

St. David's Welsh Society of the Suncoast



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EVERYONE INVITED *CROESO*

Regular meetings of the St. David's Welsh Society of the Suncoast are held at noon on the **third Tuesday of the month**. From October to April at the **Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church**, 8600 113th Street N, Seminole Florida (right on the corner).

A potluck luncheon and program entertain all persons with an interest in celebrating Welsh heritage. We have great fun so bring a friend to socialize. (They do not even have to be Welsh to be welcome.)



Please note that the only meeting in March will be the banquet on March 6. If you have not yet made your reservations, please do so now. We look forward to seeing everyone together. The next regular meeting will be April 19.



"Wales covers an area roughly the size of Wales."

TRIVIA QUESTION: What were the Welsh links with Butch Cassidy and the Sundance kid?

St. David's Day Banquet

March 6

Kally Ks Restaurant

RESERVATION TIME FOR BANQUET

This year we are trying a new location for our St. David's Day Banquet. We will gather at the same time (4:00 social hour) at a new but familiar location—Kally Ks Restaurant on Main Street in Dunedin. It has been the site of many successful summer luncheons.

Donna Anderson, who has enchanted us before with her lovely voice, will entertain us after dinner. She always brings a selection of Welsh songs and modern popular tunes.

Our reservation form is at the end of this newsletter along with your dinner choices. Again this year there are children's selections for the young ones.

Mark your calendar now to join your friends to celebrate our Welsh patron saint day. Guests are welcome, too.

BRING ITEM TO BID ON

Once again we are planning a silent auction at the St. David's Day Banquet. Now is the time to check your cupboards for items that you might want to donate to the auction. You can bring items to the banquet.

This auction is one of the few fund raisers we have during the year and everyone seems to enjoy bidding on the wonderful donated items. Clear your clutter and do your good deed at the same time.

St. David's Day Banquet

Sunday March 6, 2016

Kally K's Restaurant

1600 Main Street

Dunedin FL

4:00 pm Social Hour

5:00 pm Dinner

Entertainment to follow

Please make your reservations by March 1

Please enclose a check for \$27.00 per meal (\$8.00 for each child).

A cash bar will be available

Return the following reservation form with your check to

Roger Hughes

1858 Springbush Lane

Clearwater, FL 33756

Name _____

Guest/s _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Select entrée/s (\$27.00 each)

Stuffed flounder _____

Chicken cordon bleu _____

Strip Steak _____

Children's (\$8.00 each)

Chicken fingers _____

Hamburger _____

We look forward to seeing you!

CELEBRATIONS

March Birthdays

- 7 Marian Thomas
- 21 Don Briggs
- 20 John Richard Owens, Jr.

April Birthdays

- 1 Gwen Griffin Carter
- 2 Gwen Krause
- 4 Sue Owens
- 6 Rhianon Hardy
- 11 Jack Jacobs
- 14 Mary Hughes
- 23 Janet Briggs
- 28 Meg Zeigler
- 28 Gareth Williams

March Anniversaries

- 22 Larry and Connie Osmulski
- 23 Dave and Marian Thomas

AROUND THE MEMBERSHIP

Leslie Jones continues to receive physical therapy at Menorah Manor. He appreciates hearing from all his Welsh friends.

Rhianon Hardy sends her thanks for all the kindnesses extended by all her friends in the Welsh Society. Her hearing loss makes it difficult to get out and about much.

At the February meeting **Barbara Girdali** told of her personal connection to the Eisteddfod. Her grandfather won a chair (she brought a picture) in 1938 for his poem written about the life of his chiropractor. Her story prompted other reminiscences and sparked a lively conversation among members.

Todd Roberts is still awaiting hip surgery so he can resume his dancing.

Roger Hughes is experiencing a slow recovery from his recent surgery.

If you have any news to share, please contact Nancy. She can only report what she is told.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

It still costs a great deal to publish and mail this newsletter—much more than our meager dues can cover. Sharing news from our friends is one of the ways we keep in touch with our Welsh friends. Again this year we are soliciting donations to cover the costs. Large or small donations are appreciated.

