with all present singing %Happy Birthday+in both English and Welsh.

She apologised that the scheduled evening was unable to take place and thanked both Brian Thomas and Arthur Williams for bringing forward their Grand Quiz to cover the evening. There were seven tables of eight contestants, answering questions on subjects which varied between Colours, Numbers, Literature, Geography, Wales and the Bible, but the topic that proved most puzzling was the collective name for groups of animals. Amongst the most remarkable was that a collection of alligators is apparently a "congregation", a collection of zebras, a "dazzle" and that of polar bears is an "aurora". Much word play was made of a collection of cheetahs which turned out to be a "coalition". When play stopped at half time for refreshments and the drawing of the raffle, most tables were winning candidates with only a few points between. By the end of the second half, table two had taken a 5 point lead and were declared worthy winners with a score of 87 points.

Shirley Moody, Vice-president proposed a vote of thanks to Brian Thomas and Arthur Williams for a highly entertaining and amusing evening.

*David Brown*





## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS TACHWEDD 2014

Annwyl Gyfeillion/Dear Friends,

Despite many apologies for absence for the October monthly meeting, the Quiz evening attracted 50 members. It proved to be a jolly and successful evening. The winning team, who were aptly named the **Geniuses**, swept the board and rightly deserved their victory. Congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the other teams. Details of the next monthly meeting and other events are included below:

### *'HEADHUNTERS, CANNIBALS and EXPATRIATES'*

*An illustrated presentation by Brian Farmer*

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm prompt start.**

***Please note a change in the planned programme!***

**Brian Farmer** has kindly agreed to give an account of his experiences and life in Papua New Guinea. His title looks most interesting and a little scary. Papua New Guinea is a large island in the South West Pacific Ocean and Brian spent almost 2 years in the country. I am sure that this will prove to be an interesting and informative evening and I look forward to seeing you all at this event.

Refreshments and raffle prizes will be organised by **Enid Morris, John Morris and Mary Jones.**

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS** **Carys Williams** will be receiving subscriptions of £15 at this meeting. Alternatively, you can send cheques payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society to **Carys** at 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope to enable **Carys** to send you the annual programme card. If we do not receive your subscription by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 we will sadly assume that you no longer to continue with your membership. This is a last call!

**FUND RAISING/CHARITY COFFEE MORNING** **Maureen** and **Keith Byatt** invite you to a **Coffee Morning** at their home **7 Canuden Road, Chelmsford CM1 2SU** on **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 10.30am**. Ring **Maureen** on **01245-256939** if you require directions. Raffle prizes are always welcome!

**ANNUAL OUTING TO WALES. MAY10th -13<sup>th</sup> 2015.** As stated in previous Newsletters, we will be visiting Aberystwyth and staying in the Marine Hotel which is on the Promenade and overlooking the sea.. Our President, **Buddug Rowland Frank** is taking names of those wishing to make this visit. There are a few places remaining for this visit and if you are interested please contact **Buddug** on **01708 222691** or **Carys Williams** on **01621 778711** as soon as possible. The estimated cost of the outing which includes bed, breakfast and dinner, coach, local tours, tips and evening entertainment, is approximately **£280** per person in a double/twin room plus single room supplement of **£30** per person. Deposits of **£60** will be requested if you wish to join us with cheques payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. We always have a most enjoyable time on our visits.

**WELSH CLASSES – Shirley Moody** continues to organise Welsh Classes at **Radley Green Farm** and the dates are November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 2pm. New participants will be most welcome . give **Shirley** a call on **01245 248178** for more information.

#### **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

- **Christmas Tea** on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 3pm**, hosted by **Liz and Jim Armishaw**.
- **December Monthly Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 - Christmas Celebration** when we will be entertained by the world famous triple harpist (delyn deires) **Robin Huw Bowen**. He is recognised internationally as the leading exponent of the instrument. **Robin** plays at venues all over the world and we are most fortunate that he is making his second visit to Chelmsford. More details of this meeting in the December Newsletter. **Make this meeting a must to attend.**

**CHELMSFORD MALE VOICE CHOIR** will be giving a concert in support of the **Royal British Legion at Trinity Methodist Church Chelmsford** on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm**. Tickets priced at **£10** can be obtained from **Brian Thomas** on **01245-269845** or from **Stuart Anderson** on **01245-261102**.

#### **SOCIETY NEWS**

- **Rowland Webb** has been in hospital but I am pleased to inform you that he is now recuperating at home. He sends everyone his best wishes.
- **Ron Jones** has been admitted to Basildon Hospital. He is his usual chatty and cheerful self and hopes to be home soon.

**Norma Maskell** sadly died just after I sent out the last Newsletter. **Norma** had been a most loyal and dedicated society member for many years. Her contribution to the society was duly recognised and she was made an honorary vice president. We send our deepest sympathy to **Ron and the family** at the loss of a much loved wife, mother and grandmother. She will be sadly missed by all who had the good fortune to know her. Her funeral, which was held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014, was well attended by society members. **Ron** thanks all those who attended the funeral and those who sent him condolence cards.

Cofion Cynnes,  
*Mair*

Meeting Report November 2014

## "HEAD-HUNTERS, CANNIBALS and EXPATRIATES" with Brian Farmer



Buddug Rowland Frank, the President of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society welcomed the 57 members and friends at the November meeting. Head Hunters, Cannibals and Expatriates was the tongue-in-cheek title of Brian Farmer's presentation. On leaving the army in 1981, Brian and his family went to live in Papua New Guinea for two years, where he was headhunted to work as a mechanical engineer for the Ministry of Works and Supply, initially in Mount Hagen, at a height of 15 thousand feet in the Western Highland Province, and then in Lae in the North Coast Region - an area five times the size of Wales! His young daughters were schooled by correspondence at the Bamboo Heights School, following an Australian curriculum. The first Europeans to live there did not arrive until 1933; the inhabitants led a very resourceful Stone Age subsistence existence, where head hunting and cannibalism did indeed occur. Those inhabiting the coastal region are of Polynesian stock, whilst the extremely rugged terrain of the interior is inhabited by Melanesian tribes, living in splendid isolation from each other, and speaking 715 distinctly different languages. During Brian's time there the tribes were very wary of each other but met occasionally to celebrate various feasts; dressed colourfully, with body paint and feathers and carrying killing sticks with deadly cassowary bone tips, they appeared strong, muscular, proud and quite frightening. Brian travelled round mainly in light aircraft, often in horrendous flying conditions and using treacherous runways, as there were few roads. The people had little use for money but appeared to live comfortably in their own tradition. Brian's talk was illustrated with amazing video footage, in which he was assisted by David Brown.

