

Cymdeithas Gymraeg Gogledd Gorllewin... Ohio

DRAGON TALES

The Welsh Society of Northwest Ohio



October/November 2002

Welcome new members:

David and Kathy Fenstermaker – Leipsic, OH
Jerry Lewis – Bluffton, OH
Marty and Deb Thomas – Gomer, OH
Thelma Gaeth – Lima, OH
Wilda Lakin – Lima, OH

Thank you.

The Welsh Society had a very successful dedication ceremony on Sunday, October 6, 2002. Over eighty people observed the singing of the Welsh National Anthem “Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau” by Ross Elwood Thomas and “God Bless America” by Linda Whittington, the speeches and ribbon cutting. An estimated 200 people toured the museum. Mr. Ray Gottfred and his wife had flown up from Florida to be on hand for the dedication. He also brought twenty-one different views of the snow cruiser on refrigerator magnets for us to sell.

The museum needs more items for display, since exhibits will be changing. Three or four “Special weekend” exhibits are planned for each year. Also the Gomer-Elida school children will be visiting the museum during the year and items “special” to them, like antique toys etc. are needed. Our yearly budget of \$3000.00 will need to be maintained by special events, selling museum items and especially by monetary donations!

The museum will be opened the second and fourth Sunday of each month (1:30-4:00 PM) or by appointment. Please call Tom Evans (419-642-3445, Dave Whittington (419-642-5911), Carla Olds (419-999-5820), Kay Studer (419-642-2538), or Alice Bushong (419-331-3651) for assistance.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:

Sarah Sunderland, daughter of Carol Sunderland and granddaughter of Bob and Margie Alger, Gomer, Ohio.

Megan Collar, granddaughter of Lloyd and Shirley Collar, Vaughsville, Ohio.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – 5TH ANNUAL WELSH BREAKFAST:

Time: 8:30-11:30 Place: Gomer United Church of Christ fellowship room Cost per ticket: \$4.50 Sponsored by the Gomer Welsh Society of Northwest Ohio Menu: bacon/sausage, scrambled eggs, Hardee's biscuits, homemade grape jelly, tomatoes, beans, mushrooms, coffee, tea and juice. Tickets may be obtained from any Welsh Society member, at the door or by calling the Gomer church office at (419) 642-2681. If you want to volunteer to assist in the preparations/serving of the breakfast, call Carla Olds (419) 999-5820.

Flu shots are available from 9:00-11:30 AM – Delphos Visiting Nurses.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT THE MUSEUM:

The festival will be the same day as the Christmas Tour of Homes, Sunday, December 8, 2002. Please contact Gloria Sherer (419-221-0147) or Monetta Lloyd (419-642-4944) for more information about displaying your tree. The committee would like approximately thirty trees.

CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES:

Date: Sunday, December 8, 2002

Time: 2:30-7:00 PM

Cost: \$5.00 per ticket

Purpose: Monies are used for student scholarships (student applicants must be of Welsh ancestry).

Featured homes on the tour:

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Qualls – 2495 W. Lincoln Hwy.

Mr. and Mrs. David Klausing – 6895 Sandy Point Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brinkman – 7290 W. Lincoln Hwy.

The Gomer Welsh Community Museum – 7365 Gomer Road

TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED AT ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED SITES THE DAY OF THE TOUR OR ANY GOMER SOCIETY MEMBER.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ABOVE SPECIAL EVENTS.

Next Welsh Society of Northwest Ohio Meeting:

Tuesday, November 12, 2002 Time: 9:30 AM Place: Gomer United Church of Christ fellowship room.

Why are so many Welsh people named Jones? It seems very queer when we realize,

There is no letter “J” in the Welsh alphabet.

Here’s a little story, which may explain it.

“In ages long past, Wales was torn by Saxon strife and conquered. Unable to understand the real Welsh names like RhysapGwyllim, the Saxon Chief was in despair. Legend says he-

**Doffed his wig and tore his hair,
He swore he would no longer stand
The surnames of our native land.**

“Take ten, and call them Price.

**Now Roberts name a hundred more,
And Williams call some twenty score.
And call,” he moaned, in languid tones.
“Call all the other thousands, Jones.”**

“A Tribute to C. Harve Jones,” The Woman’s Realm (A British Magazine), July 16, 1966. Submitted by Joanne Thomas.

MAP FOR THE CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

***Brinkmans
7290 W. Lincoln Hwy.**

***Qualls
2498 W.
Lincoln Hwy.**

West Lincoln Hwy.

***GOMER, OHIO**

Rt. 115

***Klausings
6895 Sandy Point Rd.**

***The Gomer Welsh Community Museum
7365 Gomer Road**

