

Y Ddolen

Linking the Puget Sound Welsh Community

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PSWA Annual Summer Picnic

Sunday, August 18th from 1-4 PM
at the Weinert home in Ballard.

Delicious sausages and hamburgers
(including vegetarian choices) will be
served, as well as lemonade
and sparkling water.

**Please bring potluck dishes to
complement the menu, as well as
BYOB beverages**
such as beer and wine, if you wish.

Be prepared to sing and
have a good time!

Reply to:

events@pugetsoundwelsh.org

for location and maps.

Board Volunteers

**PSWA Members interested in learning about
becoming a Board Member**

Contact: President@PugetSoundWelsh.org

*We're looking for your fresh perspectives
to help PSWA thrive!*

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*We welcome your contribution of relevant articles,
news, announcements, events, and photos.*

DEADLINE FOR NEXT SUBMISSION: August 20th 2024.

Email to: newsletter@PugetSoundWelsh.org

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Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st
unless you are a Lifetime Member.

<http://pugetsoundwelsh.org/membership.html>

Pay by PayPal or credit card or print the membership
form and mail with check/money order to:

**PSWA
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North American Festival of Wales

<https://festivalofwales.org/schedule-of-events.html>

Join the fun in Pittsburgh, PA with tours, seminars, films, and eisteddfod competitions!

August 28 – September 1, 2024

Special group rate at The Westin Pittsburgh. Last day to book: *Monday, August 5th*.

In addition to the amazing showcases of talent, Gymanfa Ganu, and Eisteddfod Competition, this Welsh weekend of fun will keep you entertained and amazed from start to finish!

Based on a true story, the film *Swimming With Men* will be shown, as well as comedy film *Rhosyn a Rhith/Coming Up Roses*, courtesy of S4C.

Seminars: ► Welsh language classes with Dan Rowbotham, Director of the Madog Center for Welsh Studies at the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College in Ohio.

► Rewriting the history of medieval Wales with author, Sarah Woodbury, exploring the what if scenarios had historical ambushes and murders had NOT happened.

► Professor Emeritus E. Wyn James presents on Annie Hughes Griffiths of the 1924 Women’s Peace Petition fame.

► Dr. Wyn Thomas presents “The Flooding of Cwm Tryweryn and its Political and Cultural Legacy” and



Features special guests Mal Pope, Mared, Urdd Singers, Dunvant & Brecon Choirs, a Wednesday evening production of “Call Mr. Robeson”, seminars, eisteddfod, Cinema Wales, and more...

The North American Festival of Wales

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Westin Pittsburgh

August 28-September 1, 2024

see full details and preregister at
www.NAFOW.org



“Tryweryn, the Investiture and Welsh Militancy” addressing the controversial flooding of the Tryweryn Valley in the 1960s and the Mudiad Amddiffyn Cymru militant campaign of “Welsh resistance.”

► Mal Pope, Welsh musician, composer, and broadcaster is featured special guest presenting “Tommy Farr – From the Boxing Booths of the Rhondda to Yankee Stadium.”

► National Library of Wales Research Services Manager, Beryl Evans will be on hand to educate attendees on Welsh Family History Research.

► Learn to Sing in Welsh with soprano and Assistant Professor of Voice Rachel Schutz or attend Ysgol Gan, an informal hymn singing practice led by Director of Music and Organist, Karen Jones Wojahn.

► Welsh Folk Dancing, Women’s Peace Petition, American Gorsedd, The American Order of True Ivorites, and many more!

86th Annual Bryn Seion Gymanfa Ganu

September 22, 2024 at 22132 S Kamrath Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045

11:00AM Traditional Church Service – Pastor Larry Jorgenson

2:00PM Gymanfa Ganu with Nerys Jones, director, and Geneva Cook, organist.

