



“Arthurian Place Names of Wales” Meet a pro on this subject in St. Paul Nov. 21

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Scott Lloyd has devoted decades of research to the subject of Arthur and Ancient Britain. He and Steve Blake are co-founders of the Centre for Arthurian Studies at the North East Wales Institute, affiliate of the University of Wales, and enjoy strong links with the ‘Camelot’ research project at the University of Rochester in New York. They also advise and promote the world’s leading Arthurian Collection housed in Flintshire Library HQ, and have worked with the Welsh Academic Press on a leading series of Welsh Arthurian source material.

Scott attended the University of Wales in Aberystwyth and the book formed the basis for his Master Philosophy thesis in 2009. The book was published in 2017 by the University of Wales Press.

Details on Scott Lloyd’s presentation:

WHERE: St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. W., St. Paul about one mile east of Hwy. 280. Street parking and lot at condo complex, Zvago, across Luther Place from the side of church.

WHEN: Thurs., Nov. 21, 6 p.m.

DETAILS: Note that the Como Ave. entrance to the church is currently blocked for construction. This makes entering by the Luther Place office even more straightforward. Signs and greeters will be on hand to welcome you once you come through the Luther Place (office) door.

Cost to you: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Scott will give a visual and aural presentation of a topic he knows very well. He’ll be ready to answer your questions, too.



Come to St. Paul to hear Scott Lloyd, from near Aberystwyth, speak on Thursday evening, November 21, 6 p.m. Details in this article.

Sut mae dweud hynny?

A word about the dateline on this issue (top of this page): Tachwedd (November) is pronounced roughly Tach [“a” as in “father”] – wedd [“we” as in “wed”] [“dd” as in “th” in “father”].



*Photo by Ilene Alexander.
See more on pages 3/4.*

Join the fun at Christmas/Holiday Tea

Much will be the same as past years at this Tea...pleasing stories, happy songs, good food, cheerful smiles. Once in a while, in past decades, there has been a bit of snow, too, but never a full storm in the last 40 years or more.

The event will again be held at University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 – 13th Ave., SE, Mpls 55414 (Dinkytown). The church is accessible via bus #17.

If you have a reading you’d like to share or a song you’d like to sing, please contact Janice Barbee, janicegwb@yahoo.com, 763-370-9880. Of course, we’ll sing carols together, too.

Please bring a sweet or savory treat for the buffet table. Tea and coffee will be provided. The event is free, but donations for rental expenses are appreciated.

There is ample parking behind the church. Enter from the door off that lot. There are several handicapped spots in that lot as well.

St. David's Society Calendar

Sgwrs Cymraeg, Welsh Conversation

Sun., Nov. 10, 2 p.m.

8844 Stevens Ave. S., Bloomington.

All levels are welcome. Expect some conversation, some drills (suitable for beginning levels), and some reading / translation. Call Laurel at 952-607-8670 or send an email to llawryf@yahoo.com for questions or directions.

Pub Gathering

Sun., Nov. 10, 4–6 p.m.

at Merlins Rest, 3601 E. Lake Street, Minneapolis.

Enjoy conversation and the sharing of stories with other Society members with good food and/or a pint or a glass of wine.

Scott Lloyd, Welsh expert on King Arthur and historic properties, "The Arthurian Place Names of Wales"

Thurs., November 21, 7–9 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church

2323 Como Ave. W., St. Paul, 55108.

Park on street or in lot across from Luth Pl. entrance (by Zvago condos). Church is complete handicapped accessible. \$10/person. \$5 for students.

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Questions? Contact Mary Mergenthal, mary.mergenthal@gmail.com

Well-Read Dragons Book Group

Sat., Dec. 7, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

at Davanni's in Arden Hills

3673 Lexington Ave. N., 55126.

Discussion of *Ibrahim and Reenie* by David Llewellyn.

