

Newyddion o Gymdeithas Dewi Sant **St. David's Society News**

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS EARLY WITH WELSH FRIENDS

Welsh Christmas Tea set for December 4, 2:00 p.m.

Our Christmas Tea will be held Sun., December 4, at 2:00 p.m. at University Lutheran Church of Hope. We held our Christmas event there in 2009 as well.

Come to enjoy Christmas music, seasonal readings and goodies...join your Welsh friends to welcome the holiday season.

We will have a wonderful afternoon of musical and poetic performances, group singing (it wouldn't hurt to bring your songbooks), drinking hot beverages, visiting with old and new friends and eating delicious treats.

Jan Kimes and David Evan Thomas have promised to share their musical talents with us. Also, David Conradi-Jones and John Dingley will provide some interesting readings suitable for the season. We will be treated to a couple of songs in Welsh by a lovely light soprano, Kathryn Criston, who competed in the Eisteddfod at the North American Festival of Wales (NAFOW) in Cleveland this year.

Please bring a plate of your favorite foods (cookies, bread, fruit, Welsh cakes, veggies, etc.) to share, if you are able. If not, you are still welcome of course. Visitors are encouraged to attend; bring a friend or two!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS, PLEASE

- Sunday, December 4, 2011 – Christmas Tea at 2:00 p.m. *Think we'll have snow?*
- Saturday, March 3, 2012 – St. David's Day Banquet - location TBA.
- Sunday, April 29, 2012 – Spring Gymanfa Ganu- location TBA.
- Saturday, July 21, 2012 – Annual meeting and picnic- location TBA.



Photo by Ron Davies.

Sonya, Heather and Jaci from Aberaeron enjoy a romp in the snow.

North American Festival of Wales to come to Minneapolis in 2014

At the Cleveland NAFOW over the past Labor Day weekend, the Board of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association (*Welsh North American Association—WNAA as of January 1, 2012*) voted unanimously to accept the bid of the St. David's Society of Minnesota and the Minnesota Gymanfa Ganu Association to hold the NAFOW in Minneapolis August 28, 29, 30, and 31 in 2014.

Contract negotiations with Minneapolis hotels are in progress. The Sunday service and both Gymanfa sessions will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, at the south end of the Nicollet Mall.

Kay Gavin and Mary Morris Mergenthal will be leading the 2014 NAFOW committee. If you are interested in

serving, or have questions about what sort of commitment that service might entail, please contact Kay or Mary.

If you might be willing to help out in practical ways closer to the event or at the event itself, please let Kay or Mary know as well.

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80th annual Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu held in Cleveland

Nearly 500 people enjoyed the 2011 North American Festival of Wales in Cleveland, Ohio, over Labor Day weekend. They enjoyed the opportunity to visit with other Welsh people from all around this country, Canada and Wales. There were seminars on a variety of interesting subjects: "The 'White House' and Wales;" "Was Elvis Welsh? How to Begin Tracing Your Family History;" "Mastering Iron: Welsh Artisans in the American Industrial Revolution;" Welsh language classes and more.

Welsh films included: "Last of the Tough Welshmen;" "Tales From the Great War;" "Tom Jones, a Boy from Ponty" [Pontypridd]; and "Jan Morris at 80."

Event registration included entrance to all of these and similar classes and movies; Eisteddfod competition; and pub night with Moch Pryderi [Pryderi's Pig], a six-piece Welsh-American band from Fredericksburg, Va.

In the Eisteddfod, there were competitions for vocal soloists and readers of a set poem. The vocal section included a Minnesota participant. Kathryn Morris, from St. Louis Park, placed second. Other Minnesota

attendees made an enthusiastic cheering section to urge her on.

At the Grand Banquet on Friday evening, mezzo-soprano Megan Elizabeth Morris sang. She is a two-time winner of the David G. Morris Memorial Award in this country and twice second prize winner in the mezzo-soprano competition in the National Eisteddfod of Wales. The National Welsh-American Foundation 2011 Heritage Medallion was awarded to Alan and Gretta Upshall of Washington state. A few years ago, our own Ellis and Janet Jones won this award.

Another stunning ticket event was the Saturday night concert by Hogia'r Ddwylan [Boys From Two Shores] and their talented director, Ildid Anne Jones. Ildid Anne had an exhausting day, but one would never know by watching her. After adjudicating the Eisteddfod all day, she conducted the choir in a demanding program and then even played a piano solo during one of the choir's breaks!