The charity/fund raising coffee morning hosted by Maureen and Keith Byatt raised £169.

*Jim Armishaw*



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## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS RHAGFYR 2014

*Nadolig Llawn i chi gyd      Merry Christmas to you all*



### *'Christmas Celebration' 'Dathlu Nadolig'*

*A Musical Evening with Robin Huw Bowen*

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at  
7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

Our President, **Buddug Rowland Frank** and the committee invite you to join them for the annual Christmas meeting. This year we are honoured to have **Robin Huw Bowen** to entertain us. **Robin** is recognised internationally as the leading exponent of Telyn Deires (the Triple Harp). Following one of his performances a music critic wrote the following: **Robin** has got to be one of the top performers, giving the Welsh Triple Harp the status it so richly deserves, and his show was one of the best I have ever seen or heard. He is making the long journey from Aberystwyth to be with us. We want a full Chapter House to listen to him. There will be an opportunity to sing traditional carols. Christmas refreshments will be provided by the catering committee. We will be holding our **Bumper Xmas Raffle** with outstanding prizes to be won. There will be an opportunity for those of you who wish, to make a donation to the **President's Charity**, in lieu of sending Christmas cards. **Buddug** will be producing a large card for you to sign. I hope to see all of you at our festive celebration.

**Annual Subscriptions.** Our treasurer, **Carys Williams**, thanks you all for paying your subscription so promptly. We now have **93** paid up members. Diolch yn fawr.

**Fund raising/charity coffee morning Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014.** We extend our sincere thanks to **Maureen** and **Keith Byatt** for hosting this most enjoyable event which raised approximately **£169**.

**Fund raising/Charity Christmas Tea on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 3pm.** This year **Liz** and **Jim Armishaw** are hosting our annual **Christmas Tea** at their home **38A Chignal Road, Chelmsford CM1 2JB**. A small wrapped Christmas gift for the raffle would be much appreciated. Please bring your voices as we will be having some carol singing following the refreshments. Please ring **Liz** on **01245 281162** if you want directions or assistance. Come along and join us for our first event of the Xmas season.

**December Welsh classes.** The next meetings are on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm.**

**Visit to Aberystwyth May 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 2015.** There are still a few seats available for our visit to Wales. If you are interested please give your name to **Buddug** - **01708 222691**. Don't forget that the final payment is due by the end of February 2015.

#### **Future Meetings/Events:**

- **NOSON LAWEN** - At our monthly meeting on **January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015** we will not be holding our usual homespun evening. I am pleased to inform you that a group called '**Frindiau Ceredigion**' will be visiting us and they will provide a traditional evening of Welsh entertainment. They all hail from our President's home area around Aberystwyth.
- **St. David's Day Dinner.** This annual event will be held on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015** at the **County Hotel, Chelmsford**. Tickets priced at **£35** are now available and can be ordered from **Cynthia Styles** on **01245-469713**. Do not leave it too late to book your tickets for this annual event.
- **St David's Day Service on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015** at Little Baddow URC at 3.30pm

#### **Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda**

Have an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends.  
Best wishes and a swift recovery to all members who have been unwell.

**Cofion Cynnes iawn,  
*Mair***



## Meeting and Activities Report December 2014

### "CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS"

with the celebrated  
Triple Harpist, Robin Huw Bowen



The Christmas celebration of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society attracted the highest attendance yet during the President Buddug Rowland Frank's year of office. Eighty members and friends had come to hear Robin Huw Bowen, the maestro of the Welsh Triple Harp, serve up a feast of traditional Welsh music. Unlike the Concert Harp, which has one row of strings and has pedals to change the tuning of all the strings of one pitch-class, the triple harp has three rows of strings, making it very difficult to play; the bass row is on the right, the middle row produces the sharps and flats and the treble row is on the left. With roots in Renaissance Italy, it fell out of use in Europe by the mid-18th century but is now firmly and uniquely settled in Wales, thanks in no small part to Lady Llanover, who employed Triple Harpists on her estate, encouraged harp manufacturers and awarded the harps as prizes at Eisteddfodau. The tradition was later saved from extinction by Nansi Richards-Jones, who was taught to play by the descendants of Abraham Wood, a Romany who had settled in Wales. Nancy, in turn, taught the Roberts brothers who founded Wales's most prominent folk group, Ar Log. They were the inspiration for Robin, a classical harpist, to change to the Triple Harp. Robin enchanted the assembly with his masterful playing; as someone once exclaimed, the shimmering voice of the three rows of strings is truly as unique as the Welsh language itself. The unique playing style - complex two-part playing and a technique of echoing the tune between the hands - was truly magical. After an interval for refreshments the audience sang carols in Welsh and English, accompanied by Ivy Price. At the conclusion, Buddug congratulated Robin for serving up such a wonderful feast of music.

Charity donations, made instead of giving Christmas cards, raised £75. A charity/fund raising Christmas tea sponsored by Liz and Jim Armishaw raised £269.

*Jim Armishaw*





## JANUARY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS IONAWR 2015

Annwyl Gyfeillion . Dear Friends,

### BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA I CHI GYD

Our President, **Buddug Rowland Frank** and all **committee members** send you the very best wishes for a happy, healthy, peaceful and successful 2015. Details of our first monthly meeting of the ~~New Year~~ are listed below together with other important events.

#### *'A Traditional Noson Lawen'*

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

We welcome for their first visit to Chelmsford, **Ffrindiau o Geredigion** who will entertain us on what promises to be a memorable evening. They are a well-known concert group in their home area which extends beyond Aberystwyth and come highly recommended by **Buddug**, our President. We will experience a truly **Welsh Noson Lawen** . with singing, instrumentalists, recitations, humour and much more. Following their evening with us they will be giving another performance in London on Saturday. Make sure that you join us for this very special evening. Our guests have travelled a great distance to be with us and I hope that they will return home singing the praises of the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society- having performed at a full Chapter House.

Refreshments and raffle . **Elsie Salmon, June Jones and Rosina Jones.**

**Fund raising/Charity Christmas Tea on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 3pm.** **Liz and Jim Armishaw** hosted a very enjoyable and successful Xmas Tea at their home. The event was well attended and raised **£269**. We thank **Liz and Jim** for their most generous hospitality.

**Christmas Meeting held on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2014.** It was good to see the Chapter House filled to capacity when we were entertained by the world famous triple harpist, **Robin Huw Bowen**. **Robin** enthralled us with his programme of varied and exciting music and his interesting account of the history of the triple harp. Our thanks go to the **catering committee** for providing delicious refreshments and to **Shirley Moody** for providing all present with a glass of wine. The charity collection in lieu of sending Xmas cards raised **£85**.