*Parking: Beaver Creek Grange & Beaver Creek Telephone lot

4:00PM Welsh Tea (Beaver Creek Grange)

\$12/adult \$6/children under 18 years of age.

www.BrynSeionWelshChurch.org



Photo from www.brynseionwelshchurch.org

President's Letter – Summer 2024

Our 2024 St. David's Day was a heart warmer with old friends, new people, much conversation, music of course, good food, and tom foolery, my bench mark of a good party. Thanks for your generosity in making it happen. We will be back at the same place, **Sunset Hill Community Association, on March 1st, 2025.**



Next on our 2024 calendar was Welsh Day at the Black Diamond Historical Museum, on June 1st. They invited us to collaborate with them for a presentation. The Historical Society always puts on a good show. The Welsh flags fluttered, the museum was spiffed up with new displays, and volunteers provided friendly docent services. About 60 people attended Welsh Heritage Day.

Sherrie Evans, from the Black Diamond Historical Society & Museum, presented a program about Welsh-built castles and their eras, types, mystiques, and characteristics.

As you know, castles in Wales were often built by the English overlords to keep the Welsh in check, as well as to repel the Northern invaders, and still carry the message of repression. But some castles were Welsh-built to keep out the foreign invaders. These castles are proud symbols of the Welsh resistance.

After the historic view, Gwen Weinert told the story of a Welsh manor house which is the home of her nephew. It was built from the rubble of the former building on the site, a royal llys (court) probably occupied by Llewellyn the Great. It is most unusual for such a building to be in private ownership, and it has a compelling story, authenticated from the 1200's original building and the 1500's renovation.



You never scratch the surface of Wales and without coming up with a fascinating subject!

Several members of the PSWA performed vocal solos, and the presentation concluded with the singing of the Welsh National Anthem. An extensive and tasty te bach (small tea) was served by the Historical Society members. This event is a longstanding commitment of ours to the Black Diamond Historical Society & Museum. I want to personally thank those members of the PSWA and the board for their attendance, enthusiasm, and great spirit. Also, the Black Diamond Historical Society & Museum for their invitation and their generous collaboration.

And if you, like me, are impressed by the work, dedication, scholarship, knowledge, and friendship of the Black Diamond Historical Society & Museum, annual membership is only \$20. I encourage you to join their group as well as ours.

<https://www.blackdiamondmuseum.org/>



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Sally Bowen singing 'Cân y Llŷn'

EBB AND FLOW. On a more somber note, organizations such as ours often go through a waning and ebbing of members, as some transition out for various reasons, often age related.

We have managed to sustain our membership through the action and energy of our dedicated board these last years, especially through our Zoom Pubs during Covid. These Pub meetings increased our membership attendance during Covid. However, as we returned to some in person events, such as St. David's Day and Black Diamond's Welsh Heritage Day, we have not held as many Pub get togethers this year. All these events, plus the publication of our popular newsletter, take time, energy, and money.

PROGRAMMING HELP. Sadly, several of the board have struggled with health concerns and limited energy levels. They are unable to keep the same pace as before. We need more help from the members to help fill this gap. Are you interested in hosting a pub? We will help in many ways. Let me know. *[Editor's Note: Please consider involvement as a Board Member to help plan and collaborate on the future of your Association!]*

SUMMER PICNIC. Because several of the South Sound picnic organizers are out of the area for the summer, the South Sound Group will not hold a summer picnic this year.

But exciting news for the larger Seattle area, including the South Sound: Gwen Weinert and family will host the PSWA annual picnic on **Sunday, August 18th at 1 PM.** The Weinert house, in the Ballard area, has sheltered the PSWA Christmas party, an earlier picnic, and several important meetings in the past. We thank them for their generosity.

HOLIDAY PARTY. We have a holiday party planned for **Saturday, November 23rd at 2 PM** at Laura Lovell's house. Keep tuned for that and mark your calendars so we can see each other face to face once again.

Even the midst of these needs, I am most appreciative of the distances some members drive to get together—from the Kitsap Peninsula, Bellingham, Tacoma, and several islands.

I appreciate those members who share their musical, dramatic, and storytelling talents, their time, and their treasure. The visitors to our events always remark about the abilities of the members of the Welsh society. Our members constantly surprise me.

