



St. David's Society of Pittsburgh

Autumn-Winter 2020 **NEWSLETTER**

It seems difficult to believe that it's been almost a year since we have been able to hold events live and in-person. **St. David's Day and Wales Week Pittsburgh 2020** had the fortunate timing of being celebrated before we went into pandemic closures and gathering restrictions.

We aren't so lucky with our timing this year, and will have to wait a little longer to gather together again. **Trust that we are eagerly anticipating that day as much as you are!**

We are fortunate, though, that we've had a year to get used to organizing and presenting **virtual and online content** that can help us all keep going until we get the "all-clear".

Our **Welsh-language group** has been able to not only continue its monthly Saturday morning language chat sessions, but to add a monthly Tuesday evening session as well, by holding the sessions via Zoom. While the language classes are on hold until it is feasible to meet in person for instruction, those interested in learning Welsh are always welcome to contact us. We will be happy to recommend self-directed resources to get you started and to keep you in the loop on developments when classes are scheduled to resume.

Six Nations rugby season is also here once again! While we can't get together in the pub to watch as usual, there are a few ways to catch the action. If you are a cable subscriber, you may already receive streaming service Peacock as part of your package. You can also listen to matches on bbc.co.uk/sounds and look for Radio Wales. Pob lŵc, Cymru!

What's On?

February 22-26—Wales Week Short Video Series
see Facebook or website for videos posted

February 27—St. David's Weekend Chat Session
10:30 AM, Zoom Conference

February 28—Welsh Sunday Service
10:50 AM, Central Presbyterian, Tarentum, PA

March 1—St. David's Day Light-up
Sunset, Downtown Pittsburgh

March 7—Welsh Immigration Panel Discussion
1:00 PM, Zoom Conference

March 13—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg
10:30 AM, Zoom Conference

March 16—Noson Sgwrsio Cymraeg
8:00 PM, Zoom Conference

April 10—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg
10:30 AM, Zoom Conference

April 20—Noson Sgwrsio Cymraeg
8:00 PM, Zoom Conference

May 8—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg
10:30 AM, Zoom Conference

May 18—Noson Sgwrsio Cymraeg
8:00 PM, Zoom Conference

Past Events

University of Pittsburgh Celtic Culture Celebration

The Pitt Celtic Culture Celebration, typically held in the Frick Fine Arts building on Pitt campus, was held on October 24, 2020 as one of the first virtual events put on by the Nationality Rooms program. In addition to our usual offerings like poetry and storytelling, we were also able to feature a puppet show, a tour of the Jen Jones Quilting Centre in Lampeter, Wales and a visit with Jane Blank, author of *Nanteos: The Dipping Pool*, from her 1830s home in Ceredigion.



We are so grateful to all of our presenters and the many who attended the virtual program! If you missed any of the program or wish to watch again, you can find links to the features at: www.globalhub.pitt.edu/ccw-welsh



Ruthanne Ankeny entertained from home with Welsh folktales and sea-shanties

Chicago Museum of Science and Industry

Special thanks to JoAnn Evans, who moved from Pittsburgh to Chicago during the summer, for her part in helping to trim a Welsh-themed Christmas tree for the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry's display this year!



While the museum was only open to in-person viewing for a few weeks, they were able to offer virtual tours of their popular Christmas Around the World tree display.



Membership Dues Update

This is the time of year when we would ordinarily be sending out a reminder about your annual membership dues. For 2021, however, because so many of our regular events had to be cancelled, the decision was taken to apply 2020 dues to 2021 and to resume membership reminders in 2022. We certainly hope to have our full complement of activities back on by then so that you can get the most out of your St. David's Society membership.

The support of your membership is such an important part of our Society. We deeply appreciate you being a part of our mission to celebrate, preserve, and promote Welsh cultural heritage in Southwestern Pennsylvania. You are able to donate securely through our website any time at stdavidssociety.org/giving or you can send a check to:

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St. David's Society of Pittsburgh
166 Hampshire Drive
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Wales Week/St. David's Day Pittsburgh 2021

While we aren't able to put on quite as much for the celebration of St. David, the Patron Saint of Wales, as we did last year, we are still happy to be a part of the Wales Week Worldwide effort to increase the awareness and visibility of Wales and Welsh diaspora throughout the world.

