

Newyddion o Gymdeithas Dewi Sant

St. David's Society News

Picnic and annual meeting set for Saturday, July 13

Plan to be at Pam Rose's house, 8514 - 13th Ave S.,
Bloomington, MN 55425, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Sat., July 13.

Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair.

Extra card tables would be welcome, too.

The society will provide plates, utensils, napkins, cups,
and beverages.

There is a bus line (route 538) just half a block away on
86th St. There is on-street parking on 13th Ave.

We will have our annual meeting and election.

Games and other activities are planned.

We really hope that you can make it!

Please call Pam Rose, (952) 854-4743, if you have any
questions (or need help getting there).

Minnesota 2013 Welsh Hymn Festival set for September 22

All who enjoy part-singing of Welsh hymns should plan to
be at First Presbyterian Church, 220 E. Hickory, Mankato,
Minn., on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 1:30 p.m.

Visiting conductor will be Danny Proud of Madison, Wis.,
formerly of Minneapolis.

The performing choir for the day will be the St. Peter
Choral Society under the direction of Sara McKay.

Welsh cakes and other treats will be served with tea and
coffee after the singing session.

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Fferm Fach Yn Y Coed (Little Farm in the Woods)

Sunday, May 26, 2013

51209 State Highway 68

Lake Crystal, MN 56055

9:30-10:15 — Coffee, Conversation, Calories (donuts)

9:30-10:15 — Choir practice (walk ups welcome)

10:15-10:30 — Find a place in the barn for service

(Please bring your own chairs.)

10:30-11:45 — Ecumenical worship service

11:45 — Potluck Picnic Dinner

Please bring food to share and your own
plates, cups, glasses, tableware, and
non-alcoholic beverage + blankets or chairs.

Questions?

Kent Wilson Jones, (507) 947-3030 (tkwjco@aol.com)

North American Festival of Wales — Minneapolis — Labor Day weekend 2014

Details are coming together. Watch for announcements this fall.

**If you did not receive an NAFOW sponsorship letter in April, please advise Kay Gavin
(see *membership form on page 7 for address*).**

**If you did receive a sponsorship letter and have not yet returned it, please consider
what level of financial help you can pledge and return the pledge form as soon as possible.**

Spring Gymanfa Ganu brings delight to a gray day

Dan Proud directed



Dan Proud of Madison, Wis., formerly president of our Society and resident of Minneapolis, directed with vigor and style. He challenged singers to try a new hymn or two and to even try a new Welsh verse of Cwm Rhonnda.

Society President Pam Rose welcomed members and many guests.



Photos by Ilene Alexander

Jan Kimes accompanied



Jan Kimes of Blaine, member of our St. David's Society, accompanied and played special music during offering.

Northeast United Methodist Church in Minneapolis rang with Welsh singing.



Martin Proud, left, was welcomed back. Though it's been years since he was active as a young member, he clearly has not forgotten his Welsh or his tenor lines. On the right are members Marla and David Gladen. In the rear, are bass singers, including students from Bethel College who joined us for the afternoon.

Treats, sweet and savory, were enjoyed with tea and coffee afterwards. Thanks to all who provided goodies and who helped with set-up and clean-up.

GARAGE SALE

St. David's Society of Minnesota

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

May 30, 31 & June 1, 2013

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Kay Gavin's House

2737 Aglen Street

Roseville, MN 55113



Just east of Lexington Ave. & north off Woodhill Drive.

**From I-694, take Lexington Ave. SOUTH (about 3 miles),
turn left on Co. Rd. C2, go 3 blocks, then right on Aglen St.**

**From Hwy. 36, take Lexington Ave. NORTH,
turn right on Woodhill Dr. (1 block north of Co. Rd. C),
go 3 blocks, then left on Aglen St.**

Fund Raising Event to support the North American Festival of Wales coming to Minneapolis August 28–31, 2014.

At our last garage sale a few years ago, we raised over \$1,100 to help with the 100th anniversary celebration of our society. We're asking for your help again to raise money to sponsor an event at NAFOW 2014. Let's see if we can top our previous total and really show our support for this international Welsh event!