So, thank you, and a heartfelt plea to you all:

1. Please pay your dues.
2. Make our events a priority We love seeing you.
3. Keep in touch with your thoughts, ideas, and newsletter articles,
4. Volunteer to serve on the Board. (Meets bi-monthly over Zoom/phone, and is the heart and mind of the organization)
5. Send us remembrances of people from the past or remembrances from past PSWA or North American Festival of Wales events.
6. Send us your personal news-- births, significant life milestones, passages, successes. Photos to the editor are gratefully accepted.
7. Ideas you have for Zoom Pubs, if you might be willing to be a co-host of a pub.
8. Organizational contributions as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer.



Eric Bowen singing 'Ar Hyd y Nos'

Every gift of time, talent, and treasure is received, noted, and appreciated. Together we forge forward.

Please get in touch with me.

Mary Lynne Evans, President

[Editor's Note: All Black Diamond Welsh Heritage Day photos courtesy of Karyn Davies and used with permission.]

Hearty Welsh Coal Miner Lives 112 Years

Contributed by JoAnne Matsumura

<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/oldest-man-world-living-record-16339010>

Image: South Wales Evening Post



Seattle Times picked up this story and published on June 11, 1990.

Scan of the original article is shown here to the right.

Man believed world's oldest, 112, said abstinence led to longevity

Associated Press

LONDON — A retired Welsh coal miner who was considered the world's oldest man has died in his sleep at age 112, his daughter-in-law says.

John Evans had firmly believed that his longevity was the result of abstinence from drinking, smoking, swearing or gambling.

"But some part of it is taking hot water in the morning ... (with) a small bit of honey. I've been doing that since I retired," he told the British Broadcasting Corp. on his 111th birthday in 1988.

Betty Evans said her father-in-

law died early yesterday in a chair beside his bed at his cottage in Forest-fach, near Swansea, Wales, after feeling "a little unwell" for a few days.

The 1990 Guinness Book of World Records said Evans was considered the world's oldest living man because he had a birth certificate proving his age.

It says the oldest living person whose birth date can be authenticated is a 115-year-old woman, Carrie White, born in Gadsden, Fla., on Nov. 18, 1874. She lives in Palatka, Fla.

Evans was born on Aug. 19, 1877, when Queen Victoria was on the British throne. He started working in coal mines when he was 13 and only stopped at age 73 because the National Coal Board made his retirement mandatory.

Evans was fitted with a pacemaker when he was 108. Doctors at Cardiff Hospital said at the time they thought he was the oldest person to undergo the operation and were astounded when he was able to return home three days later.


Evans' 79-year-old son, Amwel, had his own explanation for his father's long life.

"My father always had a very lively mind and just loved life," he said. "I'm sure that had everything to do with his remarkable health. We're all very sad — but very proud of him today."

Evans is survived by two other sons and a daughter, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Norris McWhirter, founding editor of the Guinness Book of Records, said yesterday that it is not yet known who succeeds Evans as the oldest man.

McWhirter said the record for longevity is held by Shigechiyo Izumi of Japan, who died Feb. 21, 1986, at 120 years, 237 days.



John Evans

Timeline of Events for Garth Celyn

By Kathryn Pritchard Gibson (former Garth Celyn owner)

The promontory of Garth Celyn has at least 4,000 years of occupation under its soil. Celyn ap Caw ab Geraint who gave his name to the site lived in the 6th century. His brother was Gildas ap Caw whose writings have survived.

From the time of Prince Llywelyn ab Iorwerth (died 1240), if not before, the promontory became the main Welsh royal home / palace/ headquarters of the Princes of Gwynedd. Note: It was never a castle, surrounded by high stone walls. Its defense lay in its strategic position between the mountains and Lafan Sands, and the massive rock Penmaenmawr.

The royal palace fell to King Edward's army of occupation in 1283, and forcibly became a Crown of England Manor until 1553 when it was granted to Rhys Thomas and his wife Jane.

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1211 The royal home was occupied briefly by King John. After negotiations with his daughter Joan, he withdrew but took hostages including Prince Gruffudd ap Llywelyn.

1230 Lord William de Braose was discovered in Prince Llywelyn's privy chamber together with Princess Joan. He was tried and hanged. Joan was placed under house arrest there for a year.

