



# St. David's Society of Pittsburgh

Autumn 2019 **NEWSLETTER**

## Nadolig Llawn, Gwyliau Hapus, a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

**From everyone at St. David's Society of Pittsburgh, we wish you a happy, healthy holiday season and New Year 2020!**

Here's a sneak preview of some of our upcoming events in the new year and through "Celtic Saints Season".

Our Welsh language chat group celebrates its one year anniversary in January. The chat group meets every second Saturday at 10:30 AM at Panera in the Waterfront, Homestead.

St. David's Day weekend will see the return of some of our most popular annual events, including the St. David's Day downtown pub crawl, the Daffodil Luncheon, and

St. David's Day Hash Run. Watch for further details on these events and more!

We will once again be supporting our Celtic Cousins in the St. Patrick's Parade downtown. Join us for some or all of the parade route—*there will be corgis!*

### *What's On?*

- January 11**—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg  
10:30 AM-noon, Panera Waterfront, Homestead
- February 8**—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg  
10:30 AM-noon, Panera Waterfront, Homestead
- February 28**—St. David's Day Pub Crawl  
7:00 PM, Downtown Pittsburgh
- February 29**—Daffodil Luncheon  
11:30 AM, University Club, Oakland
- March 1**—St. David's Day Hash Run  
TBA
- March 14**—St. Patrick's Parade  
10:00 AM, Downtown Pittsburgh

# Autumn Events Recap



The annual Pittsburgh **Gymanfa Ganu** was held at Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church. This year's Gymanfa was led by Rev. Timothy Slater, who also organized the core choir. Many thanks to Tim for all his work in making this one of our most successful Gymanfoedd!

We headed up to Warrendale for our **October Dinner Gathering** to the House of 1000 Beers. Rumor has it at least a few of those beers were left for the other patrons!



The University of Pittsburgh **Celtic Culture Event** also drew one of its biggest audiences this year. Very special thanks to Dale Richards for his work with the Welsh Room Committee; to Julia Ann Scott for her beautiful Welsh harp-playing; to Tair Afon Dawnswyr for the folk-dance; Jessica Davies for the poetry recitation; Ruthanne Ankeny for storytelling; and to Jan Kowalski and Ian Samways for their duet, "Dacw Nghariad".

This year's Pitt **Nationality Rooms Open House** also saw a great turnout. The Welsh Room table was busy throughout the day with many friends, old and new, stopping by to chat and pick up some homemade Welshcakes, tea, and assorted Welsh-themed gifts.



## Save the Date!

The annual St. David's **Daffodil Luncheon** will be held once again this year at the University of Pittsburgh University Club in Oakland. We will gather for lunch and a celebration of the Patron Saint of Wales on **Saturday, February 29, 2020**, at 11:30 AM. Harpist Julia Ann Scott will join us again this year with her Welsh harp. Watch for further information and how to register coming soon!



## Memorial Service Notice

We have received a notice of a funeral memorial service to be held for long-time St. David's Society member Gloria Collins Kondrat. Mrs. Kondrat, born January 17, 1928, passed away on December 24, 2018. Gloria's daughter, Kristine Merti, announces that a memorial service will be held for Gloria at the **Monroeville United Methodist Church** on Center Road on **Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM**. A reception will be held in the church's fellowship hall following the service.



### Siarad Cymraeg?

Are you interested in exploring one of the native languages of Britain—Welsh? St. David's Society holds Welsh language classes in Spring and Autumn terms, with sections for both beginners and intermediate learners. Our Spring term will begin in mid-March. Watch for details and/or contact Linda Davoli at [gwerthwresgair@gmail.com](mailto:gwerthwresgair@gmail.com).

### What Do Your Dues Do?

If you are a current member of the St. David's Society of Pittsburgh, you should receive your Membership Renewal statement after the New Year. If you are not yet a member, you may have seen a membership form like the one on the back of this page. But what do your dues dollars do for our Society?

Some of the things your dues allow us to do include:

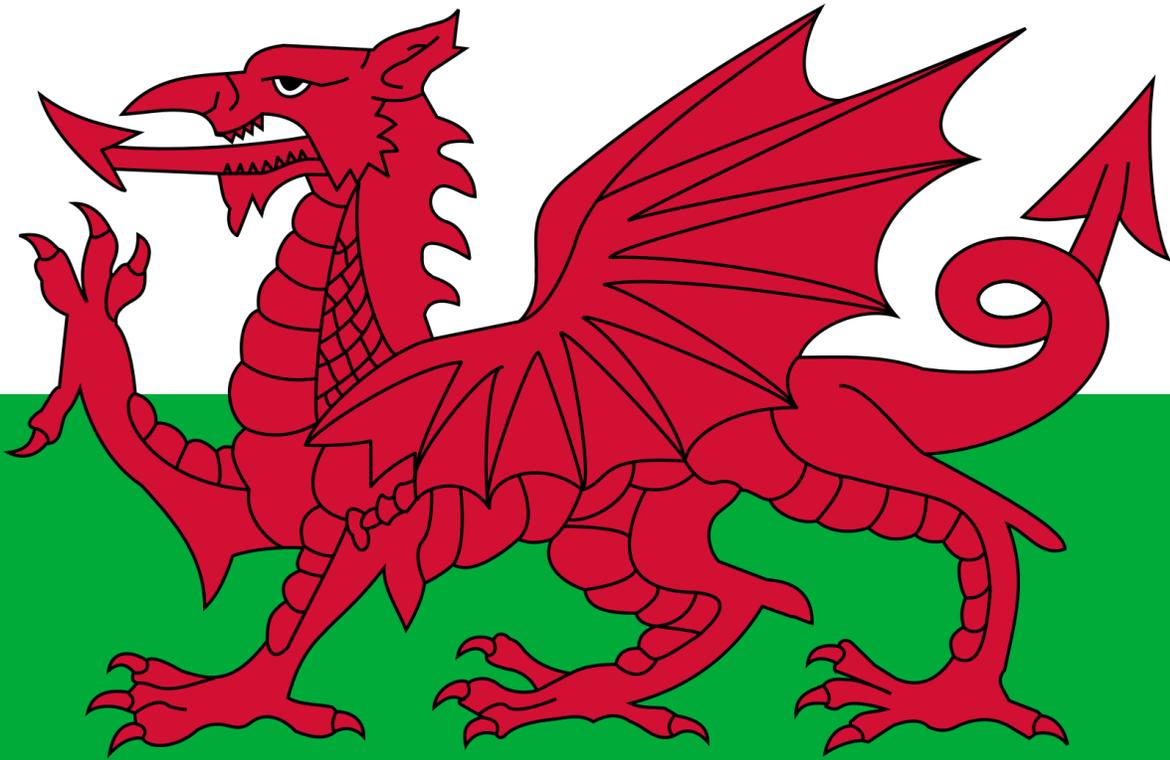
**Covering table fees and deposits for events**

**Producing newsletters**

**Maintaining a website**

**Advertising to help support other Welsh/Celtic organizations**

**Purchasing Welsh merchandise/memorabilia for sale at events**



## NAFOW 2020—Philadelphia, PA

We hope to see you at next year's North American Festival of Wales in Philadelphia—September 3-6, 2020—at the Doubletree by Hilton in Philadelphia City Center. Visit [www.thewnaa.org](http://www.thewnaa.org) for planning information.

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