

St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska Newsletter



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**St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska
Presents A**

Centennial Gymanfa Concert

A spirited Welsh hymn sing!
A concert with plenty of audience participation!

Sunday, October 24

3 - 5 p.m.
followed by a Welsh Tea



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Featuring

Geraint Wilkes
Song Leader

Diana Warner
Piano Accompanist

Gwenith Closs
Colgrove
Soloist

Tom Trenney
Organist

Zach Hurst
Harpist

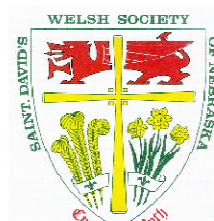
Plymouth Brass

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20th & D Streets in Lincoln**



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Geraint Wilkes

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Musical talent for our Centennial Gymanfa Concert, October 24



Geraint Wilkes, conductor and tenor soloist. Geraint will lead our singing again this year. He was born in Aberystwyth, North Wales, and received performing and teaching diplomas in theater and drama studies from the University of Wales, a Bachelor of Music degree with a major in voice, plus teaching diplomas in English and Welsh from Cardiff College. Geraint has made guest appearances with the Welsh National Opera, has starred in many musicals, in films, on television and radio in Britain, and appearances in Austria. He

was honored by singing in the presence of Prince Charles of Wales at Caernarvon Castle in 1969 and was awarded the Silver Medal by the Queen Mother for long service to the arts in Britain. Since coming to live in the U.S. in 1990, he has made many professional appearances, many of which have been for Welsh, Irish and Scottish groups. He has given over 500 programs.



Tom Trenney, Minister of Music. Tom holds degrees in Choral Conducting and Organ Performance from the Eastman School of Music and the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has won national competitions in organ performance, becoming the first organist to win first prize and audience prize in the American Guild of Organists' National Competition in Organ Improvisation.

Known for innovative performances and inspiring workshops, he is in frequent demand as a concert organist and church music clinician across America. He has performed for regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, the Presbyterian Assn. of Musicians, the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, and the Assn. of Lutheran Church Musicians. His CD recordings are available on the Pro Organo and Raven labels.



First-Plymouth Choir.

The First-Plymouth welcomes all adults who have a desire to raise whatever voice they have! They sing regularly for worship

services and also participate in and community concerts in partnership with Abendmusik: Lincoln.

Jeremy Bankson, Associate Minister of Music. As the Associate Minister of Music, Jeremy oversees the First-Plymouth Chorale, Youth Orchestra, and Matin Singers. He also conducts the church's resident professional brass ensemble, the Plymouth Brass. Jeremy also collaboratively works with the Plymouth Choir/Abendmusik Chorus and administers the Abendmusik:



Lincoln Fine Arts Series. Together with Tom Trenney he shares in playing for various services and concerts. Jeremy is a native Nebraskan who received his BM from UNL in 1997 and is currently working on a Masters in Choral Conducting. Active as a composer/arranger, he has led workshops, clinics and hymn festivals for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, American Guild of Organists, Leadership Program for Musicians, Augsburg Fortress and various other churches around the country. His compositions can be found in the catalogs of MorningStar Music Publishers, Augsburg Fortress Press and Concordia Publishing House. He will direct the Plymouth Brass and will debut his special arrangement of "Cwm Rhondda" created in honor of our day.

The Plymouth Brass.

First-Plymouth's beloved brass ensemble participates regularly in worship throughout the year, including Christmas and Easter. They are often featured on the concert series of Abendmusik: Lincoln.

They perform for various community functions, weddings, receptions, office parties, graduations, and fund-raisers.



Photo provided courtesy of Rob Wilken, Light Impressions Photography.



Diana Herbert Warner, pianist.

Diana is a transplanted sunflower, having moved from Wichita, Kansas, to Nebraska in 1970. She is a graduate of Wichita State University, with both Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees. She is a retired radio station owner, spending time with her seven grandchildren and also doing a lot of volunteer work, mostly with arts organizations. Diana is a recent winner of the "Heart of the Arts" award, given as a Mayor's Arts Award under the auspices of the Lincoln Arts Council. She traces her Welsh heritage to her grandfather, Osmond Arthur Herbert, who came to America as an infant in 1870.