**Welsh classes.** The next meetings are on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm.**

**St Valentine's Day Charity/Fund Raising Coffee Morning on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 10.30am** hosted by **Buddug and Ray Rowland Frank** at their home - 40 Ingrebourne Gardens Upminster, RM14 1BN Tel: 01708 222691. Raffle prizes most welcome.

**St David's Day Dinner, Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the County Hotel, Chelmsford at 7pm.** Tickets costing **£35** are now available from **Cynthia Styles** on **01245-465052** or **David Brown** on **01245-465052**. Tickets will be on sale 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 if required, so please contact **Cynthia** if you require this alternative.

**St. David's Day Service on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 at Little Baddow URC at 3.30pm.** We look forward to seeing you at this annual event. More details in the February Newsletter.

**Visit to Aberystwyth May 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 2015.** Arrangements for the visit are being finalised. We will be staying in the **Marine Hotel** which is on the Promenade and overlooking the sea. The cost of the outing which includes bed, breakfast and dinner, coach, local tours, gratuities and evening entertainment, is **£280** per person in a double/twin room plus single room supplement of **£30** per person. Those of you who have booked a place on the trip have paid a deposit of **£60** per person. The final amount is due for payment by the end of **February 2015**. Those in double/twin rooms will have a balance of **£220** per person to pay and those in single accommodation a balance of **£250**. Cheques payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society should be given to **Carys Williams** or sent to her home address: 3 Engelfields South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT.

I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas with your family and friends. I trust that those of you who did not enjoy the best of health during 2014 will have much improved health during 2015. I look forward to seeing you at the above meetings/events.

Cofion Cynnes,

*Mair*



## Meeting and Activities Report January 2015

### "NOSON LAWEN" with FFRINDIAU O GEREDIGION



A Noson Lawen is a celebratory evening of traditional Welsh entertainment. This was the subject of the January meeting of Chelmsford And District Welsh Society, provided by the talented Ffrindiau o Geredigion from the Aberystwyth region of west Wales, where the President, Buddug Rowland Frank, was raised. They began with three Hymns, performed by the choir of six ladies and four men, which included an uplifting Yr Utgorn (The Bugle) and soothing Ar Hyd Y Nos (All Through the Night). During the course of the evening the choir performed five more sessions of three songs each, including: Handel's Art Thou Troubled; an exciting Rhythm Of Life; Dylan Thomas's gentle Eli Jenkins's Prayer; a powerful Morte Criste; a nostalgic Calon Lan (A Pure Hart); the lovely Hafan Gobaith (Haven Of Hope), which Bryn Terfel once sang to raise much needed funds for a Welsh children's hospice. Meleri Morgan, a talented drama student and National Eisteddfod winner, performed three hilarious monologues, from Shirley Valentine, Educating Rita, and a sketch of a confused old lady. Another young National Eisteddfod winner, Nia Wyn Jones, sang an enchanting folk song, Merch Y Melinydd (The Miller's Daughter). A great favourite, Yr Hen Gerddor, (The Old Musician) and Bless This House were sung by the tenor soloist Huw Davies. He was joined by the bass David Bennett to perform the rousing Y Ddau Wladgarwr (The Two Warriors). In conclusion, the choir sang the powerful anti-war song, Waldo Williams's Y Tangnefeddwyr (The Peacemakers), which remembers the bombing of Swansea during WW2. The MC was Bronwen Morgan and Nellie Jones was the piano accompanist. The audience of 75 showed their appreciation with thunderous applause, and the feeling of euphoria continued as the choir and audience sang the Welsh national anthem, Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau.

*Jim Armishaw*





## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS CHWEFROR 2015

Annwyl Gyfeillion . Dear Friends,

Our annual **Noson Lawen** attracted a full house for the outstanding performance given by 'Ffrindiau Geredigion'. The party hailed from the Aberystwyth area of West Wales. They received a warm Welsh welcome from members who much appreciated and enjoyed their varied Welsh flavoured programme. They proved to be a much talented group of entertainers. Details of our next monthly meeting and other important information are listed below:

*'A Doctor Calls' - a talk by Dr. Huw Idris Jones*  
**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

**Dr. Huw Idris Jones** hails from Sir Fôn (Anglesey) where he is a GP. He will talk about his lifetime experiences working in North Wales. Join us for an interesting insight into his life in a Welsh rural community. He will be making the long journey from North Wales to be with us so let us once again give our visitor a warm Chelmsford Welsh reception. Another full Chapter House would be a good start!

Refreshments and raffle . **Jean Jones, Cynthia Styles and Mair Thomas.**

**St Valentine's Day Charity/Fund Raising Coffee Morning on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 10.30am** hosted by **Buddug** and **Ray Rowland Frank** once again at their delightful home - 40 Ingrebourne Gardens Upminster, RM14 1BN Tel: 01708 222691. Treat your other halves to a Valentine's Day treat! Raffle prizes most welcome.

**Welsh classes.** The next meetings are on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm.**

**St David's Day Dinner, Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the County Hotel, Chelmsford at 7pm.** Tickets costing **£35** are now available from **Cynthia Styles** on **01245-469713** or **David Brown** on **01245-465052**. Tickets will be on sale at the February monthly meeting. The final numbers should be made known to **Cynthia** by **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015** in order for table plans to be finalised. Cheques are payable to Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. There is a vegetarian option available if required, so please contact **Cynthia** if you require this alternative. We look forward to another dinner in celebration of our Patron Saint, David, in the company of the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford.

**St. David's Day Service on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 at Little Baddow URC at 3.30pm.** We shall be visiting the Little Baddow URC for our annual St. David's Day Service and I hope that you will be able to join us for this special service. Please make every effort to attend! The **Rev. Dr. Cally Hammond** is unwell and is unable to take the service. The **Rev. Canon Hugh Dibben** has kindly agreed to join us on this occasion. Let us give him a truly Welsh welcome on St. David's Day and let him enjoy some rousing hymn singing! Tea and biscuits will be served in the church vestry following the service.

**Mike's Musical Miscellany - charity/fund raising Cheese and Wine Evening, Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm at Radley Green Farm.** **Mike Price** will present another evening of a wide selection of music. His last presentation was much appreciated by those who attended Tickets priced at **£12.50**, can be obtained from **Shirley Moody 01245-248178**.

**Visit to Aberystwyth May 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 2015.** Thanks to all of you who have already made the final payment for the holiday. **Carys Williams** (treasurer) would be grateful to receive final payments before the end of **February 2015**. Cheques payable to the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society should be given to **Carys Williams** or sent to her home address: 3 Engelfields South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** The annual concert will be held in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm. The **London Welsh Male Voice Choir** will be the visiting choir. Tickets priced at **£16** each will be available from **Arthur Williams** from the end of February 2015. If you wish to purchase or reserve a ticket please contact **Arthur** on **01621-778711**. He has already received a number of advance bookings and he is anxious that our members have the first opportunity to book their tickets.

