

## Movie Night, June 7

Come one, come all to see *Patagonia*

The most popular request for activities was a Movie Night. After much searching for an appropriate venue, the Board has found one.

Mark your calendar now for **Thurs., June 7, 6:30 p.m.**, in the Mississippi Room at **Brooklyn Park Library**, 8500 W. Broadway Ave., Brooklyn Park 55443. We'll be in the Mississippi River Room, on the first floor near the front door.

*Patagonia* is a 2010 British-Argentine drama co-written and directed by Marc Evans. The story centers on Welsh and Argentine people connected to "Y Wladfa," the Welsh settlement in Patagonia, Argentina. The film stars several well-known Welsh actors including Matthew Rhys, Nia Roberts and the singer Duffy.

**The event is free.** If you wish a snack or beverage, please bring your own. There is a sink in the room. Plenty of free parking, as well. And many handicapped parking spots!

The Library is new, large, and gorgeous. You're sure to find it once you're on Broadway Ave. Look for a large building with lots of glass. Friends and family members are welcome.



*Welsh traditions in Rawson, Patagonia.*



## July 14: Picnic, Genealogy and Annual Meeting

If you've had the pleasure of attending these events in recent years, you'll know they're a time for pleasant visiting, tasty food, and an interesting program. The 2018 event will be at the same location we've used for past several years:

**Rosebrook Park in Roseville, 11:30-2:30 p.m.**

The park is at **2590 Fry, Roseville, 55113**. It's just west of Snelling Ave., south of Co. Rd. C, and east of Fairview Ave. We'll be inside a pleasant building with bathrooms and full kitchen (refrigerator, freezer, stove, and microwave) and AC!

- **Please bring a dish to pass** for the potluck lunch;
- Plates, tableware and beverages will be supplied by the Society.
- The Board has a one-of-a-kind program planned. **Genealogist Richard Meredith, native of Newbridge-on-Wye, Wales, will talk about searching for one's Welsh forebears.** Richard is a member of our Society and he has lots of information to share with us. Be sure you're present!

The program will be followed by a short Annual Meeting. Check boxed copy (*page 2*) for Board and Officer positions open. If you have questions or wish to volunteer to be considered, please contact President Janice Barbee, (763) 370-9880, [janicegwb@yahoo.com](mailto:janicegwb@yahoo.com)

### DIRECTIONS TO ROSEBROOK PARK:

**Traveling on Fairview**, turn east on Oakcrest (at residence with high wooden fence around yard) until you reach Fry. Turn left and you will soon reach the parking lot for the park.

**Traveling on Snelling**, turn west on Co. Rd. C. Drive to Fairview and use the direx above.

**Traveling east on Co. Rd. C.** Get into the far right lane. Just before Snelling, turn right onto the service road. Pass Sunset Living Center, then continue on Oakcrest. You'll reach Fry quickly. Turn right.

**Traveling west on Co. Rd. C.** Drive to Fairview Ave., turn left and follow the first directions.



*Welsh traditional dancing in Patagonia*

## Plan to sing in Mankato Sept. 23

The 2018 Minnesota Welsh Hymn Festival will be held on Sun., September 23, at 1:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Mankato. The conductor will be Mari Morgan, well-known as the founder and director of Côr Cymru Gogledd America, the North American Welsh Choir.

The featured choir will be the Southwest Minnesota Men's Choir. This 20-member group maintains an active schedule of public performances that include a Christmas Concert series and a Spring Dinner Concert Series. Based in Walnut Grove, the choir is directed by Wendy Johnson of Tracy and includes members from many communities in southwestern Minnesota.

Welsh cakes and tea or coffee will be served after the singing.

The church is located at the intersection of Hickory and South Broad Streets. There is ample, free parking in the ramp next door.

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## Musical centenary celebrated at Minnesota St. David's Day luncheon

By Ilene Alexander

The March 3, 2018, St. David's Society of Minnesota's St. David's Day celebration was held at the Roseville Radisson Hotel. After lunch, the program featured music connected to Wales' Eisteddfod tradition. The program opened with a choral performance by Minnesota-based Sonomento, which will bring U.S. music to the July International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen. The program closed with solo performances in Welsh by Society member Donald Barbee singing "Pen Felen" (Goldenhair) and Naomi Karstad, member of Sonomento, singing "Mae Hiraeth yn n Môr" (There's a Longing in the Sea), both accompanied by David Evan Thomas. Both songs were composed by Dilys Roberts Elwyn-Edwards.

