

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

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St. David's banquet Saturday, March 2

This year the St. David's Day banquet will be on Saturday, March 2, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in the intimate and cozy Itasca room where it was held last year. It is near the front entrance of the hotel but on the right side of the hotel as you face the entrance. There is an outside door quite near the Itasca room and there is plenty of parking adjacent to that door.

Ramada Plaza Hotel
1330 Industrial Blvd. (via I-35W)
Minneapolis, MN 55413
(612) 331-1900

We hope that you will bring your family and other guests who may be interested in Welsh culture.

We will gather at 11:45 a.m. to allow time to greet and visit with friends and acquaintances. We will have some fun activities so we can get to know more about members of our society.

The luncheon will begin about 12:15 and there are three meal choices:

Parmesan Chicken – Parmesan and Herb Crusted
Chicken Breast, Tomato Basil Sauce, Angel Hair Pasta;

Baked Tilapia – Herb Baked Tilapia, Coconut Shrimp,
Sweet and Sour Sauce, Rice Pilaf;

Oven Roasted Vegetable Wellington – Zucchini, Yellow
Squash, Onions, Red and Green Peppers Folded into
Puff Pastry with Marinara Sauce, Roasted Potato and
Asparagus.

All entrees include a Garden Salad, Chef's Choice of
Seasonal Vegetables and Fresh Baked Bread Sticks.
Dessert will be Vanilla Cheesecake with Strawberries.

The beverages include coffee, hot tea, iced tea, or milk.

Please note on your registration if you have special dietary
needs and we will accommodate you.

The program will begin after we have finished our meal
and taken a break to get up and move around a bit.

**Our program will consist of a number of
musicians from the St. David's Society presenting
music of William Rhys-Herbert.**

He was a Welsh-American composer born in Ffwrnas,
Wales, in 1868 and a prominent musician in Minneapolis
in the first quarter of the 20th century. Rhys-Herbert was
a director of the Apollo Club and organist at Hennepin
Avenue Methodist Church.

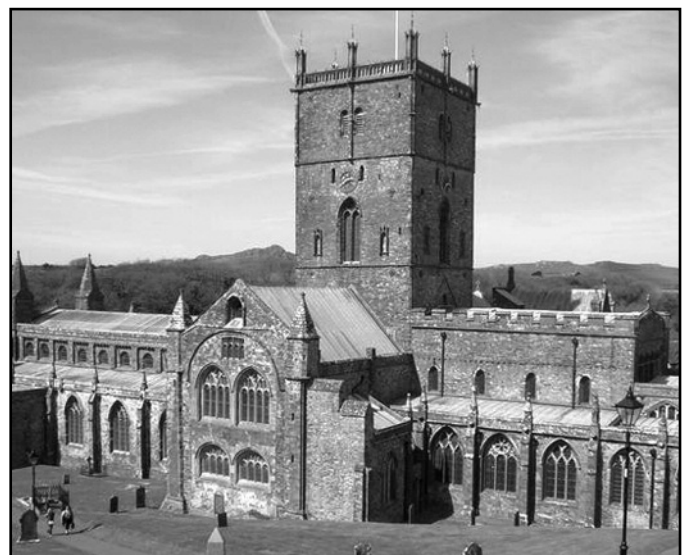
There will be a presentation of the Outstanding Service
Award.

Please complete the registration form (found in this
newsletter) and mail with payment (checks made payable
to St. David's Society of MN) by Friday, February 22.

Registrations are sent to: Pam Rose
8514 - 13th Ave So,
Bloomington, MN 55425

If you need a ride in order to attend, please make a note
on your registration form.

**If you have any questions, contact Pam Rose at
(952) 854-4743 or pamresearch@hotmail.com.**



**St. David's Cathedral in the city of St. David's in
Pembrokeshire, Wales.**

Welsh hymns on St. David's Day

Start celebrating early on St. David's Day. Augsburg College, near downtown Minneapolis, will hold its annual Welsh hymn sing in chapel on Friday, March 1, 10:20 a.m. Singing will be led by Mary Morris Mergenthal. The event will be held in Hoversten Chapel in Foss Center, 22nd St. and Riverside Ave. Parking is tight on campus. Visitors can use the Fairview ramp across Riverside. Stay for Welsh pasties and conversation following the sing.