### SOCIETY NEWS

- Congratulations to **Beth Schulter**, who has signed a contract with a worldwide publisher to write more of her Sci-Fi books for the next 6 years! We are most proud to have such a successful author as a member of our society. Her latest book **'The Hub: The Robot Army Trilogy 1'** was released on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 and can be obtained from Amazon at a price of £11.55.
- **Rowland Webb**, and his wife **Vima**, have both been unwell for some time. They will soon be moving to sheltered accommodation provided specially for retired C. of E. clergy in Lingfield, Surrey. We send them our best wishes and love as they move to another part of England. **Rowland** has made a tremendous contribution to our society over the years and we are most grateful for his involvement in so many of our activities.
- Good news: **Ron Jones** is now on the mend.

Cofion Cynnes,

*Mair Thomas*



## Meeting and Activities Report February 2015

### "A DOCTOR CALLS"

with  
Dr Huw Idris Jones



Dr Huw Idris Jones, a retired GP from Sir Fon (Anglesey) was the guest speaker at the February meeting of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. He was welcomed by the President, Buddug Rowland Frank. Born and brought up in Twickenham, he attended Sunday school at a Welsh chapel in Clapham, graduated in Chemistry at Cambridge University and later in Medicine at Manchester University, and began his career as GP in Manchester before spending the greater part of his professional life in the rural idyll of Anglesey, where 90 per cent of consultations were conducted in Welsh. A Doctor Calls was his topic, delivered with a wonderful sense of humour and fun. He traced the changing life of a GP and his patients over 30 years; in the early years a patient could expect to consult the same GP, who knew the family's medical history, each time. This is rarely the case now. Huw would expect to be telephoned in the middle of the night, resulting in a home visit 2 to 3 times a month. Now, a patient has to negotiate a touch tone telephone in an emergency. Doctors can learn much by observing how their patients enter the consulting room, before they proceed to an examination: do they shuffle; do they limp, and if so how; do their hands shake; do they move their chair in or out; are they obese; have they lost weight; are they overdressed or underdressed? Other clues can be gleaned by looking at their ankles, eyes, hands and nails. Humorous situations included visiting a distraught daughter who had phoned to report that her mother had died, and was drunk when he arrived, whilst mum was drinking tea!; and beginning an examination on a confused lady only to find that he was in the wrong house ...Welsh place names can be confusing! The Vice-president, Shirley Moody, congratulated Huw on a masterful performance, and presented him with a Society goblet. After a break for refreshments the members enjoyed some community singing, in Welsh and English, accompanied by Ivy Price on the piano and with Brian Thomas as MC and humourist.

Buddug and Ray Rowland Frank's fund raising/charity Valentine's coffee morning raised £409.

*Jim Armishaw*





## St David's Day Celebrations 2015



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Chelmsford and District Welsh Society+ celebrated the feast of their patron saint, Dewi Sant (St David), with a dinner at the County hotel and a Church Service at Little Baddow URC. The dining room was beautifully bedecked in the national colours: the 86 members and guests, wearing daffodils handed out by young Katie and Isabella Bartels dressed in national costumes, enjoyed a feast under the watchful eye of a resplendent Ddraig Goch, the Red Dragon of Wales. The rousing processional march, the Men of Harlech, played by Rachel and Ken Bartels on the harp and flute respectively, announced the entry of the Mayor Cllr Bob Villa and Mayoress of Chelmsford, escorted by the President and her husband, Buddug and Ray Rowland Frank, and the Guest Speaker, Her Honour Judge Eleri Rees, escorted by the Vice-president and her husband, Shirley and Don Moody. The Loyal Toast to 'The Queen' was proposed by the President. The Vice-president proposed the toast to the tee-total Dewi Sant, and in a humorous and well researched speech seemed to have discovered a St Don, much to her husband's delight! The President introduced the Guest Speaker, who is the first female Recorder of Cardiff. In a masterful speech she reminded the audience that women were rare in the law profession when she graduated. She had enjoyed an immensely interesting and successful career, which included an exciting period as Stipendiary Magistrate at Bow Street in London. She reminded us that although Henry VIII had Welsh ancestry, the Act of Union which he instituted in 1535, to his eternal shame relegated to obscurity the status of the Welsh language in all public office appointments. Fairly recently the legal status of the language was restored, and enhanced law making powers are about to be announced. She concluded by proposing the toast to 'The Society'. The President responded, proposing the toast to 'Our Guests'. She congratulated Judge Rees on the excellent delivery of her speech, and praised the charming daffodil girls and the talented musicians, their parents. She congratulated Cynthia Styles for her impeccable planning of the event, Shirley Moody who provided the artistic daffodil table centre pieces, and David Brown the Society's talented web master. In his speech the Mayor remarked on the coincidence that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Society's Golden Anniversary and the granting of City Status to Chelmsford all occurred in the same year. A varied and tasty diet of humour was provided by the MC, Brian Thomas. The evening ended on a high note, with traditional music provided by Rachel and Ken, assisted by Katie on the flute and Charlotte Rowland Frank on the harp.

The celebrations continued with the church service at the URC. The hymns and Bible readings were in Welsh and English. The preacher was the Rev Canon Hugh Dibbens. Following tradition, the last hymn, Seintiau Cymru (the Saints of Wales), was dedicated to Society members who had sadly died during the year, this year Agnes Evans, Rene Foster and Norma Maskell.