This month's newsletter is sponsored by **Ray Denman, Amy Ferrell, Vera Ruben, and Cynthia Roberts**. We appreciate everyone who contributes to keeping this newsletter going.

SARASOTA WELSH SOCIETY

The Sarasota Welsh Society invites you to attend their upcoming meetings.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016: St. David's Day Celebration at Heritage Oaks Golf Club beginning at 6 p.m.

For details contact Amy Ferrell 941-349-6069
amyferrell@gmail.com



ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid lived amongst the Welsh settlers, breeding horses in Patagonia. They escaped over the border to Chile from Sheriff Perry of the Pinkertons in 1907.



THE HAY FESTIVAL

Hay Festival of Literature & Arts is an annual literature festival held in Hay-on-Wye, Powys, Wales, for ten days from May to June. Devised by Norman and Peter Florence in 1988, the festival was described by Bill Clinton in 2001 as "The Woodstock of the mind".^[1] Since its inception, the festival was held at a variety of venues around Hay, including the local Primary School, until 2005 when it moved to a central location just outside the town.^[2] *The Guardian* was the main sponsor of the festival from 2002 to 2010, succeeding *The Sunday Times*. *The Daily Telegraph* and its associated brands in Telegraph Media Group are the current 3-year sponsors, starting with the 2011 festival.^[3]

The festival has expanded in recent years and now includes musical performances and film previews. A children's festival, "Hay Fever", runs alongside the main festival. It has also expanded internationally and sister festivals take place in Nairobi, Dhaka, Zacatecas, The Maldives, Kerala at Thiruvananthapuram, Beirut, Belfast, Cartagena, the Alhambra Palace, Parc Prison in Bridgend and Segovia. In 2009 Hay Festival also took on the ailing Brecon Jazz Festival.

The 2009 festival included writers Carol Ann Duffy, David Simon, Stephen Fry, David Nicholls, Jenny Valentine and Melvyn Bragg, scientists Martin Rees and Sabine Bahn, economists Anthony Giddens, Nicholas Stern, Howard Davies and Danny Quah, comedians Dylan Moran, Dara Ó Briain and Sandi Toksvig, and general speakers David Frost, Desmond Tutu, Rowan Williams and Rhodri Morgan.

The 2012 festival included writers Martin Amis, Jung Chang, Louis de Bernières, Mark Haddon, Mario Vargas Llosa, Hilary Mantel, Ian McEwan, Michael Morpurgo, Ben Okri, Ian Rankin, Salman Rushdie, Owen Sheers, Jeanette Winterson, comedians Bill Bailey, Rob Brydon, Julian Clary, Jack Dee, Tim Minchin, politicians Peter Hain and Boris Johnson, scientists John D. Barrow, Martin Rees, Simon Singh, and general speakers Harry Belafonte, William Dalrymple, Stephen Fry, A.C. Grayling, Germaine Greer, Michael Ignatieff, and David Starkey.

The Hay Festival is one of 11 Welsh winners of The [Queen's Awards for Enterprise](#) for 2009.

This year's festival runs from Thursday, May 26 to Sunday, June 6.

PICTURE PAGES



Mary Hughes enjoys having her daughter Tammy visiting all the way from China.



Danny Kearns is always happy to spend winters in sunny Florida.



Don Briggs can always be depended upon for a cheerful smile.



Handsome Todd Roberts comes all the way up from Bradenton to be with us.



Barbara Girdali and Kelfryn James share a humorous moment.



Jan Briggs and Cynthia Roberts are deep in conversation.



Paul Mellican gets in line for some of the delectable potluck food—always different, always delicious.



Pastor Bob sings the national anthem with enthusiasm.



Wendy Kearns brought her Canadian friend Hannah Nash.



Newest member Cathy Reed enjoys the meeting.



Cynthia Roberts studies all the words to the traditional “God Be with You” sung at the end of every meeting.



Vera Ruben and Matt Hall confer over coffee and dessert—or is it tea?