Become an NAFOW sponsor

Sponsor an event at NAFOW 2014. It will be held in Minnesota! Headquarters hotel for the **2014 North American Festival of Wales** will be the Hyatt Regency in downtown Minneapolis. Sunday activities will take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for Seminars, Concerts, Cinema Wales, the Opening Ceremony, the Gymanfa Ganu, the Sunday Service, Meals, the Tearoom.

You can be an individual sponsor, or make your business a sponsor. You can be a partial sponsor, or sponsor an entire event. If there is a particular part of the festival you enjoy most or feel you would like to support, please contact the 2014 Sponsorship Committee. Members are: Dr. Kay Thomas, (612) 877-1416, chairperson; David Davis, (651) 646-6472; and Austin Evans, (952) 472-5565.

For further general information on NAFOW sponsorship and how you can become involved, contact Megan Williams, Executive Secretary, Welsh North American Association, IHQ@thewnaa.org or (607) 279-7402.

Membership News

Address Change:

Philip J. Lowry
1721 Hopkins Crossroads
Hopkins, MN 55305-2030

Deceased:

Margaret Evans Warner

Toronto's Fairmount Royal York—home to NAFOW 2013

The North American Festival of Wales returns for the 5th time to Toronto, August 29—September 1, 2013. All events will take place at the Fairmount Royal York Hotel, which is exactly the same age as the National Gymanfa Ganu, having opened its doors for the first time in 1929.

RESERVE EARLY!

Call 1-800-441-1414

Group Code: North American Festival of Wales 2013

Room types: 1 King, 1 Queen, 2 Double beds

Festival Rates: Cdn\$111/night singles and doubles,
Cdn\$141/night triples and quads.

Rates available four days before and four days after the Festival, Aug. 26—Sept. 5, 2013, depending on availability.

Book on line at www.NAFOW.org.

TORONTO: A WORLD-CLASS VENUE

Each year, the North American Festival of Wales is a celebration of Welsh culture in North America at its finest. Although the program is fairly similar year after year, the event has a completely different feel because we get to enjoy a new venue. The past two festivals have been very well-attended and have been in areas with large Welsh-American populations.

As the event returns to Canada for the first time in ten years, look for a completely different feel to the festival because of its cosmopolitan location. Enjoy the privilege of being in one of the largest cities in North America at a world-class hotel, something our group is not usually able to do! As you have seen, we have a fantastic group rate for the hotel in Toronto.

Fairmount Royal York was constructed on the site of former hotels and was opened in June of 1929. It was the tallest building in the British Commonwealth and quickly set the hospitality standard of the day. The magnificent hotel became known as a city within a city, rising in 28 floors of architectural splendor and replete with mechanical genius and opulence never before seen in Toronto. Today, it remains a landmark in Toronto and still oozes the grandeur for which it was originally known.

Along with this grandeur comes exceptional quality in accommodation, food and service. The Fairmont is one of the finest places to dine in Toronto and the quality of its food speaks for itself. All meal prices in the Registration packet are inclusive of Canadian tax (13%) and gratuity (18%). The WNAA hopes you will be in Toronto for what promises to be an unforgettable experience.

To get a registration packet, be sure you're a member of the Welsh North American Association (WNAA).

E-mail: IHQ@thewnaa.org

Website: <http://www.thewnaa.org>

Ellis and Janet Jones receive award from Gustavus Adolphus



Photo by Matt Thomas

Dr. Ellis Jones, left, and Mrs. Janet Jones, seated, received a Sesquicentennial Award from Gustavus Adolphus College President Jack Ohle at a special reception at the college September 15.

On September 15, at a special recognition luncheon, Gustavus Adolphus College President Jack Ohle presented a Sesquicentennial Award to Ellis and Janet Jones, longtime members of state and national Welsh societies.

In his presentation, President Ohle cited Ellis for his 40 years as a faculty member (including 14 as Associate Dean of the College); his teaching of over 1,000 students in the Department of Economics and Management; his extra time working as National Executive Director of Delta Pi Epsilon (national honorary professional graduate society in business education); his organization and coordination of over 50 seminars and national conferences for church secretaries; and his work as National President and Executive Director of the Welsh North American Association.

President Ohle also commended Janet on her strong support and assistance to her husband in his many responsibilities and for their commitment and support of the College over these many years.

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.

Gustavus Adolphus College is a private liberal arts college in St. Peter, Minn., which prepares 2,500 undergraduates annually for lives of leadership, service, and lifelong learning. The oldest Lutheran college in Minnesota, Gustavus was founded in 1862 by Swedish immigrants and named for Swedish King Gustav Adolf II.

