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On Jul 24, 12:31 pm, Andrew Woode <andrew_wo...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On 24 Jul, 19:30, Andrew Woode <andrew_wo...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On 23 Jul, 19:09, knoxwill...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Andrew Woode? im not really impressed?

wtf? impressed with what? u havent the faintest clue what's going on.

you have no welsh and no irish.

If you had bothered to read my post you would have noticed I made no claim to any Irish (and therefore made no comment on the quality of yours).

As for my Welsh, it is appallingly out of practice, and was always a largely self-taught fifth or sixth foreign language. But I suppose I will have to prove it's not entirely non-existent.

Pan yr oeddwn i yn dysgu Cymraeg, roedd llawer o Gymry Cymraeg yn help mawr i mi; roedden nhw yn amyneddgar iawn ac yn barod i fy nherbyn i

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– mae'n ddrwg gen i – 'nerbyn'

yn y gymuned Gymraeg leol (er fy mod i yn Sais!). A pan ga i y cyfle i fynychu digwyddiadau Cymraeg rwan, dw i'n ffindio yr un peth. Yr agwedd hwn yw yr unig ffordd i warantu dyfodol yr iaith, nid casineb tuag at bawb sy ddim yn cytuno efo chi. Mae gormod o ragfarn yn erbyn y Cymry a'r Gymraeg – dim pwynt ei hybu.

When I was learning Welsh, lots of native speakers were a great help to me, extremely patient and ready to accept me in the local Welsh-speaking community (despite me being English!). And when I have the chance to attend Welsh-speaking events nowadays, I find the same thing. This attitude is the only way to guarantee the future of the language, not hatred towards anyone who disagrees with you. There's enough prejudice against the Welsh and their language already – no point encouraging it.

Chwarae teg i chi am ddysgu'r Gymraeg "er" mai Sais ydych chi.

Or in a more northern localised version you're most likely to hear where you live::

Chwara teg i chdi am ddysgu'r Gymraeg "er" mai Sais dych chi.

I'm putting in "despite" because basically it is common courtesy to learn the local language. This isn't a favour. It's good, but you're not a "hero". I'm not being negative – it's just that you're being courteous and respectful, and that shouldn't be seen as exceptional. I wouldn't move to Marseille without learning French. Why would sb move to North Wales without learning Welsh?

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