Joan died in the royal home in February 1237. Buried at Llanfaes.

Prince Dafydd ap Llywelyn died in the royal home of an illness in 1246. He was buried in Aberconwy Abbey.

Eleanor de Montfort, wife of Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, the Prince of Wales, died there on 19th June 1282, while giving birth to a daughter, Gwenllian.

November 1282: Archbishop of Canterbury John Peckham, spent 3 days at Garth Celyn negotiating with Llywelyn, his brother Dafydd, and the Welsh Ministers to try to negotiate a deal between them and King Edward. No deal was reached. (The letters dated from Garth Celyn are preserved in the Lambeth Palace archives.)

December 1282: Prince Llywelyn was lured into a trap in mid Wales, captured and beheaded.

June 1283: Prince Dafydd and his family were captured by Edward's troops. In October Dafydd was executed at Shrewsbury.

July 1283 and August 1284: King Edward and his entourage (several hundred men, and horses) occupied the royal home.

The period 1283-1553 in Crown ownership is well documented. For decades after 1283, priests were paid to say Masses in the Private Court Chapel that stood in the complex alongside the home. The buildings were repaired but eventually left to decay.

The Thomas family converted the decayed remains into an Elizabethan Manor House that became their family home. The period 1553 to the present is well documented.



The watchtower dates to c. 1200, with Elizabethan and later windows cut into the structure. Parts of the present house are medieval.

Several of the medieval buildings within what was a double bank and ditch enclosure, were demolished sometime between 1811-1815.

Before the Edwardian invasion, the village on the valley floor on the opposite side of the river, consisted of 36 houses, a church, smithy, water mill, storage barns,

workshops, accommodation for travelers who were crossing the Lafan Sands to Anglesey from this point. Along the shore there was 200 acres of demesne farmland.

Ednyfed Fychan and his family occupied the promontory of Penrhyn (within view of Garth Celyn).

Dear *Y Ddolen* readers,

I gave a short presentation about my Welsh nephew's home in Aber, Gwyneth, at Black Diamond's Welsh Heritage Day on June 1st. Here is a link to the BBC documentary: <https://youtu.be/lkoUzbiM7DA?si=zc8rX2EzHEUxQGJQ>.

If you would like to learn more about this historic building, let me know at newsletter@pugetsoundwelsh.org.

Many thanks,

Gwen Weinert

Meet Your PSWA Board (3)

-by Bob Matthews with Gwen Weinert



I am a board member and the Secretary of Puget Sound Welsh Association. I was born in 1946 in the University town of Moscow, Idaho. My father, Bob Matthews senior, had just returned from the Second World War with the intention of completing his University Studies. The University had been placed in the northern panhandle by its founders so that students would not be distracted by the pleasures of a big city. I was therefore among the first of the "Baby Boomers."

Dad was quickly called up to serve in Korea, and so I spent my very early years with family in southern Idaho, before following the family to postings in Georgia, Kentucky, and Kansas. Then the family shipped off to a tour of duty in Heidelberg, Germany. Whilst there the Berlin Wall went up and all tours were extended to four years.

I had started High School in Heidelberg in a school for dependents but finished in Northern Idaho (when Dad returned to the University of Idaho to complete his undergraduate degree), graduating from Fayetteville Senior High School in North Carolina in 1964. I then returned to Moscow, Idaho where, having realized that my family would not be moved to another posting after a three (or four) year tour of duty, I stayed put for all three degrees. I finally finished up with a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Idaho in 1976.

During my studies, I twice escaped to work in Seattle, first at Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone, and then at Boeing. Both jobs were computer based, so that, when the University of Puget Sound looked for someone to help with an emerging Computer Science Program in 1978, I got hired and have been there ever since. I retired from the University of Puget Sound as Emeritus Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science in 2012.

During my time as a teacher, I had several opportunities for travel. I was in Heidelberg when the Berlin wall went up; I was at the University of Passau on the Germany-Austrian border when it came down. I spent a wonderful year teaching at Coleg Prifysgol Cymru, Aberystwyth, and tracking down family with my father near Llanfihangel-ar-Arth. In addition to my service to PSWA, I am currently treasurer of the Puget Sound Sumi-e Artists Association, and I am trying to learn how to paint in the Asian style and trying to learn Chinese.

