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Croeso! Welcome!

Here are our 2024 events!



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Despite all the snow on the ground, spring is on its way. Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal, and in that spirit, I am pleased to say the Welsh Club of the Milwaukee Area is

also experiencing a renewal.

The Covid epidemic is primarily behind us, and it's time to begin activities again. We will once again be having the St. David's celebration on March 3, 2024, and I hope you can join us. There are other events which we are planning, please see the events listed in this newsletter. Please also visit our website for updates and cultural and historic information at <https://milwaukeewelshclub.org>

We will still be participating in the Holiday Folk Fair, as well as the Milwaukee Highland Games and Scottish Fest, and the Wisconsin Highland Games. We are also continuing our scholarship program.

I would like to thank the Welsh Club Executive board, without whom none of this would be possible. They have put in a lot of work, and really have dedicated a great amount of time to get us back up and running. If anyone is interested in becoming a board member, please feel free to contact me.

I hope that you and all of yours are healthy and safe, and I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Scott Lange
President

Welsh Club of the Milwaukee Area

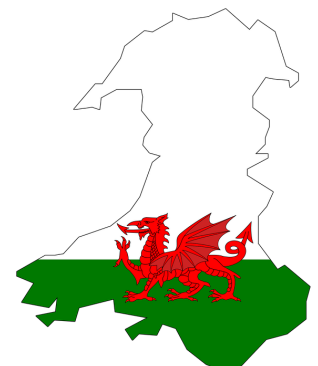
VOLUNTEER AT AN UPCOMING EVENT

Sign up to volunteer at an upcoming cultural event. It's a great way to meet others who are interested in their ethnic heritage plus it's a lot of fun!

Join us and show off your Welshness!

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WELSH CLUB OF THE MILWAUKEE AREA

2024 Club Events

- **March 3, 2024 – St. David's Day Luncheon**
Celebrate Welsh culture & meet friends
11:30 a.m. Social / 12:30 p.m. Welcome and Lunch
Venue: Three Pillars, 410 N Main St, Dousman, WI 53118 (Registration form on page 5 of newsletter)
- **August 10, 2024 – Summer Picnic & Games**
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bring a sandwich or your own meat to grill; bring a dish to share—ice cream is provided!
Venue: Home of Jan Batty, W68N361 Palmetto Avenue, Cedarburg, WI 53012

2024 Club Outreach Events

Volunteer to work at these important and fun multi-cultural events.

- **June 1, 2024 – Milwaukee Highland Games and Scottish Fest**
Entry: 9:00 a.m., Fee: \$10.00, milwaukeehighlandgames.org
Croatian Park, 7300 Chestnut Street, Wauwatosa WI
- **August 31—September 1, 2024 – Wisconsin Highland Games**
Waukesha Expo Center, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI
- **November 22-24, 2024 – Holiday Folk Fair International**
Wisconsin State Fair Park, 640 S 84th Street, West Allis, WI

To volunteer, contact Joe Whitmore cariad72@hotmail.com
or Jan Batty rbatty@wi.rr.com.

THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ST. DAVID

89TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Enjoy an afternoon of Welsh camaraderie and delicious food on March 3 to celebrate **St. David's Day**. We are meeting at Three Pillars, 410 N. Main Street, Dousman, WI 53118. The registration form for this event is included in the membership form at the end of this newsletter. The menu is Chicken cordon bleu, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad bar, soup, dessert; water, juice, coffee, iced tea.

Come and join the festivities at 11:30 a.m. with a social hour, and a welcome and buffet lunch at 12:30 p.m. A short program and an update on the club's plans will follow. We have great Welsh-related door prizes and a few other surprises!

During the afternoon, we will have a "Welsh yard sale." Please bring along anything related to the Welsh culture that you are willing to donate. These items are for sale by free will offering; funds collected will support the club's scholarship and outreach programs. We already have some interesting items lined up!

We will also have Welsh teacakes and Bara Brith (Welsh speckled bread) for sale.



HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR INTERNATIONAL



2023 Folk Fair volunteers Merritt Ratajczyk, Joe Whitmore, Camden Phillips, Alice Whitmore, Alice Lundstrom

Our club participated in the **Holiday Folk Fair International** held at the **Wisconsin State Fair Grounds in West Allis** the weekend before Thanksgiving. This is a well-attended multi-cultural event that draws school students, families, scouting and other groups.

