



St. David's Society of Pittsburgh

Spring 2019 **NEWSLETTER**

St. David's Day/Celtic Season Recap

The Pittsburgh Welsh celebrated St. David's Day throughout the first weekend of March with one of our biggest Welsh weekends in recently memory.

The annual St. David's Friday Downtown pub crawl (celebrating it's 20th year, this year on March 1, St. David's Day) saw more than 30 revelers throughout the evening as Pittsburgh's Market Square looked the part of a Welsh market town, with the Draig Goch (Red Dragon) proudly displayed at each of the crawl stops around the square. Iechyd da, pawb!

March 1 also saw the Gulf Tower beacon lit up in white, red, and green for the second year.

On Saturday, March 2, our annual Daffodil Luncheon returned to the Oakland section of the city, where we honored our patron St. David at the University Club. Over 40 guests enjoyed lunch, camaraderie, a silent auction and Welsh merchandise table, official proclamation readings, a poetry recitation, and traditional harp music. Special thanks to harpist Julia Ann Scott for providing the afternoon's musical program!

On Saturday, March 16, St. David's Society again supported our Celtic cousins by participating in the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's parade. We had one of our strongest

contingents this year with a dozen marchers and a full compliment of Welsh flags, from the Red Dragon to St. David's cross to the banner of Owain Glyndŵr (thanks to Josh Evans and family for bringing the flags!)

Our support for our Irish friends only lasted until the end of the parade, though, at which time we retired to Ten Penny for lunch and to watch the last of the 2019 Six Nations Rugby matches, in which Wales bested Ireland 25-7 to win their 27th Championship title, 21st Triple Crown, and 12th Grand Slam.

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What's On?

Wednesdays (through May) – Welsh Language Classes

7:00 PM, Cathedral of Learning, Oakland

May 11—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg

10:30 AM-noon, Panera Waterfront, Homestead

May 17—Penderyn Whisky Dinner

7:00 PM, University Club, Oakland

May 20—Welsh Book Club

6:30 PM, Panera Bakery Square, East Liberty

June 8—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg

10:30 AM-noon, Panera Waterfront, Homestead

July 13—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg

10:30 AM-noon, Panera Waterfront, Homestead

August 10—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg

10:30 AM-noon, Panera Waterfront, Homestead

August 29-September 2—NAFOW

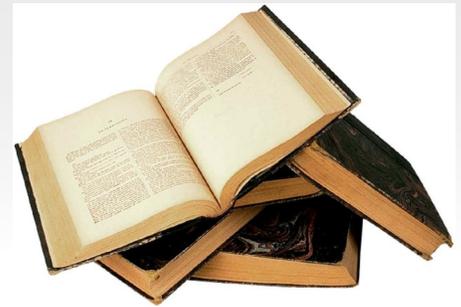
Milwaukee, WI

Carnegie Library Welsh Collection

Did you know that the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh holds the St. David's Society Welsh Library and the Worthington Welsh Collection?

The Welsh Library Resources Fund was created in November 2012 by the Carnegie Library in cooperation with the St. David's Society of Pittsburgh. Contributions to the Fund are used by the library to enhance its collection of books and other resources available to the public for learning about Welsh history, literature, music and culture.

The Worthington Welsh Collection is one of CLP's special collections. It contains books about Wales and the Welsh. The core of the collection is comprised of books from the private library of John Worthington (1848-1918). The books were contributed in 1948 by his two grandchildren. In a 1948 article in Carnegie Magazine the then librarian of the CLP's Pennsylvania Room stated that "...his [Mr. Worthington's] Welsh library is the finest one known...."



Of note, library books and other media actually have a "shelf-life"! If a book has not been checked out in ten years, it may be removed from circulation. You can help keep Welsh-related material "fresh" by checking one out whenever you use the Carnegie Libraries.

You can learn more about the Welsh collections, recent acquisitions, and how you can contribute by going to: www.stdavidssociety.org/resources.

NEW EVENT! Whisky Dinner—Featuring Penderyn Distillery



We are holding our inaugural Whisky Dinner, exclusively featuring Welsh whisky from Penderyn Distillery, located in the southern valleys of Wales, on **Friday, May 17, 2019**.

Whisky expressions including Madiera-finish, Sherrywood-finish, and Dragon series: Legend, Myth, and Celt, will be expertly paired with a traditional Welsh supper of potato-leek soup, Welsh rarebit, herb-roasted lamb, and more! (Special dietary options available upon request.)

