



Come, Celebrate the Welsh Culture and Heritage!

THE ST. DAVID'S WELSH SOCIETY OF NEBRASKA ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM
COMMEMORATING ST. DAVID (GWYL DEWI SANT)

Saturday, March 28, 2009

St. David's Episcopal Church

8800 Holdrege

Lincoln, NE 68510

The schedule is as follows:

10:00-11:00 Complimentary tea, coffee, and Welsh Cakes (Visitors are welcome)
Welsh Marketplace - Display of Welsh items – Welsh Bakery

11:00-11:30 - Business meeting
11:45 - Luncheon

Program – “Nebraska’s Musical Smorgasbord: Music from
Various Ethnic Groups in NE.” (The program is free and
open to the public)

Presented by: **Chris Sayre**

Group Singing
Moments in Memoriam



Chris Sayre

A native of Lincoln, NE, Chris Sayre has been performing music professionally for 30 years. He has dedicated much of that time to the promotion and preservation of traditional folk music from Western Europe and North America. His many awards include three-time Folk Artist of the Year, Entertainer of the Year and Hall of Fame recipient, as well as several first-place finishes in contest throughout the Midwest. Self-taught on more than a dozen instruments, Chris consistently leaves his audiences wanting more.

The program explores the rich diversity of folk music that has been a part of NE’s history from the time it was a territory to the present day.

Performing on the button accordion, concertina, dulcimer, guitar, mandolin, musical saw, and zithers, he invites us to experience the music of the ethnic groups that have called Nebraska home.

Chris Sayre’s appearance is made possible by the NE Humanities Council and St. David’s Welsh Society of NE as part of the NHC Speakers Bureau. The NHC receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the NE State Legislature, the NE Cultural Endowment, and private donations.



MENU

Leek/Potato Soup, Portmeirion Orange Chicken Salad, Croissants, Buttered Garden Asparagus, Fresh Fruit Medley, Coffee, and Tea. Dessert.

The citrus flavor has been used in Wales over the centuries. The Celts and the Romans would have been familiar with both the orange and the lemon. It was a particularly desirable item for the knights to bring back when returning from the Crusades. The lime was used for its fresh citrus flavor and green color and to recognize the many seafaring Welshmen who plied the sea routes to the West Indies.

Did Prince Madog ever taste a lime?

The luncheon is one of the highlights for many who look forward to enjoying time with other family members and friends, old and new. By continuing this yearly celebration, we are preserving the ideals, customs, and dreams of our ancestors.

The delicious luncheon will be followed by a most enjoyable program. If you can't come for the entire time, come and go as your schedule permits. A reservation will be needed if you are planning to attend the luncheon at 11:45. The program is free and open to the public.

St. David's Episcopal Church is fully accessible to all. Parking is available on the South and East side of the Church. (Map printed on back.)

Please complete the enclosed reservation form and mail to: Stanley Owens, 11027 Washington St., Omaha, NE 68137 (402) 339-4929. Payment must accompany luncheon reservations and must be received no later than Monday, March 23. Checks should be made payable to: "St. David's Welsh Society." If you have to cancel, you should do so before Tuesday, March 25th.

Hope to see you on Saturday, March 28th!

Memberships are due for 2009

Memberships for this year are due. Our membership year is January 1 through December 31.

Individual -----	-\$ 7.50	Husband and Wife -----	\$15.00
Sustaining -----	\$25.00	Life -----	\$300.00

Your dues assist the Society in doing its work --- preserving, developing and promoting our Welsh cultural heritage.

To be listed in the 2009 Directory, dues need to be paid by Monday, March 23, 2009. The Directory will be distributed to those attending the luncheon. (Please indicate if you are not able to attend the luncheon and the Directory will be mailed to you.)

Check your mailing label. The date printed above your name indicates the date your dues were last paid. If no date is shown, your dues were paid March 1, 2008 and are currently due. Please join the St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska. If there is a colored sticker by the mailing label, it is important to renew your membership at this time to continue receiving the newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS

50th Wedding Anniversary



Roger and Mary Ann (Temple) Cronk of Lincoln celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 1, 2008 with an open house at Evangelical United Lutheran Church, Lincoln. They were married Nov. 1, 1958 at Base Chapel, Lincoln Air Force Base in Lincoln.

Hosts were their children, Kim and Craig Drapal and Larry Cronk and grandson, Dallas Drapal, Lincoln.