Minnesota Welsh Association also recognizes Ellis' longtime work.

Ellis J. Jones, St. Peter, recently resigned as publicity chairperson for the Minnesota Welsh Association (MWA), after ten years on the Board of MWA or its predecessor, Minnesota Gymanfa Ganu Ass'n. He served as newsletter editor (in fact he started the publication); maintained contact with the Minnesota Secretary of State to keep the corporation on record; and much more. His careful work will be missed by the MWA.

We at the St. David's Society of Minnesota have always been glad when he and his wife Janet could make the trip to the Twin Cities for our activities, too.

Now's your chance to be Society Archivist

The St. David's Society of Minnesota thanks Mae Howells Anderson for maintaining the Society archives for many years.

A new archivist is now needed. One does not have to be trained as an archivist to take on this responsibility. One has to be willing to save items published or distributed by the Society; store photos provided after Society events; and have space for safe storage of several boxes of materials.

An annual or at least occasional archives display would be an added plus for our group.

If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Society president Pam Rose, (952) 854-4743, pamrosearch@hotmail.com.

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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.**



100th birthday party Ann Bickle Heritage House in Glenwood

By Sharon Larson

This year, the Ann Bickle Heritage House in Glenwood, Minn., will celebrate the building of the house in 1913. Ann Bickle was born in Wales, and eventually got to Minneapolis to pursue a career in singing. She was an early member of the Welsh Society there, and helped start the Welsh choir in Minneapolis. At the age of 50, she married Frank Bickle, a Soo Line engineer, and moved to Glenwood in the early 1930s.

In 1913, the house was described as the finest in Glenwood, particularly in terms of beauty, utility and comfort. Its two fireplaces, the leaded glass windows and the beautifully preserved woodwork throughout are of special interest. The house is remarkably well-preserved and is on the National Historic Registry. The house is currently owned and maintained by a nonprofit corporation that dedicates its effort to preserve the house and to honor Ann Bickle and Dina Bremness, her house mate. Both women were commendable volunteers and made great contributions to the community.

Plans are being made to celebrate the 100th anniversary in July of 2013. The art gallery will be open on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays in July, hours 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The house will be open on July 13, 20, and 27 with exhibits showing memorabilia of Ann and Frank, and Dina Bremness. More details will be provided as the plans develop.

We would like to invite you to visit us this summer. Special group tours could be arranged if the above dates don't work for you.

Editor's note: You can find Sharon Larson's contact information in the Society directory.

A Spoonful of Sugar *the Intricate Art of the Love Spoon*

January 15 through March 17, 2013
www.galleryofwoodart.org



Spoon by David Stanley, Australia

A Spoonful of Sugar: the Intricate Art of the Carved Love Spoon

JANUARY 15—MARCH 17

**222 Landmark Center, 75 5th St. W.,
St. Paul, MN 55102**

Carefully carved and offered with hope by aspiring suitors in Europe and Scandinavia, the tradition of offering a girl a spoon to ascertain her interest dates back at least 400 years. A well-designed and carved spoon stood as silent testimony to the young man's skill, persistence, and ardor. If the young woman accepted the spoon, courtship ensued.

The Welsh-style love spoons rank among the most elaborate. Though the tradition started with love spoons, today carvers are commissioned to create spoons to commemorate any number of significant events.

The carving of spoons and other tokens of love, betrothal, or marriage exist far beyond Europe's borders. The exhibition also includes Zulu spoons from Africa, given to a new wife by her husband.

Spoonful of Sugar includes contemporary love spoons from the collections of Norman D. Stevens and David Western, as well as work by contemporary Minnesota spoon carvers.

From the Norman D. Stevens collection:

David Stanley, Australia; David Western, British Columbia; George Darwall, England; Ralph Hentall, England; Adam King, England; Stuart King, England; Richard McHugh, Maine; John Magnam, Massachusetts; Laura Gorun, Ohio; Pedro Santos, Portugal; William Bigelow, Rhode Island (*historic piece from 1800s*); Andrew Moore, Scotland; Trygve Anderson, Texas; Doug Finkel, Virginia; Mike Davies, Wales; Alain Hemming, Wales; Sharon Littley, Wales; Siôn Llewellyn, Wales (*spoon carved from holly*).

"Cocktails with Culture"

St. Valentine's Event — February 14, 5–7 p.m.

