



# St. David's Society of Pittsburgh

Spring 2022 **NEWSLETTER**

After a couple years of decidedly abnormal spring events, this year has seen the return of many of St. David's regular events. From rugby get-togethers and St. David's Day/Wales Week events to dinner gatherings, it has been great to see one another in-person again.

This year saw us returning to our Southside rugby haunt, Ruggers, to watch the **2022 Six Nations Championship**. Despite taking the 2021 title, 2022 turned out not to be Wales' best showing. Congratulations are in order for Italy, however, who broke their 36 game losing streak with a 22-21 win over Wales in the last match of the tournament.

**St. David's Day and Wales Week** events were back in full force this year as well. Our traditional downtown **pub crawl** saw an enthusiastic crew following a giant inflatable dragon from venue to venue around Market Square, accompanied by flag-bearers and singing odes to St. David. A great time was had by all! **Welsh Sunday** at the Central Presbyterian Church in Tarentum featured Welsh hymns, a solo violin performance of "Myfanwy" by Knoch High School senior Pierce Lokar, and tea and Welshcakes served afterward. On March 1, as has been our tradition for several years now, the beacons on the **Gulf Tower and Koppers Building** were lit up with the colors of the Welsh flag.

The surprise snowstorm the morning of the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** might have reduced our numbers somewhat, but it was corgis (and

their people to the rescue. Our small contingent of ten people and four corgis was very popular with those who braved the conditions to attend the parade. We are especially grateful to the members of the **Pittsburgh Corgi Gathering** for joining us and we look forward to many more joint efforts!

In other sporting news, Wales international football team have qualified for the **World Cup** for the first time since 1958. The World Cup kicks off in November this year with Wales playing in Group B against England, Iran, and the US. Pob lwc, bois!

Thanks to those who participated in a successful afternoon at **Cranfest**, the annual international festival in Cranberry, PA. Special thanks to Sue and Neville Parry for supplying the delicious bara brith!

## WHAT'S ON?

**August 7**—Salem Homecoming 100(++)

11:00 AM, Ebensburg, PA

**August 31-September 4**—NAFOW

Doubletree Philadelphia City Center

**September 17**—Owain Glyndwr Pub Crawl

6:15 PM, Oakland, PA

**October 23**—Pitt Celtic Culture Festival

Noon, Frick Fine Arts Building, Oakland, PA

**November 6**—Gymanfa Ganu

Location TBA

## RECENT EVENTS



Gulf Tower and Koppers Building once again light up their beacons in the colors of the Welsh flag on St. David's Day.



The Wales Week Dinner Gathering at Duke's Upper Deck in Homestead was well attended by friends old and new.



The downtown pub crawl takes over The Yard—and their jukebox!



The June Dinner Gathering went north to the House of 1000 Beers in Warrendale. Rumor has it that at least of few of those beers were left for other patrons.



Big thanks to our friends the Pittsburgh Corgi Gathering for joining us for a snowy St. Patrick's Day Parade.

# Carnegie Library's Welsh Collection



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

Recently the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh published a book titled "Free to The People" to celebrate 125 years of library service to the Pittsburgh region. The book includes an article about The **Worthington Collection** of more than 4000 books given to the library in 1948 by the grandchildren of John

Worthington, a Welshman who emigrated to the United States in 1848.

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.