Morgan and Marjorie Bevan announced the recent marriage of their son, Morgan Bevan, Jr. to Jessica Thompson on Dec. 7, 2008. Both are presently stationed at Ft. Hood, TX in the Special Training division. Best wishes to Morgan and Jessica Bevan, Jr.

Congratulations to Marjorie Bevan for her recognition by NE Secretary of State John Gale for inclusion in the Poll Worker Hall of Fame. Marj has served over 20 years as an Election Poll Worker

12th NIGHT REVEL

By Lori McAlister



St. David's Welsh Society celebrated the end of Christmastide with a delightful afternoon of carols, stories, and unusual Welsh Traditions. The 12th Night Revel was co-hosted by St. David's Episcopal Church in Lincoln, NE on Jan. 11, 2009. This event was presented as a benefit for our Society as they are preparing to celebrate 100 years of preserving Welsh heritage in NE in 2010.

Many volunteers lent their talents to make the day a great success, among them

four family teams

Croeso! were involved. Nina Burgess Vejnovich (native of Merethyr Tydfil, Wales) presented a favorite childhood color poem along with young son, Samuel and she also read the Welsh folktale, "The Silver Cow"; Greg and Malcolm Weinert acted out the traditions of the Wren Boys and the Mari Lwyd (the decorated horse skull – complete with clacking jaw - mounted on a pole). Maddie McAlister created a colorful and informative Power Point presentation to go along with the revel that mother, Lori, helped to organize; and two brothers, Kirk and Scott Kruce, were among the three kings who lead our procession and recession – along with Morgan Bevan.



Three Kings

Members of the group Paddywhack favored the proceedings with several seasonal favorites with Dave Marsh performing his signature Christmas tune, "Little Drummer Boy." Ben Carlisle, musical minister for St. David's Church, provided beautiful music on the organ and harpsichord.

Kathy Disney, co-organizer and reader, rounded out the program with a dramatic "12 Thank You Notes of Christmas" and excerpts from "A Child's



Christmas in Wales."



