

CAPE CAMBRIAN SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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URGENT NOTICE RE: AGM

DATE: **5 June 2009**
VENUE: Goodwood Sports & Social Club
TIME: 18:45 for 19:15

Enjoy a Social Evening after the Meeting
Faggots & Peas will be available

**A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD
BEFORE THE AGM TO CONSIDER THE
PROPOSAL THAT THE POST OF
PRESIDENT SHOULD SERVE FOR A
MAXIMUM OF FIVE YEARS ONLY.**

**THE AGM HAS HAD TO BE POSTPONED AS IAN
HAS FLOWN TO UK DUE TO A FAMILY
BEREAVEMENT!!**

St David's Day Celebration:

This year's Dewi Sant celebration was again a successful Welsh weekend.

Starting with the Dinner on Saturday 29 February, attended by 100 people at the Mowbray Golf Club. The meal was extremely tasty and plentiful. Music supplied by Jason Evans got everyone up and dancing. A tidy sum was raised from Raffle Prizes donated by:

- Birkenhead Brewery – Beer & Wine (always well received!)
- Richard – Many Bed & Breakfast Vouchers at various of the Cape Gate Hotels.
- Annette & Namir – Organic Steel - Brazier

The same venue has already been booked for next year.

The Sunday Service at St George's Cathedral saw quite a few more in the congregation than last year and was presided over by our Cambrian Padre – Father Sarah Rowland Jones – to whom we are eternally grateful of course. The fine voices of the Cape Welsh Choir under the baton of Phillip Swales and pianist Stephen Arendse.

Afterwards Richard Jones did us proud at the Cape Hollow Hotel providing us with plenty to eat and drink. Grateful thanks to Richard.

For those (like us) who were unlucky not to win the Brazier you can get more information on prices, to hire or buy, on their website www.brazier.co.za or contact them on 072 3147 884.

Annie & Namir also own Pro Aluminium, manufacturing Aluminium windows, doors and skylights together with Pro-Blinds [wooden, louvre, venetian & shutter guards]

<http://www.pro-aluminium.co.za>

Father Sarah has submitted the text of the poem that was requested after St David's Dinner for the newsletter!

Harri Webb was born in Swansea in 1920 and died in 1994.

Harri Webb – Synopsis of the Great Welsh Novel

Dai K lives at the end of a valley. One is not quite sure whether it has been drowned or not. His Mam Loves him too much, and his Dada drinks. As for his girlfriend Blodwen, she's pregnant. So Are all the other girls in the village – there's been a Revival.

After a performance of *Elijah*, the mad preacher Davies the Doom has burnt the chapel down.

One Saturday night after the dance at the Con Club, With the Free Wales Army up to no good in the back lanes, A stranger comes to the village; he is, of course, God, the well-known television personality. He succeeds In confusing the issue, whatever it is, and departs On the last train before the line is closed.

The colliery blows up, there is a financial scandal Involving the most respected citizens; the Choir Wins at the National. It is all seen, naturally Through the eyes of a sensitive boy who never grows up.

The men emigrate to America, Cardiff and the moon. The girls Find rich and foolish English husbands. Only daft Ianto Is left to recite the Complete Works of Sir Lewis Morris To puzzled sheep, before throwing himself over the edge of the abandoned quarry.

One is not quite sure whether it is fiction or not.

Cape Welsh Choir Corner - Fixtures:

24 June: Concert with Melody Music Lions Choir, City Hall, Cape Town. Start 19:30.

Welsh Rugby Corner:

He shoots, he scores, he throws up...

Welsh club soccer player Ian Williams discarded his crutches and foot-cast to come on as a sub to score the winning goal for Pontlliw FC in their local derby against Pontarddulais Town. Williams was only on the bench to make up the numbers.

With the score 1-1 in the 85th minute Williams begged to be sent on and moments later blasted a shot into the top corner of the net with his injured foot. He threw up and was taken off in agony moments later.

"When the ball hit the back of the net I couldn't believe it. It was good to score the winning goal, but I think I'll wait until my foot's properly healed next time," said Williams.

