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Welsh Heritage Week—Every July sponsors a one-week language, music, and dance classes.

Directed by Beth Landmesser.

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### Welsh Heritage Festival October 10-12, 2009 Wymore, Nebraska



The Iowa Welsh Society Fall Meeting will be in Wymore, Nebraska. We are sending out our Newsletter early so you can make plans and mark your calendar for October 10-12, 2009. You will need to make hotel reservations well in advance of the October dates, as southeast Nebraska has a hunting season that fills up the hotels and motels!! If we have enough interest in traveling as a group we will need to have this information early enough — no later than August 1st, so we can investigate renting a minivan or whatever. See page 9 at the top that you can mail indicating your interest in traveling as a group.

We have also included the Registration Form for the meeting. They need this form in by September 1st, 2009. The mailing address is at the bottom of the form. They will need this information in order to have a meal count for the banquet and be assured that you have made your room registration.

See inside for more information on the meeting.

### Welsh Organizations in the US

**National Welsh-American Foundation** - Augments and supplements work of local societies with grants, scholarships, preservation of books, etc. \$15/Individual & \$25/Family /year, 143 Sunny Hillside Rd., Benton PA 17814-7822 E-mail: [nwaf@epix.net](mailto:nwaf@epix.net)  
Website: [www.wales-usa.org](http://www.wales-usa.org) and [www.nwaf-cymru.org](http://www.nwaf-cymru.org)

**Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.** - Preserve and develop Welsh religious and cultural heritage. \$10.00/year for individuals. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 410, Granville, OH 43023 Phone: 740-587-3936 Web site: [www.nafow.org](http://www.nafow.org)  
E-mail: [wnggahq@gmail.com](mailto:wnggahq@gmail.com) (website has links to Festival and Wngga information)

**Welsh-American Genealogical Society** - Assistance in searching for Welsh roots. \$10.00/year. 60 Norton Avenue, Poultney, VT 05764-1029.  
E-mail: [wagjan@sover.net](mailto:wagjan@sover.net) Web site: [www.rootsweb.com/~vtwags/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~vtwags/)

**Cymdeithas Madog**—Every July sponsors one-week residential language course focusing on modern spoken Welsh Scholarships available, administered by a board of directors. Publishes a newsletter. Web site: [www.madog.org](http://www.madog.org) E-mail: [president@madog.org](mailto:president@madog.org)

**Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre**—Wymore, NE 68466-0253. Purpose of GPWHC is to preserve and promote Welsh History and Culture in the North American Great Plains. For more information contact: Berwyn Jones, PhD, 307 S. 7th St., Wymore, NE 68466-0253 or by his E-mail: [www.berwynjones@windstream.net](mailto:www.berwynjones@windstream.net) Web-site: <http://welshritage.org/>



GPWHP Board Members Samulson, Rudder, Mick, Heineman, Jones, Davies and State Senator Norm Wallman on the left. Pictures Below from the March 7, 2000 Meeting in Pella 2009



**PRESIDENTS LETTER      SUMMER, 2009**

**ANNWYL FELLOW IOWA WELSH SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Our March, St. David's meeting was well attended. The March Secretaries report is printed below. After reading the minutes I would like to mention that we are sending out the Newsletter early so members can make housing reservations. This is very important as October is "Hunting time" in Nebraska!! AND we are interested in knowing if any members want to share transportation. If we know far enough ahead we could rent a van or whatever depending on participation.

Our meeting and program will be in Wymore, Nebraska. See following pages for more information along with the article on the Welsh Heritage Festival. Your board recommended having our fall meeting in Nebraska. The Registration page is blank on the back for you to send in reservations. At the bottom of page 4 is the information needed to make your hotel reservations. If you plan to attend do not put off your hotel registration!!!

We hope that the proposed program in Nebraska will have a good turn out.

Pat McCaughey, President

**Minutes from the March 7, 2009**  
**Board Meeting**

The Iowa Welsh Society Board met March 7, 2009 at Monarch's restaurant in Pella, Iowa.