Ibrahim is a young Muslim guy walking from Cardiff to London. He has his own reasons, and his own mental and physical struggles to deal with along the way. What he hadn't counted on was a chance meeting with 75-year-old East Londoner Reenie before he's hardly started. With her life's luggage in a shopping trolley, complete with an orange tent and her pet cockatiel, Reenie is also walking the M4, and not for charity. As they share a journey their paths stretch out before and behind them into the personal and political turns of European history in ways neither could have foreseen. [From Goodreads]

Questions? Contact Mary Mergenthal, mary.mergenthal@gmail.com

Christmas/Holiday Tea

Sat., Dec. 14, 2–4 p.m.

at University Lutheran Church of Hope

601-13th Ave. SE, Minneapolis, 55414.

We will have readings and musical performances, the singing of carols together, story-telling, and, of course, lots of delicious treats. Park in large lot behind the church.

St. David's Annual Banquet

Sat., Feb. 29, 11:30 am–2:30 pm

at the DoubleTree by Hilton (new name, same place as last year)

2540 N. Cleveland Ave., Roseville.

We're planning lots of music, including singing from the first Welsh opera, *Blodwen!*



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Photos by Ilene Alexander.
Powis Castle is a medieval castle, fortress and grand country mansion near Welshpool, in Powys, Wales. It is known for housing the treasures that were brought home from India by Robert Clive and his son, Edward Clive.



*Photos by Ilene Alexander.
Taken on a September 2018 visit to
Powis Castle Gardens in Wales*

Membership Application or Membership Renewal form St. David's Society of Minnesota

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Single Annual (July 1 – June 30) \$25

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Checks payable to ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY OF MN

Please mail this form & your check to:

Sally Evans, Treasurer
606 7th Street SE, Apt. 1B
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Send questions to: stpaulsally@gmail.com

Well-Read Dragons choices for coming season

December 7

Ibrahim and Reenie, David Llewellyn

February 1

Pigeon by Alys Conran

April 4

Flame in the Mountains, Williams
Pantycelyn, Ann Griffith and the Welsh
Hymns, H.A. Hodges, ed. E. Wyn James.
At St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church
(2323 Como Ave.) with David Evan
Thomas, Society member and local
composer, as guest.

ATTN: When searching on the internet,
be sure to use the editor's name, E. Wyn
James, as the author.

June 6

A Simple Scale, David Llewellyn
[Ed. note: This title and the next were
reversed in error in the last newsletter. This
is the correct order.]

August 1

New Welsh Short Stories, ed. by Francesca
Rhydderch & Penny Thomas

Most books on Abe/Amazon/Indie-
Books/World Books, at ~\$4.00 with
shipping rates varying; some have Kindle
and/or audio book options.

ALL WELCOME...whether or not you
have been able to read the book. The
discussion is good fun and you'll get
enthused about reading the next book.

The group meets on first Saturday of
every/other month at 11:30 a.m., at
Davanni's in Arden Hills, 55126. Please
order your lunch from the store menu,
then proceed to the Party Room. Lunch
orders allow us free use of that room.
(Note change for April 4 meeting, however.)

**Several have expressed frustration that this
location requires a car and is "way out in the
suburbs." It would help members consider a
change of venue if interested persons located
a coffee house or restaurant or public building
on a bus line, with space for 10-20 people
without charge. It's easy to suggest libraries,
but the reason the Society's Movie Nights are
held in Brooklyn Park Library is that no other
library in Hennepin County has space!**



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Photo by Hywel Roberts

Bardsey Island, known as the legendary "Island of 20,000 Saints," is located 1.9 miles off the Llŷn Peninsula in the Welsh county of Gwynedd. The Welsh name means "The Island in the Currents," although its English name refers to the "Island of the Bards," or possibly the island of the Viking chieftain, "Barda." Scott Lloyd, our special speaker on November, thinks that if there was ever an "Avalon," this was it. Come to St. Paul Nov. 21 to learn more. (see page 1)