Mari Lwyd

The afternoon ended just in time for a te bach featuring

imported tea, coffee, and egg nog to accompany a huge selection of Welsh tea cakes, bara brith and other baked treats. Most of the 85 attending *Te Bach* lingered over the delectables and chatted in high spirits. All agreed that 12th Night should be an annual event and looking forward to future events celebrating Welsh heritage and our common patron, Dewi Sant.

~~~~~ HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY ~~~~~

1910-2010



WE ARE CELEBRATING

In recognition of our 100th Birthday - we will have Sweatshirts and T-Shirts - in grey or white - with the red, yellow and green St. David's Welsh Society of NE logo on the front. They will be available in S, M, L, and men's XXL. We will have samples at the luncheon and order forms available.



Prices: T-Shirts - \$15.00 ea.

Sweatshirts - (50% cotton/50% Polyester) - \$20.00 ea.

Sweatshirts - (90% cotton/10% Polyester) - \$25.00 ea.

Plus: NE Residents Sales Tax, where applicable
Shipping and Handling, where applicable

If you would like to order one now and/or unable to attend the luncheon, fill out the "I'm Interested in a T-Shirt/Sweatshirt" form below and we will let you know the price, including tax, shipping and handling, as applicable. Place your order now and celebrate St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska's 100th Birthday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1, 2009 - St. David's Day

March 28, 2009 - St. David's Day Luncheon

July 11, 2009- Midlands Celtic Festival, Omaha

Oct. 18, 2009 - Gymanfa Ganu, Lincoln

Dec, 2009 - Durham Museum Ethnic Festival, Omaha

Jan., 2010 - 12th Night Revel, Lincoln

More events will be celebrated in 2009 and 2010

And don't forget the 2009 Festival - the 3rd Welsh Heritage Festival - Oct. 9-11, 2009, Wymore, NE Check their website: <http://www.welshheritage.org/>

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I'm Interested In a T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Celebrating St. David's Welsh Society's 100th

Send - or E-mail - Information to: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mail - or E-mail - above request to: Joan Longacre; 6325 O St., #511, Lincoln, NE 68510

E-mail: longacre@inetnebr.com

HIDDEN TREASURES

When London was faced, in 1940, with intensive bombing by the Luftwaffe every night, Prime Minister Churchill was concerned about the safety of the many British art treasures and he ordered them moved from museums and art galleries in London.



The main approach tunnel to the cavern

They needed to be taken to safe place elsewhere in Britain and he was advised to have them sent to Manod Quarry in Blaenau Ffestiniog. These treasures were transported to a mountain which had been specially heated and ventilated to maintain the correct temperature.

The secret hiding place was eventually revealed – many years after the end of WW II. All the royal pictures from the palaces, the Tate and National

Gallery were transported to north Wales (including 19 Rembrandts, Van Dykes, Leonardo da Vincis together with the Crown Jewels.



Paintings from the National Gallery stored in Manod Quarry

They were taken to north Wales in vehicles disguised as delivery vehicles for a chocolate company (other stories are they were carried on LMS Railway lorries from Bangor to Manod) and were put in the care of a quarry manager and were only seen by him. (There were some thoughts that the responsibility shortened his life.)

The caves were leased by the Government for 40 years, but when the lease expired in 1981, the Government refused to release the lease. For 40 years two brothers were employed to maintain the ventilation system, even though the works of art were finally returned to London and the wartime storage place was empty.

Behind the large steel and timber doors is a tunnel 1,200 feet long, 1,000 feet below the top of the mountain. The caves used for the safe storage are over 200 feet high, as high as a cathedral.

For more information, read “Framed” by Frank Cottrell Boyce

(From: www.bbc.co.uk/wales/northwest/sites/blaenau/pages/manodquarry.shtml Feb. 7, 2009)

MISCELLANEOUS

www.aCartAcrossWales.com A Welshman and an American set off on a journey across Wales in a golf cart. To begin, click on the “Prologue” from the rolling slides on the left of the picture. Pick your favorite spots. Beautiful commentary, music, and scenery. Enjoy your “tour” of Wales.

Requested a marriage certificate and it doesn’t show all the information you were hoping to find (name of parents, etc.)?

The “return” may be called the marriage “register” or “record of Marriage” or county clerk’s register, etc. If you ask for the marriage certificate, that’s all you’ll get – the flowery certificate with bride and groom and clergy/j.p.’s name on it. To cover all bases and getting all the available documents, ask for a copy of the marriage license application, the marriage certificate, the marriage register/record/return, and any other accompanying documents, such as a permission to marry document.

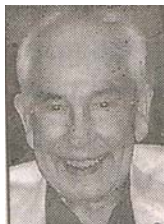
(From KimmySueT@aol.com % Illinoistrails@yahoo.com, Nov. 6, 2008)

Many had relatives who lived/settled in Illinois in the 19th century—check their great website to see what documents they have available and for what counties: <http://www2.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/irad/iradreg.html>

The Illinois State Archives’ online databases Web page was selected as one of the “101 Best Websites for Genealogy by *Family Tree Magazine*. www.cyberdriveillinois.com (Click Departments, Illinois State Archives, Databases.), (From Will/Grundy Counties, *Illinois Gen. Society Newsletter*, Dec/Jan, 2009)

