



# St. David's Society of Pittsburgh

Winter 2021-2022 **NEWSLETTER**

While we know that 2021 didn't quite turn out as many of us were hoping, St. David's Society of Pittsburgh has been glad to be able to carefully and cautiously begin resuming in-person events since summer.

One of our first live events in almost a year-and-a-half was a **summer potluck picnic**, graciously hosted at the home of Sue and Neville Parry. Their big back yard and unusually cooperative August weather made for a safe and happy afternoon in the company of friends long missed.

Last year's **North American Festival of Wales**, originally slated for Ottawa but shifted to Utica, New York, was able to go on with some modifications due to border closures and capacity restrictions. Thanks to exceptional organizers and diligent safety measures, a great time was had by all who were able to attend. Don't forget to mark your calendar for **Labor Day weekend 2022** when the Festival will be in Philadelphia.

We also want to wish a **very happy 80th birthday year** to Dale Richards, longtime St. David's member, local Welsh history buff, and tireless champion of our Welsh Nationality Room at Pitt. It was our honor to celebrate with you and your family in October.

The first of our resumed **dinner gatherings** was held in mid-December at Hemingway's in Oakland. Look for more information on upcoming dinners!

**Six Nations rugby** season kicked off on Saturday, February 5 with Wales taking a loss against Ireland. But never fear! St. David's will be supporting our boys at Ruggers Pub in the Southside as in years past. Additionally, if you are a cable subscriber, you may already receive streaming service Peacock as part of your package. You can also listen to matches on [bbc.co.uk/sounds](http://bbc.co.uk/sounds) and look for Radio Wales. **Pob lŵc, Cymru!**

## *What's On?*

**February 12**—Six Nations, Wales v. Scotland  
9:00 AM, Ruggers, Southside

**February 26**—Six Nations, Wales v. England  
11:30 AM, Ruggers, Southside

**February 27**—Welsh Sunday  
10:50 AM, Central Presbyterian, Tarentum

**March 1**—St. David's Day Light-up  
Sunset, Downtown Pittsburgh

**March 2**—Dinner Gathering  
7:00 PM, Duke's Homestead

**March 11**—Six Nations, Wales v. France  
3:00 PM, Ruggers, Southside

**March 12**—St. Patrick's Parade  
10:00 AM, Downtown Pittsburgh

**March 19**—Six Nations, Wales v. Italy  
10:00 AM, Ruggers, Southside

**August 7**—Salem Homecoming 100(++)  
Times TBA, Ebensburg, PA

## Past Events

### University of Pittsburgh Celtic Culture Celebration



The Pitt Celtic Culture Celebration, ordinarily held in the Frick Fine Arts building on Pitt campus, was held as a virtual event for the second year in **October 2021**. Although we missed giving a cultural performance to a live audience, we were able to include truly exceptional content from presenters near and far, including: West Wales-based author **Jane Blank**, speaking about objects that represent her Welsh heritage; Philadelphia-based singer, **Katherine Crusi**, winner of the 2018 David Morris Memorial Award at North American Festival of Wales; storyteller **Judi Tarowsky**, presenting the stories of “The Two Dragons” and “Branwen’s Bird”; Welsh-language poet **Mike Jenkins** of Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, winner of the 2021 David Llewelyn Williams Prize for Poetry Composition at the North American Festival of Wales; poet **Robert Walton** of Bristol, England, winner of the 2021 David Llewelyn Williams Prize for (English-language) Poetry Composition at the North American Festival of Wales; historian **Robert Humphries**, formerly of Newport, Wales and current resident of Wisconsin, speaking of the Welsh connection to the Washington Monument in Washington D.C.; and local St. David’s member **Jessica Davies** presenting two Welsh-language poems by John “Ceiriog” Hughes.

We are so grateful to all of our presenters! If you missed any of the program or wish to watch again, you can find links to the features at [vimeo.com/showcase/8812614](https://vimeo.com/showcase/8812614) (available as of time of printing).

### Chicago Museum of Science and Industry

Special thanks to **JoAnn Evans**, **Dilys Rana**, and our friends at the **Cambrian Benevolent Society of Chicago** for their work in sponsoring and decorating a Welsh-themed Christmas tree for the **Chicago Museum of Science and Industry’s** display once again this year.



### NAFOW 2021 in Utica, NY



Thanks to efforts to relocate the 2021 Festival, originally scheduled to be held in Ottawa, and rigorous safety measures, many of our regular NAFOW attendees were able to gather for a somewhat scaled-down **NAFOW in Utica, NY** over the Labor Day weekend. We look forward to seeing our friends again in **Philadelphia on Labor Day weekend 2022**.