Tenor Aled Wyn Davies, who had also adjudicated during the day, sang several solos during the choir concert, plus soloing with the choir as background. A solid professional singer, he's a farmer by profession.

For many attendees, the best was yet to come. Ildid Anne Jones conducted two gymanfa sessions on Sunday, with the choir behind her. She was a precise and energetic conductor for the large group as well as the choir. Singers responded appreciatively.

Former and present members of the St. David's Society of Minnesota who now serve on the WNAA leadership group include:

- **Kim Corbin**, Reedsburg, Wis. was elected to the WNAA Board in Cleveland;
- **Kay Gavin**, Roseville, Board member;
- **Barbara Leedy**, Grand Rapids, Mich., formerly president of our Minnesota Society, was elected to the WNAA Board in Cleveland;
- **AdaMae Lewis**, Ames, Iowa, immediate past president of the WNAA Board.

St. David's Society members attending were: Kim and Joe Corbin; Ruth Jones; Betty Kinsey; AdaMae Lewis; Mary Mergenthal; Larry and Dorothy Moe; and Pam Rose.

Danny Proud wins poetry award for Eisteddfod chair at Welsh Heritage Week

Danny Proud, lifetime member and former president of our Society, now lives in Madison, Wis. He received the Eisteddfod chair at Welsh Heritage Week in July at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

The week-long residential course offers instruction in the Welsh teaching; opportunities to learn Welsh folk dancing, learn to play the harp, and be involved in Welsh or English recitation and composition. There's folk singing and traditional hymn singing.

To learn more about the 2011 course, check www.welshheritageweek.org.



The end of the Welsh Heritage Week charring ceremony as Danny Proud wins the poetry award. Earlier, Carolyn Adkins (L) of Kansas City won the crown with the winning essay.

The Rivers

As the rivers of my life
Were flowing strong,
When I was young
I would leap over the torrent;

Running along the banks,
Wild as the breeze,
Exploring every place
All along the way.

After time went by,
My face is reflected
In the shallows of the rivers---
As a grown man's.

The rivers of my life
Slow down now.
There's not a lot of time,
And there is a lot of hiraeth.

I lift up my head
And laugh at the sun.
I leap over the water
With the energy that I possess.

Yr Afonydd

Fel afonydd fy mywyd
Yn llifo'n cryf,
Pan roeddwn i'n ifanc
Neidiwn dros y llif;

Rhedeg ar y glannau,
Gwyllt fel y gwynt,
Yn chwilio bob lle
Oll ar hyd y hynt.

Ymhen hir a hwyr,
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Yn basdyfroedd afonydd---
Wedi tyfu yw dyn.

Yr afonydd fy mywyd
Yn arafu yn awr.
'Sdim llawer o amser,
Ac mae hiraeth mawr.

Rw i'n codi fy mhen
A chwerthin i'r hael.
Neidio dros y dwr
Efo'r egni rwi'n cael.



Photos by John Othoudt.

Patricia Bowers Schultz from Kansas City, Mo., directed the Minnesota Welsh Hymn Festival at First Presbyterian Church in Mankato on Sept. 25, 2011.

2011 Minnesota Welsh Hymn Festival held in Mankato

On Sun., Sept. 25, hundreds of singers gathered at the First Presbyterian Church in Mankato for the 2001 Minnesota Welsh Hymn Festival. The event was sponsored by the Minnesota Gymanfa Ganu Association, led by Steven Alinder from LeSeuer, Minn.

Hymn singing director was Patricia Bowers Schultz, from Kansas City, Mo. She recently retired as Professor of Music at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Mo. Her biography was selected for publication in Marquis' *Who's Who in America*, 2010 edition.

Leading the singing instrumentally were: Karen Jones Wojahn of Windom, Minn., at the organ; Ryan Jones, St. Peter, Minn., piano; and Carmen Heinecke, Bigfork, Minn., on the trumpet.

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

or

the St. David's Foundation.