Present were: Pat McCaughey, Ada Mae Lewis, Jim Davies, Joyce McCullough, Harriett Jones, Richard Phillips and Leila Carlo.

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 2008 meeting. Motion to accept by Ada Mae and second by Joyce and they were filed.

The treasurers report was given by Jim. Motion to accept and file was made by Ada Mae, seconded by Joyce

Ruth Hall was not present for a Historian report.

Ada Mae's report for a Market Place for next year: It is unclear if Hireath will be in business another year.

Under new business Richard suggested and discussion followed to move the St. David's Day Luncheon to the last Saturday of March, 2010. Approval was unanimous. We will continue to meet in Pella in 2010.

New business: The fall meeting will be in Wymore Nebraska, October 10-12, 2009 at the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Festival.

Newsletter information and articles for the next meeting in December will need to be sent to Pat by November 1st before the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Joyce, seconded by Harriet. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leila Carlo, Secretary.

**WELSH HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

**October 10-12, 2009**

Article from the Newsletter of the Great Plains  
Welsh Heritage Project, Spring 2009

Don't miss the upcoming festival! It promises to be really spectacular, with another new conductor for the singing, a new event—Welsh Country Dancers with live music! Mr. Richard Phillips of Pella Iowa, formerly of Wales Richard came to Iowa as an exchange student at Central College, and stayed to marry his American sweetheart. He has "called" folk dancing in Wales, and we have him in this area to call dances for us! And there will be REAL Welsh dancers, from Colorado, Missouri and Minnesota, (so we won't have to dance unless we want to). These three dance groups have never danced together before. Some local Irish dancers may come too.

We will also have a live Welsh band. Well, half of it is Welsh—John Good from Phoenix, AZ. I know some of you have

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heard the Oceans Apart, starring John. For those who haven't, you are in for a treat. John and Irish American friend, Steve Colby, play traditional Welsh music, and some modern stuff but NOT ROCK AND ROLL. They play an amazing variety of instruments, including a real Welsh bagpipe! And they are so much FUN!

Rev. Joe Corbin from Wisconsin will conduct the Gymanfa Ganu, and also will be one of our *three* soloists, the others being Gwenith Closs Colgrove, who is well known and loved by the Nebraska St. David's Society people, and Richard Phillips, our dance caller, is also a soloist!

The Welsh theater will be showing films whenever the auditorium is not otherwise occupied. We have some new ones, including a sheep dog demonstration that is truly remarkable. The Bethel Church organ will get a good workout as well, with lots of singing.

The Gift Shop will be well stocked with goodies from Wales. We are planning to have some seminars, and the Cemetery will be peopled by some familiar and some new spirits this year. A Welsh lesson will take us to the little Welsh schoolhouse. You can do research in *Y Drych*, so bring your ancestors' death dates and places and you can look them up. I learned a lot more about my great grandfather than was in the local paper. Like where he was from! Banquets will be held Saturday and Sunday evening.

The hotel is the same as last year, the New Victorian Inn at Beatrice. Call 402-228-8808 for reservations. Say that you are with the Welsh group and you will get a reduced rate. Please do it now so you don't forget.

## Welshman to Lead Des Moines Science Center

Des Moines Register, May 6, 2009

The Science Center of Iowa found its new leader in Scotland. Officials on Tuesday announced that Paul Jennings of Dundee, Scotland, will replace Mary Sellers, who resigned in April after nine years.

Jennings, 38, was chief executive of the Dundee Sensation Science Center in Scotland for the past eight years.

Jennings said the Science Center of Iowa has the potential to become a national and international leader in the field. The Newport, South Wales, native said he will work to strengthen collaborations with academic institutions, industry, business and community groups.

"The gauge of a good science center is how you integrate into the community," he said. In addition to his duties in Dundee, Jennings was asked by the Scottish government in 2007 to lead another science center in Aberdeen, Scotland. He helped establish Europe's National Science Network.

One of the biggest challenges the Science Center of Iowa and similar organizations face is the global economic slowdown, Jennings said. "The Science Center of Iowa is well-positioned to emerge from this downturn in a very strong position," he said. His arrival in Des Moines comes as Science Center officials prepare this weekend to kick off the summer lineup of events, exhibits and IMAX Dome Theater features. "No two days will be the same," Jennings said.