Gwenith Closs Colgrove, soloist. Gwenith was fortunate to grow up within the Bethel Welsh Community located south of Wymore, Nebraska. Music was always a big part of her growing up, including listening to classical music with her brother, Stanley, and even playing soothing music on the radio while milking the cows. Gwenith

graduated from Wymore High School and attended Doane College on a music scholarship. She has sung with many fine choirs, which afforded her the opportunity to travel the U.S. as well as England. She has soloed with the North American Welsh Choir and been a member of the Omaha Symphonic Chorus, the MasterSingers of Omaha, Western Colorado Chorale and the Delta Community Chorus of Colorado. She studies privately at Casper College and sings in the Casper Chorale. The first time she sang for the St. David’s celebration, her father taught her to sing in Welsh, “Calon Lan” and “He’s Got Every Welshman in His Hands.”

Zach Hurst, harpist.

Zach, age 15, is a sophomore at Lincoln Southeast High School. He began his journey in music at the age of six, taking piano lessons from Tamara Wyman, his current teacher. By the age of eight he found the harp irresistible and together with his parents made the commitment to commence harp lessons. He studies privately with Heidi Beran. By the age of 13, Zach started playing professionally, performing at weddings, wine tastings, Christmas performances and other special events. As a member of the school orchestra, Zach was invited to play with the Lincoln Youth Symphony in their 2009 season finale concert. As a participant in the Midwest Harp Festival and Competition in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the last three years, he has placed each year in his competition division. In his spare time Zach enjoys dirt biking, jet-skiing and snowmobiling.



The purpose of our Gymanfa concert is to preserve, develop, and promote our Welsh heritage. *Deuwch, Canwn I’r Arglewydd.* (Come, sing to the Lord!)

We will sing the following hymns from “Welsh and English Hymns and Anthems,” the first lines of which are included. **If you have a Welsh hymnal, please bring it.**

- #5 “Joanna,” (How firm a foundation)
- #1 ”Rachie,” first verse in Welsh, (Onward Christian soldiers)
- #17 “Aberystwyth,” first verse in Welsh, (Jesus, lover of my soul)
- #16 “Hyfrydol,” (Here is found a Tabernacle)
- #66 “Calon Lan,” first verse in Welsh, (I seek not life’s ease and pleasures)
- #77 “Crimmond,” (The Lord’s my Shepherd)
- #62 “Mae Deisiau,” first verse in Welsh, (I need Thee)
- #40 “Cwm Rhondda,” (Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah)
- #117 “God Be With You”

The location of First-Plymouth Congregational Church, 2000 D Street, Lincoln, is indicated on the map on the back page. The church is accessible for the handicapped.



Centennial Love Spoon

As part of our 100th year celebration, the Society commissioned master love spoon carver David Western of British Columbia, Canada, to create a 16-inch commemorative Welsh love spoon that features the Society’s shield and Nebraska corn. It was displayed in a beautiful frame at the luncheon and will be displayed at other cultural events. For a limited time, you can order an individual-size centennial love spoon, also created by David Western. These beautiful spoons feature a corn and dragon design. See the photo and yellow order form enclosed in this issue. **Deadline for ordering by mail is October 15, 2010.**

St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska 100th anniversary luncheon, April 10, 2010

St. David's Welsh Society continues to celebrate our 100th birthday! Our annual business meeting and luncheon were held on April 10 at St. David's Episcopal Church in Lincoln. A delicious lunch was prepared and served by members of the church. Thanks to everyone who helped make this special event possible! Father George Benson of St. David's Episcopal Church gave the invocation. Richard Longacre was our song leader, with Diana Warner accompanying.

David Marsh, a talented member of the local band Ellis Island, provided an entertaining and educational program, "Music of the Celts." The group enjoyed his folk singing, stories, and demonstration of several unusual Celtic instruments, including dulcimer, autoharp, penny whistle, bodhran, spoons and "bones"! His program was sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska.