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Welsh Heritage Festival in Wymore, Neb., another success

By Laurel Bradshaw

The fourth Welsh Heritage Festival was held in Wymore, Neb., October 7–10. This was also the second gathering of Welsh dancers, who came from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas City, and Denver. Pam Rose and I had gorgeous weather for the trip down to Nebraska. I had gone two years ago for the first dance gathering, but this was Pam's first visit to the little Great Plains Welsh Heritage Museum in Wymore. Berwyn Jones and Martha Davies and committee members have truly done wonderful things there. There are the museum exhibits of clothing and artifacts of the Welsh pioneers who settled in that part of Nebraska, an auditorium where Welsh films were shown, a pump organ for hymn sing-alongs, and a new portable sound system that can be used outdoors as well as indoors. Dr. Paul Lightsey gave a talk on Welsh pioneers in Colorado, and I believe there was also a genealogy workshop.

The dance workshops were held next door in the community center. John Good from Arizona provided music for us. We had a morning and an afternoon session, teaching beginners some easy dances, but since we had a core of experienced dancers we also did some of our favorites. And we prepared a couple of dances to be performed at the concert on Saturday evening. Also in the community center, Ames British Goods had an assortment of British tea and food for sale. Two spinners were demonstrating how to spin wool into yarn. Other crafts on display included tatting and lace knitting.

Our hotel venue was the Holiday Inn Express in Beatrice, about 15 miles north of Wymore. They did

a lovely job with the evening meal on Friday night and the banquet on Saturday. The concert following the banquet featured professional harpist Heidi Beran and John Good playing bagpipes, tin whistle, and flute. They alternated sets with John playing and singing some of his own compositions, and Heidi doing several 19th-century arrangements of Welsh folk songs. Together they demonstrated the ancient art of Welsh *penillion*, where the harp plays a familiar tune and the singer improvises another tune around it, starting at different times but ending together.

We had six dancers for the evening's performance: myself, Danny Proud from Wisconsin, Ann McFerrin and Rosemary Powell from Kansas City, and Earl Williams and Anita Lipton from Denver. We performed two dances for the audience and after the concert we invited folks to join us in an informal twmpath or social dance. Ann led the dancing, since I had laryngitis!

I should say something about my costume which I worked hard to finish before the trip. My betgwn was made using a historical pattern and using fabrics based on the photographs and research of Huw Roberts into the traditional Welsh costume of North Wales. It is not as long or as fitted as the typical betgwn in South Wales.

Pam and I had to leave on Sunday, so we missed the Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday afternoon and the Noson Lawen on Sunday evening. We did make a stop at the National Homestead Monument, four miles west of Beatrice. We saw the old pioneer cabin, the historical display of old farm tools, and the reconstructed tall-grass prairie. I wish we could have stayed longer!



Welsh folk dancers who gathered at the Wymore, Neb., Welsh festival were Danny Proud, Madison, Wis.; Rosemary Powell, Kansas City, Mo.; Annita Lipton, Denver, Colo.; Ann McFerrin, Kansas City, Denver, Colo.; and Laurel Bradshaw, Cologne, Minn.

Well-Read Dragons Book Club Meets Abel Jones

By Bob Minish

Owen Parry, who grew up in Pennsylvania, paid tribute to his Welsh ancestry in *Faded Coat of Blue*, his first book featuring Abel Jones as the main character in an historical mystery. Jones was a recent immigrant to the U.S. just prior to the Civil War. Parry, in an epilogue, "History and Thanks" acknowledged what was very apparent throughout the book: "I struggled for accuracy of detail. I walked the Welsh valleys—so different now than in their black heyday—and the streets of Washington were home to me for years." Like many other recent immigrants, Abel Jones got caught up in the Civil War and was crippled from a wound suffered during the first Battle of Bull Run.



The opening paragraph sets the tone for what I found to be a quick and entertaining read:

"A SENTRY WITH TROUBLED BOWELS DISCOVERED THE BODY: A shock it must have been for the boy. He fired off his rifle and the Good Lord knows what else, then ran up through the mud and fog to his camp. I do not fault the lad, you understand. A soldier may be brave easily enough with his comrades all about him. But a boy new to service, touched with sickness and with the autumn chill upon him, such a one might be forgiven a wallop of fear when he tumbles over a dead officer in the pursuit of a winkle of privacy."

With this start the reader will follow the adventures of the aptly named (in the Welsh nick-naming fashion) Abel Jones through his encounters with everyone from Generals Winfield Scott and George McClellan to President Lincoln. Though Jones does solve the murder, Lincoln urges him not to reveal the truth because of the damage it could do to the Union cause. Typical Welsh phrasing is evident throughout the book. Just one example: "There is lovely when a city wakes to morning."