This year's events are mostly virtual, of course, and one advantage of that is that you can catch up with some of our offerings in your own time and from wherever you are in the world! Watch for:

A red circular logo with the text "WW / PGH" in white, bold, sans-serif font. The "WW" is on the top line and "PGH" is on the bottom line, separated by a vertical slash.

February 22-26—Short Videos Series

A series of short videos (around 5 minutes or less) posted to our Facebook, Twitter, and website featuring Welsh folktales, poetry, and cuisine.

February 27, 10:30 AM—St. David's Day Weekend Hangout (Zoom)

Join us for a virtual hangout prior to the Wales-England Six Nations match. Message for log-in information.

February 28, 10:50 AM—Welsh Sunday Service at Central Presbyterian Church in Tarentum

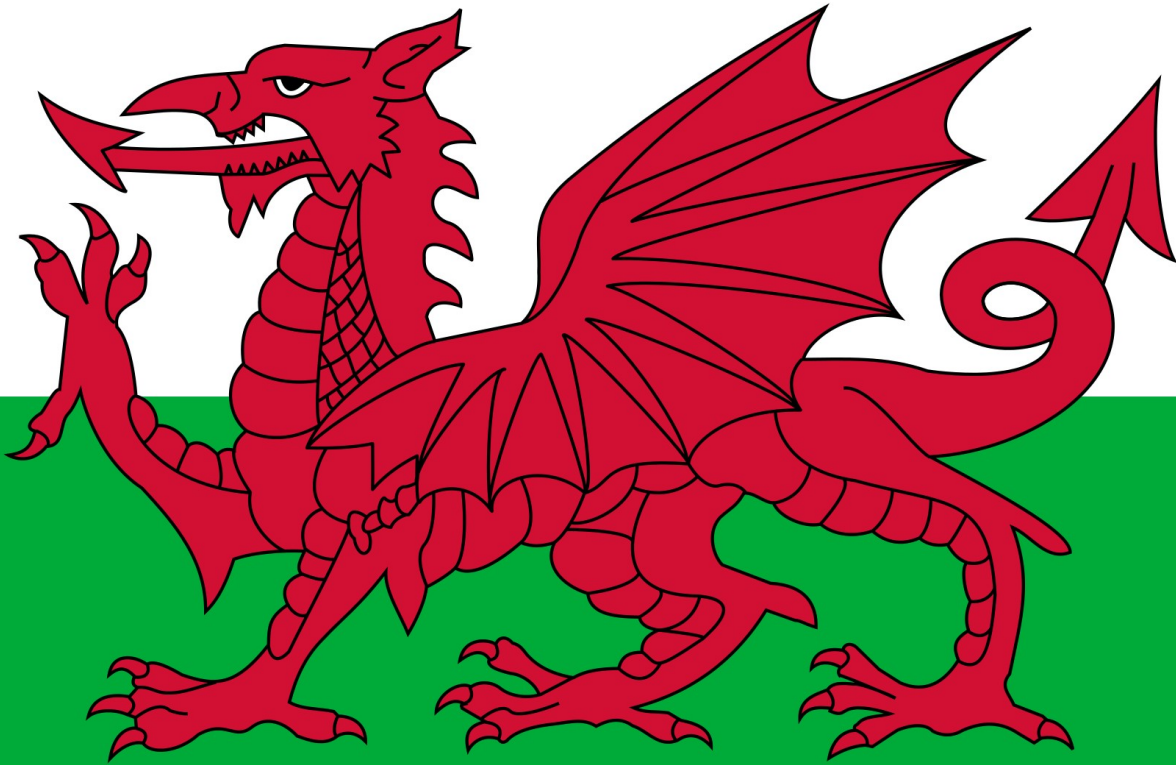
Note that COVID safety protocols are in place for this event.

March 1—Downtown Light-up

Watch for the Gulf Tower and Koppers Building to light up white, red, and green after sunset on March 1! If you aren't in the Pittsburgh area, check our Facebook or website for photos/video.

March 7, 1:00 PM—Welsh Immigration Panel Discussion (Zoom)

Join us for a discussion about the history of Welsh immigration in the Southwestern Pennsylvania area. Message for log-in information.



We Miss You!

Remember to keep an eye out for St. David's Society activities resuming when it is once again safe to gather. In the meantime, *cadwch yn ddiogel ac iach / keep safe and well!*

Support our efforts to celebrate, preserve, and promote our Welsh culture!

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Yearly Membership Dues \$15 per person: _____ x \$15 = \$ _____

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