## Membership Dues 2022



Last year, because so many of our regular events had to be cancelled in both 2020 and 2021, St. David's Society decided to apply 2020 dues to the 2021 year and to resume membership reminders in 2022. A membership form can be found on the back page of this newsletter or on our website at [stdavidssociety.org/become-a-member](http://stdavidssociety.org/become-a-member).

The support of your membership is such an important part of our Society. We deeply appreciate you being a part of our mission to **celebrate, preserve, and promote Welsh cultural heritage in Southwestern Pennsylvania**. You are able to donate securely through our website any time at [stdavidssociety.org/giving](http://stdavidssociety.org/giving) or you can send a check to:

Jan Kowalski, Treasurer  
St. David's Society of Pittsburgh  
166 Hampshire Drive  
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Please contact Membership Chair **Ian Samways** with any membership questions at [isamways@aol.com](mailto:isamways@aol.com) or [pittsburghstdavids@gmail.com](mailto:pittsburghstdavids@gmail.com).

## Wales Week/St. David's Day Pittsburgh 2022

A number of our traditional events are resuming for **Wales Week and St. David's Day 2022!** We are happy to be a part of the Wales Week Worldwide effort to increase the awareness and visibility of Wales and Welsh diaspora throughout the world.

Watch for more event announcements to come! The best place to get the most up-to-date information on Wales Week or any of our events is to follow us on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/welshsociety.pittsburgh>)

A few of our Wales Week 2022 and St. David's Day events include:

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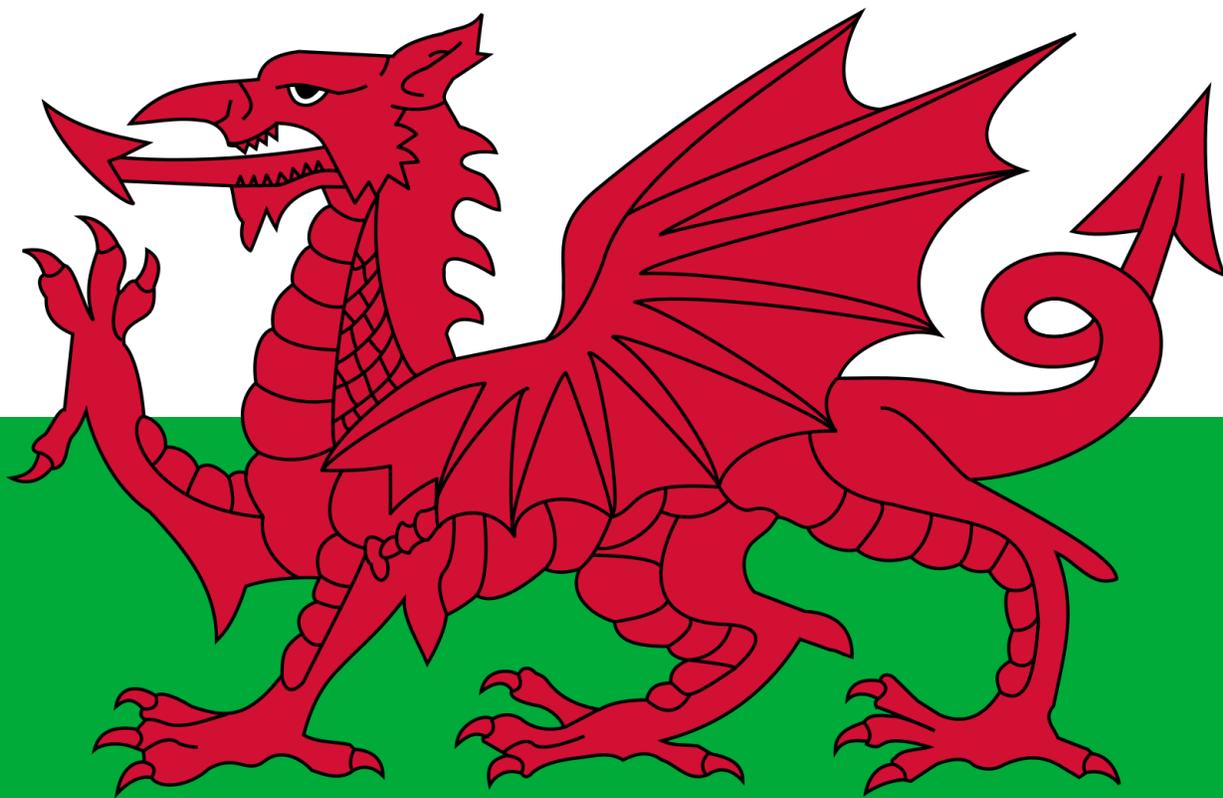
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## North American Festival of Wales 2022

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)

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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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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