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Welsh Club of the Milwaukee Area Inc. A 501(c)3 Charitable Organization and a State of Wisconsin Non-Profit Company. The organization is governed by its members, who elect a Board of Directors to manage the Club's affairs on their behalf. The Board members are as follows:

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Croeso! Welcome!

Happy Fall to You All!

The Welsh Club of the Milwaukee Area celebrated St. David's Day in style this past spring. Read more on page 2.

We have also had our first cultural outreach event at the Wisconsin

Highland Games in Waukesha. Joe and Alice Whitmore set up the Welsh castle and there was a lot of interest!

Before we wrap things up for the year and make plans for 2025, we decided to get together once more in 2024. We will meet at Three Pillars on October 12. Details are on page 3. Be sure to join us and listen to our scholarship winner perform.

OCTOBER 12, 2024
GATHERING PLANNED
See page 3 for details

North American Festival of Wales

Marilyn Schröder, Ann Lemmenes, Jan Jones Batty, Danny Proud and possibly others from the club contact list just returned from a successful North American Festival of Wales in Pittsburgh, PA over Labor Day weekend.

We were fortunate to hear two Welsh choirs, talented soloists from Wales and four young artists who have won prizes from Urdd. This year there were two singers, an elocutionist and a clogger! So much talent!

Festival-goers enjoyed a variety of concerts, seminars and gatherings throughout the weekend. 2025: Ottawa, Canada!



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!

>>> See Club Outreach Events on page 3. <<<

Join us and show off your Welshness!

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!

We want to make sure you can join us!

Please feel free to add a friend or relative to your next lunch reservation. The more the merrier!

If you would like a ride to an upcoming event, please contact Jan Batty at 414-861-2202 or at rbatty@wi.rr.com and she will make arrangements for someone to provide transportation. It will be great to see everyone again.

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ST. DAVID'S DAY LUNCHEON

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On March 3, the Welsh Club of the Milwaukee Area (WCMA), Wisconsin, held its 89th St. David's celebration. We had not met since 2020, so it was wonderful to gather everyone once again. Three Pillars in Dousman accommodated us with a sunny meeting space and delicious food. We had our program after a social hour and lunch. Many thanks to club treasurer Gary Cox who supplied white and red table wines, and for taking photos.

WCMA president Scott Lange emceed the program, recognized past presidents of the St. David's Society of Waukesha and the WCMA and conducted a short business meeting. Sisters Marilyn Schröder and Ann Lemmenes led us in the national anthems. Sue Stealey organized a memorial service, and we sang "Penparc" in remembrance of those no longer with us.

After a few notes from Scott Lange about St. David, Jan Jones Batty, Marilyn Schröder and Dot Spransy provided interesting

and humorous information about some other Welsh saints – St. Melangell, St. Teilo, St. Dwynwen, St. Dyfrig and St. Winifred.

There was a drawing for a copious amount of door prizes, thanks to Carole Hausmann, and we all sang "God Be With You" in closing.

The afternoon's festivities were enhanced by a Welsh "yard sale" and the opportunity to purchase Welsh teacakes and Bara Brith baked by Jan Batty. We are happy to report that we have 35 members and counting and will hold a Welsh picnic on August 10, 2024 at Jan Jones Batty's home. To keep up with our activities, go to our website: <https://milwaukeewelshclub.org>.



Note: A request for the Welsh Teacake recipe was made. It is printed below.

Merritt Ratajczyk and grandpa Joe Whitmore in Welsh costume

A lively crowd enjoyed hearing about Welsh saints



WELSH TEACAKE RECIPE



This recipe was used for many years by club charter member Dilys Spransy, mother of board member Dot Spransy. Jan Batty remembers Dilys up to her elbows in dough when we made teacakes for the World's Greatest Cookie Sale.

Preheat griddle to 325 degrees. You might have to go to 360 degrees, depending on the griddle.

Mix together:

- 4 cups flour (1 lb)
- 1 cup sugar (1/2 lb)
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp nutmeg

Cut in (I use the dough hook on my KitchenAid):

- 1 cup butter (2 sticks – room temperature)

This takes a while – make sure the dough looks crumbly before you continue.

Mix in:

- 2 beaten eggs
- 1/2 cup milk

Fold in:

- 1 cup currants (per Jan Batty: do not substitute raisins or our Druid ancestors will seek you out)

Chill dough for a few hours or overnight.