IN MEMORIUM

Dan A. Williams



Dan A. Williams, 93, born Jan. 31, 1915 to Terry and Sarah (Bodley) Williams in Lincoln and passed away October 17, 2008. He attended Lincoln Public School, graduating from UNL where he received his BA degree, magna cum laude and elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He taught at UNL, Columbia University, and the New York School for Social Research in New York City.

In recognition of his service as a trustee of the Lincoln Library Board, the public library planned for the new Arnold Elementary School near Northwest 48th and West Cuming St. was named The Dan A. Williams Branch Library. Dan is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Garrett and Shari Williams; and grandson, Terrence Williams, Las Vegas, NE. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet.

Genevieve Ada Williams

Genevieve Ada Williams was born July 21, 1915 on a farm near Winside to William and Laura (James) Morris. She attended school at District #87 near Carroll and graduated from the Norfolk School of Commerce. Genevieve married Evan Williams, May 19, 1946 near Winside. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Wayne, Order of the Eastern Star, P.E.O., and Wayne Country Club. She was an avid bridge player. She entered into rest March 18, 2008 at Waverly Care Center and is interred at Bethany Cemetery at Carroll, NE.

Genevieve is survived by her son, Jay Evan (Laura) Williams, Meridian ID; daughter, Jane Elizabeth Williams, Lincoln; four grandchildren, Tom and Jennifer Williams, Meridian, ID; Evan (Jennifer) Williams, Kuna, ID; Megan (Kyle) Nelson, Spokane, WA; brother, Howard (Greta) Morris, Parker, CO; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Evan in 1977, two brothers, and two sisters.

Arthur F. Welty

Arthur F. Welty was born in Omaha to Harry L. and Jane (Jones) Welty on Nov. 12, 1918 and passed away on Nov. 25, 2008 in Lincoln. A Memorial Service was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln with a private graveside service at Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Co. Bluffs, IA. Art graduated from North High School in Omaha and attended Doane College, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from Doane in 1940. Art married Virginia Brugger and they had recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

He worked for Roberts Dairy in Omaha and Lincoln and later in the chemistry and agronomy departments at UNL. He spent many years working with dental students as part of the oral biology department of the UNL Dental College. He was an avid Husker fan and followed all the UNL teams. Art celebrated his Welsh heritage and enjoyed attending local Welsh singing festivals. Art is survived by his wife, Virginia and sister, Elizabeth Mayer, WI.

Duane C. Youmans



Duane C. Youmans, born June 8, 1930 in Aitkin, MN, son of Herbert and Thelma (Craig) Youmans, passed away Feb. 12, 2009 in Lincoln, NE, with Interment at Lakeview Cemetery, Aitkin, MN.

In 1952, he and Leta Carol McKay were married – this past year celebrating 56 years of marriage. Duane worked for Honeywell in Eden Prairie, MN as a tool designer in the Ordinance Division. During this time he invented many things, one of which was the Honeywell grenade launcher used during the Vietnam War. This project gained him much recognition from many professional organizations, including a mention of him in the book of Who's Who. He then transferred to the Honeywell Research Center designing medical equipment for the Mayo Clinic. In 1967, Duane, Leta and their three children, Christine, David, and Kathy, moved to Clarinda, IA where Duane accepted the position of instructor at Iowa Western Community College and was granted professorship status during this time.

After retirement, Duane continued to enjoy his hobbies of working on computers, learning the watch making trade, and his favorite hobby of gunsmithing. He is survived by his wife Leta, daughter Christine and husband Adam of Coon Rapids, MN; son David of Merriam, KS; daughter Kathy and husband Dean of Benson, MN; sister Mary of Aitkin, MN and five grandchildren.

DURHAM MUSEUM ETHNIC FESTIVAL



Stan Owens with Visitor



Robbie Hilton, Lori McAlister & Leslee O'Bradovich

The St. David's Welsh Society welcomed the beginning of the holiday season at the Durham Museum Ethnic Holiday Festival in Omaha on Dec. 5, 2008. What a treat to be a part of this wonderful event. The Festival is held annually and approximately 1900 visitors toured the 2008 Festival.

The evening festivities began with Leslee O'Bradovich proudly carrying our Welsh Flag in the Flag Ceremony and Mayor Fahey providing opening remarks. Throughout the evening visitors were touring the many Cultural displays, having their 'Pass Ports' stamped and enjoying the many performers. Stan Owens, Lori McAlister and Leslee were able to visit and share information about our Welsh heritage and customs.

All felt it was a wonderful event and look forward to participating next year.

A table for Welsh books, love spoons, symbol of Welsh Christmas traditions holly, mistletoe, dragons, harps, daffodils, pictures of holiday events hanging on a Christmas tree – and a display of the Calennig. A model in cape and shawl of the St. David's tartan was displayed



Leslee O'Bradovich wearing St. David's Tartan as a shawl

Events at the Great Plains Welsh Heritage & Culture Centre Wymore, NE

Exciting things are happening at the Great Plains Welsh Heritage & Culture Center in Wymore. They are building a walkway of cast stone pavers in the new Welsh Garden. This is being created as a memorial or tribute to a loved one or as a remembrance of a loved one.