**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](http://www.stdavidssociety.org/resources).

## Pittsburgh Welsh Churches

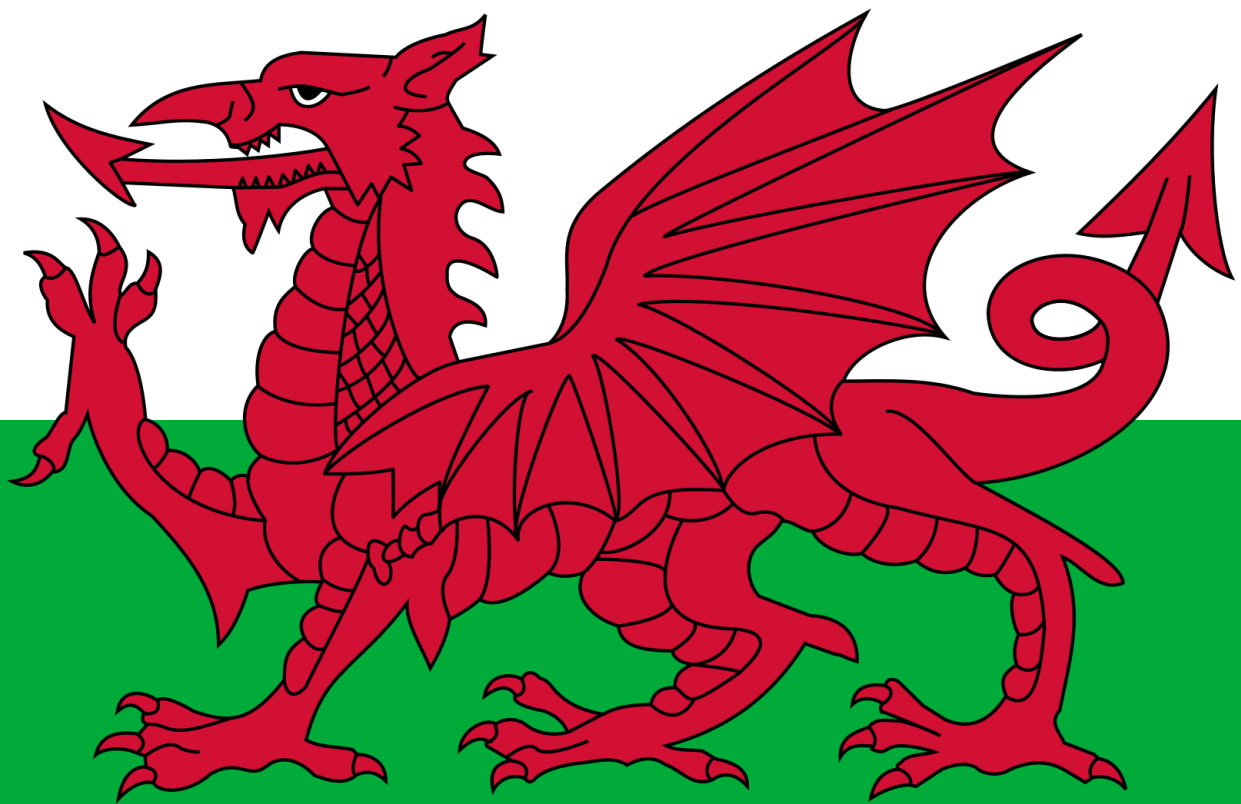
Don't miss the article on the history of Welsh churches in the Pittsburgh area by **Wales-PA Project** intern Avery Wehrs, featured in the July-August 2022 edition of Ninnau. Not a Ninnau subscriber? Visit [ninnau.com](http://ninnau.com) for subscription information to keep up-to-date with Welsh-American news through the year!

## Salem Homecoming 100th Anniversary (Plus 2!)

The **Salem Welsh Calvinistic Church Homecoming Association 2022 Reunion** will occur on **August 7, 2022**.

The 100th anniversary of the homecoming would have been in August 2020 but was delayed for two years, making this 100(++). We hope to see many of our St. David's friends and family in Ebensburg for the afternoon. The business meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM, moving on to the worship service, picnic luncheon, and gymanfa ganu beginning at 11:00 AM. You can find updates and information about the Salem Church and Homecoming at [salemhomecoming.org](http://salemhomecoming.org). St. David's Society is looking into organizing a bus to this year's homecoming. If you are interested, please contact Dave Williams for more information at [daimaenan@gmail.com](mailto:daimaenan@gmail.com) or 724-544-1777.





## North American Festival of Wales 2022

We hope to see many of our friends at the 2022 North American Festival of Wales in Philadelphia! Details are available at [festivalofwales.org](http://festivalofwales.org)

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