

CHILTERN DISTRICT WELSH SOCIETY

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Christmas Drinks

It has become somewhat of a tradition now to start off the Christmas festivities with a gathering of CDWS members at our President's home. It was a most convivial occasion with a very plentiful supply of Christmas eats and drinks.

Pam Britton

Quiz Evening

A string of Welsh bunting guided thirty four members and their friends to Seer Green Parish Hall for a Quiz evening on Saturday 22 January 2005.



Our Quizmasters, Neil and Gay DeMarco, had devised a quiz with eight rounds of questions together with two sheets (one on flags and one on famous people who had died during 2004) which we poured over most of the evening.

At 9 o'clock we stopped for our fish and chip supper and then it was eyes down and brains in gear for the last two rounds.

Congratulations to the winning team of Bob and Nina Ford, Ann and Eryl Morris and Gwyn and Janet John. They were also the smallest team in number so it was a very good win.

Our sincere thanks to Gay and Neil for organising such a pleasant and entertaining evening for us.

Thelma Lusher

Questionnaire

Thank you to all those members who completed and returned the questionnaire which we sent out last autumn. From the 23 forms that were returned, it would appear that we are organising events which you enjoy and we can now gauge support for some events which we have not yet tried. These include:

- Local walks possibly followed by a pub-lunch
- A winter lunch at a local restaurant
- A 3 day trip to Cardiff next year—tickets for rugby internationals may be impossible!
- Visit to Patagonia
- Learning Welsh (from scratch)

So, watch this space for news of these and other events in the future.

Thelma Lusher

St David's Day Dinner

On a snowy evening, over 80 members and friends were welcomed to Gerrards Cross Golf Club on Wednesday 2 March 2005 by the Chairman, to enjoy their 5th annual St David's Day celebration.

Following a reception and excellent 3 course dinner (plus coffee and Welsh cakes!) members were entertained by the wit and humour of Wyn Calvin MBE. He has spent 60 years in the entertainment profession



Gwyn Owen & Wyn Calvin

and at the same time has worked tirelessly for a number of charities. He announced that the first children's hospital for Wales was opened officially on 1 March 2005.

The hilarity of Wyn's speech was followed by a short recital of Welsh songs sung beautifully by the CDWS choir and then general singing.

The committee members each played their part, but many non-committee people contributed to the success of the evening, including Gay DeMarco and John Breese on the piano, Colin Wills who introduced the general singing and Sue Jones who helped with the organisation.

AGM

**Coleshill
Village Hall**



The AGM will be held this year on Friday 6 May 2005 at the Coleshill Village Hall, as in previous years. The format will be much the same, the meeting will start at 7 pm, followed by supper, and then Graham Penn will entertain us with his talk about Welsh Princes.



The committee always welcomes your ideas, comments, and constructive criticism, but this is a particularly relevant forum to have your say.

Please complete the enclosed form and submit it, with your nominations for the next committee.

The evening will be **FREE** to all members and their spouses/partners, and we hope many of you will attend. We still require a booking form to be completed for the purposes of catering. Please see attached. Please **bring your own drink** as the only free flowing drink will be tap water!

Parking is in the school car park, on the right as you enter Coleshill and almost opposite the hall. If anyone has a problem with transport, do let a committee member know. People come in from all directions, and a lift can usually be arranged.

Walking W/e in Pembrokeshire

20 people will be gathering near Fishguard in June this summer to sample the North Pembrokeshire coastal path or wander in the Presili hills. It promises to be an excellent long weekend, let's hope the weather is appropriate for some good walking.

Summer Lunch

This annual event will this year take place on Sunday 17



July at the home of Hugh and Jess Griffiths in Beaconsfield who have kindly offered their house and garden as a venue.

A booking form is enclosed, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

We usually ask people if they wish to volunteer to bring a salad or dessert to the lunch. This is by no means compulsory, but is a great help to those organising the lunch, and adds to the variety.

Committee resignation

Jean Owen tendered her resignation in the autumn. She had been a founder member of the committee and contributed an enormous amount to the successful development of the CDWS over the years, as well as playing a large part in the catering side of our events. We are very grateful to her for all her hard work

**Annual Golf Day—
2 September 2005**

Please take note of this date as it is a change from the previously scheduled date. It will be a fun day at Harewood Downs Golf Club featuring mixed fours of all levels. The day will commence with a light breakfast, and lunch is served when everyone returns to the clubhouse. The cost of the full day will be approximately £38 to non members.

Any non-golfers wishing to join us for lunch are most welcome. The cost for lunch only is approximately £12.50. Please see the booking form enclosed. At this stage we need to know how many people are interested in the event.



**Cymanfa Ganu—
15 October 2005**

This will be a first for the CDWS. Bill Jones has kindly offered to host a nostalgic evening of Welsh songs and hymns accompanied by the organ at his home in Gerrards Cross on the Saturday evening.

If you love to sing, then please complete the booking form. There will be a small charge of £5 to cover wine and cheese in the interval.

