

Newyddion o Gymdeithas Dewi Sant

St. David's Society News

Annual Christmas Tea set for SATURDAY, December 15

By Bill Kimes

The St. David's Society Annual Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 - 13th Avenue SE, Minneapolis, 55414. There is a large parking lot. Enter from the door off the parking lot. The space we will use is totally accessible.



The afternoon will feature group singing of seasonal favorites including Welsh songs and some commentary on the celebration of Christmas in the Welsh culture.

Highlighting the program will be a musical ensemble from Lakeville North High School consisting of jazz ensemble and madrigal groups performing holiday and traditional music. The groups are conducted by Paul Wigley, a native of Lake Crystal.

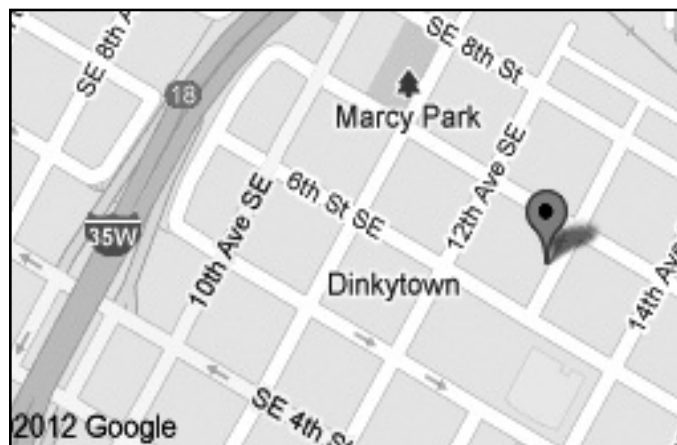
Following the music, tea and treats will be served. Plan to attend to help celebrate the Christmas season and our Welsh heritage.

If you're able, please bring sweet or savory treats for the treat table. Please bring these items to the kitchen before the program. Why not arrive early, so the kitchen crew can enjoy the program, too?

Please note that this year's Tea is on a Saturday.

Bus Information:

East 3B Como Ave./Downtown St Paul/via Front Ave.
West 3 Downtown Mpls./Target Field
East 3S Como / to Snelling
West 3A Como-Maryland/Downtown Mpls./Target Field



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It's easy to think that Labor Day weekend 2014 is decades away. It's not! Less than two years actually.

Check www.nafow.org for information on the 2013 NAFOW (North American Festival of Wales) in Toronto Aug. 29–Sept. 1. Plan to attend if you possibly can. Help tell people there about the Minneapolis festival in 2014. Be sure your passport is renewed before your travel to Toronto.

These 2014 committees are already hard at work: Music, Sponsorship and Minnesota Welsh history. Other volunteers are waiting in the wings. Why don't you join them?

Local chairpersons are Kay Gavin, (651) 484-1778, kaywgavin@hotmail.com, and Mary Morris Mergenthal, (651) 644-1650, mary.mergenthal@comcast.net.

Kay or Mary will be happy to list general committees so you can choose one that interests you.

If you work for or know of a corporation/foundation that might be approached for monetary sponsorship of some part of the NAFOW program, please contact either Kay or Mary asap.

Please keep a list of friends and relatives who will want registration information in early 2014.

Please...when attending St. David's Society events, eschew cologne, aftershave, etc. To be respectful of members with fragrance allergies and to allow their attendance/enjoyment,

**PLEASE HELP US MAKE ALL SOCIETY
EVENTS FRAGRANCE-FREE.**

Diolch yn fawr.

White Christmas Ann Bickle Heritage House



226 E. Minnesota Ave.,
Glenwood, MN 56334



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Saturdays, November 17 & December 1
10–12 p.m both days

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Ann Bickle, who was Welsh, founded Minnesota's first hospital auxiliary... the first in the country. The house and its furnishings were saved in 1988 by a group of nine women who established the Ann Bickle Heritage House.

2013 is the house's centennial.
Watch for celebratory events in July.

Dragon News

News of Society members & friends



SUNSHINE REPORT: Betty Kinsey, the Society Sunshine chairwoman, reports sending a note of sympathy to **Enid Griffin**, whose husband Russell died; **Doris Strong**, who had a house fire; **Mae Anderson**, surgery; and **Ralph Crews**, who moved to a nursing home.