URC Chapel, Little Baddow

## MARCH NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MAWRTH 2015

Annwyl Gyfeillion . Dear Friends,

The last few weeks have been very busy. Our February monthly meeting was a great success when **Dr. Huw Idris Jones** spoke of his experiences as a GP in Anglesey. He combined humour with factual information and had the attention of his large audience throughout his well-presented talk. This was followed by our annual **St. David's Day Dinner** held for the 52<sup>nd</sup> time at the County Hotel, Chelmsford. The dinner was well attended and everyone present enjoyed a tasty meal, the excellent speeches and delightful music, which enhanced the evening. Our guests commented on the smooth organisation of the event. Thanks once again to **Cynthia Styles** for her immaculate planning of the dinner and to **Shirley Moody** for providing the delightful table arrangements. On **St. David's Day**, members met at Little Baddow URC for the annual **St. David's Service**. **The Rev. Canon Hugh Dibbens** officiated at the service as a replacement for the **Rev. Dr. Cally Hammond** who has been unwell and was not able to be with us this year. We send our very best wishes to **Cally**. **Hugh** gave an inspiring and carefully crafted sermon which was much appreciated by all present. We give thanks to **Keith Byatt** for once again accompanying some fine singing, on the organ. I should like to thank all those members who attended our various events. Details of our next meeting/events are listed below:

### *'The National Library of Wales - Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru'* *A presentation by Cyril Evans.*

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

**Cyril Evans** is communications officer at the National Library of Wales and he will inform us of the history and ongoing work of the library in preparation for our visit there in May. His talk will also prove to be most informative to all our members. I am pleased that the written works of my late father are safely stored in this prestigious library. **Cyril** was with us in January with the group *Ffrindiau o Geredigion* and we had the pleasure of listening to him sing one of the solos. His brother **Huw** was the soloist at our annual concerts in 1983, 1989 and 1998. Please come along and support a fellow Welshman who is travelling from Aberystwyth to entertain us. Our monthly meeting attendances have been excellent in recent months. Thank you so much for your support.

Refreshments and raffle . **Jo Davies, Rachel Taylor and Gwenno Llwyd.**

**St Valentine's Day Charity/Fund Raising Coffee Morning on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 10.30am** hosted by **Buddug** and **Ray Rowland Frank** was a well-attended event and raised **£409**. We extend our thanks to **Buddug** and **Ray** for the warmth of their hospitality.

**Welsh classes.** The next meetings are on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23rd March 2015 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm.**

**Mike's Musical Miscellany - charity/fund raising Cheese and Wine Evening, Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm at Radley Green Farm.** **Mike Price** will present another evening of a wide selection of music. His last presentation was well attended and proved to be most enjoyable. Tickets priced at **£12.50**, can be obtained from **Shirley Moody 01245-248178**. Don't delay . book today!

**Future Fund Raising/Charity Event – 'Sunday Tea – A La Ritz' at Radley Green Farm on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015.** **Shirley and Don Moody** will host this event at their delightful home at a cost of only **£5** per person.

**Visit to Aberystwyth May 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 2015.** We are looking forward to our visit to Aberystwyth. We are staying in the beautiful Marine Hotel . situated on the sea front. As usual we can park our cars at Radley Green Farm, courtesy of **Shirley and Don** and we will be leaving the farm promptly at **8.30am**.

**ANNUAL CONCERT.** The annual concert will be held in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm. The **London Welsh Male Voice Choir** will be the visiting choir. Tickets priced at **£16** are now available from **Arthur Williams**. If you wish to purchase tickets please contact **Arthur** on **01621-778711** as soon as possible as there are **only a few tickets remaining!**

#### SOCIETY NEWS

- **Edith Brown** has had a knee replacement and is making a steady recovery and being well looked after by David. **Margaret Cox** has fallen and broken her pelvis. We send her our best wishes.
- Long standing members **Margo** and **John Williams** have both been unwell and unable to attend our recent events. We wish them both a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them in the near future.
- Highlights of the **2014 London Welsh Festival of Male Choirs** will be shown on S4C on Easter Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 8.30pm. Congratulations to the members of the **Chelmsford Male Voice Choir** who have been invited to take part in the 2016 Festival which will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Cofion Cynnes,

*Mair Thomas*



## Meeting and Activities Report March 2015

### "THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES" with Cyril Evans



Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru (National Library of Wales), established by Royal Charter in 1907, was the subject of the talk by Cyril Evans, the Library's Marketing Officer, at the March meeting of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. After a bitter fight with Cardiff, Aberystwyth was selected as the location of the Library, a condition under which the wealthy retired Victorian physician and book collector, Sir John Williams, was prepared to donate his valuable collection of manuscripts. He donated £20,000 to build and establish the Library. Aberystwyth's location in the heart of Wales, with good pre-Beeching rail links, a University, and no air pollution to damage valuable manuscripts, were additional reasons for the choice. The collection includes printed works, maps, manuscripts, audio visual material, photographs and paintings. Rare books include: the first book printed in Welsh, in 1546; Bishop Morgan's first Welsh translation of the complete Bible in 1588, which kept the language alive (and was approved by the Tudor Queen Elizabeth 1st, who read Welsh, and saw it as a means of combating 'Ropery'); The Black Book of Carmarthen; and the Hengwrt Chaucer manuscript, the earliest and most complete Canterbury Tales. Whilst Welsh is the Library's main medium of communication, it aims to deliver all public services in Welsh and English. Cyril was congratulated on his humorous delivery of an informative and well planned presentation, and rewarded with a Society Goblet as a memento. Members are looking forward to meeting Cyril in the Library in May, during the Society's visit to Aberystwyth. Mike's Musical Miscellany, a fundraising/charity event hosted by Shirley and Don Moody, raised £385.

*Jim Armishaw*



## APRIL NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS EBRILL 2015

Annwyl Gyfeillion . Dear Friends,

**Mike Price** introduced his second Music Miscellany on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015. He had carefully selected examples of world famous conductors, soloists and orchestras and he delighted his audience of 40 members and friends with his masterful presentation. During the interval, refreshments and wine were served by **Shirley Moody** and her team of helpers. Sincere thanks to **Shirley** and **Don** for hosting this most enjoyable event which raised **£385** for the fund raising/charity account.

At our March monthly meeting, **Cyril Evans** gave a most interesting and informative presentation on the history of the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth. Members who are going on the society's visit to Aberystwyth in May will be well prepared when they spend time in this famous building. Details of our next monthly meeting and other events are listed below:

### *'Life in Merthyr Tydfil'* *A presentation by Gwynne Mack.*

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at  
7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

**Gwynne Mack**, who hails from Merthyr, is our guest speaker for our April meeting. He lives in Upminster and he taught in schools in Essex prior to his retirement. He is very proud to have lived in Merthyr and he will share many of his experiences of living in a town which has a long and varied industrial heritage. A few of our members were also brought up in Merthyr and I feel sure that what **Gwynne** has to tell us will revive many happy memories for them. I hope that we will maintain our excellent attendance record for what promises to be a most interesting meeting.

Refreshments and raffle . **Liz Armishaw, Shirley Moody and Heulwen Newman.**

**Welsh classes.** The next meeting is on **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The afternoon tea planned for Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015 has been cancelled.**

**Visit to Aberystwyth May 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 2015.** We are looking forward to our visit to Aberystwyth and arrangements are all in place with evening entertainment and visits to places of interest all booked up. Please arrive for the coach at around **8am** in order that we can load the luggage on the coach and leave promptly by **8.30am.** **Ray Rowland Frank**, can be contacted on his mobile phone **07979056472**, if you encounter any problems on your journey to the pick-up point.

