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WELSH NATIONAL EISTEDDIFOD

With the traditional trumpet-call to the four winds, Wales's week-long National Eisteddifod is opened at Colwyn Bay. A crowd of 12,000 - including visitors from all over the world - gather at the legendary Gorsedd Circle to witness Wales's greatest national institution. The award of this year's Bardic Crown - high watermark of the Eisteddifod - went to a Denbigh Rector whose poem was written in a blizzard. The the accompaniment of harps, the ceremonial Horn of Plenty is borne to the throne of the Arch Druid.

Mrs. Mary Wynn Jones presents the Hirlas Horn to the Reverend William Evans (Wil Ifan to give him his Welsh name) elected Arch Druid last year at Mountain Ash.

After the Gorsedd ceremonies, the Eisteddifod Choir leads the crowd singing Wales's National Anthem. Another chapter added to the ancient history of Wales.