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ELECTION '92
THE LOCAL DIMENSION

General Election campaigns seem to have become increasingly reliant on the press and television as a means of conveying general party messages but it is often overlooked that voters actually have to decide which candidate in their particular constituency they wish to see elected and vote accordingly. It is not surprising then that a mass of election literature is still produced by individual candidates. Certainly in Wales glossy election addresses and highly localised (and sometimes misleading) leaflets still play a crucial role in the campaigns in individual constituencies. Such literature is of interest to historians and social scientists as sources of information about candidates, their policies and important local issues.

As this *Newsletter* goes to press we are glad to report that the Archive has received every election address published by all the candidates standing in Wales, as well as a mass of leaflets, posters and other election ephemera. As well as that from established political parties, material has also been received from independent candidates, the Monster Raving Loony Party and the Natural Law Party. Party manifestoes and press releases have also been received.

As the Archive collected similar material during the 1983 and 1987 General Election campaigns and also at by-elections, it has now built up a substantial collection of Welsh election ephemera.

Diolch i bawb a fu mor garedig ag anfon llenyddiaeth etholiadol i'r Archif. Gwerthfawrogwn eich cydweithrediad.
We wish to thank all those who were kind enough to send election literature to the Archive. We appreciate your co-operation.

DATBLYGIADAU NEWYDD

O ganlyniad i ddyrchafiad Gwyn Jenkins i'r swydd o Geidwad Adran Llawysgrifau a Chofysgrifau ac i'r ad-drefnu a weithredwyd yn yr Adran honno, gwelwyd newidiadau yn nhrefniadaeth yr Archif Wleidyddol Gymreig. Lleolir yr Archif bellach yn is-adran Gwasanaethau a Datblygu, Adran Llawysgrifau, a phennaeth yr is-adran, John Watts-Williams, sy'n gyfrifol am reoli'r Archif o hyn ymlaen.

Datblygiad arall yw'r penderfyniad, o ganlyniad i argymhelliad gan archwilwyr staffio'r Swyddfa Gymreig, y dylai'r swydd o gynorthwyydd ymchwil i'r Archif fod o 1 Ebrill 1992 yn swydd barhaol wedi'i chyllido gan y Swyddfa Gymreig. Bydd Lowri Jones yn parhau yn y swydd hon.

Dymuna Gwyn Jenkins ddiolch am y cymorth a gafodd gan ei gydweithwyr a chan gymwynaswyr di-rif dros y naw mlynedd y bu'n gyfrifol am reoli'r Archif. Hoffai hefyd bwysleisio'r cyfraniad allweddol at lwyddiant yr Archif a wnaed gan Daniel Huws, Ceidwad Adran Llawysgrifau, sy'n ymddeol ar ddiwedd Mehefin 1992. Mawr yw ein dyled iddo.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

As a result of Gwyn Jenkins's promotion to the post of Keeper of the Department of Manuscripts and Records and following re-organisation in that Department, a number of changes have taken place in the organisation of the Welsh Political Archive. The Archive is now located in the Services and Development sub-department of the Department of Manuscripts and the head of the sub-department, John Watts-Williams, is responsible henceforth for managing the Archive.

Another development is the decision, following a recommendation by Welsh Office staff inspectors, that the post of research assistant for the Archive should from 1 April 1992 become a permanent post funded by the Welsh Office. Lowri Jones will continue in this post.

Gwyn Jenkins would like to thank his colleagues and countless others for their assistance over the nine years he has been responsible for the Archive. He would also like to emphasise the crucial contribution to the success of the Archive made by Daniel Huws, Keeper of Manuscripts, who retires at the end of June 1992. We are greatly indebted to him.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The present members of the Advisory Committee are:

The Librarian, Dr Brynley F Roberts (Chairman)
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Mr Dafydd Wigley, Member of Parliament
Professor Gwyn A Williams
and from the National Library's staff: Mr Daniel Huws, Mr Gwyn Jenkins, Mr John Watts-Williams, Mrs Beti Jones, Mr J Graham Jones, and Miss Lowri Jones.