### Science Center Chief

Name: Paul Jennings. Age: 38. Birthplace: Newport, South Wales. Education: Doctorate in Business Administration, University of Wales. Experience: Chief executive, Dundee Science Center 2001-09. Family: Wife Maggie and two daughters: Charlotte, 9 and Phoebe, 4. Quote: "This isn't a caretaker role. I'm thinking ambitiously for the Science Center of Iowa and what it can be."

## **Third Great Plains Welsh**

### **Heritage Festival**

**October 10-12, 2009**

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Friday, October 9:**

5:00-7:00 pm Welcome early arrivals at New Victorian Inn Lobby, north of Beatrice. Registration Desk Open.

7:00 pm Informal group dinner. Valentino's Pizza, 7th and Court Street, Beatrice.

#### **Saturday, October 10:**

##### *Registration Desk Open*

9:00 am. Visit Homestead National Monument, west of Beatrice on Highway 4

OR

Visit Welsh Heritage Centre, 7th and E Street, Wymore. Gift Shop, Welsh movies, Exhibits, Coffee & Welsh cakes.

11:00 am Seminar by Richard Phillips

12:00 Noon Picnic Lunch at Welsh Centre Garden

1:00 pm Dedicate the Garden

2:00 pm Sing-a-long in the Welsh Centre auditorium. Featuring the Bethel Welsh Organ.

##### *Registration desk Open.*

4:00 pm Afternoon Tea at Welsh Centre.

6:00 pm Dinner Buffet at Community Center.

8:00 pm Concert: Oceans Apart and Welsh Folk Dancers at the Community Center.

#### **Sunday, October 11:**

10:00 am Spirits of the Welsh Pioneers at Bethel Cemetery, 5 miles south of Wymore on Highway 77, left side.

12:00 Noon Lunch at the Wymore Presbyterian Church, 12th and M St. Wymore.

1:00 pm Seminar: The First 14 Centuries of Welsh Poetry. John Good.

##### *Registration Desk Open*

2:00 pm Gymanfa Ganu, Wymore Presbyterian Church, 517 N 12th

4:00 pm Afternoon Tea at the Welsh Centre

6:00 pm Dinner—Buffet at the Wymore American Legion Club, 815 West D Street

8:00 pm Noson Lawen—Welsh Centre

#### **Monday, October 12, Prince Madog Day**

9:00 am Morning coffee, kolaches to honor our Czech neighbors— Welsh Centre.

10:00 am Reminiscences—Welsh School house, McCandless Park, Wymore. Welsh lesson by John Good

##### **12:00 Noon Farewell**

**North American Festival of Wales  
and the World's Largest Gymanfa Ganu  
Join us in Pittsburg, PA from September 3-6, 2009**



**Hosted by the St. David's Society of Pittsburg  
[www.stdavidssociety.org](http://www.stdavidssociety.org)**

We have secured a great rate at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel for all Festival attendees. For \$114 per night you'll stay at a newly-renovated hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. That rate is good 5 days before and 4 days after the event.

It is easy to reach whether you arrive by airplane (about 45 minutes from Pittsburgh International Airport), by car (major roadways lead directly to the hotel) or even by boat! Pittsburgh's three rivers come together a few yards from the entrance to the Hilton.

There's plenty to do within walking distance of the hotel for those spare minutes between Festival activities.

Restaurants of every style are in easy reach. Fast food and casual café to glamorous fine dining will tempt your taste buds.

Anyone who prefers shopping will be delighted too; many fine stores are a short ride away.

Sports fans might like the view across the river to the stadiums of the Pittsburgh's Steelers and Pirates. Walking/running paths are plentiful and you can even rent a kayak to take out on the river.

### **TOURS**

#### **Four tours will be offered during the festival**

##### **Full Day Tour:**

Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater and Kentucky Knob are featured on this narrated bus tour into the hills of Pennsylvania.

##### **Half Day Tours:**

We proudly offer a tour of the Welsh Nationality Room that took nearly 7 years to realize. It's a treasure for all Welsh folk.