During the late summer of 1918, composer Dilys Elwyn Edwards was born in Wales, and it was her centennial

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## Cwrs Cymraeg comes to town!

Cymdeithas Madog invites you to join Cwrs Cymraeg 2018, their 42nd annual Cwrs Cymraeg, at Hamline University in St Paul, July 15-22. Cymdeithas Madog [Fellowship of Madog\*] is no stranger to St. Paul as it was the home to the 1983 Cwrs Cymraeg Minnesota, also at Hamline. Though 35 years have passed since the group last visited, they are looking forward to bringing the Cwrs back to an old stomping ground. Registration is now open and some Society members have already signed up.

Cwrs Cymraeg (which simply means "Welsh Course") emphasizes the spoken language, with classroom instruction at various levels ranging from absolute beginners to quite advanced. The teaching staff of experienced Welsh-speaking instructors is brought from Wales and North America. There are approximately five hours of language class each day, supplemented by further language and culture-related activities in the afternoon. Evening events such as singing, folk dancing, Welsh-language films, and a Noson Lawen (talent night) provide additional opportunities to relax while enjoying a Welsh-language atmosphere. An optional course trip at mid-week will take participants to surrounding sites of interest.

Go to [www.madog.org/](http://www.madog.org/) to see a video of the 2012 cwrs made by our Society member, Maria Bartholdi.

Registration is open though, fair play, the web page still says the dates are still tentative. (We're assuming that's result of a web page not updated.) Resident students pay \$1,200 (based on double occupancy in a Hamline residence. There will be a \$100 surcharge for those wishing a single room.) Commuter students (for those who wish to commute from home to the Cwrs) pay \$1,000. Tag-Alongs pay \$800. (Spouses/friends of registered students...price provides room, board and admission to all evening activities. Again there is a \$100 surcharge for those wishing a single room.)

For more information or info on scholarships go to <http://www.madog.org>.

\* *The sponsoring organization takes its name from Madog ab Owain Gwynedd, a Welsh prince who sailed (according to legend) to America in the 12th century.*

### Board positions to fill at annual meeting July 14

**President** – Janice Barbee has a year left on 2-year term.

**Vice-President** – Ilene Alexander has a year left on 2-year term.

**Treasurer** – Sally Evans is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of her 2<sup>nd</sup> 2-year term.

**Secretary** – \_\_\_\_\_ 2-year term – No one has filled this position for several years. Please consider offering to be nominated. Good record-keeping is necessary for accurate Society history. Contact Janice (below) for questions about frequency of meetings.

**Board Members** – 2-year terms

Ron Adams's term expires this year. \_\_\_\_\_

Dave & Marla Gladen's term expires this year. \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Powell Sherman & Robert Sherman's term expires this year.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Those couples have each shared a term. Again, talk to Janet if that interests you.*

Please contact Janice Barbee, (763) 370-9880, [janicegwb@yahoo.com](mailto:janicegwb@yahoo.com), with questions or to volunteer to be nominated.

### Help needed

If you are able to print labels on your computer, the St. David's Society Board needs your help. About 100 labels are needed four times/year. This is a volunteer position, but your expenses could be reimbursed. The up-to-date membership list would be given to you several weeks in advance of when labels are needed. Please contact President Janice Barbee to find out more or to volunteer: (763)370-9880 or [janicegwb@yahoo.com](mailto:janicegwb@yahoo.com)

## Well-Read Dragons enjoy rousing read on April 7

The Well-Read Dragons met on Feb. 3 at Davanni's in Arden Hills to discuss *The Long Dry* by Cynan Jones. With Jones's typical unflinching honesty and dark reality, it is the story of the bleakness of rural life, made more so by long drought. There were strong positive and negative feelings about the book and about Jones's style, though a number of members found this book less troublesome than the earlier ones we read: *The Dig* and *Everything I Found on the Beach*. One thing we found interesting about *The Long Dry* was that it was published in Minneapolis at Coffee House Press (2017).

Whether or not members agreed on the book, all agreed that it was fun to taste the treat brought by Mary Mergenthal (provided as Christmas gift from her daughter Rebekah)—Welsh Fruit Cake made in Wales with Welsh Whiskey!