Jones frequently comments on characteristics of other nationalities and often in a derogatory manner. In a conversation with Evans the Telegraph, Jones is asked for his opinion as to whether a relative of Evans, young Dafydd, should be sent to America because he was "taken with young Madlin Rhys. Of the Pontypridd line." Initially Jones says that he "would counsel a delay." But, when Evans tells him that there was "English Blood on that side," Jones replies, "Better a war than an English wife."

In an interview on mysterynet.com, Parry said that "Abel Jones is not based upon a real person. But he is really, really Welsh. Although we had been in America for generations, my mother's family still had a wonderful Welsh lilt when they spoke. When I sat down to write *Faded Coat of Blue*, I had only to remember." Parry has written several other books in the Abel Jones mystery series including: *Honors Kingdom*, *Rebels of Babylon*, *Bold Sons of Erin*, *Call Each River Jordan*, and *Shadows of Glory*.

The next meeting of the Well Read Dragons will be at 11:30 a.m. Sat., Dec. 3. All St. David's members and guests are welcome to attend. We will be discussing *Six Pence House* by Paul Collins. The subtitle should excite all book lovers: "*Lost in a Town of Books*." Collins and his wife leave San Francisco to settle in Hay-on-Wye. Join us at Davani's in Roseville (west of Rosedale) to learn more about life in an area in Wales that's awash in books.

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Wales in the news



Photo compliments BBC Wales.

Father Paul Bigmore, shown with Archbishop of Wales, Barry Morgan, says hymn singing is in Welsh DNA. Morgan says he hopes the cymanfa ganu will soon have a new lease on life.

Hymn singing revival in Wales led by Rhondda vicar Paul Bigmore

Rhondda-based Father Paul Bigmore says the singing known as the cymanfa ganu was once the highlight of church and chapel life. A launch service was held at Father Paul's church, St. Anne's in Ynysuir, recently with the congregation led through traditional and modern hymns.

Fr. Bigmore plans to stage two cymanfaoedd ganu—the Welsh name for congregational singing—every year. One will be in north Wales, in Bangor Cathedral next spring, and one in the south.

There are also plans for a training day for young conductors and organists to pass on the skill of conducting this particular form of community singing.

This plan is the latest development of the Music in the Community initiative set up by Fr. Bigmore 13 years ago "to bring music back into people's lives by encouraging them to perform and by bringing concerts to their doorsteps."

Census protest in Wales

British authorities threatened Iain Turnbull, 63, with a fine (equivalent of \$1,530) in August because he refused to complete the mandatory census earlier this year. Turnbull, from Wales, was protesting that the government, intending to be inclusive, made available census questionnaires and instructions in such languages as Urdu, Punjabi and Tagalog—but not Welsh—one of Britain's native languages. It is spoken by a half-million citizens.

*From News of the Weird by Chuck Shepherd,
October 21, 2011, StarTribune*

He has written 75 hymns, and he says such singing is part of the "Welsh DNA."

"Music brings people together. When we hear great hymns our spines tingle—whether they are sung in Sunday service or performed with a modern twist by artists such as Only Men Aloud!

"They are part of our identity and culture and we need to rekindle that spirit before it dies out," he said.

He hopes this will be the beginning of a revival of cymanfaoedd ganu as "a celebration of our treasure trove of hymns in both Welsh and English."

It was also a chance to discover and provide a platform for new talent and modern hymns, he added.

Dr. Morgan said there was a "wonderful warmth and joy" when people came together to sing hymns. "The cymanfa ganu was a real festival of singing which brought the community together."

Red hair is not a birth defect

By Matthew Bell, The Independent

An "outrageous" prejudice is still prevalent in our society, said Matthew Bell. You, my dear reader, probably share it. I'm talking about the rampant disdain for the carrot-topped. Bigotry against redheads is the one form of racism that still goes unchallenged, even uncondemned.

The largest sperm bank in the world, Cryos in Denmark, has just announced that it will reject all future donations from would-be donors with red hair. "Nobody, it seems, wants a ginger baby."

Imagine the sputtering indignation if sperm banks were suddenly refusing donations from blacks say, or from the Welsh.

Yet when it is gingers being spurned, there are no protests, no demonstrations. Still, we can't blame the women who make up the customer base for sperm samples. The "gingerism" practiced by the sperm bank is simply a reflection of gingerism in society at large.

Given a choice, what mother would want her child to inherit the one hair color "guaranteed to come with freckles and a lifetime of low-level bullying?"