Meet and chat with Penderyn Brand Ambassador, courtesy of

ImpEx Beverages. **Penderyn's Sherrywood-finish recently won GOLD at the 2019 San Francisco World Spirits Competition.**

Reception begins at 7:00 PM at the University Club (123 University Place, Pittsburgh 15260). Tickets are \$110 and include supper and whisky tasting. Parking is available on-street or at the Soldiers and Sailors garage.

RSVPs due Monday, May 13 (see the reservation form opposite). We look forward to seeing you there!

Penderyn Whisky Dinner Reservations

Number of attendees _____ at \$110 per person

Total enclosed: \$ _____ *Make checks payable to St. David's Society*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please note any dietary restrictions: _____

Submit reservations by **Monday, May 13** to:

Jessica Davies, 5522 Centre Avenue, #10, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Or visit: <https://www.stdavidssociety.org/events.html>

Questions? Contact Jessica at 412-295-9837 or email pittsburghstdavids@gmail.com

Recent Event Highlights



Welsh Rugby supporters turned out in their red each week of the Six Nations to cheer Wales.



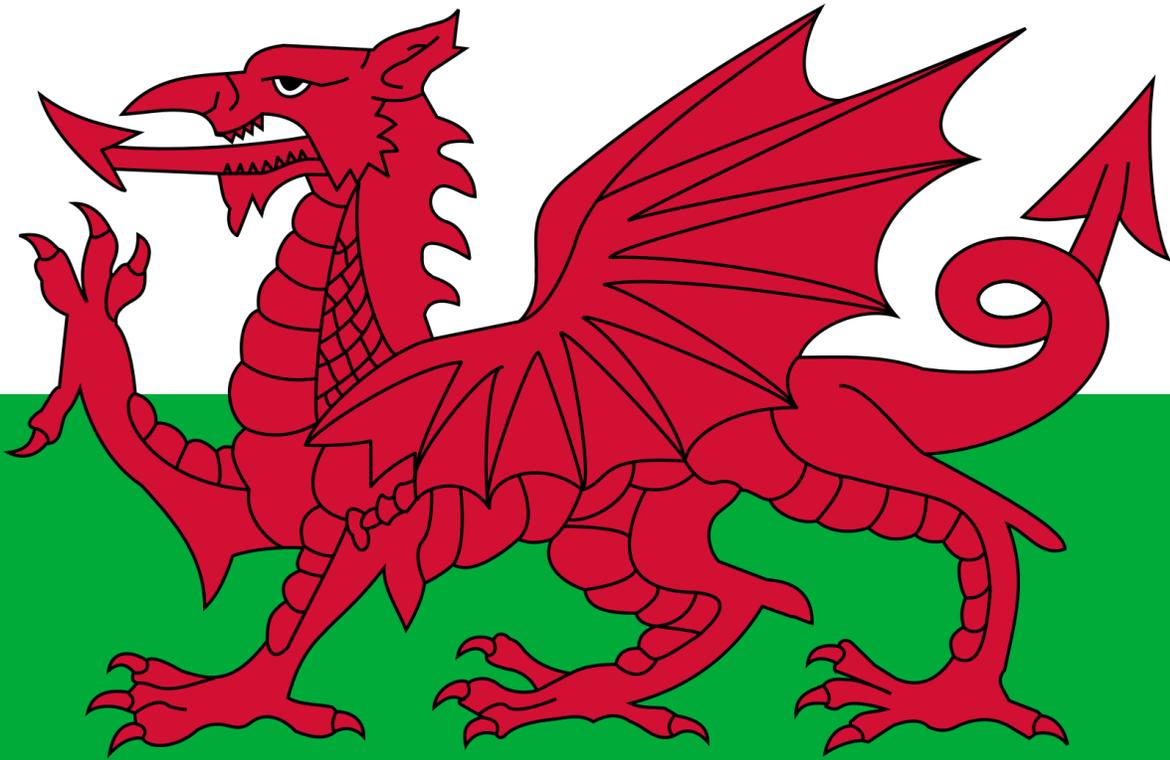
For the second year, the Gulf Tower beacon was lit up in the white, red, and green of the Welsh flag on St. David's Day.



The 2019 Daffodil Luncheon was held in the Gold Room of the University Club. Attendees were in good voice for the group singing portion of the afternoon's program.

Our St. Patrick's parade contingent was our strongest yet!





NAFOW 2019—Milwaukee, WI

We look forward to seeing many of you at this year's North American Festival of Wales in Milwaukee. Ticket and hotel reservations are available now. Also, don't miss this year's *new Eisteddfod competitions!* For details, please visit: thewnaa.org/index.html

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

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Email _____ Phone _____

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