The next meeting was on April 7, when discussion focused on *Bred of Heaven* by Jasper Rees, subtitled "One man's quest to reclaim his Welsh roots." Jasper has always wanted to be Welsh. But despite Welsh grandparents (and a Welsh surname), he is an Englishman by birth. The lengths to which he goes to discover and experience Welshness make for entertaining and poignant reading. The book is available from Amazon or AbeBooks.

Summer meetings are **Sat., June 2**, *The Vegetarian Tigers of Paradise* by Crystal Jeans; and **Sat., Aug. 4**, when we'll share each person's choice of poetry by any Welsh poet. That day we also make the final selection of books for our 2018-'19 season. Members who will be traveling that day, are asked to get their suggestions of books to be considered to Mary Mergenthal, mary.mergenthal@gmail.com, by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Davanni's is located at 3673 Lexington Ave. N., Arden Hills, 55126. The group assembles about 11:30 so there's time to purchase lunch (this allows us to use the party room... most months, anyway). Discussion begins once all able to attend that day are gathered. All are welcome, whether or not they've had a chance to read the book. Come and enjoy the camaraderie.

### Cards sent

Sunshine chairperson Betty Kinsey reports sending cards to:  
**Mae Anderson, Adele Davis, and Karen Conradi-Jones.**

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that sparked the program planning for our St. David's Day celebration. 1918 was also the birth year for *West Side Story* creators—book writer Arthur Laurents, choreographer Jerome Robbins, and composer Leonard Bernstein, whose "Universal Good" and "Make Our Garden Grow," both from *Candide*, were included in Sonomento's performance.

Dilys Roberts Elwyn-Edwards devoted herself to small-scale vocal music, producing song cycles for voice and piano, her music linked to English and Welsh texts—some religious, some poetic, some for children, and some anchored to nature.

Writing about her in 1994, Geraint Lewis observed:

"For many children growing up in Wales in the '60s and '70s, the music of Dilys Elwyn-Edwards formed an unconscious corner of their imagined garden of innocent delight. Singing her songs in classrooms up and down the

## NAFOW in Washington, D.C., this fall

Plan to head to D.C. over Labor Day weekend. NAFOW dates are Aug. 30–Sept. 2.

The 2018 North American Festival of Wales is sponsored by the Welsh North American Association and will be hosted by the Washington D.C. Welsh Society. The event will be funded, in part, by Women's Welsh Clubs of America.

This is North America's largest gathering of the Welsh and their friends. It will feature the 87<sup>th</sup> National Gymanfa Ganu. Eilir Owen-Griffiths will direct. He lives just outside Cardiff, Wales, and is also the founder of Eschoir (see below).

Special guests include TRIO from Wales in the Thursday night Opening Concert. The group consists of Emyr Wyn Gibson (tenor), Bedwyr Gwyn Parri (baritone), and Steffan Lloyd Owen (bass. They're from Snowdonia, North Wales.

The Saturday evening Grand Concert features Eschoir, a Welsh male choir based in London.

Moch-Pryderi, one of Virginia's oldest pan-Celtic bands, will be on hand as well.

In addition there will be seminars and tours galore. Get more information or register at [www.nafow.org](http://www.nafow.org) or write to: The Welsh North American Association International Headquarters, Box 1054, Trumansburg, NY 14886. Phone: 607-279-7402; Fax: 877-448-6633. [www.theWNAA.org](http://www.theWNAA.org)

## Plan ahead for April 2019 Gathering

The Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre in Wymore, Neb., will hold a **Great Plains Welsh Gathering, April 5–7, 2019**. There will be music, entertainment, family history, seminars, Welsh language, and more!

Gwenith Closs-Colgrove is the president of the organization. She and the volunteer staff at the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre deserve to be very proud of their library and archive. The Centre is the custodian of the only complete set of microfilm copies of *Y Drych*, the Welsh-American newspaper published from 1851 to 2001. *Y Drych*, once owned by St. David's Society member, Mary Morris Mergenthal, is now incorporated with the newspaper, *Ninnau*, and published out of Trumansburg, N.Y.

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land will have become a cherished memory for many. The songs had a timeless quality."

This timeless quality has made several of her songs popular within the Eisteddfod tradition, where she was also an esteemed adjudicator. Her music moved beyond Wales as performers including Bryn Terfel, Charlotte Church and Aled Jones carried her art song cycles into the world.