So....we need your "stuff", and LOTS of it. We can use most anything except for large furniture or appliances or things that would be hard for us to handle or get rid of if they didn't sell. We'll need volunteers before and during the sale too. Those who helped last time will tell you that it was a lot of fun, so you won't want to miss out!

Contact Kay Gavin at 651-484-1778 or kaywgavin@hotmail.com if you have items to contribute and/or you can help with the sale. We'll start collecting merchandise around May 12 so we'll have plenty of time to get the sale set up.

MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING WITH THIS FUND RAISING EVENT.

Dragon News

News of Society members & friends



SUNSHINE REPORT: Betty Kinsey, the Society Sunshine chairwoman, sent a get well card to Mae Anderson (back surgery); a spring greeting card to Ellis and Janet Jones; plus sympathy cards to Ellis Jones and Karen and Michael Wojahn and the Carlock family.

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.

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.

Going to Toronto?

If you are planning to attend the 2013 NAFOW in Toronto on August 29–Sept. 1, please let either Kay Gavin (651-484-1778, kaywgavin@hotmail.com) or Mary Mergenthal (651-644-1650, mary.mergenthal@gmail.com) know so preliminary arrangements can be made for staffing our 2014 NAFOW promotion exhibit and for a group photo for our next newsletter.

If you're still considering attending, you're advised to book hotel accommodation quickly as special-rate rooms are filling quickly.

www.NAFOW.org

Celtic crosses get new home

From BBC News April 14, 2013

Our thanks to Karen Titrud for spotting this.

Celtic crosses more than 1,000 years old are being moved into a new visitor centre in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The ancient stones will be housed in the refurbished 13th century Galilee chapel at St Illtud's church in Llantwit Major. It is part of a £750,000 project to tell the story of the church's role in developing Christianity across Wales.

"We have some very ancient Celtic stone crosses here which date from the 8th to 10th century that need to be displayed properly, as we have many visitors to the church," said the Rev. Huw Butler, the church's rector.

He said the church site was important, as it dates back to the year 500 and the beginnings of Christianity in Wales.

Viv Kelly, a church historian who shows visitors around, said: "Outside of the National Museum, this is the most important collection of stones in Wales and three of them are particularly important because they have inscriptions on them."

The chapel had been a ruin for many years before the project to house the stones.



Ancient Celtic crosses are being restored for a new visitors' center tracing the history of the Christian church in Wales. The center, at St. Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major, is set to open in June.

For genealogy researchers

National Library of Wales has launched a small number of its Welsh Newspapers—a limited number of titles from 1844–1910.

<http://welshnewspapers.llgc.org.uk/en/home>

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.**

Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project biennial Heritage Festival Oct.

The 5th Welsh Heritage Festival sponsored by GPWHP will be held Oct. 4–6 in Wymore, Neb. Featured programs are:

- Welsh Genealogy, Darris Williams of Salt Lake City, Utah;
- Welsh lovespoon carver, Joe Whitmore, Wisconsin;
- Duck herding dog demonstration;
- “Spirits of the Welsh Pioneers” at Bethel Welsh Cemetery;
- Noson Lawen (Welsh Merry Evening);
- Cymanfa Ganu led by Joe Corbin, Reedsburg, Wis.

Saturday evening events will be held at the Holiday Inn Express Conference Center in Beatrice, one of the suggested hotels. The other is Capri Inn & Suites, also in Beatrice (15 min. drive north of Wymore).

For more details, go to www.WelshHeritage.org.

Registration deadline is Sept. 15.

GPWHP breaks ground in April

The Welsh Heritage Project ceremonially broke ground on its new archive addition on April 7. Members of the Board of Directors and local dignitaries turned a symbolic shovel-full of earth using a 19th century spade once owned by John E. Jones, local Welsh immigrant farmer and grandfather of Welsh Heritage Project President, Berwyn Jones.

