St. David's Society of Pittsburgh

Autumn 2018 **NEWSLETTER**

St. David's Society of Pittsburgh once again celebrated our Patron Saint at the beginning of March with traditions old and new. In addition to participating in the annual St. David's Day Hash House Harriers Run on March 1, we also had a group gathering on Mt. Washington to observe the Gulf Tower's beacon being lit up in white, red, and green.

The celebrations continued on March 2 with the annual downtown pub crawl, and we went for the trifecta on March 3 with the Daffodil Luncheon,

held at the Pine Community Center in Pine Township. We weren't done yet, though! St. David's Society also continued its long tradition of supporting our Celtic cousins in the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade, where Wales got some crowd recognition as being the homeland of soccer star, Gareth Bale. After the parade, those who braved the cold weather gathered at Ten Penny downtown to watch the final Six Nations match of the season, in which Wales took second place with a win over France.

What's On?

Wednesdays – Welsh Language Classes
7:00 PM, Cathedral of Learning, Oakland

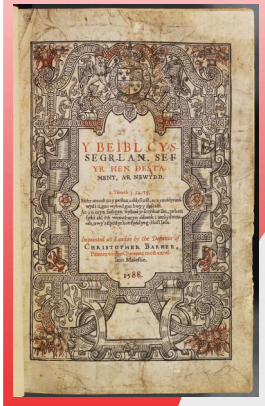
October 14 – Pitt Nationality Rooms Celtic Festival
2:00-4:00 PM, Frick Fine Arts Building, Oakland

October 21 – Gymanfa Ganu
3:00 PM, Central Presbyterian Church, Tarentum

October 30 - Welsh Book Club, 6:30 PM, Panera Bread Bakery Square, East Liberty

December 2 – Nationality Rooms Open House
Noon-4:00 PM, Cathedral of Learning, Oakland

March 2—Daffodil Luncheon
11:30 AM—2:00 PM, University Club, Oakland



People's Collection Wales

Do you have photos, documents, or other items of Welsh culture? Are you interested in Welsh historical or ancestral research?

Please visit People's Collection Wales at www.peoplescollection.wales to look up thousands of digitized Welsh materials and to set up your own account which you can use to upload images and descriptions of your own. This project is the most effective way to ensure Welsh heritage is preserved in a forum accessible to all.

You may also contact St. David's Pittsburgh if you have Welsh memorabilia that you would like to donate. We are working with other Welsh societies to determine the best place to house these items.

Spring and Summer Highlights

Morris dancing on May Day in Enright Park in Friendship. We had storytelling, dancing, and live music in this event celebrated by the whole community.

The Welsh Salem Church near Ebensburg held their 98th annual service, picnic, and gymanfa ganu in August.

St. David's Society resumed its traditional Gathering Dinners in July at Sharp Edge in Friendship—we didn't know it would be the last one at Sharp Edge's Friendship location (as it's recently been sold to a new venture). Stay tuned!

2018 Gymanfa Ganu

We will gather on **Sunday, October 21 at 3:00 PM** at the Central Presbyterian Church for an afternoon of Welsh hymn-singing followed by light refreshments and a Celtic folktale puppet show. The church is located at **305 Allegheny Street, Tarentum, PA 15084**.

Contributions in honor or memory of loved ones are welcome and help us to continue hosting events celebrating our Welsh heritage. All donations will be acknowledged in the Gymanfa program.

Please send memorial requests with check payable to St. David's Society of Pittsburgh by **October 15** to:

Rev. Robert Dayton
Gymanfa Chair
205 Harbison Road
Sarver, PA 16055

Eurofest at Pitt and Owain Glyndŵr Pub Crawl

Saturday, September 15 was a busy day for the Pittsburgh Welsh. In the afternoon, we participated in University of Pittsburgh's Eurofest, a cultural fair featuring arts and crafts, cuisine, music and dance, and learning opportunities from cultures throughout Europe.

We remained in Oakland for our 7th annual pub crawl honoring Owain Glyndŵr, the last native Welshman to hold the title of Prince of Wales. Thanks to all who joined us—we'll see you for the St. David's Day crawl!

NAFOW 2018—Alexandria, VA

St. David's Society of Pittsburgh once again brought strong representation to the North American Festival of Wales over Labor Day weekend. Society members numbered around 15 through the weekend and included Welsh North American Association Trustees Robert Dayton, Dale Richards, and Ian Samways; Eisteddfod competitors Jessica Davies, Jan Kowalski, and Jack Owen; People's Collection Wales/Wales PA Project program presenters Fred Long and Dave Williams. Special recognition to Dale Richards who sponsored presenter Aran Jones from the SaySomethinginWelsh language-learning application.

Eisteddfod solo voice participants, including Jack Owen, right.