One other Summer 1918 Wales-based anniversary familiar to Society members is that Margaret Mackworth, businesswoman and active suffragette, became Viscountess Rhondda; Mackworth was featured in the performance of "Time and Tide: Lady Rhondda and the Lusitania," a recent St. David's Day program reprised for the 2017 North American Festival of Wales gathering.

## Two from Society appear in *Princess Ida*



Holly Windle and Richard Rames pose after their last performance of *Princess Ida*, with the Gilbert & Sullivan Very Light Opera Co.

The Gilbert & Sullivan Very Light Opera Company presented *Princess Ida* March 2–25. The lively cast included **Holly Windle** and **Richard Rames** from our Society.

*Princess Ida; or, Castle Adamant* tells the story of Princess Ida and Prince Hilarion, who were married in infancy by their fathers. Ida, however, refuses to be bound by the decisions that others have made for her and has left her father's court to establish a college for women from which all men are barred.

Hilarion and his friends infiltrate the castle, disguised as women, in Hilarion's attempt to win Princess Ida's love. After considerable chaos, Ida realizes that she does love Hilarion and consents to the marriage.

Soon after this play ended, **Holly** appeared again in the challenging play *Twisted Deaths*, performed with Uprising Theatre Company in Uptown.

## Welsh folk sayings...a sampling

**Bwrw hen wragedd a ffyn . . .**

translates to . . . **Pouring old ladies and their canes** in English it means. . . Raining cats and dogs.

**Dim Cymraeg rhyngddynt**

translates to . . . **No Welsh between them** in English it means. . . They're not speaking.

**Diwrnod i'r Bren . . .**

translates to . . . **A day for the king** in English it means. . . A memorable day.

## Welsh Heritage Week set for July 15–22 in Virginia

This always-popular course will be held this year at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Va. This is a week of language, Welsh folk dancing, music, poetry and more. Staff will include Rhian Hughes, head teacher; Iwan Guy, Music Director; Ann Hopcyn, Harp; Bill Evans, Session Band; and Ian Roberts, Folk Dance.

For information or to register, contact Beth Landmesser: [hwyl@ptd.net](mailto:hwyl@ptd.net) or (570)814-7689 or send her a private message on facebook.

## St. David's Society at MHS

Member Judith Evans Warner reports finding the St David's Archives at the Minnesota History Society. This includes organizational records as well as past newsletters. Use this link to find out more: <http://www2.mnhs.org/library/findaids/01228.xml>

## Vermont College offers scholarship to Welsh students

Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vt., offers a scholarship for students with Welsh heritage. It is awarded to undergraduate students who notify the college of their lineage during the admissions process and can show Welsh genealogy within the past four generations. The scholarship provides \$2,000 annually to each Welsh-American student, totaling \$8,000 over four years.

Green Mountain College is located in Poultney, Vermont, a small town with a rich history of Welsh community. Green Mountain is a progressive college with an environmental liberal arts curriculum and a focus on leading the drive for sustainability in higher education. The institution has not forgotten the Welsh community that contributed so much to Poultney.

In addition to offering its Welsh heritage scholarship, the college also hosts a Welsh Harvest Festival each fall.

Green Mountain College encourages any high school or community college students and parents in the St. David's Society of Minnesota to consider Green Mountain College in their educational plans. As the college states, "We know you take great pride in your Welsh heritage and we would be honored to become a part of your story."

## Obituary

Shirley Grundmeier, 93, of Mankato, Minn., died April 27, 2018. She was formerly a member of the St. David's Society of Minnesota.

She will be remembered by her Welsh friends for her energy and enthusiasm related to the Minnesota Festival of Welsh Hymns and her participation in the North American Welsh Choir.

Memorials are preferred to the Blue Earth County Historical Society.

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Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project (GPWHP) houses one of the best libraries of Welsh-American history. It is not only state-of-the-art as libraries go; it is Nebraska state-of-the-art...i.e., tornado proof!

More information on the library or the 2019 April Welsh Gathering can be found at [www.welshheritageproject.org](http://www.welshheritageproject.org). The St. David's Society of Minnesota is an Organization Member of the group. You are encouraged to join individually as well.