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For further information on the Welsh Political Archive contact: John Watts-Williams, The Welsh Political Archive, The National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3BU (tel: [0970] 623816).

ETHOLIAD CYFFREDINOL 1992 GENERAL ELECTION
CRYNODEB YSTADEGOL CYMRU: STATISTICAL SUMMARY WALES

	1992	1987	+/-
Etholwyr/Electorate	2,194,665	2,151,332	+ 43,333
Pleidleisiodd/Votes cast	1,748,796	1,698,158	+ 50,638
Ni phleidleisiodd/Votes not cast	445,869	453,174	- 7,305
Canran y bleidlais/Turn-out	79.7	78.9	+ 0.8

Cyfran o'r bleidlais a Seddau/Share of vote and Seats

Plaid Party	*Pleidlais Vote*	%	*+/- 87*	*Sedd Seats*	*+/- 87*
Llafur/Labour	865,633	49.5	+4.4	27	+3
Ceidwadol/Conservative	499,677	28.6	-0.9	6	-2
Democrat Rhyddfrydol/Liberal Democrat	217,457	12.4	-5.5	1	-2
Plaid Cymru	154,439	8.8	+1.5	4	+1
Gwyrdd/Green	7,630	0.4	+0.3	0	
Eraill/Others:	3,960	0.2	+0.1	0	
Natural Law 1,231; Real Bean 707; IndC 637; Loony 547; CommGB 245; Ind 200; AntiFed 158; BNP 121; LoonyG 114					

Canran uchaf/Highest turn-out	Monmouth	86.1%
Canran isaf/Lowest turn-out	Swansea West	73.3%

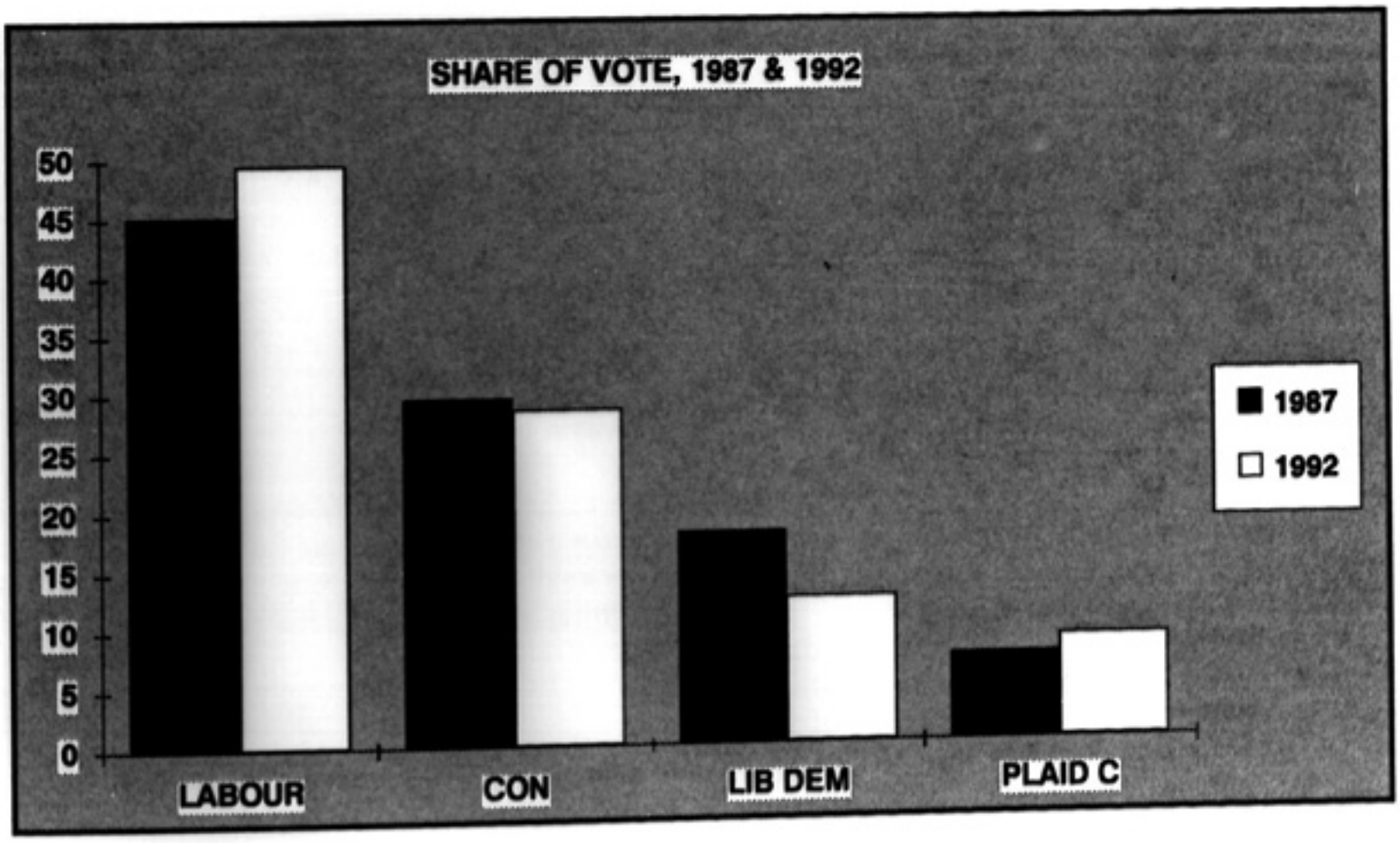
Mwyafrif uchaf/Largest majority	Blaenau Gwent	30,067	69.2%
Mwyafrif isaf/Smallest majority	Vale of Glamorgan	19	0.03%