See the glittering city from Mt. Washington, ride on the historic incline and lunch on the river.

Relax while the bus driver escorts you through the city of Pittsburg. Lunch in the lively Strip District.

Find details and sign up information on  
[www.wngga.org](http://www.wngga.org)

### **PROGRAMS**

Musical performances are set to entertain.

..... The North American Welsh Choir will be featured at the Grand Concert.

..... The Welsh Marching Band from Bangor, PA will welcome us at the Opening Ceremony

..... Dafydd Iwan and his band Ar Log from Wales will spark up the crowd as they have at many festivals.

..... Gwyndaf Jones, a tenor originally from Wales now living in Toronto, agreed to be the banquet singer.

Information for this article from mailing on Festival.

**Third Great Plains  
Welsh Heritage Festival**

October 10-12, 2009

**Registration Form**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I will arrive on \_\_\_\_\_ I will depart on \_\_\_\_\_

I have reserved a room at the New Victorian Inn, Beatrice \_\_ Yes; \_\_ No

I will have a car for local transportation \_\_ Yes \_\_ No

I want to visit the Homestead National Monument in Beatrice, Saturday 9 a.m. \_\_ Yes \_\_ No

I will portray this Wymore ancestor at the Bethel Cemetery tour: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Instructions will be sent)

I would like the Y Drych obituary of \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Other pertinent Information \_\_\_\_\_

(Obituary Fee: \$5.00 per person for search & copy) (translation \$10 per page extra)

I would like an appointment for an Oral History Interview \_\_ Y \_\_ N

Saturday Banquet Choice: \_\_ Pork Loin \_\_ Chicken \_\_ Vegetarian

Cost, \$25.00, excluding gratuity.

I am enclosing my check for the following:

Number

Registration fee \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @7.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Obituary fees \_\_\_\_\_ @\$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

GPWHP membership \_\_\_\_\_

Donation\* \_\_\_\_\_ (\*Donations are Tax Deductible)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership schedule:

Individual \$10, Family \$15

Supporting \$25; Sustaining \$50; Patron \$100

Life Individual \$150; Life Family \$200

(Memberships above the basic level are deductible)

Check to GPWHP for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

[OFFICE USE: received on \_\_\_\_\_]

Mail to GPWHP, P.O. Box 253, Wymore, NE 68466, before September 1, 2009

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**Driving Information to Wymore, NE**

From Iowa drive to Lincoln Nebraska on Interstate 80. Pick up US Highway 77 on the west side of Lincoln

Wymore is 53 miles south of Lincoln on US Highway 77.

Beatrice is where the motel, NEW Victorian Inn is located and is 45 miles south of Lincoln on US Highway 77. The motel is north of Beatrice, just south of the Holiday Inn Express.

Continue south to Wymore on US 77. Turn left on D Street and go to 7th Street, where you turn left again. Go 3/4 block north to the Welsh Heritage Centre.

We will meet at the motel in Beatrice Friday evening for dinner and registration, if you arrive in time.

Information from Berwyn Davies

**INFORMATION FROM THOSE IN IOWA WANTING TO GO TO WYMORE TO THE WELSH HERITAGE FESTIVAL:**

If you would like to go as a group to Wymore please let Ada Mae Lewis know how many in your area would like to car pool, or go in a rented vehicle.

**We need this information no later than August 15th in order to make arrangements.** Also we would like to know if you have made hotel reservations. (October is hunting season and rooms are filled up early with hunters!!).

Name(s) & Hotel Reservations Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Send Information to: Ada Mae Lewis:  
Ames, Iowa 50010

**Dues Payable to Iowa Welsh Society: \$12 for individual or family**  
Our membership year is from January 1 to December 31. *Please Mail your check to:*

***Jim Davies, Treasurer, Indianola, IA 50125***

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL?\_\_\_\_\_

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

WELSH ORIGINS:

**See Membership Dues Form on the bottom of page 9 on the back of this part of your Newsletter. Please send your Dues to Jim Davies**

Dues for 2009 now  
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