

Hello Iowa Welsh Society members and friends. We are sending an email blast to tell you about upcoming events.

First, of course, is the **St. Davids Day celebration, March 4, in Pella, Iowa**. We will meet this year in the same place we met last year, the Maytag Student Center on Central College campus at 401 Broadway. Our own Richard Phillips, Director of Dining Services at Central College, and his staff have planned a lovely lunch for us. The tables will have fresh daffodils as centerpieces thanks to Richard.

James W. Evans, an artist from Mount Vernon, IA, will be our speaker after the lunch. He said **“All I wanted to know was, “What town did my family come from in Wales?”**

Thirty-four years of research into my Welsh heritage led to more questions and some spectacular paintings.

Every time my wife and I traveled to Wales I returned home with a collection of photographs and then devoted the next years to painting my favorite places.

I will discuss my passion for painting, drawing and sculpting in clay everything Welsh and bring along several creations to share.”

I know we are all wondering if his family origins were close to ours. I suggest you invite a friend and make reservations to come celebrate St. David's Day with us and we will all find out where James' family came from.

Please mail your reservation along with your name, address, phone number, email address and a check for \$20 made out to the Iowa Welsh Society to Director of Dining Services, Central College, Box 5900, 812 University, Pella, IA 50219 to be received no later than March 1. Earlier is better so Richard has an idea how many will be coming and how many tables to have available.

He will accommodate vegans, vegetarians and food related allergies by request. Please phone him with special questions at (641) 628-7686 or email at [phillipsr@central.edu](mailto:phillipsr@central.edu).

The set menu is

Vegetarian cawl (soup)

Salad

Beef bourguignon. Mashed potatoes, root vegetable medley

Dinner rolls with butter

Apple crisp with warm custard

Iced tea, coffee and water

There will be an IWS Board meeting from 10:30-11:30 AM. and lunch at noon. We can spend some time meeting new people and greeting old friends between the Board meeting and the luncheon. All members are welcome to attend the Board meeting.

**Gymanfa Ganu, July 9, First Congregational Welsh Church on Old Man's Creek, 4401 Sharon Center Road SW, Iowa City.** Danny Proud, Madison, WI, will direct. For more information contact Conni Lynch <dollady8@gmail.com>

**IWS Summer picnic , Aug 5 – more details later.**

**North American Festival of Wales, August 31-September 3, 2017, Rochester, NY,** featuring the 86<sup>th</sup> National Gymanfa Ganu. The festival is sponsored by the Welsh North American Association (WNAA). You will be able to find all details on the WNAA website by March 1, but many are there now. Go to <http://www.nafow.org/> You can make hotel reservations now.

**IWS Fall Meeting, November 11, 2017, Des Moines, Iowa.** More details later.

**Ninnau & Y Drych, January- February issue.** Did you see the article about the program at the November 2016 IWS meeting? If you subscribe, don't miss reading about the program and viewing the photos. If you do not subscribe consider doing so. <http://www.ninnau.com/>

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