In a lightning-fast fundraising blitz, the Welsh Heritage Project raised over \$127,000 since Thanksgiving 2012, to create a state-of-the-art Archives Building attached to the Welsh Heritage Centre. A generous \$25,000 grant from the Margaret and Martha Thomas Foundation pushed the fund drive over the top, providing the final amount needed to start construction. President Berwyn Jones said, “We are eternally grateful to the Thomas Foundation for its continued support of the Welsh Heritage Project and its activities. This latest gift is so significant it is difficult to express the full extent of our gratitude. Dr. Thomas was a great Welsh American who realized the obligation of the successful to support their community. He and his children are a shining example to us all.” Jones added, “We are also very grateful to the many, many Welsh Americans, local residents and others, who provided the first \$102,000 toward the project. This is by far the most ambitious fund drive we have ever done. At the beginning, I didn’t know if we could do it, but our supporters came through in a most magnificent way.” We thank all who helped!

The Welsh Heritage Centre has become the national repository for the records and artifacts of Welsh America in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Welsh North American Association, the Welsh American newspapers, *Y Drych* and *Ninnau*, and a number of state Welsh Societies, and numerous individuals have already donated historic papers and artifacts to the Welsh Heritage Centre. The present archives room in the Centre is full to overflowing, and the organization has had to ask potential donors of archival materials

News of the Well-Read Dragons

At its June 1 meeting, the group will discuss the new renditions of the Welsh classic, *The Mabinogion* (available from Seren Press, Wales, or on a loan basis from some of the members).

Also at that time members are encouraged to bring a title or two, that might be considered for next seasons reading, along with a brief summary of the book and the number of pages. The final vote will be made at the August 3 meeting, when *Rape of the Fair Country* by Alexander Cordell will be the discussion book.

Meetings are held in the private room at Davanni’s restaurant in Roseville (west of Rosedale). Please arrive close to 11:30 a.m. to purchase lunch before the discussion. Those lunch purchases make it possible for us to use this room.. Please direct questions to David Conradi-Jones at (651) 639-1688.

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

**Attend Well-Read Dragons and then shop
at the nearby St. David’s garage sale at
2737 Aglen St., Roseville, 55113.**

**Even better, shop and then stay to help
clean up unsold items!**



Art by Dan Proud



to delay further donations until more space is available.

After the Archives Addition has been built and occupied, the space presently devoted to archives in the Welsh Heritage Centre will be remodeled to provide additional library space. The Welsh Centre possesses a library of over a thousand volumes related to the Welsh immigrant experience, many of which are being stored until shelf space is available. The expanded library will more than double the existing shelf space.

The building will be virtually tornado-proof, being built to Community Shelter construction standards. It will be formed of reinforced poured concrete, using Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF) construction, and tornado-rated doors. Floor, walls and roof are to be formed into a single block of concrete, making it almost completely impervious to storms. The foam plastic forms remain in place, providing an insulating value of R22–24. A polyethylene liner under the floor and the drywall interior walls and ceiling provides a vapor barrier, so the HVAC system can maintain constant temperature and humidity conditions for optimal preservation of the items.

IN MEMORIAM: Janet Jones

Janet Ruth Hanson Jones, 80, of St. Peter, died April 22, 2013, at her home surrounded by her family.

Janet was born in Alvarado (Marshall County), Minn., on March 10, 1933. When she was three years old, she moved with her family to Braham, Minn., where she attended Braham Public Schools graduating in 1950 as co-valedictorian. Janet received her Bachelor of Arts Degree cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College with a major in Business Administration in 1954.



Janet Jones

Janet married Ellis J. Jones of Cambria, Minn., on June 20, 1954, at Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church. It was on the 25th anniversary of her parents and the 54th anniversary of her paternal grandparents. Janet worked in the correspondence bureau at Dayton's Department Store in Minneapolis; as Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, Plainview, Minn.; in the office of the College Library at Gustavus Adolphus College; as Office Supervisor for the Delta Pi Epsilon National Office in St. Peter, and for Johnson & Hoehn, CPA firm in St. Peter.

In addition, Janet served as invaluable office and personal assistant to Ellis when he was president of the Board of Trustees of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association and later Executive Director of the WNGGA.

