

# *St. David's Welsh Heritage Society*



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## **THERE IS A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL**

With more and more COVID vaccinations becoming available we are hopeful that we will be able to resume our meetings sooner rather than later, but no firm date yet. Meanwhile stay healthy and look forward to seeing all your Welsh friends again. Please keep in touch and send us your news. Everyone has a story for 2020.



### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

I think we are all consumed with either Super Bowl or COVID19. It will be great for Tampa Bay to have the Bucs play at the Super Bowl. I am sure there are a lot of fans who want to spur them on. It is a pity we are only able to offer the visitors a % of the enjoyment to maintain CDC guidelines.

I trust you are all well and staying away from the virus. Kelfryn and I have tried logging on to the Patient Portal site as soon as we are informed that the County is going to offer appointments for the vaccine but so far have been unsuccessful. We get to the screen that asks you to choose your site, then choose your appointment by date and time for the first dose, press NEXT and choose the 2nd dose date and time and all we receive are blue dots circulating around and that is it. It does not move any further and eventually times out!!! Nancy says it all when she calls it playing the game of Wack-a-mole. I am sure in time I will get further and be able to reserve an appointment. Since Pinellas has 250,000 people aged over 65 it is little wonder that I am having difficulties obtaining an appointment. I just have to be very patient!! They say patience is a virtue.

I hope you are all enjoying the cooler weather. Out came the sweaters, 32 degree unmentionables and warm pants but I, for one, will be happy to see the warmer temperatures arrive.

I am sure you are all aware that we are still unable to meet for our meetings but hopefully this will soon be back to normal, whatever normal means. I will let you know when we are able to reconvene our meetings. It will be very nice to hold one of our luncheons to celebrate being "back together" again.

Just a friendly reminder to please submit your 2021 dues (still just \$10.00 per person) to the Treasurer Connie Osmulski. Connie has already received some dues for 2021 . Her address is:

Connie Osmulski  
1540 Lakeview Road  
Clearwater, FL 33756.

**Stay safe, keep calm and carry on!**

Jean



January		
	5	Nancy Mellican
	12	Susan Ryan
	15	Martin Lewis
	25	Vickie Anderson
	30	Roger Hughes
February		
	15	Sandra Mallozzi
March		
	4	Linda Brown
April		
	1	Gwen Giffin Carter
	2	Gwen Krause
	6	Rhianon Hardy
	11	Jack Jacobs
	28	Meg Zeigler
	28	Gareth Williams



February 25, 1961	Pat and Rhianon Hardy
March 22	Larry and Connie Osmulski

**REMINDER**

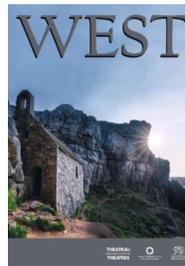
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\$10.00  
*To Connie Osmulski*




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**“WEST” .... will be streamed live from Wales on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 3pm - 4:30pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME.**

Ticket (\$10) via this website: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/garethbale/478071>



'West' is the brand-new play from the award-winning writer of 'Grav' and 'The Wood'. Starring Gareth John Bale and Gwennllian Higginson, the play explores the lives of two Welsh people who fall in love and decide to leave Wales in order to build a new life

in the New World. It details the hardships and adventures they faced, focusing primarily on the theme of immigration. The play is written in a lyrical, poetic style and presented using minimal set and a physicalised performance style. It is directed by Gareth John Bale, the Welsh actor and director whose credits include 'Grav' and 'Nye and Jennie' and Gwennllian Higginson, best known to Welsh theatre audiences for 'Miss Julie', 'Exodus' and 'Merched Caerdydd'.

'West' was commissioned by the North American Festival of Wales and received its first public performance in the Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Friday 30th August 2019. The first American performances received standing ovations from an enthusiastic American audience.

**WELSH TRIVIA:** The Welsh reinvented the beer can. [Felinfoel Brewery](#), the oldest brewery in South Wales, was the first place outside the U.S. to sell beer in cans in 1931. Pioneers them.



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