

St. David's Welsh Society of the Suncoast

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EVERYONE INVITED

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Regular meetings of the St. David's Welsh Society of the Suncoast are now held at noon on the **third Tuesday of the month** from October to April at **St. Dunstan's Anglican Church**. 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.) This will be the 77th year of the existence of the St. David's Welsh Society of the Suncoast. Not many can equal that record

Directions: Turn east off Indian Rocks Road on to Dryer Ave. (2 blocks north of Largo Indian Rocks Medical Center). Go 2 blocks then turn north on Pine St. Go one block to Sunny Breeze Ave. Church will be in front of you. We look forward to seeing you there.

P.S. Do not confuse with another St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church located elsewhere in Largo.



With the beginning of a brand new season, we look forward to fellowship and great potlucks with all our Welsh friends. Our first fall meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, at St. Dunstan's Anglican Church. A rousing program and election of officers are planned. See you then.

TRIVIA QUESTION: Where is Britain's oldest royal tombstone?



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IN MEMORIAM



It is with sadness that we report the death of Mary Hughes on Sunday, September 23. Mary and her late husband Emerson were loyal members of the St. David's Welsh Society for many years. She could always be depended on to bring a cheerful presence to every meeting. A memorial

service will be held at 10 am on Monday, October 1 at Hubbell Funeral home, followed by a brief remembrance in Busnell.

Regular Meeting Dates for 2018-2019

- October 16
- November 13
(second Tuesday)
- December 11
(second Tuesday)
- January 15
- February 19
- March 3
(St. David's Day Banquet)
- April 16



Summer Saturday Luncheons

Various locations

- May 18
- June 15
- July 20
- August 12

FALL CELEBRATIONS



September birthdays

5	Bill Fell
5	Pamela Lewis
12	Jean James
23	Laura Gentry
25	Wendy Kearns

October birthdays

18	Lynne Hughes
29	Clark Parry
31	J. Richard Owens

November birthdays

10	Cynthia Roberts
13	Connie Osmulski
18	Beth Smidt

October anniversaries

15	Michael and Tina Laruccia
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November anniversaries

13	Roger and Lynne Hughes
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TIME FOR DUES

October is the time to pay your annual dues. They are still only \$10.00 per year. Our treasurer appreciates your promptness. It helps the society pay our bills and is still the best bargain around. If you cannot attend the next meeting, please send your dues to Membership Chairman Nancy Mellican, 6 Fernery Lane, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.



ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION: The oldest British royal tombstone lies in Llangadwaladr. It marks the grave of Cadfan ap Iago, King of Gwynedd from 616 to 625.

AROUND THE MEMBERSHIP

Jan Briggs moved to Ohio to be near her daughter and family. She is doing quite well and would love to hear from her friends back in Florida. Her address is 5516 Fish Creek Road Room 112, Stowe, Ohio 44224.

Barbara Girdali spent several weeks up north welcoming a new grandchild.

Nancy and Paul Mellican enjoyed two adventures this summer—first to Portugal and Spain and then to the Pacific Northwest. Unfortunately, the smoke in Canada and Washington was so bad they could not see the mountains. A visit to a lavender farm on San Juan Island perfumed the air with sweet smells and somewhat compensated for all the smoke that permeated everything.

In April **Susan Ryan** broke her hip, which severely inhibited her ability to get around this summer. She is recovering and hopes to make a fall meeting.

If you have any news for this column please let Nancy Mellican know. (727-726-3125) She can only print what is reported to her. Thank you

NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF WALES REPORT

This year's National Festival of Wales was held in Alexandria, Virginia over Labor Day week-end. The Ferrells and Bedfords represented Florida's Gulf Coast Welsh. They report their days were filled with classes, seminars, films, and competitions, and each evening we had wonderful concerts: "TRIO" from Snowdonia, the BBC's Mal Pope sang and taught a seminar on the "Soul of Welsh Music", Eisteddfodd winner baritone John Ieuan Jones from Rhoson-Sea sang at the Gala Banquet, and ESCHOIR was featured at the Grand Concert, comprised of mostly young Welshmen living in London. The Celtic band Moch Pryderi performed folk music and they enjoyed informal hymn singing until midnight.