Featuring spooncarving demonstration by Fred Livesay.

Hedd Wyn: Poet's Yr Ysgwrn home receives lottery grant

BBC, 16 November 2012

The home of World War I poet Hedd Wyn has been awarded nearly £150,000 to help transform it into a museum.

Yr Ysgwrn, a Grade II listed building near Trawsfynydd, Gwynedd, houses the bard's famous Eisteddfod chair posthumously awarded in 1917.

His home was secured for the nation by the Snowdonia National Park Authority (SNPA) in March.

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant is the first round in a bidding process for £2.7m towards the project.

The national park now has up to two years to submit more detailed plans to the HLF and apply for the rest of the funds.

"It will ensure that the place will be safeguarded for the future, and that information about the life and work of Hedd Wyn will be available to visitors for many years to come."

Gerald Williams, Hedd Wyn's nephew

The HLF said Yr Ysgwrn had become a place of pilgrimage for visitors from Wales and around the world who want to see the poet's Black Chair, while experiencing the dramatic landscape which inspired so many of his poems.

As well as a museum, there are plans to turn the house into an interpretation centre where people can learn about the historic and cultural significance of the area.

Dr. Manon Williams, chairperson of HLF, said: "Yr Ysgwrn represents so many key themes of our heritage from literature to traditional farming, and we support SNPA's plans to open up the site for a wider audience to explore its compelling story.

"Hedd Wyn is one of Wales' heroes and it is fitting that this project should be developed as part of the First World War commemorations.

"We were impressed with the plans for this rare insight into early 20th Century rural Wales with extensive learning opportunities for people to get involved in their heritage while conserving it for the future."

Dr. Williams said the SNPA had been awarded a "first round pass" in recognition of the project's potential and the benefits it could bring to the area and Wales.

The house had been looked after by Hedd Wyn's nephew, Gerald Williams.



Yr Ysgwrn, near Trawsfynydd, Gwynedd, houses the Black Chair from the 1917 Eisteddfod posthumously awarded to the poet Hedd Wynn.

He said he had promised his grandmother "a long time ago that he would keep the door open as a way of paying respect for the bravery and success of my uncle."

SNPA then bought the house with money from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the Welsh government.

Mr. Williams, 83, said: "Knowing that the park authority has been successful in this application to develop their ideas for Yr Ysgwrn is great news.

"It will ensure that the place will be safeguarded for the future, and that information about the life and work of Hedd Wyn will be available to visitors for many years to come."

The long-term project would see the barn and pig sty repaired and transformed into an exhibition room, education room and small visitor facility.

SNPA chief executive Aneurin Phillips said the authority was delighted.

First Minister Carwyn Jones also welcomed the news.

"Hedd Wyn has a special place in our country's history and securing his legacy is essential if we are to keep his story and experiences alive for future generations, especially as we approach the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War," he said.

Hedd Wyn died at the Battle of Passchendaele six weeks before the National Eisteddfod in 1917, at which he was awarded the Black Chair for his poem *Yr Arwr* (The Hero).

His life story was the subject of an Oscar-nominated Welsh language film in 1992.



Photos by Austin Evans.

The Olchon Valley, setting of the novel *Resistance* by Owen Sheers. The valley is actually a few miles into England from the southeastern border of Wales.

News of the Well-Read Dragons

By Austin Evans

Owen Sheers, brought up in Abergavenny, is an up-and-coming Welsh poet who was selected as one of the 20 Next Generation Poets 2004 and is the author of the acclaimed poetry collection *The Blue Book*. The Well-Read Dragons book club read his first novel, *Resistance*, for its December meeting.



Art by Danny Proud

When Sheers first discovered that the British government had set up a secretive resistance movement to operate in the event that there was a successful invasion by the German Nazi forces, the outline of his novel took shape based on the assumption that an invasion had taken place successfully. Sheers cleverly rewrites history where the British government has fled to northern England, Churchill to Canada, and all that remains to fight the invaders is a network of resistance cells.

The book is set in the actual remote valley of Olchon, where Sarah Lewis, a 26-year-old farmer's wife, wakes to find her husband, Tom, has disappeared. All the other women in this Welsh border valley make the same

discovery as they awake, as well. Later a German patrol arrives in the valley with a mysterious mission. A severe winter shuts off the valley from the rest of the world, forcing the two groups of people into a state of mutual dependence. The story develops into a fingernail-biting thriller where the dilemma of accepting the help of the enemy is considered treason, despite the necessity of tending to their livestock in such bitter weather conditions. In the end the mystery of the mission is finally revealed and has nothing to do with the military responsibilities that one would have thought it should have been.