"The mission of the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project is to discover, preserve, interpret, and celebrate the history and contributions of the Welsh pioneers on the North American Prairies; and further public interest and appreciation of America's ethnic and cultural diversity." This statement of the group's purpose was adopted 1 March 2009; and reapproved in 2017. The quarterly newsletter, DIWYGIAD—REVIVAL, is published in April, July, October and January.

The centre is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day every Sunday from 2–5 p.m. All other times are by appointment. Please call (402) 432-3656, (402) 645-3231, (402) 421-8192, or (403) 432-3656. USPS address is 307 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Wymore, NE 68466.

# News of the Welsh Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis from 1881–ca. 1920

*Following are excerpts from “A Brief History of the Welsh in Minnesota, Second Edition,” published by the St. David’s Society of Minnesota, June 15, 2006.*

Sunday School was held in homes for a few weeks, until the numbers were too large. Then a small Norwegian church on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. So., between Fifth and Sixth Streets, was rented. A Sunday evening prayer meeting was then added, in addition to the Sunday School.

The New Year began with the organizing of the church. On January 17, 1881, 25 persons formed the church by signing the following: “We, whose names are to be found below, seriously covenant together with God and with each other to be the property of the Lord and to serve Him faithfully with the assistance of His grace from this day forth and forever.”

They were incorporated to hold property according to the laws of the State on March 23, 1881. In April it was necessary to move the growing church to a second chapel at Bloomington and Franklin Avenues, where they stayed until their own church was built.

... In 1883, most of the members lived within walking distance of the Welsh Church, but later many moved to build homes further south. The Welsh Church continued to grow and flourish.

... It outgrew its quarters by 1910 and under the direction of Dr. H.P. Morgan, D.D. (1904–’14), a second building program was undertaken. This beautiful edifice, at 15th Ave. and Lake Street, cost \$30,000 [a huge sum at the time] and all but \$1,300 was paid on the day of dedication. Soon, a pipe organ was installed at a cost of \$4,000.

## RECITED AT THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW PIPE ORGAN OF THE WELSH CHURCH MINNEAPOLIS.

*From Y Cyfaill [The Friend] 1922, a Welsh-American  
Presbyterian Journal.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
God gave this organ. This I know  
He blessed us in our low estate;  
He made us rich, and made us great.

At first we had an organ small,  
One we could scarcely hear at all;  
The player toiled with hands and feet,  
And strove to render music sweet.

It hardly reached the lovely dome  
Of little Seventeenth Avenue home;  
But it was blest by God on high  
To help our voices reach the sky.

And as we doubled many a hymn  
Tears of joy made sunlight dim;  
The church became a hallowed place  
Whose mem’ry time cannot efface.

Then came the organ with the pump  
That kept some youngster on the jump,  
Supplying air to organ soul,  
Whence sacred melodies did roll.

This proved a greater means of grace,  
And music gained a higher place,  
In praising God with one accord  
And magnifying Christ the Lord.

Of late, the Willing Workers, all,  
And busy men, both large and small,  
United forces with the Lord  
To get the best they could afford.

The tiny aprons, neat, with bands,  
Were scattered broadcast through all lands,  
And multitudes who thus were dunned  
Were prompt to swell the organ fund.

As with the temple built of old,  
We, all, did work, from young to old;  
We worked with joy and Godly strength,  
And prayed our goal to reach at length.

The happy task is now complete;  
We lay the organ at God’s feet;  
With thankful hearts our anthems raise  
And fill this church with songs of praise.

— Mr. OWEN MORRIS, St. Paul, Minn.

We thank St. David’s member, **Martha Davies**, from Lincoln, Neb., for finding and sharing this doggerel. It is atypical for it to be in English, she says, though the Welsh churches around the country started dropping Welsh for English in their services after World War I, as did the North American Welsh newspapers.

Society members who have a personal connection to the church include **Dr. Kay Thomas**, St. Paul, who was baptized there. Her brother, **David E. Thomas**, now of San Antonio, was the last Welsh baby baptized in the church (1946) and still owns the christening bowl. The family of **Judith Evans Warner**, Minneapolis, donated one of the church’s windows.

After the Welsh Church disbanded in 1948, the building was used by a Dutch Reformed congregation; as a meeting hall for “Jesus People”; by a Black Baptist congregation; by Calvary Indian congregation; and, for the last 17 years, by Iglesia De Dios Monte Sinai, where 400 Spanish-speaking Christians meet weekly.