Please let Betty know when you know of a member who is ill or has suffered a loss, or is rejoicing over a birth, marriage or accomplishment. You can reach her at (612) 871-7587.

Scholarships available

The St. David's Foundation was formed to award scholarships to deserving members or children of members who wish to participate in a learning opportunity to further their knowledge of the Welsh language, culture, history or genealogy.

Deadline for applications is St. David's Day, March 1, 2013. For more information or to request an application, please contact Foundation President Don Anderson, 1918 Johnson St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418, (612) 789-8923, andymae2@juno.com.

News of the Well-Read Dragons

By David Conradi-Jones

The Well-Read Dragons met at Davanni's Pizza, Sat., Oct. 6. The book discussed was *Darkness Visible, A Novel of the 1892 Homestead Strike*, by Trilby Busch.



Art by Danny Proud

Trilby is a member of our Society, and grew up in the valley of Homestead, Pa. She shared with us how she researched the book over a period of ten years and how she developed the characters in her book. She also shared how her German and Welsh ancestry linked to the people and events in the book.

The book was intriguing from the beginning as it wove the life of new immigrants into the town and culture of the new world. The main characters struggled with complex issues which conflicted with their ambitions and expectations. It was gripping how these issues were dealt with by the different characters. We had a fascinating hour of discussion which provided insight of the workers' struggle and sacrifice to organize unions in the early years of industrialization.

Our next meeting will be Sat., Dec. 1, 2012. We will be discussing *Resistance*, by Owen Sheers, a spell-binding book about the women in a Welsh village occupied by German soldiers. They struggle with one another to survive a harsh 1944 winter.

If you are interested in coming, you're welcome even if you haven't been able to read the book.

Note of thanks

To all my St. David's friends, I want to say "Diolch yn fawr, iawn, for all your kind wishes sent to me both to wish me a happy birthday and a quick recovery after my surgery. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated."

Mae Howells Anderson

Prefer to receive the newsletter online?

Notify Kay Gavin at kaywgavin@hotmail.com.

**She will notify you when the next issue is available on the Society's web page.
Help the Society save printing & mailing costs.**

Membership News

New Address:

Ralph Crews

Grace-Woodland Assisted Living
3214 Gala St.
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Next Deadline: January 10, 2014

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Cwrs Cymraeg Welsh language course

Sunday, July 14–Sunday, July 21, 2013

Elmhurst College, Chicago, Illinois

(change from first site announced on website)

More info on their website in the coming months:

<http://www.madog.org/>

**Please consider a tax-deductible
contribution to the
St. David's Society
or
the St. David's Foundation.**

**Gifts can remember
or honor a Welsh friend or relative.**

**You are also encouraged to remember the
St. David's Society or Foundation in your will.**

**For information, please contact
Don Anderson, (612) 789-8923, or
Ron Adams, (952) 237-0506.**

**Please check your mailing label.
Memberships were due July 1, 2012.**

St. David's Society of Minnesota MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

If family membership, include all names to be listed.

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Membership category: Single Annual (\$15) _____; Couple/Family Annual (\$22) _____

Supporting Annual (\$50) _____; Life (\$175) _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (Make check payable to St. David's Society of Minnesota, note "membership")

Mail to: Kay Gavin
2737 Aglen St.
Roseville, MN 55113-2046

or contact Kay at: kaywgavin@hotmail.com

Membership year is July 1–June 30.

You may pay for multiple years in advance.

Diolch yn fawr.

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Coming Events:



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DECEMBER**

Art by Danny Proud

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COMING IN DECEMBER:

Well-Read Dragons, Sat., Dec. 1. See page 2.

Christmas Tea — SATURDAY, December 15,
University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 - 13th Ave. SE,
Minneapolis, 55414. Featuring music by students from
Lakeville High North School, group singing, a look
at Welsh Christmas traditions, and Christmas treats!
If you're able, please bring a savory or sweet treat to
share. *Diolch yn fawr* / Thanks a lot.

**If you need a large-print version of the newsletter,
please call Mary Mergenthal, (651) 644-1650.**