



# St. David's Society of Pittsburgh

Summer 2019

## NEWSLETTER

### Summer Events Highlights



Thanks to David Cover of Penderyn Distillery and Jared Card of

ImpEx Beverages for joining us at a “preview” version of our first very Welsh Whisky Dinner (with full event in July). We sampled five Penderyn whisky expressions and learned about the history and distilling process at Penderyn.

Our second-Saturdays' *Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg* (Welsh-language chat group) continues going strong!



Our August dinner gathering found a full table at Duke's Upper Deck, West Homestead.



The 99th annual Salem Homecoming at Salem Church in Ebensburg, PA



saw a good turn-out. We are especially looking forward to celebrating the homecoming's centennial year in 2020 and hope to see many of our St. David's members there. Watch for further information in the coming months!

### What's On?

**Tuesdays** (into December) – Welsh Language Classes

7:00 PM, Cathedral of Learning, Oakland

**October 12**—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg

10:30 AM-noon, Panera Waterfront, Homestead

**October 13**—Gymanfa Ganu

2:30 PM, Pleasant Hills Presbyterian, Pleasant Hills

**October 17**—October Dinner Gathering

7:00 PM, House of 1000 Beers, Warrendale

**October 27**—University of Pittsburgh Celtic Festival

2:00 PM, Frick Fine Arts Building, Oakland

**November 9**—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg

10:30 AM-noon, Panera Waterfront, Homestead

**December 8**—Nationality Rooms Open House

Noon-4:00 PM, Cathedral of Learning, Oakland

**December 14**—Grŵp Sgwrsio Cymraeg

10:30 AM-noon, Panera Waterfront, Homestead

## Gymanfa Ganu

It's no secret that the Welsh love to sing—so much so that there is almost always something sung at our gatherings. In Welsh, “Gymanfa Ganu” literally means “singing assembly”.

We hope you will join us for our annual autumn hymn-singing festival on **Sunday, October 13, at 3:00 PM.**

This year, we are especially fortunate to have our Gymanfa Ganu being conducted by Mr. Timothy Slater at **Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church.**

All are welcome to come early for a **Welsh hymn tutorial at 2:30 PM.**

Tea will be served after the service.

Pleasant Hills Presbyterian is located at:

**199 Old Clairton Road**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15236**

[www.pleasanthillschurch.com](http://www.pleasanthillschurch.com)



## Call for Choristers

Want to sing with us at the Gymanfa—as a member of the core-choir?

Mr. Slater is holding choir practices! Please see the schedule options\* below.

You can attend any four of the six, including a “dress rehearsal”, if needed.

All practices are at **Pleasant Hills Presbyterian** (address listed above).

**Sunday afternoons, 2:00—3:30 PM:**

September 22

September 29

October 6

**Monday evenings, 7:00—8:30 PM:**

September 23

September 30

October 7

If interested, call or email Mr. Slater today at:

**412-849-1916** or [tim@timothykslater.com](mailto:tim@timothykslater.com)

*\*If scheduled dates/times do not work, please contact Mr. Slater, who wishes to accommodate all who wish to participate if possible.*

## Learn Welsh Dance!



Those who attended this year's North American Festival of Wales in Milwaukee may have had the opportunity to experience *twmpath* - Welsh folk dancing. That's just what our own **Tair Afon Danswyr Cymreig** (Three Rivers Welsh Dancers) do—and you can join us!

We will have four workshop sessions in October as we prepare for the Pitt Celtic Culture Celebration on Sunday, October 27 and the Nationality Rooms Open House on Sunday, December 8. Sessions to be held at **Anne Ashley Church** on **Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 7:00—8:30 PM.**

We recommend you wear comfortable attire and low-heeled shoes that are easy to move in. All ages and abilities are welcome!

Contact Ruthanne with any questions at: [walesinthemorn@gmail.com](mailto:walesinthemorn@gmail.com) or 724-552-6201.