**ANNUAL CONCERT.** The annual concert will be held in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm. The **London Welsh Male Voice Choir** will be the visiting choir and the soloist will be the talented **Eirlys Myfanwy Davies.** **ALL TICKETS** for the concert have been distributed. Members who are holding unsold tickets are requested to return them to **Arthur Williams, 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT by May 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the latest**, or give him a ring on **01621-778711.** **Arthur** already has a waiting list for tickets.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.** **Edith** and **David Brown** are hosting a **Coffee Morning** on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. at 8 Forefield Green Chelmsford CM1 6YU.

#### **SOCIETY NEWS**

- **Jo Davies** has been a patient in Basildon Hospital and is now recovering at home. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her at a monthly meeting in the near future.
- **Margaret Cox** is making a steady recovery after breaking her pelvis.
- Congratulations to **Derrick Thomas** on the publication of his book **'Welsh Warrior to English Copper'**. Copies priced at £3 can be obtained by telephoning **Derrick** on 01245-474558.

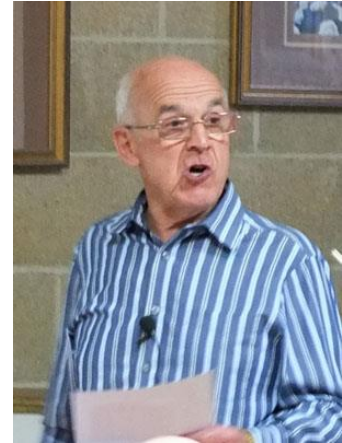
I wish you all a pleasant Easter holiday in the company of your family and friends. I hope the sun will shine!

**Cofion Cynnes,**

*Mair Thomas*

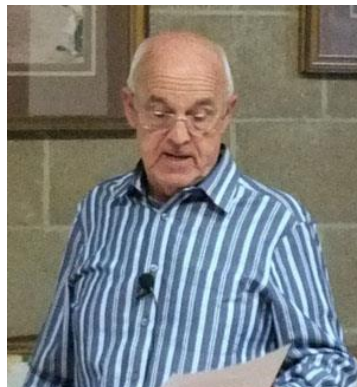
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### "LIFE in MERTHYR TYDFIL" with Gwynne Mack



The President, Buddug Rowland Frank, welcomed the 58 members and guests assembled at the April meeting of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society to hear the Gwynne Mack, who has now lived in Essex for many years, talk about 'Life in Merthyr Tydfil', where he was born. St Tydfil was the martyred daughter of the king of Brycheiniog. Situated 37 miles north of Cardiff, this rural village expanded during the industrial revolution to become the largest town in Wales, with a population of 80,000 in the early 19th century; they worked in the four greatest ironworks in the world, owned by two dynasties, the Guests and the Crawshays. Charlotte Guest, an English lady, became a champion of Welsh culture, and translated the *Mabinogion* into English; the Crawshays were much less popular, and on one Crawshay tomb is engraved 'Lord forgive me: Anarchy reigned in the extreme destitution of the 'China' slum district, where the houses had no toilets, open sewers harboured deadly diseases and the average life expectancy was 40 years. The Merthyr Uprising of 1831 was reaction to the great depression, with 10,000 protesters facing the British army and resulting in the wrongful hanging of the celebrated 'Dic Penderyn' and the first raising of the red flag of revolution in Britain. With the decline of the ironworks, many emigrated to the USA; in 1861 John J Hughes went to the Ukraine where he established his own ironworks in Donetsk, renamed Hughesovka in his honour. Eventually new industries were introduced: Hoover, which employed 8000 at its peak; Keyser Bonder; Thorns Electrical; Lines Brothers; Teddington Aircraft Controls; and the short lived C5 car of Clive Sinclair. Famous sons and daughters include: Dr Joseph Parry, born in 1841, who worked in the pit at 9 years, an iron foundry at 12, emigrated to Pennsylvania at 13 where he studied harmony in his spare time and with the help of moneys collected in Merthyr studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London, and composed several operas including *Hywel a Blodwen*; the designer Laura Ashley; actors Richard Price and the multilingual Philip Maddock; World Boxing champions Jimmy Wild, Eddie Thomas and Howard Winston; and Donny Osmond's grandparents! Merthyr's worthy claim to fame was the raising in 1916 of £1.25m for the WW1 fund in only 3 days (equivalent to £50m today). A deeply felt hurt was the recent Channel 4 programme claiming that Merthyr was the 'Third Worst Town in the Country' and its depiction in the follow up programme 'Skint'. The Vice-president, Shirley Moody, thanked Glynne for his interesting talk, and presented him with a Society Goblet.

*Jim Armishaw*





## MAY NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MAI 2015

Annwyl Gyfeillion . Dear Friends,

I am including a list of our summer events in this Newsletter. They show what an active society we are- thanks ever so much for your support. Many of you will be going away for your Summer holidays in the next few weeks and I ask you to put the dates in your diaries and hope that you are able to fit in some of our meetings and events.

### *'Restoring a Coach'* *A presentation by John Lloyd Williams.*

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House  
at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

Society member, **John Lloyd Williams**, who hails from North Wales, has considerable experience in the restoration of numerous vehicles. He will focus on the restoration of a coach and those of you who have travelled on one of **John's** restored 1950s coaches will be aware of the magnificent job he has done. In addition to gaining an insight into coach restoration, we will also be captivated by **John's** keen sense of humour. The evening will be both a learning experience and a fun event!

Refreshments and raffle . **Carys Williams, Yvonne Blackwood and Valerie Allen.**

**Welsh classes.** The next meetings are on **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm.**

**Visit to Aberystwyth May 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 2015.** Our long awaited visit to Aberystwyth is nearly upon us and here are some important points for you to note. Please arrive early . **8am**. It is intended that the coach will leave promptly at **8.30am**. If you are delayed for any reason, please ring **Ray Rowland Frank** on his mobile - **07979056472** or **Shirley Moody** on **07846748619**. Please put a label on your case - with your name on it. The telephone number of the **Marine Hotel** is **01970 612444**.

**ANNUAL CONCERT – NEARLY A SELL OUT!** The annual concert will be held in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm. The **London Welsh Male Voice Choir** will be the visiting choir and the soloist will be the talented **Eirlys Myfanwy Davies**. **Arthur Williams** has **20** returned tickets available. If you are requiring a ticket/s please phone him immediately. Members who are holding unsold tickets are requested to return them to **Arthur Williams, 3 Engelfields, South St. Tillingham CM0 7AT by May 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the latest**, or give him a ring on **01621-778711**. The concert after-glow event will be held in the **Saracens Head Hotel, 4 High St. Chelmsford** – just a stones throw from the Cathedral.