JoAnn Evans, right, with Aran Jones of SaySomethinginWelsh.

Eisteddfod learners' recitation participants, including Jessica Davies, right, and Jan Kowalski, center.

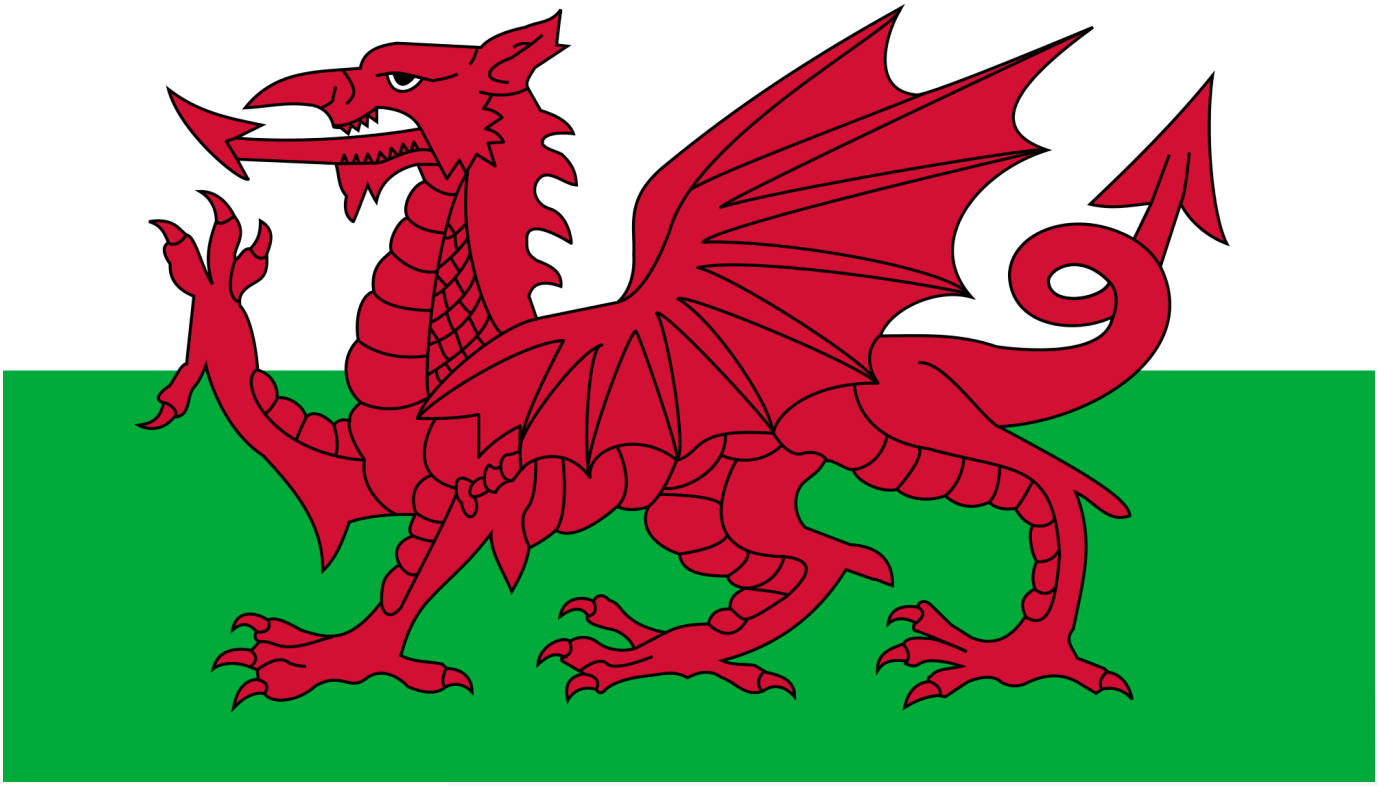
Welsh Book Club

The Book Club will be meeting **Tuesday, October 30 at 6:30 PM at the Panera in Bakery Square**. They will be discussing *Evans Above, Constable Evans Book 1,* by Rhys Bowen (available at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh or Amazon.com) http://rhysbowen.com/the-evan-evans-series/

2019 Six Nations Rugby Fixtures

Check our Facebook page closer to game dates to learn where you can join us to cheer on the Welsh Rugby squad.

February 1 v. France
February 9 v. Italy
February 23 v. England
March 9 v. Scotland
March 15 v. Ireland



Save the Date!

St. David's annual Daffodil Luncheon returns to the Oakland area. Be sure to mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 2, 2019**, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, at the University Club (beside Soldiers and Sailors Hall). Stay tuned for further details coming soon!

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

Join online at www.stdavidssociety.org or complete this form:

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

Checks payable to: ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

Mail to: Jan Kowalski, Treasurer, 166 Hampshire Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

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