A new publication, "Hanes Cymry America" is an 1872 History of the Welsh in America and translated by Martha A. Davies and Phillips G. Davies. This is a new translation with many corrections and revisions AND (for the first time) an index of names PLUS facsimilies of the advertising pages bound into the original 1872 Welsh-language edition by Rev. R. D. Thomas.

The 2009 Festival in Wymore – will be Oct. 10-12, 2009 in Wymore. Put it on your calendar and plan to attend

Check their beautiful website: <http://www.welshheritage.org/>

78th National Gymanfa Ganu – Sept. 3-6, 2009



Pittsburgh, PA is the destination for the 78th National Gymanfa Ganu – Labor Day weekend. It is sponsored by the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association.

Visit: http://www.wngga.org/wngga/wngga_hm.htm

Request for Names & Information of Members Who Passed Away in the Past Year

Each year at our St. David's Day observance, we remember those members of the Society who passed away during the year. If you know of others, please send information about them to Morgan Bevan; 5443 Locust St.; Lincoln, NE 68516.

St. David's Welsh Society of NE Website

St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska Sincere thanks to Dennis Mathias for providing the creative work for our website. Check it out! He has graciously agreed - as he has done in the past - to keep us updated – thus we continue to be connected with many other societies nationally. (E-mail: dennis@mathiaslink.com)

Mailing List Update

If you have either a **new address/telephone number/e-mail address**, please **send this information to Stanley Owens**; 11027 Washington St.; Omaha, NE 68137; (402) 339-4929

ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA – CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS – 2009

Coming Welsh Events in Nebraska:

- Mar. 1 (Sun.) **St. David's Day** - - Happy St. David's Day to you! (Dydd Gwyl Ddewi Hapus i chi!) Get together with your local Welsh friends for tea or coffee.
- Mar. 1 (Sun.) **Welsh Heritage Sunday**. Encourage your pastor to observe this Sunday by including one or more hymns that use a Welsh hymn tune. **(See p. 3)**
- Mar. 17 (Tues.) **St. Patrick's Day** (the Welsh missionary who became Patron Saint of Ireland)
- Mar. 28 (Sat.) **St. David's Luncheon and Program**, Lincoln, NE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 8800 Holdrege St., Lincoln, NE
- Aug. 9 (Sun.) **Planning Meeting for St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska**. Officers of the Society and all interested persons will meet on August 9th at 2 p.m. at the home of Joan Longacre, 6325 O St., #511, Lincoln, NE. The purpose of the meeting will be planning for this year's Gymanfa Ganu on October 18, 2009. For information contact Morgan Bevan – (402) 489-7208.
- Oct. 18 (Sun.) **25th Annual Nebraska Gymanfa Ganu**, Lincoln, NE; 2 p.m.; Northeast United Church of Christ, 6200 Adams St., Lincoln, NE Te Bach following. Contact: Morgan Bevan (402) 489-7208

Welsh Events in Other Areas: (Contact the numbers below for information)

Iowa Welsh Society – Patricia McCaughey, President (e-mail:

mccaugheyj@worldnet.att.net) or Ada Mae Lewis, lewis@isunet.net;

St. David's Welsh Society of Greater Kansas City – Judith Brougham, President, pres@Welshkc.org;

St. David's Society of the State of Kansas, - Paula Evans (620) 256-6687;

St. David's Society of MN - Mary Mergenthal, President, (651) 644-1650;

Colorado Welsh Society - cws_president@mindspring.com

Sept. 3-6, 2009
(Thurs-Sun)

2009 North American Festival of Wales; Pittsburgh, PA at the **Hilton**

Pittsburgh. Check the website for additional information: North American Festival of Wales http://www.wngga.org/wngga/wngga_hm.html or e-mail:

wngga@comcast.net

North American Welsh Newspapers

Remember that a good way to learn of our Welsh heritage is to subscribe to and read the North American Welsh newspaper, **"Ninnau."** There is news of Wales, news of Welsh North Americans, news of Welsh events in the United States, Welsh recipes, genealogical information and much more.

Yearly subscriptions, **\$20.00**, published semi-monthly. **Gift subscriptions are \$15 if donor is a subscriber.** Send to: "Ninnau" (now incorporating "Y Drych"); 11 Post Terrace; Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-2498

Organizations Furthering Our Welsh Heritage

Welsh-American Genealogical Society (WAGS) – 60 Norton Ave.; Poultney, VT 05764-1029. Website:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~vtwags> e-mail: wagsoff1990@yahoo.com

Wales Tourist Board – Website: www.visitwales.com

National Welsh American Foundation (NNAF) – 143 Sunny Hillside Road; Benton, PA 17814-7822; T: 1-570-925-6923;
 Fax:: 1-570-925-6735; Website: www.wales-usa.org & www.wales-cymru.org; e-mail: NWAF@epix.net
 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association; % Dr. John Ellis; PO Box 215, Hartland, MI 48353-0215
 Website: www.wngga.org E-mail: wngga@comcast.net
 Cymdeithas Madog – Residential language courses focusing on modern spoken Welsh. Website: www.madog.org.
 E-mail: president@madog.org

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Hiraeth Celtic Goods; 77 Cranberry Drive; Duxbury, MA 02332; (781) 585-6592; 10 am – 6 pm EST, Monday – Friday;
 See online catalog at website: www.hiraethcelticgoods.com. Orders to be placed at: orders@hiraethcelticgoods.com

Request for News Items for Next Newsletter

The deadline for items for the next newsletter is Aug. 31. Please send to: Joan Longacre; 6325 “O” St., #511; Lincoln, NE 68510; (402) 486-2417; e-mail: longacre@inetnebr.com or Marjorie Bevan; 5443 Locust St.; Lincoln, NE 68516; (402) 489-7208.

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