Note from Gwen:

Bob Matthews wrote this biography when I requested it for this quarter's *Y Ddolen*. Once again, I am amazed at the diversity, intelligence, and rich lives of our PSWA board members. I had a few questions to ask him, and here are his intriguing answers:

Gwen: How did you get so involved with Chinese arts and language?

Bob: My first wife, Kathy, was an artist, and she suggested that I should try ceramics first, and then Chinese calligraphy. This led to learning to paint with ink and water on rice paper, an art form called sumi-e. Then I fell in love with Tang dynasty poetry, and now I am a Zen Buddhist.

Gwen: What was the best place you lived in?

Bob: I spent two summers in New Delhi with my family. My father was stationed at the United States Embassy, and I was on break from school. I did a lot of hiking and worked on flood relief as a volunteer.

Gwen: I believe you also volunteer as a fiddler at Fort Nisqually.

Bob: Yes, I spend a day there every week or two and play Welsh tunes for the dancers. We reenact the lives of the Oregon Trail pioneers.



Thirty Years Ago, This Labor Day

By Alan Upshall



Over the last year or so I have been archiving documents from the files of The North American Welsh Association (formerly the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association). The material I recently received brought back a lot of memories, namely the archives of the 30th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu that the Puget Sound Welsh Association organized and held in Bellevue over the Labor Day weekend in 1994. On this anniversary of the event, I thought it was time to write a remembrance.

How did we come to do this? In 1990, the annual event, the ‘National’ was held in Victoria, B.C. The Seattle Welsh Choir had been invited to contribute. The weekend spans 4 days and is designed to showcase Welsh culture and to let expat Welsh and their ancestors wallow in their heritage. I had never been to a ‘National’ so I had no preconceived notion of the event. Bob Matthews (father of the current board member Bob Matthews) and I were sitting in the audience watching a children’s concert when I nudged Bob and said, “We could organize a National.” He looked at me and simply said, “I’m with you.” On our return, Bob and I proposed to the PSWA board that we approach the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association and offer to organize and sponsor a National

Gymanfa Ganu weekend. They agreed, and at the same time voted me in as the Chairman. I immediately told Bob he was Vice Chairman. We approached the WNGGA board at the 1991 National in Cincinnati, and our proposal was accepted.

(It must be noted that although PSWA was very strong at the time, Seattle, Puget Sound or even Washington State was not known as a strong Welsh region).

And that’s how it started. From there we formed an executive committee (the group of youngsters in the picture), with Steve Ensley (Treasurer and Registration), Tim Dyck (Entertainment), David and Mary Powell (Hospitality), Liz Heath (Tours and Seminars), Brian Parry (Logistics), Wyn Morgan and Rhidian Lawrence (Brochure), Gretta Upshall (Secretary), Bob (Sunday Activities) and myself (Grand Concert etc.). Stan Ellis came up with the brochure cover incorporating the logo of the weekend, designed by Carolyn Bell.



Initially the executive board met quarterly, but in 1993 we met monthly and in 1994 weekly. As well as incorporating the traditional components we wanted to include some fresh ideas to bring the weekend “up to date with modern Wales.” We set up responsibilities for an Eisteddfod (Mari Wingate and Phil Humphries), Market Place (Gwynne and Don Dodge), Decorations (Marc and Heidi Ensley), and Publicity (Cynthia Taylor and Carrie Fox). Kayla Ware and Carolyn Bell managed the PSWA market place stall. It was a huge time commitment for all.

We introduced an Eisteddfod schedule which was the first time it had been organized at a National. We brought over Plethyn, a top-class folk group from Wales to sing in an after banquet program, in place of the usual formal/operatic soloist. We worked with the Llanelli Male choir, the best in Wales at the time, and suggested to them an innovative program of song, verse, and prose to illustrate Wales past and present. We presented an opening night concert showcasing talented members of PSWA, followed by a Noson Lawen hosted by PSWA member Bronn Journey. We were able to convince the host hotels to extend the room rates for three days before and after the National date to try to encourage people to make the visit a vacation. To help we organized a ‘pre and post day’ tour to Mount Rainier.

