

INTERNATIONAL EISTEDDFOD.

In its own way, the little Welsh town of Llangollen has become as famous round the world as Oberammergau, or Edinburgh, for its International Eisteddfod is worth coming a long way to see, or even better, to take part in. The only person who's unhappy is the local ghost, who they say, roams the hills around Llangollen bewildered by this sudden influx of foreigners in strange garments and carrying what look like secret weapons. In his day, strangers were met with a sword. But the Welsh are much more hospitable nowadays.

In Llangollen, they maintain that even if you don't speak a man's language, when you listen to his songs and he listens to yours, you'll understand each other. And in this land of song, the kind of music they like is the traditional music of the countryside, which tells you more about a nation than all the travel books ever printed.

In the grounds of Plas Newydd - which means, "The New Place", and is 400 years old, a group from Turkey entertain the crowd with their Bird Dance.

And after that - a traditional dance from another Turkish group.