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David Thomas provided the photos of the Welsh Church.

Clearly there were many, pious Welsh folk in the Twin Cities, especially in Minneapolis, where their beloved church was built.



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These excerpts are from "A Brief History of the Welsh in Minnesota, Second Edition," published by the St. David's Society of Minnesota, June 15, 2006. All copies were sold long ago. The editor will include snippets as possible in upcoming newsletters. If you are interested in a photocopy of the 30-page spiral-bound book, please let newsletter editor know: Mary Mergenthal, (651) 644-1650, mary.mergenthal@gmail.com After price for copying and shipping is determined, you will be contacted personally with that information, and you can then decide if you do want one, more, or none.



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Bloomington, MN 55420

Send questions to: [stpaulsally@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsally@gmail.com)

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## Welsh events elsewhere

**Peniel/Rewey Gymanfa Ganu**, June 10, 2:30 p.m., Peniel Presbyterian Church, 1449 Peniel Road, Mineral Point, Wis.

**Annual Gymanfa Ganu**, Iowa City, Iowa, July 8, 1:30 p.m., Welsh Congregational Church of Old Man's Creek, 4401 Sharon Center Rd. Richard Teigs directing, Susan McGuire accompanying, **Dan Proud soloist**. Te Bach following. Worship service 10:30 a.m., conducted by the Rev. Jerry Stevenson, lunch available for purchase. Info: Conni Tudor Lynch, ((319)631-0171.

**Milwaukee Gymanfa Ganu**, July 15, 2:30 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church, 5200 S. 48<sup>th</sup> St., Greenfield. Director: Trefor Williams.

**Welsh Heritage Week**, July 15-22, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA. Contact Beth Landmesser: [hwyl@ptd.net](mailto:hwyl@ptd.net) or (570)814-7689 or send her a private message on facebook. *See accompanying article.*

**Peniel/Rewey Gymanfa Ganu**, Aug. 26, 2:30 p.m., Peniel Presbyterian Church, W9644 Zoar Road, Oshkosh, Wis. Organist: Tom White; Pianist: Sarah Conrad; Directors: Marilyn Schrader & Ann E. Lemmenes.

**North American Festival of Wales**, Aug. 30-Sept. 2, Washington, D.C. 87<sup>th</sup> National Gymanfa Ganu, scores of Welsh-related seminars, and several tours (filling fast). Festival Hotel, the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 500 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA 22311, is filling fast. Room rate: \$103 + tax/night, single-quad. Complimentary shuttle from Reagan Washington Nat. Airport. Sponsored by the Welsh North American Ass'n, hosted by the Washington, D.C., Welsh Society, funded in part by the Women's Welsh Clubs of America. More at [www.nafow.org](http://www.nafow.org). *See accompanying article.*

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 Ron Adams, (952) 237-0506.



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Please help us make all Society events fragrance-free.

*Diolch yn fawr  
[Thanks very much].*

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## Calendar of Minnesota Events

**Pub Night, Sun., May 20, 4–6 p.m.**, Merlins Rest, 3601 E. Lake St., Mpls., 55406. [ilene.dawn@gmail.com](mailto:ilene.dawn@gmail.com)

**Well-Read Dragons, Sat., June 2**, 11:30 a.m., Davanni's, 3673 Lexington Ave., Arden Hills, 55126. Discussion of *The Vegetarian Tigers* by Crystal Jeans, pub. by Honno. Contact Mary Mergenthal, [mary.mergenthal@gmail.com](mailto:mary.mergenthal@gmail.com)

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**Cwrs Cymraeg** [Welsh Course sponsored by Cymdeithas Madog], **July 15–20**, Hamline University. Learn more @ Cymdeithas Madog. *See page 2.*

**Well-Read Dragons, Sat., Aug. 4**, 11:30 a.m., Davanni's, 3673 Lexington Ave., Arden Hills, 55126. Share poetry (in English or Welsh) by any Welsh poet. At this meeting, books are chosen for the coming year. Contact Mary Mergenthal, [mary.mergenthal@gmail.com](mailto:mary.mergenthal@gmail.com)

**Minnesota Welsh Hymn Festival, Sun., Sept. 23**, 1:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church in Mankato, intersection of Front & Broad. Mari Morgan directing. <http://www.mnwelshassoc.org> *See page 2.*