The Society recognized members who are celebrating their 90th birthday this year: Reverend D. Gregory Reid, Rosalind Morris, Virginia Welty, Bonnie Owens, and Mark Gardner. Additionally, Vera Swanson celebrated her 90th birthday in July. Please let us know if we missed anyone so that they can be recognized in the next newsletter.

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Thank you Morgan Bevan, Sr.!



Diolch yn fawr iawn! Thank you very much to retiring president, Morgan Bevan, Sr. who has served the St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska faithfully for many years. Not only has Morgan been an active member, he has served as president for the years 1983-1985, 1989-1990 (when he and his wife, Marjorie, served as co-presidents), 1990-1991, and 2003-2009. Such dedication! Morgan's grandfather emigrated from Cardiff, Wales. Morgan joined the Society in 1967 and has served our Society since. He, his wife Marj, and their son, Morgan, Jr., participated in and promoted many events surrounding the St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska throughout the years, always celebrating their Welsh heritage. Diolch yn fawr, again, Morgan!

The Society also extends our sincere thanks to Joan Longacre for serving as our newsletter editor for many years. Joan is currently serving as President of the Society. Her hard work and dedication are appreciated!

North American Welsh newspapers

Subscribe to the North American Welsh newspaper, *Ninnau, Incorporating Y Drych*. It features news of Wales, Welsh North Americans, Welsh events in the United States and Canada, Welsh recipes, genealogical information, a terrific literary section--and much more. Yearly subscriptions are \$20.00; it is published every two months. Paid subscribers can obtain a password and read the publication online. Mail to: *Ninnau Publications*, 11 Post Terrace, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-2498. E-mail: ninnaupubl@cs.com.

The July-August issue of *Ninnau* features Pleasant View School, a one-room school that was founded in 1878 at the Bethel Welsh settlement near Wymore, Nebraska. It operated until 1960, and many students of Welsh heritage attended, including one of our members, Gwenith Closs Colgrove. It has been moved to McCandless City Park in Wymore and restored. The school is operated by the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project and used by fourth graders on field trips to study Nebraska history. For more information, contact Patti Burris at 402-645-5707.

Moch Pryderi (Pryderi's Pigs) helped celebrate our 100th year with June concerts



Moch Pryderi performing at Celebrate Lincoln

The pigs had never been this far west of the Mississippi before, at least not as a herd...

Moch Pryderi (Pryderi's Pigs) a Welsh-American folk music band from Fredericksburg, Virginia, were in Nebraska over Father's Day weekend to help celebrate the St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska's 100th anniversary with a series of events highlighting traditional Welsh culture.

Moch Pryderi: The Nebraska Tour By Lori McAlister

Travelling by air and by land, band members (Rik Rice, Bill Reese, Bob Roser, Dave Rich, Mary Triola and Deborah Wenrich) and dancer (Siân Frick) converged upon Lincoln Thursday throughout the day. They were lulled into a false sense of relaxation by their home stay hosts and a generous multi-course dinner. But Friday morning, the whip came out and the day began with a workshop at Southeast Community College in Milford. It was designed as an introduction to Welsh music, traditional instruments, and folk dance. Immediately afterward, they presented the same program over a "lunchtime lecture" at SCC's Lincoln campus. After lunch and a short respite, it was off to the street festival "Celebrate Lincoln" where the group performed a 5:00 p.m. show. Immediately following their set, there was a "parade of nations" during which Siân marched for Wales, Lori McAlister marched for Scotland, and Ashley Heckman marched for Ireland — so the Celts were well represented!

Saturday found the artists in the studio of KZUM 89.3 community radio for a live interview with Susan Ritta of *Celtic Thunder on the Plains*. You can hear the broadcast yourself (email me to request the download link). Then we were back to "Celebrate Lincoln" for a 3:00 p.m. Welsh dance workshop. It was sunny and hot, but the breeze made it bearable. There was a nice group of dance students for Siân to put through their paces. In fact, she had to think of additional material because they were surprisingly quick studies. A good time was had by all, and that was even before they passed around the free beer!

