



## 2006 Spring Meeting Notice Calgary Welsh Society



### Cymdeithas Gymreig Calgary

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We regret to advise members .....

The celebration of our Calgary 2006 Centennial and St. David's Day was overshadowed by the sad events that befell the family of Tom and Dianne Williams at that time! Tom, a staunch member of our Society over many years, finally succumbed to cancer at the age of 64 following a battle bravely fought over some 3-years.

His premature passing, on March 1<sup>st</sup>, followed the tragic death of his talented 28-year-old youngest son, Richard, just three weeks earlier on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

It became very evident that relatives, family friends, working and sports colleagues and Welsh Society members responded by giving significant support to Dianne, her three sons and their families, in their profound grief. A brother, Trevor, had predeceased Tom a short while earlier, back in North Wales.

Dianne was a tower of strength throughout Tom's illness and with all that was encountered during his final days! So many will miss Tom - his commanding personality, many talents and his life accomplishments!

As the heading indicates, this communication is a notice - NOT a NewsLetter - and is essentially intended to remind readers of an important (**previously announced**) event **SLATED FOR SATURDAY APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>**. The opportunity is also taken at this time to draw attention to other scheduled activities planned for your future enjoyment - plus a few items of news.

- 1) **THE SOCIETY'S SPRING MEETING, SATURDAY APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>**, will again be at the **IRISH CULTURAL CENTRE, 6452 - 35 AVENUE NW**. This seasonal social get-together also provides us with the opportunity to organize ourselves for the year ahead. **This is a 'POT LUCK SUPPER' function to reduce costs. Our 'Phone Committee' will solicit your attendance and personal 'WELSH FLAVOUR' food contribution. Cost will be \$5.00 per head to cover hall rental and barman.** The principal activity for the evening will address **GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH** so as to assist members in their attempts to explore their origins! A **'panel of experts'** will be in attendance. Dependent upon time availability, additional activities will ensure a full evening's entertainment! **Gather from 6.30 for 7.00 pm start!**

Accordingly, to perform the formal AGM task in the quickest possible time, the present committee recommends the following names for your consideration - and your formal acceptance at this meeting. All nominees have been approached and are prepared to serve the Society! They are:-

**President: Wayne Davies. Past-Pres: Alun Lewis. Secretary: David Matthews. Social Secretary: Kathleen Giffin.**  
**Treasurer: Philip Morris. Phone Coord: Jean Kuhn. Membership & Newsletter Ed: Roly Thomas.**  
**Directors at Large: Jane Alabaster, Trish Coulson, Carolynne Hewison, Margaret Kuyt, Elaine Westlake.**

Note that Maurice Benson's name does not appear in the listing. Recently, Maurice, after years as Vice-President, felt he could not do justice to fulfilling that role and submitted his resignation. He promises to continue supporting our efforts to the best of his abilities. We owe a debt of gratitude to Maurice for his past dedication to the Society!

- 2) **Please note that the remaining programme of activities for the year ahead have been set as follows:-**

**SUNDAY JULY 30 - SOCIETY PICNIC AT LAKE BONAVISTA.**  
**FRIDAY AUGUST 18 - GWENT MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT** at Grace Presbyterian Church.  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 - POEMS & PINTS EVENING** at the Irish Cultural Centre.  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 03 - SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DINNER** at Fort Calgary.  
Details will follow in a timely manner regarding all these planned events - **BUT PLEASE NOTE THE DATES!**

- 3) **Our 2006 St. David's Gala Dinner.** The occasion, attended by over 60 members, was a resounding success. The quality of the food, the officiating and cultural entertainment provided by so many talented Society members are worthy of special mention. In particular, thanks are due to formal contributions from Wayne Davies & Jane Alabaster - the displayed talents of **Laura Styler and accompanist Leila Chiacchia; Cledwyn Haydn-Jones, accompanied by wife Julie; harpist Adrienne Schipperus and Ewan Saunders**, who would have accompanied Dianne

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Williams had she been able to be with us. Further, the efforts of organizer **Kathleen Giffin** and **'DJ' Colin Lewis** - and so many other Society members - were very much appreciated!

**Casino Application Approval** The dogged efforts of secretary Dave Matthews are worthy of noting in this achievement! Within the next year we can probably look forward to holding our first casino operation to benefit Society's coffers - and our aspirations to help sponsor significant future cultural and sporting events in Calgary!

Significant participation by members will be a necessary pre-requisite for the venture - therefore, members and friends prepared to offer their services for the 'two-day-3-shift' involvement of the casino operation are urgently requested to contact Dave at 249-5483 so that preparations may be put in hand well in advance of any likely casino date being awarded!

### Congratulations Are In Order to:-

- 1) **ROY and RENE BRACEGIRDLE** - This year **BOTH CELEBRATE** their **80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAYS**  
**AND** their **60<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**

Hey, what's the secret you two? How did you do it - and still manage to look so good?

- 2) **Carys**, youngest daughter of Alun and Katharine Lewis, was awarded a **Speech Scholarship for her performance of a Shakespearean character at the recently held Kiwanis Music Festival**. Carys also appeared at the 'Stars of the Festival' concert held at the Jubilee Auditorium on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. **Well done Carys - keep up the good work!**

**We Ain't Very pleased** ...with the lack of achievement of the **Wales Rugby XV** during the recent Six Nations Competition. The entire thing was almost a comedy of errors that started with a previously inept Scottish team defeating France in an opening fixture - then Wales beating the Scots - to then be humiliated by England and Ireland - and only achieving a draw against the Italians! Thus, **'The Boys in Red'** dropped almost to the bottom of the rugby totem pole with England faring little better. **France** won the **'European Championship'** and **Ireland, 'The Triple Crown'**! The last **'Grand Slam'** success is now regrettably in the past. Let us hope (and pray to Allah) the **2007 Rugby World Cup** (in France) will see Wales and the other European teams restored to past glories! Will it be too much to hope for - we wonder?

**Would You Believe It?** Despite sending all of last year's Society Members a **Stamped Addressed Envelope** so as to help ensure a timely renewal response for the current (2006) year - 25% of them have still not done so! With a few people, there may well be supportable reasons for this apparent lapse - **but I would wager with most, it would not be the case! SO, YOU, WHO DO NOT ALREADY POSSESS A VALID 2006 MEMBERSHIP CARD - the sad truth is - YOU STILL HAVE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIPS AT THIS LATE DATE!**

Of course, you have the choice to be either **ON** or **OFF** our **2006 Membership List!** So, if you would like future NewsLetters, benefits and regular news on Society activities - **PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, PROMPTLY!**

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS** **BRITISH PANTRY** is a new advertiser - thanks to Maurice Benson's efforts on our behalf.

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