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It all worked. Registrations topped 1,100 people; The eisteddfod was a huge success with over 30 entries into 5 different competitions. The folk concert after the banquet had people literally dancing around the tables! The grand concert sold out at over 1,500 people who were treated to a spectacular concert entitled 'The Loud Hill of Wales' (A CD of the program was issued and can be found sometimes on Amazon or eBay); all events were sold out. Both sessions of the Sunday Gymanfa Ganu had over 1000 people singing all the popular Welsh hymn tunes.

We were often asked, "Why Bellevue and not Seattle?" The simplest answer is cost and support. The hotel room rates were nearly \$25 per night cheaper from the hotels in Seattle (a lot of money in 1994), and the convention center and local convention bureau were incredibly supportive. In Seattle that year we really were thought of as a 'Not big enough Convention,' but Bellevue really wanted us.

As well as social success we did make a profit (over \$20,000), the most ever made at a National at the time. Judging by the letters received and reports published, everyone went home very happy. Many of the people who worked on the organization have now passed, but it is worth recording their effort. The whole weekend was the result of a great team working together. Their volunteering of time and commitment over the three planning years made my chairman job much easier. I will quote Maurice Chevalier: "Ah yes, I remember it well." And if you want to find out more about the weekend, log on to 'Peoples Collection Wales' <https://www.peoplescollection.wales/> and search on Bellevue 1994.

Welsh State Pioneer Passes

By JoAnne Matsumura



Mrs. Margaret Jane Thomas Craig passed January 12, 1956 in Seattle at the age of 69. She was born to Lewis Thomas and Lizzie Dickens in Ferndale, Wales, and came to the US as a young girl. She lived in Ohio before coming to Black Diamond, Washington in 1887 at the age of 17.



The large Welsh community of Black Diamond welcomed new arrivals and surely Margaret and her family felt a comfort to be among them. Many were getting acquainted and plans were already in the making for the 1890 Welsh Eisteddfod in Franklin, WA., a short distance from Black Diamond.

Margaret may have met her future husband, Albert Henry Craig, at that 1890 Eisteddfod as they were married September 25, 1893 in Seattle at the residence of clergy in the presence of Talie Jones and Miss Sadie Clarke.

Albert Henry Craig was a coal miner and they appear to have lived in Issaquah, WA, working in the coal mines for a time. Their son David Craig was born in Issaquah.

Albert Henry and Margaret lived in Black Diamond as well, and by the June 1900 Federal Population Census they were living in a rented company house with daughter Lizzie and son David. Albert Henry is listed as a coal miner.

Several months later they moved from Black Diamond to Seattle in 1901, and their children began their education later that year. The children are not listed in the Black Diamond school census records.

Albert Henry and Margaret lost their son David Craig in 1941 at the age of 42. His occupation was furniture worker.

Wales Sends Eight Athletes to Paris Summer Olympics

Team GB in the Olympic Games in Paris July 26-August 11, 2024: **Jeremiah Azu**: Track; **Rosie Eccles**: Boxing; **Michael Beckett**: Sailing; **Jade Jones**: Taekwondo; **Matt Richards**: Swimming; **Emma Finucane**: Track Cycling; **Josh Tarling**: Road & Track Cycling; **Anna Hursey**: Table Tennis

South Sound Night Out Group

No Nights Out planned until our illustrious organizer, Chris Mooreddrall, returns from yonder lands afar!

Check Facebook Group Page for anything hastily planned and future Nights Out.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/31450906189>

If anyone would like to step up in his absence to plan a few Nights Out and/or the Annual South Sound Picnic, please contact southsound@pugetsoundwelsh.org and you will have some assistance! Diolch yn fawr!

Self-Nomination Sought for Board Membership

By Karyn Davies

PSWA's Board is made up of a wonderfully diverse bunch with talents and skills! I hope you have enjoyed reading each quarter's Y Ddolen Board Member articles so you can get to know those who are passionate about the Puget Sound Welsh Association, its mission and the people reached.