Of course, I'm merely guessing at the trauma. Not being a redhead myself, "I've no idea what they go through." My own hair color is best described as "strawberry blond." Let nobody dare call me a self-hating ginger.

*Thanks to a redheaded?/strawberry blond?
Society member for this article.*



Pearls Before Swine Comic Strip by Stephen Pastis

September 21, 2011

Thanks to Martha Davies, Ellis Jones, and Kristin Johnson for bringing this comic to the attention of the editor.

English text for center box: "I don't know." "Yes." "I'm sorry."

"Snoop Dogg's invite to Newport's giant swede man"

From UTube October, 1, 2011

One of the world's biggest rap stars has taken to UTube to congratulate a Newport gardener for growing an 85 lb. swede and invite him to his gig in Cardiff.

Snoop Dogg posted a video on the website congratulating "my homeboy Ian Neale," offering him two tickets to his show at the Motorpoint Arena on October 8 and inviting him backstage.

However, it seems the LA rapper hasn't quite fine-tuned his Welsh geography as he mistakenly says Mr. Neale is from Cardiff.

The 34-second video starts with Snoop, wearing a Cardiff City shirt, saying "What up? Shout out to my home boy Ian Neale in Cardiff for breaking the world record for the biggest vegetable."

The rapper adds: "Come see your boy Snoop Dogg, I've got two tickets for you when I get to town."

Mr. Neale said he didn't think he would be taking up Snoop Dogg's generous offer, saying: "I'm more of a Country and Western man myself."

As reported in the Argus last month, Mr Neale, from Langstone, is waiting for confirmation from the Guinness Book of Records that his 85.5 lb., just over six stone, swede is a record breaker after it took top spot at the Shepton Mallet show.

Mr Neale, 68, has previously grown a beetroot weighing 51.5 lb. and celery which reached 52 lb.



Here's Ian Neale with his record-breaking swede. Now Swedish readers [and others] will see that in Britain, a "swede" is really a rutabaga.

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Dragon News

News of Society Members & Friends

SUNSHINE REPORT: Betty Kinsey, the Society Sunshine chairwoman, reports sending cards to:



Bob and Marveen Minish,

golden wedding anniversary;

Margaret Provost, death of her father;

Karen and Mike Wojahn, grandparent of identical twin granddaughters;

Ellis and Janet Jones, great-grandparents of the same identical twins; and

Mike Gavin and Margaret Carr, injuries from falls.



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 something else. You can reach her at

(612) 871-7587.

KRISTIN JOHNSON received one of seven Shabo Awards for Children's Picture Book Writers. The contest was open to writers with a "nearly there" picture book manuscript who have not yet published a book. Kristin will participate in a day-long master class and receive individual manuscript consultation with the mentor who chose the seven winners from a field of 54 entries.

Kristin teaches writing in St. Paul. She has won several writing awards including the Loose-Leaf Poetry Award and the Mystery Writers of America Helen McCloy Award. In the last year, she completed three historical nonfiction books for young adults: *The Endurance Expedition*, *The Orphan Trains*, and *Ho Chi Minh*, a *Biography*. She is currently working on a novel.

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IN MEMORIAM: Robert Provost

Robert Peter Provost, 86, a longtime insurance advocate and decorated naval aviator died September 16, 2011, in New Hope, Minn., after a long illness.

He graduated from high school in 1942. Too young to enlist in the military, he had an apprenticeship building Navy destroyers in Seattle. He later joined the Navy and after training was assigned overseas in October 1944. He flew more than 40 missions and received a Distinguished Flying Cross for his efforts during the invasion of Okinawa. He served in the US Naval reserve until 1969, retiring as Lt. Cmdr.

He was hesitant to talk about his military service until the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. It seemed the importance of defending his country and his gratefulness to have the ability to serve were something he felt compelled to share at that time, his son said.

He spent most of his working years with the Minnesota Insurance Information Center, which handled public relations for the insurance industry. He frequently lobbied at the Legislature and had a regular show about insurance issues on WCCO-AM radio. He also chaired the Consumer Information Task Force when the state's no-fault insurance law was implemented.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Mary. He is survived by his daughter, Margaret, and sons, Paul, and Peter; six grandchildren; three sisters and a brother

A celebration of his life was held October 14, 2011, at the Campus Club at Coffman Memorial Union in Minneapolis, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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Christmas Tea —

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Christmas carols & readings.

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Wondering about the photo?
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