



- **Engedi Chapel, Caernarfon 1865** - the first meeting to discuss the dream of establishing a colony overseas with the Welsh language and non-conformist religion at its heart, was held.
- **28 May 1865** - the 'Mimosa' sailed from Liverpool for South America.
- **160 Welsh people on board** - intent upon starting a better life, a long way from the hardship and oppression of Wales.
- **The voyage was eventful** – a storm when passing Anglesey, intense heat on crossing the equator and a violent storm which drove them 300 miles off course when navigating the coast of Brazil.
- **Many passengers died** – children and adults alike, but babies were also born.
- **28 July 1865** - the Mimosa landed at New Bay in Argentina; before disembarking, the emigrants dressed in their Sunday best, out of respect for their new home.
 - Rather than a land 'flowing with milk and honey', they faced a hostile pampas, a lack of food and water and inadequate shelter for the winter weather.
 - Through the hard work and perseverance of the early pioneers, the desert was irrigated and farmed; by 1885 their wheat won gold medals in Chicago.
 - The main town was named Trelew, after Lewis Jones who hailed from Caernarfon.
 - 150 years later, the Welsh language can be heard on streets, in schools and chapels, on the gaucho's lips and in tea houses, and Welsh culture is alive in the 'eisteddfod' and 'socials'.

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