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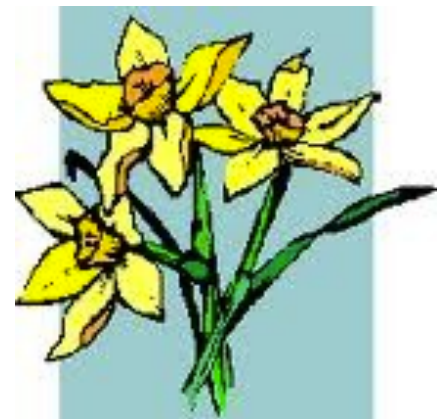
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**Celebrate St. David's Day**  
**March 1, 2013**

We are fortunate to be back at Monarch's Restaurant, Royal Amsterdam Hotel, in Pella. Richard Phillips, a member of the Iowa Welsh Society (IWS) and owner of Monarchs along with his wife Kellie, will be our hosts. The cost for lunch will be \$19.50 per adult and reservations are due by February 26. At noon, we will have a Welsh lunch prepared by Richard and Kellie's staff. There will be vegetarian & gluten free options available. Prior to the lunch, there will be a Board meeting at 10:30 am. and all members are invited, indeed encouraged, to attend the Board meeting. We will begin gathering about 11:30 am. to get re-acquainted & visit.





Our speaker will be Dr. Benjamin Bruch who has taught Celtic languages, literatures, folklore, mythology, and music to students of all ages at schools, colleges, and cultural events in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, and Austria. He was made a bard of the Cornish Gorsedd in 1998 and received his Ph.D. in Celtic Languages and Literatures from Harvard University in 2005. He will speak on state of the Welsh Language.

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## IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO PELLA THEN TRY COLUMBUS JCT.

You are invited to the 2014 St David's Day Celebration in Columbus Jct Iowa on Saturday, March 1st.

This event is only for people of Welsh descent, relatives of people of Welsh descent and people who wish they were of Welsh descent. The Parade will start under the Viaduct at 1pm and will end at the American legion where we will celebrate the Feast of St David with Lobsgows. If you can help, donate food, money, or have any ideas please let me know. Also, please invite friends and relatives.


A lluman glân Dewi a ddyrchafant!!!

Please call Troy Pugh with any questions [563-299-2472](tel:563-299-2472).



One of our own, Enfys McMurray, was interviewed by Charity Nebbe on Iowa Public Radio's Talk of Iowa, January 22. Enfys was discussing her book "Centerville, A Mid-American Saga". We were fortunate to have Enfys tell us about the book at the St. David's Day celebration last year. Llongyfarchiadau, Enfys, on such an interesting and successful book.

<http://iowapublicradio.org/post/centerville-mid-american-saga> There is more here about the interview on IPR with Enfys.



If your mailing label has an \*  
on it, you have not paid your  
dues for 2014. This does not  
reflect dues paid after Dec.  
1st, 2013

## Websites of Welsh interest:

### Craft sites:

[www.alberene.com](http://www.alberene.com)

[www.cadw.wales.gov.uk](http://www.cadw.wales.gov.uk)


[www.castlewales.com](http://www.castlewales.com)

[www.choicesembroidery.co.uk](http://www.choicesembroidery.co.uk)

### Genealogy sites:

Great Plains Welsh Heritage Center [welshheritage.org](http://welshheritage.org)

Welsh newspapers [welshnewspapers.llgc.org.uk/en/home](http://welshnewspapers.llgc.org.uk/en/home)



### Need A Ride to an IWS Meeting?

At the meeting September 21, the Board discussed how we could help arrange rides so more members could attend the meetings. We would like to know if there are members who would attend meetings if a ride could be arranged. We discussed having anyone wanting a ride contact a central coordinator who would try to arrange a ride. The coordinator would have the contact information for all members and contact members living close by the person wanting a ride to see if a ride could be arranged. If so, those members would have each others contact information and could arrange rides to attend meetings. Car pooling could be arranged the same way if someone preferred to not drive alone. Sharing rides is a good way to share the cost of gas.