Compiled by Sports Staff. Sources: Sapa-AFP, Reuters, shortnews.com and bbc.com

Sunday Times – 18th Jan '09

(Submitted by Bob Davies – Ta very much Bob)

Sport:

Congrats to Ireland on their latest victory over the Home Country. I suppose two tries to none is a deserved victory but it could have gone either way.

Since 1984 the Welsh record is played 26 games:

Home: Won 1; lost 11; drawn 1.

Away: Won 8; lost 6.

As you can see Wales are better playing away against Ireland for the last 26 years.

I hope the post match celebrations did not have the mayhem that occurred in 1890 in Dublin. Wales drew the match with a goal five minutes from No side.

Nine players were arrested for "Too much exuberance of Spirits"; eight of the players were Irish and they received "small" fines at a Dublin Court on Monday morning. The name of the sole Welsh player involved was never divulged!!

Dave

Y Gonglen Cymraeg – The Welsh Corner

Did you know that while the English word Easter is probably derived from an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, Eostre – at least, that was the theory of the 7th/8th century monk, the Venerable Bede, though he said her worship had died out long before his time (and there is no other reference to such a goddess existing) – the Welsh word for Easter, Pasg, is far more ancient. Like the French, Paques, and Russian, Pashka, Pasg is derived from Pascha, the name in both Greek and Latin for the Jewish feast of the Passover – for it was at Passover that, according to the Gospels, Jesus was crucified.

In a similar way, the Welsh name for Christmas, Nadolig, is derived from the Latin, Natalis, birth-day. (And the old South African province of Natal acquired its name because the Portuguese explorer, Vasco da Gama, first saw the coast of that region on Christmas Day 1497, and Natal is the Portuguese for Christmas.)

A happy Easter to everyone! Pasg Hapus i bawb!

THINGS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO

A few things that can be done in times of emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a lifesaver or an emergency tool for survival.

Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST

Emergency

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112.

If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile; network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

SECOND

Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry?

This may come in handy some day. Good reason to own a cellphone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cellphone.

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock!

Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you.

Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the boot).

Editor's Note: It works fine! We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a mobile phone!

THIRD

Hidden Battery Power

Imagine your mobile battery runs out. To re-activate it, press the keys *3370#

Your mobile will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery.

This reserve will get charged when you charge your mobile next time.

FOURTH

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

Before it gets stolen (like NOW!), first check and record safely your Mobile phone's SERIAL number. To do this, key in the following digits on your phone: * # 0 6 # A 15 digit code will appear on the screen.

This number is unique to your handset.

Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

When your phone get stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless.

You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

AND ONE MORE POTENTIALLY USEFUL THING TO KNOW . .

ATM - PIN Number Reversal

If you should ever be forced by a robber to withdraw money from an ATM machine, you can notify the police by entering your PIN # in reverse.

For example, if your pin number is 1234, then you would put in 4321.

The ATM system recognizes that your PIN number is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the machine. The machine will still give you (& the robber) the money you requested, but unknown to the robber, the police will be immediately alerted, and dispatched to the location (if you

are lucky).

Also, the robbers will only know your PIN backwards, so if they take your card and try to use it again with the reversed number, the ATM will again alert the police.

This information was recently broadcast on CTV by Crime Stoppers.

However it is seldom used because people just don't know about it.

Please pass this along to everyone. This is the kind of information people don't mind receiving, so pass it on to your family and friends.

MEMBER NEWS:

Sadly we have to report the untimely passing away last week of Shaun Powers (Born in Ynysddu 9 March 1944).

Shaun will be greatly missed by Jacky Jones and all his family from Wales and England and also the many friends he made and who enjoyed his exuberance and fun loving outlook on life. His family and friends traveled from UK to pay their last respects.

We also have good news of Freddy Ahearn (Chairman of the Welsh Choir).

As you know Freddy has fought off cancer and accidents and even now is recovering from a home accident after breaking his hip and being hospitalized yet again.

We all wish him a speedy recovery in this his 25th life (out of his nine lives) – please slow down now Fred – we want to keep you as long as possible.

PS- Does anyone have a spare Zimmer Frame to lend him??

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Any submissions/suggestions for future Newsletters are welcome.