Sheers chose Olchon as an ideal setting and describes its glorious landscape and remoteness in a vivid and beautiful way. The writer of this report lived not far from this valley when he was 7 and 8 years old, the year in which the story takes place, and remembers well that the year (1944) did indeed experience abnormal snow storms. Revisiting the area this summer and spending a day in the Olchon valley made the book come alive. There is no doubt that such a story could have easily taken place in this valley if there had been a successful German invasion.

The valley boasts some five or six farms. Talking to two of the farmers, I was left with the certain impression that they did not enjoy their valley being used for such a novel which is so far removed from historical facts, a sentiment with which I agree, but one not shared by other members of the book club. What do you think?

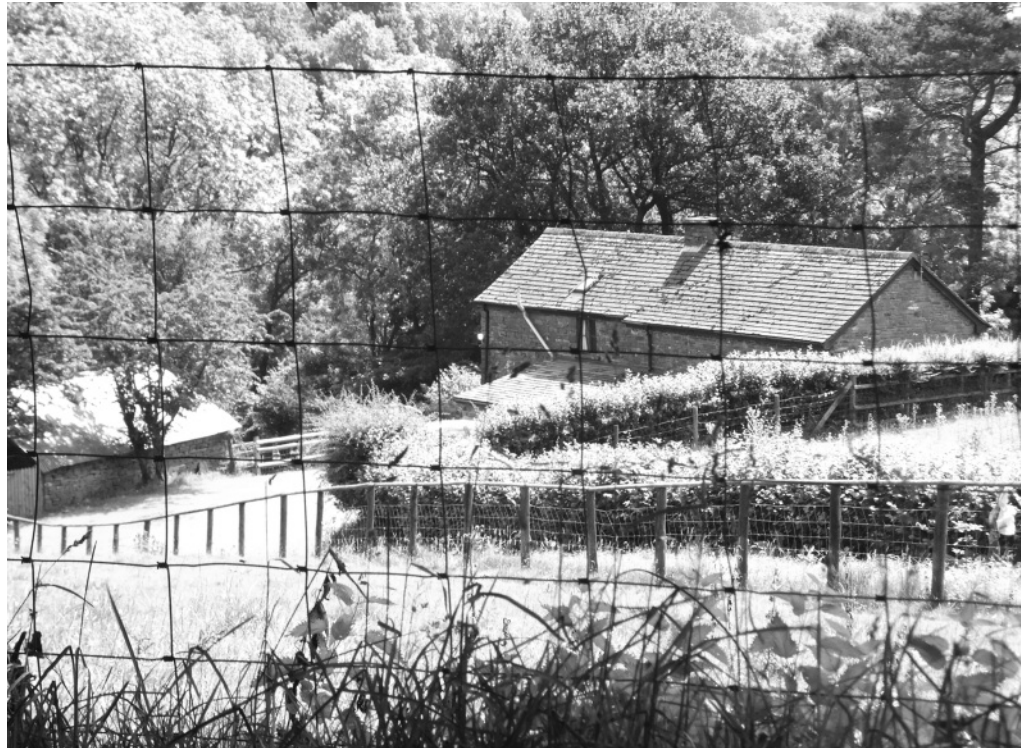
On Sat., Feb. 2, the Well-Read Dragons will discuss *Stanley: The impossible life of Africa's Greatest Explorer* by Tim Jeal.

This new biography of the famous explorer may surprise readers with the Welsh, and American, connections it reveals. Available in many library systems.

All are welcome, whether or not there's been opportunity to read the book or to complete it. It's hefty; perfect for winter evenings.

Meeting time: 11:30 a.m. at Davanni's in Roseville (west of Rosedale), **in a private room.**

Before discussion, plan to buy lunch. Lunch purchases make it possible for us to continue to use this private room.



Firs Farm, home of Menna Probert and her two children in Sheer's novel, Resistance.

Bangor Cathedral has first all-girl choir in 1,437 years

For the first time in 1,437 years Bangor Cathedral in Northwest Wales has an all-girls choir leading regular services. The new choir has been introduced in line with equality rules, with many other cathedrals already allowing female members of choirs.

The Rev. Canon Robert Townsend, communications officer for the diocese, said it was purely a tradition that boys and men sang in cathedral choirs.