Saturday evening, we were inside the comfortable auditorium at Savannah Pines retirement resort for a very fine performance. In spite of a full day preceding this show, these folks really shined as they performed their sets. For some in the audience it was their first experience with a triple harp, or a pibgorn, or a bombard (a powerful little wind instrument that takes a powerful wind to play). For the rest, it was a just a pleasure to hear these unique instruments being played along with the fiddle, bagpipes and bouzouki. Thus ended a long, but gratifying day.

Sunday, Moch Pryderi provided the music for the 11:59 service at First Plymouth Congregational Church. They performed three gorgeous instrumental pieces that were just right for this contemporary worship service. Relive the moment by watching footage at <http://www.youtube.com/user/rikrhys> .

Then it was back to the vans and a road trip to Wymore, the Welsh Capital of the Great Plains. Once again, these talented artists provided a wonderful show of music, song, story and dance in the chapel of the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre. Centre volunteers provided a tasty te bach following the 3:00 p.m. performance.

You can find several Nebraska photos and more information about Moch Pryderi and Siân Frick at www.mochpryderi.com.

Thank you to our underwriters!

Moch Pryderi's Nebraska concerts were made possible by the generous underwriting of community partners along with St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska. We are extremely fortunate to have supportive volunteers who gave so richly of themselves as drivers (Joan and Dick Longacre, Lori and Stephen McAlister), as home-stay hosts (Le Etta Sprackling, Terri and Ross Heckman, the McAlisters) and our merchandiser (Madeline McAlister). Huge thanks to eateries providing meals—Billy's Restaurant, Noodles & Company South Pointe and Noodles & Company Downtown. We are grateful for the collaboration of Southeast Community College, Celebrate Lincoln Festival, Savannah Pines, First Plymouth Congregational Church and the Welsh Centre for providing venues to showcase Welsh folk culture.

Meet our youngest member, Caleb Matthew Swanson

Beth Franz submitted this photo of her great-grandson, Caleb. He was born April 9, 2010, and was registered as a St. David's Society member on April 10! His proud parents are Matthew and Mardi (Jones) Swanson.



New Members

The following members joined after our directory was printed:

Ruth R. Beach, 815 Santa Monica Ave., Lincoln, NE 68504; 402-464-0513; Welsh family name: Evans.
Forrest and Doris Hall, 2815 Jamison N., Lincoln, NE 68516; 402-488-2067; Welsh family names: Jones, Hughes.

Gary and Jane Hall, 3113 Reynolds St., Omaha, NE 68112; 402-453-3118; dundavies@yahoo.com.

Thomas Higgins, 383 County Road 225, Durango, CO 81301; 970-375-1214; tdhigg@yahoo.com; Welsh family name: Higgon.

Ross and Mary Holt, 20 Curtis Ave., Camden, ME 04843; 207-236-8756; marymholt@myfairpoint.net; Welsh family names: Davies, Davis.

Ruth and Walter Ludwig, 913 Glamis Circle, Signal Mountain, TN 37377; 423-886-5375; Welsh family names: Owens, Jones, Davis, Williams.

Joan McKeen, 1800 N. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68504; 402-466-6886.

Elaine Mick, 518 N. 25th St., Beatrice, NE 68310; Welsh family name: Foulke.

Janice Nelson, 2115 S. 113th Ave., Omaha, NE 68144; 402-334-1454; warthog38@yahoo.com.

Marilyn C. Samuelson, 712 N. 8th St., Wymore, NE 68466; 402-239-2304; pop1samm@yahoo.com.

John P. and Sara W. Young, 10135 Grover St., Omaha, NE 68124; 402-397-7987; sjyoung14@cox.net; Welsh family names: Hughes, Jones, Owen.

Please update your address, phone number or e-mail address

If you have new contact information, please notify our treasurer, Stan Owens, 11027 Washington Street, Omaha, NE 68137; 402-339-4929; or Sowens77@peoplepc.com. In order to be listed in our latest directory, dues must be received a week before our March meeting.

Check our website: www.mathiaslink.com/welsh

St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska members honored

Congratulations to our members Berwyn Jones and Martha Davies! Berwyn and Martha were recently presented the National Welsh-American Foundation's Heritage Medallion at the banquet of the North American Festival of Wales in Portland, Oregon, which was held September 2-5, 2010. The award was given to recognize their work on behalf of Welsh-Americans and their leadership of the Great Plains Welsh Heritage and Culture Centre in Wymore, Nebraska. Check the Centre's website at www.welshheritage.org.