**CHARITY/FUND RAISING COFFEE MORNING.** **Edith and David Brown** are hosting a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.** at 8 Forefield Green Chelmsford CM1 6YU. This is the last fund raising event of the society year so I hope you can make it! Our hosts look forward to your company and if you require directions please give them a ring on **01245-465052**. Raffle prizes will be welcomed.

**ANNUAL SUMMER SERVICE** at **Little Baddow URC** on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 10.30am**. I hope that you will be able to attend this service and it would be great to see a few new faces there . together with the regulars!

**AGM . Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015.** Please make every effort to attend . more details in the June Newsletter.

**GARDEN PARTY** hosted by **Shirley and Don Moody** at **Radley Green Farm** on **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 2.30pm**. This will be first event of our President elect . **Shirley Moody's** term of office. More details in the June Newsletter.

#### **SOCIETY NEWS**

- **Rev. Rowland Webb** has been in contact with me and he wishes to inform everyone that he and his wife **Vima** have moved from Ingatestone to Lingfield in Surrey. Having suffered ill health over the past years they have moved to special accommodation for Anglican clergy. He sends his very best wishes to everyone and has stated that he has many happy memories of his time with the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society. We in turn, thank him for his most positive contribution to the work of our society over many years. I have his new address should any member wish to contact him.

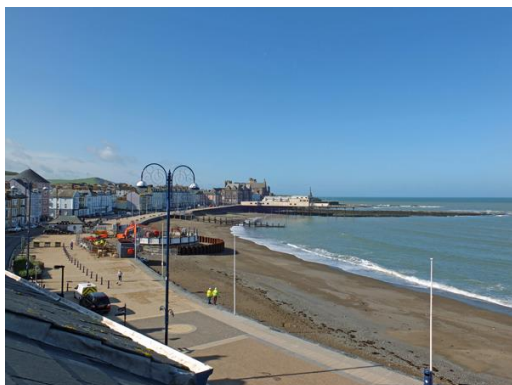
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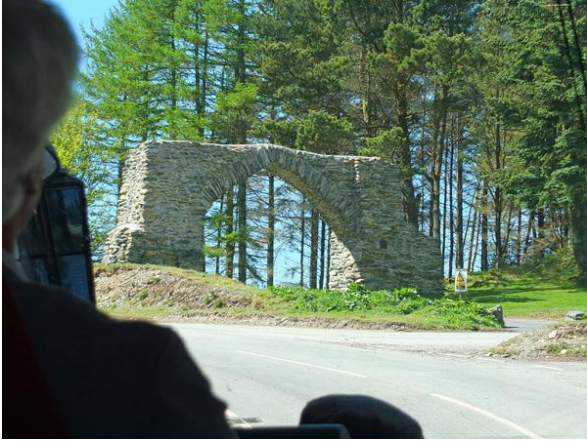


## ABERYSTWYTH 2015

On 10 May, forty seven members and friends of the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society set out on a four day coach visit to the university town of Aberystwyth, 'The Jewel in the Welsh Crown', arranged by the President, Buddug Rowland Frank. A most interesting guided tour of the National Library of Wales, perched high above the majestic Cardigan Bay, led by Cyril Evans, was followed by a coach ride to Aberaeron, with its harbour and pastel shaded houses. A ride on the vintage narrow gauge steam train through the stunningly beautiful Rheidol valley, with red kites and buzzards soaring overhead, to Devil's Bridge, with its 300 ft waterfalls was a particular highlight. This was followed by a tour and tea at the Grade 1 listed Nanteos Mansion. Each evening, following a delicious dinner, excellent entertainment was provided: on the first night by a fine local male choir, Meibion y Mynydd; on the second, Aberystwyth Silver Band, with its wide range of ages, and vocalists, provided an opportunity for Society members to play the big drum and to dance!; on the last evening a mixed voice choir, Cor Glannau Ystwyth, provided a fitting finale to a wonderful trip.











## Meeting and Activities Report May 2015

### "RESTORING A COACH"

with John Lloyd Williams



President, Buddug Rowland Frank, opened the meeting with news of past and future events. She reported on the successful visit to Aberystwyth by 47 members earlier in the month and the coffee morning on the following weekend with David & Edith Brown that had raised £287. She congratulated concert secretary Arthur Williams on the news that all tickets for the Male Voice Choir concert on June 13<sup>th</sup> had been sold. She then handed over the evening to society member John Lloyd Williams who related his experiences restoring a 1950s vintage coach. John bought the coach in 1981 from the original owner and operator in Caernarfon. It had spent most of its early life on sightseeing trips around north Wales and in later life was used on the %school run+ and for relief services. He had fond memories of the coach as his father had been one of its drivers when he was a child. The talk was accompanied with a series of photographs, but John stressed to any would be restorer to take as many photographs as possible of their progress. The coach just managed the journey from Caernarfon to his home with a failing gearbox and then underwent a survey to gauge the requirements to bring it back into use. The costs not only included expenditure on the coach but also the cost of a new building to house it whilst under restoration. Parts were obtained from places worldwide, including the hub caps bought from South America. It was surprising to note that the majority of the skills and crafts required to complete the bodywork and furnishings were within the UK, many from the local area. A milestone in the rebuild was a body repaint which was carried out at the local Lodge Coaches depot at High Easter. It was decided to replace the petrol engine, with a consumption of 8 miles per gallon, with a more economical diesel, which only just fitted in the space available. Although designed with 38 seats it now has 34 to allow more legroom. In 2005 John was given the ultimatum by a family member that she wanted the coach for her wedding in 2007! It was then, after 26 years of restoration, the coach returned to Caernarfon to perform its duties as a wedding %arriage+. Following refreshments John took questions from the audience and we learned that whilst its age exempted it from an MOT it was always subjected to its annual check and that it was also exempt from excise duty. A PCV licence was not a requirement to drive the vehicle, providing passengers were not charged for their journey. The vice president, Mrs Shirley Moody, thanked John for his most amusing and informative talk and claimed that she now %nows all there is to know about coaches+.