If you, too, are passionate about promoting the heritage of the Welsh in the Puget Sound region and if you care about the well-being of the Puget Sound Welsh Association, you are enthusiastically invited to join us and help keep the traditions and heritage of the Welsh in Washington thriving. Positions on the Board are open to any Member who is current with annual dues and who has been a Member for at least one year.

As a Board Member, you'll find opportunities to collaborate on upcoming events and virtual and in-person meets, to participate in coordination of activities, and to encourage others toward the passion we share. Board members meet via Zoom or phone quarterly or more regularly when planning upcoming events. These calls are typically scheduled in the evening and last one hour. Board Members are asked to assist as physically able in the set up/clean up of Annual St. David's Day Celebrations, Picnics, and Christmas/Holiday Parties, as well as any other planned event. They are asked to lend a hand with their time, skills, and talents toward successful and entertaining Virtual Pubs topics, Welsh Heritage Day presentations, and other Faires or Cultural Events.

At the upcoming Annual General Meeting, typically held during the annual Christmas/Holiday Party, Membership votes in Board Members. Please contact President@PugetSoundWelsh.org (see phone number on page one if you'd rather call than email), and express your interest before the Holiday Party in November. Thank you for considering!

Seed Cake (200-Year-Old Welsh Recipe)

2-1/2 lb. flour
2 lbs. refined sugar
12 ozs caraway seeds
2lbs. butter or margarine
4 teaspoonsful orange flower water
10 eggs
1/2 lb. candied peel

Cream butter and sugar, add eggs one at a time with flour alternately, then add orange flower water, caraway seeds, candied peel. Put in tins when the oven is ready. Let the fierceness of the oven be over before you set in the cake for fear of scorching it.

Oven Control, Mark 3 (325°F) for one hour then down to Mark 2 (300°F), and finally Mark 1 (275°F) till cooked.

[Recipe from Croeso Cymreig A Welsh Welcome Recipes for Some Traditional Welsh Dishes 1959]

PSWA Membership/Renewal, Donations, T-Shirts, & Red Dragon Band CD

Annual memberships renew each January. Your contributions entitle you to a subscription to *Y Ddolen*, our wonderful quarterly newsletter, and provide vital support for our St. David's Day celebration and other activities through the year. In addition to our sponsored events, the Puget Sound Welsh Association acts as a valuable resource for anyone interested in Welsh culture, language, and music. Questions? Contact Ellen Webber.

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from Jan 1 through Dec 31

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Retail Products - *prices include shipping/postage (\$15 if picked up at events)

- PSWA T-Shirts** Total number of shirts ____ x \$19.95 \$ _____
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Steel Green: ____ LG ____ XL *Limited quantities; Email for availability: membership@pugetsoundwelsh.org
Dark Green: ____ SM ____ MED ____ XL *Limited quantities of XL; Email for availability.
- Welsh Music CD** Total number of CDs ____ x \$15 \$ _____
Y Ddraig Goch, Traditional Welsh Folk music of Wales: \$15* each

Make check payable to PSWA

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Fun Facts About Wales

1. Most successful pirate, Bartholomew Roberts was from Pembrokeshire; first to name his flag “Jolly Roger”
2. More castles per square mile than any other country.
3. Ogof Ffynnon Ddu is UK’s deepest cave (275m).
4. The Menai Bridge was the first suspension bridge in the world (opened 1826).
5. With seating capacity of 73,931, Principality Stadium’s retractable roof takes 20 minutes to close.
6. Ireland’s patron saint, Saint Patrick, was Welsh.
7. Jack Daniels’ grandpa was from Aberystwyth.
8. Traditional British lawn tennis was invented in Wales.
9. Welsh gold is always used by the British royal family for their wedding rings.
10. The equals sign (=) was invented by Welsh mathematician Robert Recorde.
11. 3.1 million people; nearly 10 million sheep.
12. Mount Everest was named after Welshman Sir George Everest who was the surveyor who mapped it.