In Memorium

Martha E. Thomas, age 97 years, of Wymore, died Friday, July 16, 2010, at the Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center. She was born June 8, 1913 at College View, Neb. to the late Dr. Charles Wesley and Emma Grace (Gantt) Thomas. She was a 1931 graduate of Wymore High School. She was a long-time member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Wymore. She also belonged to Elizabeth Montague Chapter of the D.A.R.; Beta Sigma Phi Sorority; Beatrice Civic Garden Club; Southern Gage Community Pride Group; St. David's Welsh Society; the Welsh Heritage and Culture Center; Gage County Historical Society; and was over a 60-year member of Violet Chapter #105, Order of Eastern Star. She, together with her sister, were founders of the Martha and Margaret Thomas Foundation. Martha is survived by her sister, Margaret Thomas of Wymore; by two nephews, John Thomas of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and William Thomas of Overland Park, Kan. A memorial service was held on Thursday, July 22, 2010, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Wymore, Neb. Fr. Sam Boman officiated. Burial was at Lincoln Memorial Park. Memorials to the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project with Janey Rudder in charge.

To be honored at our Centennial Gymanfa Concert



Orvid Owens was born in Carroll, Nebraska, in 1920, and spent his childhood on the farm in Wayne County. His maternal grandparents (Davis) emigrated from Wales, settling in Wales, Iowa before coming to Nebraska. His paternal grandparents (Owens) emigrated from Wales with both families settling in a Welsh settlement west of Carroll, Nebraska.

Education and music were extremely important in the Owens family. Orvid loved the St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska—and everything Welsh! He guided the Society for many years, served on the National Gymanfa Ganu Board for several years, and attended national meetings for 18 years. He was a teacher who loved music, and his Welsh heritage. His dedication to the Society was non-ending. He passed away on March 13, 2002. How we have benefited from the care and inspiration of Orvid Owens!



Ellsworth Closs was born into a family of Jones', Closs's, and Robert's, all from the Bethel Welsh community south of Wymore, Nebraska. His social life and spiritual life centered around the Bethel Welsh Church where he was song leader, Sunday School teacher, member of the Session and a Trustee. One of the items he saved when the church was torn down was the Ten Commandments, which was set in one of the stained glass windows in the church sanctuary. This is mounted on a marble base and is located at the Wymore Welsh Museum. Mr. Closs loved his country, his family farm, his family and most evident of all, his Welsh heritage.

Ellsworth had a beautiful tenor voice. Though never classically trained, he had all of the qualities of a person who had studied voice for many years. He and his brother, Maldwyn, sang numerous duets; in fact it was said it just wasn't a funeral if the Closs brothers hadn't sung. Mr. Closs died in 2000, and with his memorial fund money the museum in Wymore was given its start. He would be so very proud of what it has become today. His only hobby was being on the phone, calling all the neighbors and relatives no matter what time of day. In his honor, after the centennial concert make the call you have been putting off to that dear old friend in memory of Ellsworth.



Calendar of Events — 2010-2011

Check our website: www.mathiaslink.com/welsh

2010

- Sept. - Oct.** St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska centennial items are on display at the Welsh Heritage Centre, Wymore, Nebraska.
- Oct. 24 (Sun.)** Centennial Gymanfa Concert, Lincoln, Nebraska, 3-5 p.m. at First-Plymouth Congregational Church, 2000 "D" Street. Geraint Wilkes, conductor and soloist; Jeremy Bankson, director of The Plymouth Brass; Gwenith Closs Colgrove, soloist; Zach Hurst, harpist; Tom Trenney, organist; Diana Warner, accompanist. Te Bach will follow. For more information, contact Joan Longacre at 402-486-2417 or longacre@inetnebr.com.
- Oct. 31 (Sun.)** Welsh All Hallow's Eve In-Gathering at St. David's Episcopal Church, 8800 Holdrege St., Lincoln, Nebraska, 2-4 p.m. with seasonal refreshments following.
- Nov 21 – Jan 2** "Festival of Prairie Cultures" will display Welsh items at the Homestead National Monument of America in Beatrice, Nebraska.
- Nov. 22-Jan. 2** "Fantasy of Trees" at the Stuhr Museum in Grand Island, Nebraska. The Stuhr Building bursts with beautifully decorated trees from local area organizations during this annual exhibit. Check www.stuhrmuseum.org/fantasytrees.htm for their hours.
- Dec. 3 (Fri.)** "Ethnic Christmas Traditions" at the Durham Museum, Omaha, Nebraska.