*David Brown*





The coach in its final years of service in Caernarfon



Coach under restoration in John's yard



Restored and back in Caernarfon in 2007



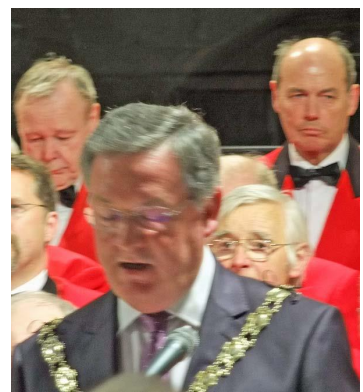


# The 2015 Choir Concert

with the **London Welsh Male Voice Choir**  
and **Eirlys Myfanwy Davies**



London Welsh Male Voice Choir, resplendent in their red jackets and black trousers and bow ties, thrilled the capacity audience at the 48th annual concert of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society at Chelmsford Cathedral on 13 June. Their previous appearance was at the inaugural concert in 1968. They delivered a superbly varied, exciting and uplifting programme, much of which was new to the majority of the audience. It included a nostalgic Gwinllan A Roddwyd I'm Gofal, Robat Arwyn's haunting Anfonaf Angel (Guardian Angel), the spiritual Steal Away, the beautiful Bring Him Home from Les Miserables, Dylan Thomas's Sunset Poem, Working Man, and the rousing Morte Criste and Deus Salutis. Three of the songs were composed by the conductor Edward-Rhys Harry, who works across the UK and internationally as a voice coach, adjudicator, composer, arranger and choral conductor. His compositions included The Man We Never Knew, which celebrates an unknown Canadian soldier killed in the Great War; an uplifting Gweddio Arglwydd (The Lord's Prayer); and Can You Hear Me?, with its haunting words and marvellous melodies, dedicated to those suffering the devastations of war. His arrangements included Let It Go from the Disney film Frozen: a Swinging Sixties Medley; and Cadwyn O Emyrnau Cymraeg (a trilogy of Welsh hymns) with its stirring Amen. The soloist was a young Welsh Mezzo-Soprano, Eirlys Myfanwy Davies, whose prestigious prize winning achievements includes 'Voice of the Future' at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod in 2014. She will join the prestigious National Opera Studio, London, in September. Her varied repertoire included songs from the operas The Italian Girl In Algiers, Carmen and Samson And Delilah; from the shows The Student Prince and Showboat; and the favourite Welsh songs, Ryan Davies's Pan Fodd Nos Yn Hir (When The Night Is Long) and the gently patriotic Cymru Fach. The accompanist for the choir and the soloist was Annabel Thwaite, one of the most versatile and charismatic pianists and winner of all the major accompanying prizes. Immediately after the interval Cllr. Paul Hutchinson, the Mayor of Chelmsford, delivered a Civic Welcome to the choir and soloist. At the conclusion, the audience showed their appreciation with prolonged and enthusiastic applause. Buddug Rowland Frank, the President of the Society thanked the audience for their support. She congratulated the choir and soloist for putting on a wonderful concert and made presentations to the conductor, soloist, accompanist and compere.



## JUNE NEWSLETTER / CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MEHEFIN 2015

Annwyl Gyfeillion . Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we approach the end of another society year -time has absolutely flown by! Our President, **Buddug Rowland Frank**, will be standing down at the AGM and we have had a most enjoyable and successful year under her impressive leadership. The programme she planned for the year was quite exceptional and it had a very strong Welsh flavour. Felly diolch yn fawr iawn i chi **Buddug**. The 3- night visit to Aberystwyth was most enjoyable with excellent food, impressive visits and enjoyable evening entertainment. **David Brown** has included a colourful photographic record of the visit on our web-site. We look forward to our visit to **Caernarfon in 2016!** Society member, **John Lloyd Williams**, gave a most entertaining and informative presentation on 'The Restoration of a Coach' at our May monthly meeting.

### *'Annual General Meeting'*

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

I hope that you will make a very special effort to attend this event. It will give you an opportunity of thanking **Buddug** for all her work throughout the year and of formally witnessing the induction of **Shirley Moody** as our new President. New officers and committee members will be elected

in preparation for what promises to be an exciting 2015-16 society year. The retiring committee thank all members for their loyal support throughout the year. The meeting will take the usual format and a cheque to the value of **£2000** will be presented to representatives of **First Step**. It is remarkable to think that we have had considerable enjoyment at our events and at the same time we have been able to make a substantial donation to a worthwhile charity. In addition donations totalling **£385** have been made to other charities and organisations. Thank you all for your support. Following the formal part of the evening the catering committee will provide refreshments. Our new President, **Shirley Moody**, will be arranging the second part of the evening.

Refreshments . Catering Committee; raffle . **Edith Brown, David Brown, Ivy Price, Ron Jones and Maureen Byatt.**

**CHARITY/FUND RAISING COFFEE MORNING.** Edith and David Brown held a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May** which raised **£287**. We extend our sincere thanks to our hosts for the warmth of their hospitality and to those members and friends who attended this event.

**WELSH CLASSES.** The next classes will be held on **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Radley Green Farm at 2pm**. We thank **Shirley Moody** for hosting these classes throughout the year and **Ivy Price** and **Zena Williams** for assisting with the teaching of the various groups. Full marks to those members who have been so keen to become more proficient in the language of heaven!

**ANNUAL SUMMER SERVICE at Little Baddow URC on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 10.30am.** I hope that you will be able to attend this service and it would be great to see a few new faces there. Society members have joined forces with the church members since 1964 for this annual morning service. It is a tradition we wish to sustain.

**ANNUAL CONCERT – NEARLY A SELL OUT!** The annual concert will be held in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm . doors opening at 6.45pm. **Arthur Williams** has had some tickets returned by the London Welsh Choir. If you require tickets please contact **Arthur** on **01621 778711** as soon as possible.

Please note that the **'After Glow'** will be held in a private room in **The Saracens Head Hotel**, 3 High St. Chelmsford . just a 100 yards from the Cathedral. You and your friends are cordially invited to join us there after the concert.

**GARDEN PARTY hosted by Shirley and Don Moody at Radley Green Farm on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 2.30pm.** This will be first fund/charity raising event of our new President, **Shirley Moody** - and it is most appropriate that this event will be held in her delightful garden.

Family and friends are invited to join us for what has become a most enjoyable occasion. Admission is **£5** to include tasty refreshments; **children free**. We are always pleased to see children at this function as they add so much to the event. Games and activities will be organised as usual . providing you with the opportunity to win some fabulous prizes. In addition the **IBUTHO- Anglo Zulu Group** will be in attendance. Please bring folding chairs and a folding table ( and spears) with you if possible. Raffle prizes will be most welcome. **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 signpost for Radley Green, Roxwell and Willingale; turn right; there is a recent barn conversion on your left; drive along this road . the Cuckoo Pub (now a restaurant) is on your left and just a little further along the road on the left is the farm . take the second entrance with the Welsh Dragon flying at the gate. You have arrived . I hope!

Best wishes to all members for a happy summer break. If you are going on holiday . have a great time. I hope to see you at some if not all the above events.

Cofion Cynnes,

*Mair Thomas*