FIRST PINEAPPLE FOR 100 YEARS GROWN IN WELSH HOTHOUSE

A pineapple has been grown in a traditional hothouse in Wales for the first time in 100 years.

Pineapples need warm temperatures to grow and the biggest exporter of the fruit is Costa Rica, which produces more than 2.9m tonnes a year. Christopher Columbus was the first European to discover the pineapple on the explorer's voyage to the Caribbean in 1493 but they did not reach the UK until the 1600s.



Pineapples are difficult to grow in the UK and they were a bigger challenge in the 18th and 19th Centuries before the development of central heating. But gardeners in Pembrokeshire have grown the fruit at the recently-restored Victorian pineapple house at Scolton Manor, near Haverfordwest. "It has given us a lot of pleasure," said head gardener Simon Richards.

He said pineapple plants take about two years to grow and "need very warm temperatures the whole time you're growing them". Mr Richards added: "So to keep them at least 15 degrees centigrade for two years was a challenge and needed a huge investment for owners of these grand country homes.

"They built hothouses or pineries. "Work began to rebuild the walled gardens at the old Scolton Manor, a country house museum owned by Pembrokeshire council, in 2013 - and that included the specialist pineapple house. The pinery has furnaces sunk into the ground to heat the earth around the fruit and encourage growth. Mr Richards added: "The pineapples need high humidity so we come in and create mist in the house so it makes a great growing environment. It's all steamy and warm.

"We're thrilled with the outcome and we're hoping for more summer weather to keep boosting its growth so they are full size by the autumn."

YOU ARE INVITED



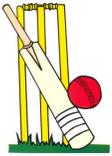
Our sister society to the South, the Gulf Coast St David's Society (Sarasota) invites you join them at their fall programs. Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events. Thanks to President Amy Ferrell for this information. If you have any questions, or need directions or other information please contact Amy at amyferrell@gmail.com

Sunday, October 21

The Annual Welsh Society Fall Family Picnic will be at Turtle Beach Pavilion beginning at 1 p.m. As usual, it is free for members and children, \$5 for non-members. Please bring a food item to share and serving utensils and your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. We will have games for children, singing, sharing and fellowship. Maybe the Red Dragon will even put in an appearance!

October 28-29

The Celtic Music Festival will be at Benderson Park.



November 23-25

The Sarasota International Cricket Club hosts its annual Six-A-Side Cricket Festival at Parry Field For the 24th year at Thanksgiving. Details to play or watch : info@sarasotacricket.org.

In Wales people build Halloween fires on the Vigil of Samhain. The celebration is very somber. Each of the family is to write his or her name on a white stone which is then thrown in the fire. Then all of the family members march around a fire, praying for good fortune. The next morning, after the fire has died out, each member sifts through the ashes to search for the stone. If any stone is missing, it means that the spirits will call upon the soul of that person during the coming year.



CALAN GAEAF HALLOWEEN IN WALES



PICTURE PAGES TO RETURN

This was a busy summer for all our members. As a result, our summer Saturday luncheons, popular in the past, were sparsely attended this year. In addition, our "official" photographer was out of town for a couple of meetings. We look forward to better attendance in the fall and the return of the Picture Pages next issue.

Dyrc Dduw dy Nawdd;

Ag yn nawdd, nerth;

Ag yn nerth, Deall;

Ag yn Neall, Gwybod;

Ac yngwybod, gwybod y cyfiawn

Ag yngwybod y cyfiawn, i garu;

Ag o garu, caru pob hanfod;

Ag ymhob Hanfod, caru Du

And in English

Grant, O God thy protection
And in Protection, Strength;
And in Strength, Understanding;
And in Understanding, Knowledge;
And in Knowledge, the Knowledge of
Justice:
And in the Knowledge of Justice,
the Love of it;
And in the Love of it, the Love of
All Existences;
And in the Love of All Existences,
the Love of God and All Goodness.