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- Jan. 9 (Sun.)** 12th Night Revel at St. David's Episcopal Church, 8800 Holdrege St., Lincoln, Nebraska, 2-4 p.m. Te Bach will follow the program. Contact Lori McAlister at 402-742-0477, mcalister@windstream.net; or Joan Longacre, 402-486-2417, longacre@inetnebr.com.
- Jan. 16 (Sun.)** St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska planning meeting. Officers of the Society and all interested persons will meet at 2 p.m. at 6315 "O" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in the Grandview dining room.
- Mar. 1 (Tues.)** 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. 6 (Sun.)** Welsh Heritage Sunday. Encourage your pastor to observe this Sunday by including one or more hymns that are of Welsh origin.
- Mar. 17 (Thurs.)** St. Patrick's Day. (The Welsh missionary who became patron saint of Ireland.)
- April 2 (Sat.)** St. David's luncheon and program at St. David's Episcopal Church, 8800 Holdrege St., Lincoln, Nebraska, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. More information will be available.
- Sept. 1-4** North American Festival of Wales. The 2011 Festival will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. This annual national event includes Welsh music, singing, dancing, classes, seminars, tours, movies, eisteddfod competitions, and Gymanfa Ganu.



St. David's Welsh Society sweatshirts and T-shirts

In recognition of our 100th birthday, we have sweatshirts and T-shirts with the red, yellow and green St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska logo on the front. Join with us in wearing and advertising the St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska's anniversary! For more information, please contact Marj Bevan at 402-489-7208.



Welsh events in other areas

There are many activities planned by the following Welsh Societies. Please contact them for events:

Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project – Berwyn Jones at www.welshheritage.org

Iowa Welsh Society – Patricia McCaughey, President. E-mail mccaugheyj@q.com, or Ada Mae Lewis at 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 Minnesota – Judith Evans Warner, President, 763-522-1612

Colorado Welsh Society – Sam Kuntz, President, coloradowelshsociety.org

2011 North American Festival of Wales – Cleveland, Ohio; check www.wngga.org for additional information.

Organizations furthering our Welsh heritage

Welsh-American Genealogical Society (WAGS) – 60 Norton Ave., Poultney, VT 05764-1029. WAGS serves as a common link for Welsh genealogical researchers in the U.S. and throughout the Welsh world. 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;

Phone: 1-570-925-6923; Fax: 1-570-925-6735; Websites: www.wales-usa.org and www.wales-cymru.org;

E-mail: NWAF@epix.net

Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association – c/o Dr. John Ellis, P.O. 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

The Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri, is one of the nation's preeminent resources for family history. It is part of the **Mid Continent Public Library** system; access www.mcpl.lib.mo.us for a wealth of resources.

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Items for next newsletter

The deadline for items for the next newsletter is January 16, 2011. Please send to Shirley Lederer, 5115 S. 52nd St., Lincoln, NE 68516. E-mail slederer2@hotmail.com, or phone 402-327-9112.

Policy Statement

At our St. David's Day observances, or any other event sponsored by the St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska, our intent and purpose is to honor our Welsh heritage. The Society welcomes greetings and /or announcements from related organizations but strongly recommends that any such additional input be planned ahead and coordinated with/communicated to the President of this Society so that it may be added to the program or agenda of the meeting. Such input shall be limited to two minutes or a short written equivalent. Further, *all monetary collections or donations accruing from these meetings shall be for the benefit of the St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska.*

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east of the Capitol.)

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