Seddau mwyaf ymylol/Most marginal seats

Etholaeth Constituency	*AS MP*	*Plaid Party*	*Dros Over*	*Mwyafrif Majority*	%
Vale of Glamorgan	Walter Sweeney	C	Lab	19	0.03
Brecon & Radnor	Jonathan Evans	C	LD	130	0.3
Pembroke	Nick Ainger	Lab	C	755	1.3
Conwy	Sir Wyn Roberts	C	LD	995	2.3

Swings mwyaf/Riggest swings
(1987 - 1992 heb gyfrif isetholiadau/excluding by-elections)

Etholaeth/Constituency	*O/From*	*I/To*	%
Ceredigion a Gogledd Penfro	LD	PC/G	13.3
Monmouth	C	Lab	6.8
Cardiff Central	C	Lab	6.5
Cardiff North	C	Lab	6.2
Clwyd North West	C	Lab	6.1
Vale of Glamorgan	C	Lab	6.0



DERBYNIADAU / ACQUISITIONS

Papurau Dr Deian R Hopkin

Y mae Dr Deian Hopkin, aelod o Bwyllgor Ymgynghorol yr Archif ac un a fu'n gefn i'w gweithgareddau er ei sefydlu, wedi cyflwyno grŵp sylweddol o bapurau gwleidyddol yn ymwneud yn bennaf â 'r Blaid Lafur yn sir Gaerfyrddin a Cheredigion. Yn eu plith ceir llyfrau cofnodion, 1940–67, cofnodion ariannol, 1925–66, a ffeiliau gohebiaeth, 1917–67, Plaid Lafur Llanelli, gan gynnwys nifer sylweddol o ohebiaeth, 1945–66, oddi wrth James Griffiths AS.