As a person with perfect pitch, discovered when she was four years old, she had a lifelong interest in music, especially vocal, having sung in church, school, and college choirs almost continually since 4th grade. Once married to Ellis, she became an invaluable addition to the soprano section at cymanfaoedd in Minnesota and nationally.

Janet enjoyed collecting recipes and cooking, playing word games, attending her grandchildren's events, spending time at the family cabin in northern Minnesota, and watching her great granddaughters grow.

Janet is survived by her husband, Ellis; their children: Karen (Michael) Wojahn of Windom, and David (Kris) Jones of Minneapolis; three grandchildren; Paul (Jeni) Wojahn of Bloomington, Elizabeth (Michael) Feltes of Burnsville and Emily Wojahn of Washington D.C.; twin great-granddaughters Allison and Katelyn Wojahn; her brother, John (Jean) Hanson of Los Molinos, Calif.; and sister-in-law Ruth Jones Beutel of Mesa, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her parents, W.E. and Edna Edelia Swan Hanson.

Her funeral Service was held on April 27, 2013, at First Lutheran Church in St. Peter.

Memorials may be designated for the Ellis J. and Janet Hanson Jones Family Scholarship Endowment at Gustavus Adolphus College, the Music Program at First Lutheran Church in St. Peter or the donor's choice.

IN MEMORIAM: Grace Carlock

Grace Carlock, 88, born April 3, 1925, formerly of Minneapolis and Edina, died on April 25, 2013, at Nurturing Care, Minnetonka.



Grace Carlock

She was salutatorian of Minneapolis Marshall, January class of 1943.

Grace and Walter married in 1944 at Wesley Methodist Church. Grace served as Sunday school teacher, choir member, and co-host with Walter of the Cup Coffee House. She was active in Contact Twin Cities, a telephone hotline. Together, Grace and Walter belonged to the Iris Society of Minnesota and the St. David's Society of Minnesota.

Grace began working as Parish Visitor for Lake Harriet United Methodist in the 1970s. She was active in the choir, her circle, as newsletter editor, led an Alzheimer's support group, and led retreats. She graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1980 with a Bachelor of Applied Studies degree. She became a deaconess of the United Methodist Church and served as Chaplain at Walker Methodist Residence in the 1980s.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Carlock; parents, John A. and Lulu Johnson; sister, Ethel Beck; and brother, the Rev. Ed Johnson. She is survived by brother, Bob Johnson; daughters, Jane (Ron) McClain, Barbara (Mike) Sedlachek, and Phyllis Ware; three grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Her memorial service was held at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church in Minneapolis on May 14.

Memorials may be directed to Lake Harriet United Methodist Church or Bread for the World, 122 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. (bread.org).

There are at least five positions below available for you to fill. Call Pam Rose if interested.

Officers & Representatives

President	Pam Rose, (952) 854-4743, '13
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 Officers of St. David's Foundation —
 Don Anderson (pres.), (612) 789-8923;
 Mae Anderson, Betty Kinsey

Membership News

Deceased: Janet Jones

New Members:

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Address Change:

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51209 State Highway 68
Lake Crystal, MN 56055
(same location, different address)

E-mail Change:

Mary Mergenthal
mary.mergenthal@gmail.com

Next Deadline: August 10

MAIL COPY TO: **Mary Mergenthal**
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OR E-MAIL TO: mary.mergenthal@gmail.com

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

**or
the St. David's Foundation.**

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

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

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

Please check your mailing label.

If your membership expired JULY 1, 2012,

THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST ISSUE UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

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Phone _____ E-mail address _____

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

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

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

Mail to: Kay Gavin
2737 Aglen St.
Roseville, MN 55113-2046
or contact Kay at: kaywgavin@hotmail.com

Membership year is July 1-June 30.
You may pay for multiple years in advance.
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COMING EVENTS

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On-line registration at
<https://nafow.webconnex.com/NAFOW2013>
Help us promote the 2014 Festival in Minneapolis!
You will need a valid PASSPORT.

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