He added: "Choir people will tell you that you should not mix the voices of men and women, that you need purity.

"Until now we have recruited boys from local schools for the choir but decided that we can no longer do that and girls can have the same opportunity."

"It is a natural development that will help to ensure that both boys and girls will be in the choirs, which will sing praises for many years to come."

The Very Rev. Dr. Sue Jones, dean of Bangor Cathedral

The 14 members of the new girls' choir are age seven to 17. They are the first female singers to lead services at Bangor since the cathedral was established in the 6th Century AD.

Cathedral preceptor the Rev. Canon Michael Outram, whose role is to assist with choirs and music, said it was a great pleasure to have a girls' choir.

The dean of Bangor, the Very Rev. Dr. Sue Jones added many cathedrals in Great Britain have separate choirs for male and female voices.

"After 1,437 years, it marks the beginning of a new part of our choral tradition here," she said.

"It is a natural development that will help to ensure that both boys and girls will be in the choirs, which will sing praises for many years to come," she added.

The girls' choir will sing at evensong in Bangor Cathedral at 17:30 GMT every Monday during term time.

Thanks to Karen Titrud for finding this information.

St. Dwynwen's Day is January 25

Dwynwen is the Welsh equivalent of St. Valentine—the patron saint of lovers. She was the daughter of the great Welsh King Brychan Brecheiniog. She was in love with Prince Maelon, but her father had promised her to another. She prayed to be relieved of the pains of love, and an angel came to her in the night, offering a potion that would cause her to forget. She shared it with Maelon, but it had a tragic effect on him—he turned into ice!

Dwynwen prayed again, and was granted three wishes: To restore Maelon to life, to be given the power to discern true love, and that she be allowed to devote her life to God, establishing an Abbey on remote Llandwyn Island off the coast of Anglesey. Lovers who cast bread crumbs into the sacred well on the island could tell whether their love was true by whether the fish in the well rose to take the food. The ruins of the Abbey, and the sacred well can still be seen on Llandwyn today.

Welsh Heritage Centre in Nebraska launches building fund

The Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project (GPWHP) in Wymore Nebraska is beginning a capitol fund drive to build a new Archive Wing onto the Welsh Heritage Centre. GPWHP President Berwyn Jones says, "We are rapidly becoming the main North American repository for Welsh American archival material, and we have run out of space. We must add this wing to provide the archives with the proper conditions for long-term storage and retrieval of this valuable historical material."

GPWHP is currently in possession of the archives of the former WNGGA and numerous Welsh Societies from Washington, D.C., to Puget Sound, a near-complete set of Y Drych and Ninnau newspapers, plus materials from a number of individuals and communities. All this material has been accessioned and cataloged using state-of-the-art PastPerfect® Museum Software, and placed in acid-free containers so that it is safely stored and readily retrievable by scholars doing research on Welsh American history.

The new wing is designed to be as nearly tornado proof as is possible... with hurricane-rated doors.

The new wing is designed to be as nearly tornado proof as is possible with current construction methods. It will be built using steel-reinforced Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) construction throughout, with hurricane-rated doors, a fire-prevention system and year-round constant temperature and humidity control. "It will be a state-of-the-art archive structure," says Jones. The former archive room will be used to expand the Library space, to accommodate a huge collection of Welsh books, the donation of which is pending, awaiting available library space.

Jones further indicated that the Board of Directors and a few close friends have raised almost \$70,000 of the estimated \$102,000 required to build the archives. "A mass mailing to about 500 of our members and friends in the Welsh American community has been sent," Dr. Jones continued.

However, if any reader who has not received the fund request wishes to be involved, they may write their check to "GPWHP" and mail it to Treasurer, GPWHP, Box 253, Wymore, NE 68466. Credit card giving is possible on the website, www.WelshHeritage.org. All donors' names will be displayed on a suitable plaque in the Welsh Heritage Centre. Donors who choose the credit card or Paypal option are asked to send a separate e-mail to indicate that the gift is for the for the Archive.

Shannon King publishes book

St. David's Society member Shannon King has published her novel, *Caldera*. While the story is not about Wales, she attributes her love of literature, language and writing to her Welsh heritage—with a bit of credit to the Irish, too.

The novel takes its main character, Kate McKenzie, from a small college town in Indiana to an archaeological dig in Chiapas, Mexico. For Kate, the trip is an attempt to strengthen her marriage, but it becomes much more.