The 2023 Folk Fair theme was "Celebrating our Cultural Costumes." Volunteers wore their Welsh best. Many, many thanks to Joe and Alice Whitmore and their family members who work with the International Institute, bring in the set and put everything together. A big thanks to volunteers Joe Whitmore, Alice Whitmore, Bryn Ratajczyk, Eddie Ratajczyk, Merritt Ratajczyk, Camden Phillips, Alice Lundstrom, Dot Spransy, Danny Proud, Beryl Sekaran, Jan Jones Batty, Dick Huenink, Gladys Huenink, Ann Lemmenes, Carole Hausmann and Kathryn Burke-Slocum who donated their time to help promote Welsh culture.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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Vocalist **Casey Joan Colman** from Muskego was selected for the 2023-2024 school year. She is a senior and attends Lawrence University and Conservatory of Music.

Hannah Frohne was selected to receive the Welsh Music Scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year. Hannah plays the flute and is from Waterford. She attends UW-Whitewater and hopes to graduate in 2026.

Stephen Simuncak continued to be our scholarship winner through the Spring of 2022. We enjoyed a wonderful performance by him at our December 2019 gathering. He was accompanied by his mother, Loree Simuncak. Stephen is the grandson of Arline Barsamian, who was a long-time member of the club.



APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

Contact Marilyn Schröder for details on the academic music scholarship for 2024 – 2025 or download an application form from our website www.milwaukeeelshclub.org
Marilyn Schröder contact information: (414) 961-1371 or schraderml@juno.com

ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL INTEREST

Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin
www.wggaw.org



Welsh Cambrian Society of Chicago
www.chicagowelshcambrian.org

March 2, 2024 St. David's zoom presentation
May 2024 Annual Gymanfa Ganu



www.madog.org

Cwrs Cymraeg (Welsh Language Course)
July 21-27, 2024 Edgewood College,
Madison WI
Scholarships available for all ages
Email: secretary@madog.org

Welsh Heritage Week

July 28 to August 4, 2024

Nant Gwyrthyrn, Wales

August 4 to August 11, 2024

Optional tour week in Wales

Get to know your culture and roots

www.welshheritageweek.org

Contact: Beth Landmesser hwyl@ptd.net Tel: (570) 814-7689



North American Festival of Wales and 92nd National Gymanfa Ganu

August 28-September 2, 2024,

Pittsburgh, PA www.nafow.org

Email: IHQ@theWNAA.org



IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

Got Email?

Our newsletter is quite an expense to mail – we'd love to send it to you via email. Send your email address to Jan Batty at rbatty@wi.rr.com and include your name, home address and phone number and request to get off our snail mail list! Diolch yn fawr!

If you do receive your newsletter in the U.S. mail, this annual newsletter is the only communication you will receive. If you would like to get updates on Welsh events throughout the year, please send Jan Batty your email address. You will continue to receive the newsletter in the U.S. mail each year, but will get periodic updates throughout the year on upcoming events via email.

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Do you want to stop receiving our newsletter altogether?
Call or text Jan Batty at 414-861-2202 or email your request to rbatty@wi.rr.com.

ELSEWHERE IN WISCONSIN AND ILLINOIS

Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin Welsh Weekend for All

Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, 2024

First Presbyterian Church, 416 Ash Street, Baraboo, WI 53913

The Welsh Weekend for All begins on Saturday, with plans still under way for activities, including an eisteddfod.

As part of the Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin's Welsh Weekend for All, the 90th Annual Wisconsin State Gymanfa Ganu (Welsh hymn sing) will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. at the church. This church is conveniently located and fully accessible. Rev. Joe Corbin is our director and Steve Jensen will accompany on the pipe organ.

Check the website for details: <http://wggaw.org>



2024 Peniel Welsh Chapel Events

Peniel Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road, Oshkosh WI

6 mi. N of Rosendale and 1/2 mi. W of Route 26 on FF

A variety of special events is planned

The following events are held at other sites

March 3 2:30 PM St. David's Day Gymanfa Ganu, Trinity Episcopal Church, 203 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh 54901

Director: Rev. Joe Corbin, Keyboard: Rev. Tom White

TBD Winnebago Historical and Archeological Society visit at the Morgan House, 234 Church Avenue, Oshkosh WI 54901

The following events are held at Peniel Welsh Chapel

* refreshments to follow

April 30 6:00 PM "New Generation Singers" from Central Wisconsin Christian School, Waupun *

May 18 6:00 PM "Men of Praise" *

June 22 6:00 PM "Imagine That!" with Kay Loberg & Judy Paulson (violin and guitar) presenting a variety of the best-loved folk, country & pop songs from the 40s thru 70s featuring their signature harmony blend & upbeat style *

July 20 6:00 PM "Old Time Country Gospel Hour" featuring Rev. Joe Corbin. Come join in singing old time favorites, hear about country greats who wrote & performed gospel music & hymns*

August 24 1:00 PM "Saturday at the Chapel" An Open House featuring "Shaking the Branches" a time of family sharing from 1-3 PM followed by Welsh Dancing, led by Danny Proud, from 3-4 PM on the patio (weather permitting). Welsh meal to follow at 4:30 PM-reservations requested.