Y mae'r casgliad hefyd yn cynnwys papurau'n ymwneud ag ymgeisiaeth egniol Mrs Loti Rees Hughes (mam Dr Hopkin) ar ran y Blaid Lafur yng Ngheredigion ym 1959 ynghyd â chnwd toreithiog o bapurau'r Henadur W Douglas Hughes (1889–1968) a wasanaethodd fel asiant gwleidyddol Jim Griffiths yn Llanelli am gyfnod maith, ac a ddaeth yn ffigwr amlwg ym mywyd gwleidyddol de Cymru. Ceir hefyd nifer o bapurau'n adlewyrchu diddordeb ymchwil Dr Hopkin yn hanes y Blaid Lafur a chorff cyfoethog o ffeiliau'n tarddu o weithgareddau'r blaid yn Aberystwyth ac yng Ngheredigion, 1962–88.

Mae Dr Hopkin hefyd wedi cyflwyno i'r Llyfrgell grwpiau bychan o bapurau ei ddwy fodryb Mrs Cassie Simon a Miss Mati Rees.

(Dr Deian Hopkin has presented papers relating to Labour politics in Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire, including many letters from James Griffiths MP)

Keith Raffan Papers

One of the Welsh MPs to retire from Parliament at the General Election has donated to the Archive a large collection of his political papers. Mr Keith Raffan, the Conservative Member for the Delyn division in Clwyd since 1983, has presented two groups of papers — one from his constituency headquarters, the other from his office in the House of Commons.

The collection is typical of the papers of a back-bench MP, comprising a large group of constituency correspondence relating to local issues, and many files on specific subjects, some of national and others of local importance. Together, they reflect the wide range of issues which arose in Clwyd during the period 1983–92 and provide a local dimension to the activities of the Conservative administrations of these years.

Mr Raffan's permission is required to consult these papers.

Vale of Glamorgan SDP

A recent addition to the archives of the SDP in Wales held at the National Library of Wales are the papers of the now defunct Vale of Glamorgan area SDP. The collection includes correspondence, SDP documents, policy briefings, newsletters and files of carefully kept minutes from 1981 to 1990. These complement the records of the Vale of Glamorgan Liberal Party (see *Newsletter*, no 6) which contain material on the relationship of the party with the SDP and files on the resultant amalgamation of both parties on a national level in 1988.

St David's Forum Papers

Among the papers received recently are those of the St David's Forum, formed in 1987 with the aim of bringing together, twice a year, a wide variety of people who share a concern for Wales and her problems. In the words of one of its founders it was to be "a modest, low key initiative to inject fresh thinking into Welsh life". This non-political body has discussed topics relevant to Wales ranging from the future of the Welsh economy to education and individual participants have been able to discuss their ideas in a frank and open manner secure in the knowledge that their views will not be reported to a wider audience.

The papers deposited comprise the Steering Committee Minutes, 1988–91, and correspondence relating mainly to administrative matters. Also included are the reports which were produced as a result of these forums.

Welsh Liberal Party Archive

A further group of papers has been added to the Welsh Liberal Party Archive by Mr Gwyn Griffiths, the party's last Chairman, before it merged with the SDP to form the Social and Liberal Democratic Party in 1988 (see *Newsletters*, nos 5, 6 and 7).

This group comprises correspondence and papers regarding the Constitution Review Working Group's Report, 1980, the Boundary Commission Review, 1981–2, and Annual General Meetings, 1980–2. There are also numerous publications, papers and circulars dating from the 1970s.

The Welsh Liberal Party Archive is subject to a ten year embargo.

Mr Griffiths has also donated a further group of papers to be added to his collection. The papers include the agenda, minutes and policy discussion papers of the Liberal Party's Standing Committee and minutes of the joint meetings of the SDP Policy Committee and Liberal Standing Committee, 1985–88.

Gwilym Jones Papers

Mr Gwilym Jones, the Conservative MP for Cardiff North and the recently-appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Welsh Office, has kindly donated a group of files relating to his political activities during the 1980s.

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