The action takes place in the early 1980s and plays against the the political upheaval of the times with oil shortages, Iranian hostages and the after-effects of the Vietnam war.

Personal change, discovery and the rights of indigenous people are all themes in the novel. *Caldera*, published by Three Pearls Press, can be found locally at Birchbark Books in Minneapolis and online as a paperback or e-book.



Stray cat gives blind dog a better life

A blind dog in Wales who hardly ever left his basket because he would bump into things now has a new lease on life thanks to a helpful stray cat.

Because of cataracts, eight year-old pup Terfel can only see patches of light and darkness. But as soon as its owner adopted Pwditat, things changed.

On their first meeting the cat walked up to Terfel in its basket and led him out into the garden. Pwditat has continued to lead its vision-impaired friend around the home since.

"Pwditat immediately seemed to know that Terfel is blind," Anne Cragg, who cares for the pair now that their owner isn't able to. "She uses her paws to help guide him. They are glued to each other and even sleep together now."



Big Pit Mining Museum in Blaenafan in southeast Wales has added solar panels to cut its energy consumption.

Big Pit Mining Museum turns to the sun

When a famous coal museum wanted to save some money on its electricity bill, it turned to the obvious power source. Wales' Big Pit National Coal Mining Museum has installed 200 solar panels on its roof.

The panels are expected to save the museum \$650,000 over the next 25 years, the trade magazine Renewable Energy World reported recently. Not a bad deal for an up-front cost of about \$115,000. "Coal is such an important part of Wales' heritage, and yet green energy will play a major part in its future," the museum's manager told the magazine. "A solar powered coal-mining museum is a fantastic way to celebrate this national journey."

Big Pit shut down in 1980 and reopened three years later as "a living, breathing reminder of the coal industry in Wales and the people and society it created," according to the museum's website.

UNESCO named Big Pit a World Heritage Site in 2000.

Thanks to Karen Titrud for finding this information.

Dragon News

News of Society members & friends



SUNSHINE REPORT: Betty Kinsey, the Society Sunshine chairwoman, reports sending get well cards to Kathy Thomas and Bob Minish; sympathy cards to Neal Lloyd, Judith Evans Warner and Bob Williams; and a card offering best wishes to Eleigh Johns.

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.

**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.**

IN MEMORIAM: Margaret Carr

Margaret Elizabeth Williams Carr, age 93, lifelong resident of Blue Earth County, Minn., died January 17, 2013, at Oaklawn Health Care Center in Mankato.



**Margaret
Williams Carr**

Margaret was born May 21, 1919, in South Bend Township, Blue Earth County, to Daniel and Mabel (Hughes) Williams. She graduated from Mankato College High School in 1938 and later Mankato Commercial College. Margaret was united in marriage to D. Irwin Williams Oct. 26, 1940, in Mankato. Irwin died Sept. 23, 1987. Margaret then married Marian Carr in 1989. Marian died in 2003.

Margaret worked at Midwest Electric and Crysteel as a bookkeeper. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Lake Crystal. She was also an active member of the Lake Crystal Study and Garden Club, Evans Post-Cambria American Legion Auxiliary, St. David's Society of Minnesota and Minnesota Welsh Association, and the Blue Earth County Historical Society. Margaret enjoyed music, Bible study, genealogy, and friends, but at the center of her life was the love she had for her family.

Margaret is survived by her three children, Robert (Anne) Williams of Vernon Center, Minn.; Tom (Carol) Williams of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Jennifer Williams of Petaluma, Calif.; four grandchildren, Emily (Kurt) Johnson, Ben (Amy) Williams, Ted (Lacey) Williams, and Dylan Williams; five great-grandchildren; three step-children, Martha (Robert) Anderson, Thomas (Elizabeth) Carr, Paul (Jackie) Carr; six step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and brother, Howard (Loris) Williams of Brainerd.

Margaret was preceded in death by her two husbands, Irwin and Marian; son, David on April 4, 1968; and a brother, Roger (Lorraine) Williams.

Her funeral service was held Jan. 21 at First Presbyterian Church in Lake Crystal, with interment at Minneopla Cemetery, rural Mankato.

IN MEMORIAM: Carole Lloyd

Carole S. Lloyd, 68, of Cambria, Wis., formerly member of the St. David's Society of Minnesota, died January 1, 2013, following complications related to brain cancer.