To determine the interest in such an arrangement, please contact AdaMae Lewis at [adamaelewis@gmail.com](mailto:adamaelewis@gmail.com), 515-232-0608 or write to 122 N Russell Ave., Ames, IA 50010 and tell her if you are interested in having a ride to the next meeting. It would be helpful if those willing to offer rides would contact AdaMae as well. If you send an email, please put "Ride to IWS Meeting" in the subject line. This will be discussed again at the Dec 7 Board meeting, but in the meantime, I'll be glad to try to pair up people who want to go to the meeting with someone willing to drive them.

The Iowa Welsh Society Board met [December 7, 2013](#) at the Douglas Ave Presbyterian Church in Des Moines.

Present were Donelle Meyer, AdaMae Lewis, Chad Davis, and Nancy Evans.

The meeting was called to order at 12:27 pm. The minutes were read as presented in the last newsletter. AdaMae moved and Donelle 2nd to have the minutes filed. Motion was passed.

Donelle gave the treasurer's report. As of Nov. 30th there was \$3,902.78 in the checking account. A Welsh Way was sold for \$13 since the report. The treasurer's report was approved as presented and filed.

There was no Historian's report.

Old business: A discussion was held about the Welsh Way book. There was no consensus if a new patch has been printed. If it has we are still waiting for the books.

It was decided to keep the article about car-pooling in future newsletters.

New business: 1. ST DAVID'S DAY - It will be held at the Monarch restaurant in Pella on March 1st.

Dr. Ben Brunch will speak on the Welsh language and it's history.

Chad will talk to Marcus to see if he wants to sell items from his shop.

Menu will be set by Richard and will be traditional Welsh fare

Price to be determined

Reservations to Richard?

NEWSLETTER: It was decided to indicate on the mailing labels the people who have not paid for 2014.

Other items on the agenda (but not discussed) were: member directory future meeting places

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Evans, minute taker for Leila Carlos, Secretary

Learn the Welsh language at the Waterfalls

**Cwrs Cymraeg 2014:**

**Cwrs y Rhaeadrau – Course at the Waterfalls**

**When: July 20-27, 2014**

**Where: Brock University**

### **St. Catharines, Ontario**

Cymdeithas Madog, the Welsh Studies Institute of North America, invites you to study Welsh language and culture next door to Niagara Falls.

- Approximately 5 hours of language classes are offered each day, ranging from absolute beginners to very advanced
- Experienced Welsh teachers from Wales and North America
- Afternoon workshops on language and culture topics such as Welsh conversation, reading in Welsh, course choir, and more
- Evening activities include folk dancing, quiz night, a Welsh film and a *noson lawen* or “merry evening” featuring performances from course students and teachers
- Course fee is inclusive and covers room, board, tuition, course materials, workshops, and most evening activities
- Registration will open early spring, 2014

Visit our web site for more information: [www.madog.org](http://www.madog.org)

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**Cymdeithas Madog**, also known as the Welsh Studies Institute in North America Inc., is committed to helping North Americans learn, use and enjoy the Welsh language.

It is devoted to achieving the highest standards of teaching and offering quality and fun for students while they learn.

Cymdeithas Madog is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization, managed by dedicated volunteers.

# North American Festival of Wales 2014

*The 2014 North American Festival of Wales will take place in Minneapolis, MN, August 28-31. Highlights include an opening concert by Welsh-American group Tramor, a performance by 2013 National Eisteddfod winner Joshua Owen Mills and the Grand Concert featuring the renowned Welsh group, Only Men Aloud. Seminars will be given on a variety of Welsh topics and we are excited to include Dafydd Wigley and Elinor Bennett among this year's presenters.*

*Registration is now open and additional information can be found online: <http://www.nafow.org> To request paper forms, please contact Megan Williams: PO Box 1054, Trumansburg, NY 14886 607-279-7402 or email [IHQ@thewnaa.org](mailto:IHQ@thewnaa.org)*