Roll dough to 1/4 inch thick. You will need to sprinkle out a lot of flour so that the dough doesn't stick to the rolling surface. Cut with 2" round cutter.

Bake on dry griddle until bottom is browned and top becomes slightly dry. Flip and bake on other side.

As soon as you remove the cakes from the griddle to a cookie sheet or shallow pan, sprinkle with caster sugar (finely granulated) or regular granulated sugar on both sides.

Cool thoroughly on a rack before storing. Freezes well.

Recipe makes 88 (7 1/4 dozen) cakes.



MORE CLUB NEWS

Club Events

- October 12, 2024** - Club Gathering
Three Pillars Village on the Square,
314 East Village Court, Dousman WI 53118
Southwest corner of US18 and State Road 67
> Lunch reservations before October 3:
Jan Batty 414-861-2202 or rbatty@wi.rr.com
 11:30 Check-in, 12:00 Lunch, 12:45 Program
 followed by a short business meeting.
 Cost: \$15
 Program: Scholarship winner Aidan Williams-
 Brusubardis / Business Meeting: To catch everyone
 up on where we are and to elect officers for 2025.
- Learn about plans for 2025 in our newsletter at the beginning of next year.

2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Aidan Williams-Brusubardis is the scholarship winner for 2024-2025. He plays the piano and is a budding composer. He lives in Milwaukee.



Aidan is a freshman at UW Madison in the fall. His intended major is music composition and piano.

You will have the opportunity to hear Aidan play at our October get-together.

See the Club Events column at the left for details on making your lunch reservation.

Club Outreach Events

Volunteer at these important & fun multi-cultural events.

- 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

Contact Joe and Alice Whitmore if you would like to volunteer at these events: cariad72@hotmail.com; or Alice 262 470 1161 (text or phone) Joe 262 392 2717 (phone only)

2024 Club Members

Bob and Jan Batty—Family
Nancy Biesenthal

Carole Brinkman— Family

Gary Cox & Laura Dable—Family
Shirley Dable

Gerrald & Judy Dettloff—Family
Linda Evans

Carole Hausmann
Carole Jensen

Steve & Dawn Jones—Family
Scott & Allison Lange—Family
Ann Lemmenes

Richard Prestor
Dan & Diane Pugh—Family
Marilyn Schrader

Beverly Schwabe
Brian & Judy Smith—Family
Dot Spransy
Sue Stealey

Jim & Dottie Watson— Family
Mary Wetzel

Joe & Alice Whitmore—Family
Nancy Williams

WELSH CLUB PICNIC

On Saturday, August 10, several of us gathered at Jan Jones Batty's house for a summer picnic. We were small in number, but had a great time relaxing and catching up on one another's activities.

The weather was cool (unseasonable for August!) so many of us opted for sitting in the sun.

Bob Batty commanded the grill and made hamburgers, brats and hot dogs. Everyone brought food to share and we topped off the feast with ice cream.

We were having too much fun to take photos, so there are none!

Before we wrapped up our visit, Bob Batty offered everyone a taste of delicious Penderyn Welsh whisky.

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! You will also get periodic updates throughout the year on upcoming events via email.
Don't Want Our Newsletter?	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.

2024 WISCONSIN WELSH EVENTS

"Merry Evening of Song" (Noson Lawen)—6:00 PM

September 14 Peniel Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road, Oshkosh WI
6 mi. N of Rosendale and 1/2 mi. W of Route 26 on FF
Recitation, Rhymes & Rhythms (& some play readings written by
Olwen Welk & Ilah Morgan). Come & be a part of the fun &
fellowship. Refreshments to follow.

Mineral Point Cornish/Welsh—2:30 PM

September 29, 2024, 5th Gymanfa Ganu
Sponsored by The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of
Wisconsin
Director: Josh Giese; Accompanist: Marilyn Schröder; Special
Music: "Chough" Cornish men's group
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, Sponsored by Cambria Gymanfa Ganu Assn.
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 10, 2024
Sponsored by The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of
Wisconsin and the St. David's Society of Racine
First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue, Racine WI 53403
Director: Rev. Joesph G. Corbin; Accompanist: TBD

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

2025 MEMBERSHIP 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

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 person)	\$40		\$
Donation			\$
TOTAL REMITTED			\$