Carole was born on May 8, 1944, to Melvin and Vivian (Larson) Swanson in Minneapolis, Minn. She was educated in the Minneapolis Public Schools and at Macalester College. She received a B.S. in Education and taught elementary school in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Cottage Grove, Minn.

On April 2, 1966, she was united in marriage to Neal Lloyd. After completing a Master of Divinity degree at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in 1983, she was ordained as a Minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1984. She served as a pastor in North St. Paul and as a chaplain in Pennsylvania, Iowa and Minnesota. In 2007 she retired as Chaplain at Seasons Hospice in Rochester, Minn.

She is survived by her husband Neal; two daughters, Gwyneth (Daniel) Burak of Golden, Colo., and Sarah (Nels) Nelson of Wisconsin Dells; two grandsons, Jasper and Larson Burak; two sisters, Barbara Bateman of Boulder, Colo., and Jane Swanson of Carbondale, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother-in-law, William Bateman, and a granddaughter, Josafin Lloyd-Nelson.

A Witness to the Resurrection Celebration was held at First Presbyterian Church in Cambria, Wis., January 19, 2013, with inurnment in Cambria Cemetery at a later date.

IN MEMORIAM: Margaret Warner

Margaret Alice Warner died December 27, 2012, at Hennepin County Medical Center at the age of 93.



**Margaret
Warner**

Margaret was born March 1, 1919, and was proud to say that was also St. David's Day—day to honor the patron saint of Wales.

Margaret grew up in South Minneapolis and later moved to North Minneapolis where she lived for many years with her husband and children. She will be remembered for her strong faith, love for her family, welcoming hospitality, beautifully crafted drapes, quilts and rugs, and delicious cookies.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband Laurence, son Larry, mother and father, Owen and Maud Evans, sister Jeannette, brothers John and Morris and many other cherished friends and family members.

Margaret is survived by her sister, Eleanor Giving; daughter Judith; granddaughters Tammy and Bronwen; and two great-grandchildren Casey and Morgan.

Her funeral service was held at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, in North Minneapolis, January 5, 2013, with interment at Sunset Cemetery.

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Why do we offer Life Memberships, and why should you want one?

The St. David's Society of Minnesota decided to offer life memberships as an option a few years back. The rate for the life memberships was set at \$175.00, or about ten years of individual membership renewals.

The decision was made to set up a reserve fund with the receipts from the life memberships. We invest this fund. The idea is to stretch out the money in the fund for use over many years.

As a life member, you will receive the newsletter and be a member of the St. David's Society for as long as we have a valid address to send your mailings to.

Advantages to the society

We have a fund that is expected to provide a reserve and also annual income for the life of the St. David's Society.

Having reserves gives us the potential of more "clout" with outside sources if we have the need to handle a special project, such as the National Festival of Wales.

Having the "perpetual" income gives us a base income that assures that the work we do in support of Welsh education will continue

Advantages to the members

For everyone, life memberships prevent those embarrassing renewal notices in the mail. They also help prevent a lapse of membership due to inattention to renewal dates and notices. This happens more often than you might think.

For younger members, life memberships give individual members the ability to save money over someone who chooses to renew membership every year for over ten years.

For older members, life memberships give individual members the ability to make a gift to the society as an

ongoing source of income for that time in the future when the member is no longer able to contribute.

The rules for a life membership are simple.

A life membership is for one person. It is not for a couple, and it is not for a legal entity such as a corporation. Your living trust can own a life membership, but it cannot be passed on.

Two notes

Some people with current family memberships have chosen to take out two life memberships. Others who now own a life membership also provide gift memberships every year to a spouse, partner, offspring or other loved ones. This is not a requirement. It is a definite benefit to your St. David's Society and a thoughtful thing to do for others.

If our mailings to you start being sent back by the post office, we will attempt to locate you. Until we find out where you are, you will not receive your newsletter and may be dropped from the active membership list.

Next Newsletter Deadline: March 15

MAIL COPY TO: **Mary Mergenthal**
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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) _____

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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

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You may pay for multiple years in advance.
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COMING EVENTS

The Well-Read Dragons — Sat., Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m., Davanni's, Roseville. See page 6.

**Registration deadline for St. David's luncheon.
February 22** See page 1 and insert.

St. David's Day luncheon – Saturday, March 2

Gather at 11:45 a.m. See page 1 and insert for meal choices.

Musical program featuring music of Welsh-American composer, William Rhys Herbert. See page 1.

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