August 24 6:00 PM "The Peniel Quartet" *

August 25 11:30 AM Sunday worship with lunch after; reservations
2:30 PM 102nd Annual Gymanfa Ganu
Director: TBD, Reed Organist: Tom White, Pianist: Sarah Conrad; Te bach will follow.

September 14 6:00 PM A "Merry Evening of Song" (Noson Lawen) Recitation, Rhymes & Rhythms (& some play readings written by Olwen Welk & Ilah Morgan) will fill the Chapel. Come & be a part of the fun & fellowship *

2024 Wisconsin Gymanfa Ganu Schedule

State Gymanfa Ganu – 2:30PM

May 5, 2024, First Presbyterian Church, 416 Ash Street, Baraboo, WI 53913

Peniel/Rewey Gymanfa Ganu – 2:30PM

June 9, 2024, Peniel Presbyterian Church
1449 Peniel Road, Mineral Point WI

Wild Rose Gymanfa Ganu – 2:00PM (note time)

July 28, 2024, Wild Rose Presbyterian Church
501 Jackson Street, Wild Rose WI

Peniel/Town of Eldorado 102nd Gymanfa Ganu 2:30PM

August 25, 2024, Peniel Chapel
W9644 Zoar Road, Oshkosh WI

Mineral Point Cornish/Celtic Festival Sept 27-29, 2024

September 29, 2024, 5th Annual Gymanfa Ganu 2:30PM
Trinity Episcopal Church, 403 High Street, Mineral Point WI
Website: www.cornishfest.org

79th Annual Cambria Gymanfa Ganu

2:30PM and 5:30PM Supper served between sessions \$
October 13, 2024, Cambria First Presbyterian Church
Corner of Florence and Towyn Streets, Cambria WI
Director: Kathy Crusi, Organist: Steve Jensen

Christmas Gymanfa Ganu – 2:30 PM

November date and location TBD

Check the Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association website
for more information and updates—<http://wggaw.org>

2024 Chicago Events

Chicago St. David's Day Zoom presentation—1:00PM

March 2, 2024 Contact Dilys Rana dilyswr@gmail.com for log-in information

Annual Chicago Gymanfa Ganu – 2:30PM

May date TBD—Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church
744 Fair Oaks Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302
www.chicagowelshcambrian.org
Contact: Diane Macewicz dmacewicz@comcast.net

Chicago Welsh Picnic—Date and location TBD

www.chicagowelshcambrian.org

2024 MEMBERSHIP, ST. DAVID'S LUNCHEON AND DONATIONS

Make check out to: Welsh Club of the Milwaukee Area Inc.

Mail check to: Gary Cox, Welsh Club Treasurer, 1957 Division St., East Troy WI 53120

If you would like a printed copy of this form, contact Jan Batty 414-861-2202 or rbatty@wi.rr.com

MEMBERSHIP

You do not have to be a member to attend events. We welcome all.

Membership fees support the club scholarship and outreach programs.

Member Name			
Additional Family Members			
Welsh Family Name			
Address Line			
City			
State & ZIP Code			
Email Address for correspondence			<input type="checkbox"/> Send EVERYTHING via email
Telephone (Best Time: am/pm)	Home: ()	Cell: ()	
I would like to help with: <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Outreach (Fairs) <input type="checkbox"/> St. David's Celebration <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic <input type="checkbox"/> Present a Program			
ITEM	COST	# Required	Total \$
Membership – Individual	\$25		\$
Membership – Family (More than one)	\$40		\$

ST. DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATION—Please return form by February 25, 2024

Meal Cost—Adult member: \$20.00 / Adult non-member \$25.00 / Child \$15.00 (12 and under)

Menu: Chicken cordon bleu, green beans, mashed potatoes & gravy, salad bar, soup, dessert; water, juice, coffee, iced tea

Names of Individuals Attending	Meal Cost	Total \$
	___ x \$20 Adult member	\$
	___ x \$25 Adult non-member	\$
	___ x \$15 Child (12 & under)	\$

DONATIONS

Donor's name as it should appear in St. David's Day luncheon program (deadline is February 25, 2024):	
Donation in honor of:	\$
Donation in memory of:	\$
TOTAL REMITTED	\$

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