Anne Ashley United Methodist Church is located at:

334 East 22nd Avenue  
Homestead, PA 15120.

## Celtic Culture Celebration

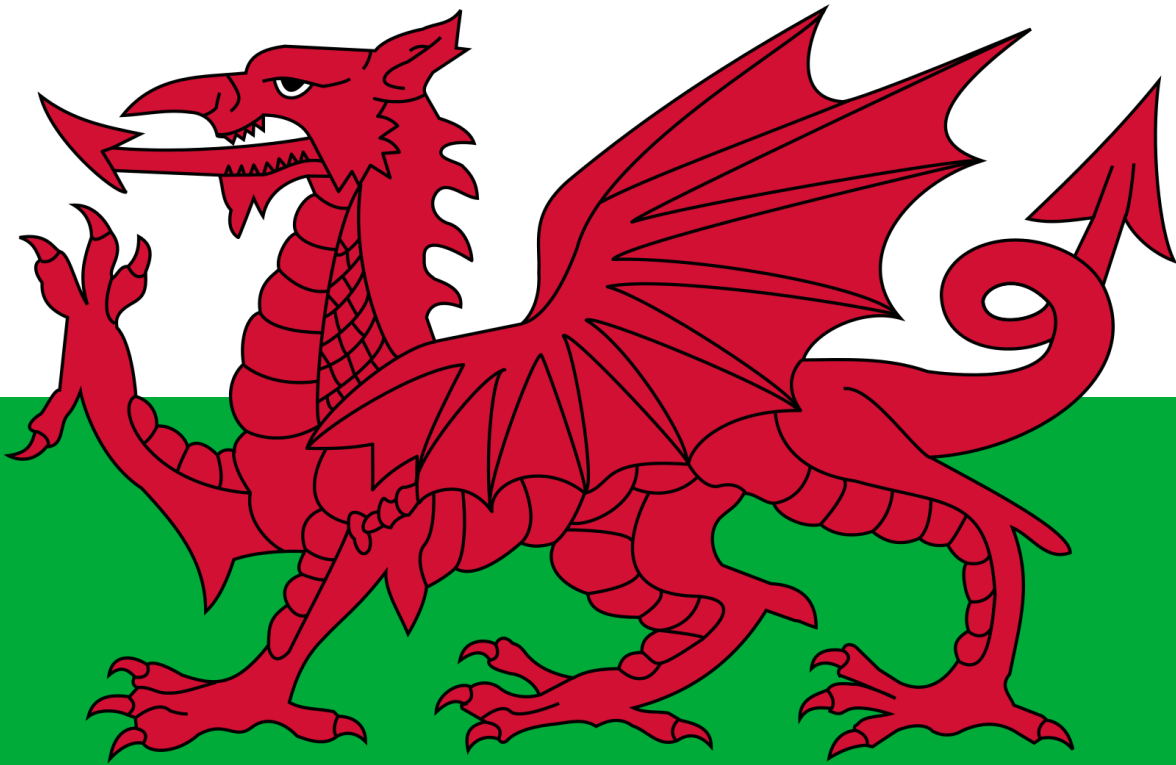
The University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms is once again holding a Celtic Culture Celebration.

Join us on **Sunday, October 27, from 2:00—5:00 PM** at the **Frick Fine Arts Building** (650 Schenley Park Drive, Pittsburgh, 15213) for an afternoon of music, dance, and storytelling representing the Welsh, Irish, and Scottish Nationality Rooms.

The event is free to all and refreshments will be served.

Come and see Tair Afon Danswyr Cymreig in action!





## NAFOW 2019 Eisteddfod Winners

Congratulations to the "Pittsburgh team" for another successful year at the NAFOW Eisteddfod Welsh Learner's Recitation. Jan Kowalski took first place and Jessica Davies took second with their recitations of the anonymous poem "Dwy Sbectol Nain". Da iawn!

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

Join online at [www.stdavidssociety.org](http://www.stdavidssociety.org) or complete this form:

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