*The festival hotel is the Hyatt Regency Nicollet Mall and discounted room rates are available at a cost of \$119+ tax. To make your hotel reservation now, visit the website above or call: 1.888.421.1442 and quote: North American Festival of Wales 2014. Please feel free to contact Megan Williams at the WNAA office with any questions: [IHQ@thewnaa.org](mailto:IHQ@thewnaa.org) or 607-279-7402.*

## NAFOW EXPRESS TAKE THE BUS TO MINNEAPOLIS

There is interest in a bus from Iowa and southern Minnesota to Minneapolis for the Welsh North American Association's North American Festival of Wales in late August, 2014. People from Nebraska, South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Wisconsin and any other place are welcome to come to Iowa or southern MN to meet the bus and finish the trip with us. Based on the information we have now, the bus will start in Iowa City and head west on I 80 and then north on I 35 just north of Des Moines. Once in MN, depending on interest, the bus could head west to Mankato Lake Crystal area to pick up those folks or pick them up in the Owatonna area along I 35.

The bus would begin the trip, Wednesday, August 27 and return September 1. This would give festival attendees the day Thursday to volunteer at the NAFOW or visit the area on your own and still be there for the late afternoon opening ceremony. At this point, we need to know how much demand there is, so please express your interest and desired pick up point in an email to [bus@nafow.org](mailto:bus@nafow.org)

We will know by June 10 if there is enough interest to proceed with the bus or if you will need to find another way to get to the NAFOW. However, if there is very little interest by April 1, the bus idea will be canceled, so let us know asap if interested.

The price will depend on the number riding, but estimated to be between \$150 and \$200. The price for those in MN will be reduced as we will be over half way there by the time we cross into MN. Leave your worries and car behind and join us for a relaxing ride and no parking fees in Minneapolis.

Hello,

I am a Welsh writer liiving in Usk, Monmouthshire, who has had two novels published which are set in Wales.


The first is, '**The Mountains Between**' & the second novel is '**Don't Pass Me By**'. Both novels have been featured on BBC Radio Wales and have attracted 5 star reviews (see Amazon.co.uk) and are full of details of the Welsh way of life in the first part of the 20th century. They are available from regular book suppliers and via Amazon, Kindle and e-books.

More information about these books, me and my writing can be found on my website: [www.juliemcgowan.com](http://www.juliemcgowan.com).

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Kind regards,

Julie McGowan



Directions to the Royal Amsterdam Hotel and Monarch Restaurant: Coming from the north and west take IOWA 163. Take the first exit into Pella. (Business route of IOWA 163). Follow to the center of town and turn south on the east side (Main Street) and go to East 1st Street. Those coming from the south take the business route north and East 1st Street is one block south of the town square.

[http://www.celtic-institute.org/celtic\\_institute/Registration\\_2014\\_Spring.pdf](http://www.celtic-institute.org/celtic_institute/Registration_2014_Spring.pdf)

If you are interested in the Spring Institute of the Celtic Institute click on the above link to find out more.



**Deadline for Meal Reservations to be received: By February 26, 2013.**

*No additions or cancellations after this date. Thank you.*

*If you need to talk to Richard Phillips his number is: 641-620-1100*

*His email is [phillipsr911@gmail.com](mailto:phillipsr911@gmail.com).*

*Iowa Welsh Society*

*c/o Richard Phillips*

*510 Liberty Street*

*Pella, Ia 50219*

Persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$19:50 Total remittance \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Meal? \_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: IOWA WELSH SOCIETY AND SEND  
TO RICHARD AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS**

Dues Payable to Iowa Welsh Society: **\$15** for individual or family. Our membership year is from  
**January 1 to December 31, 2014.**

Please mail your check to: Donelle Meyer, Treasurer: **4227 Stone Brooke Rd., Ames Iowa,  
50010-4113**

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NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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WELSH ORIGINS:

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**Dues for 2014 now due.**



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