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 the newsletter of the Welsh Society of Portland

COME TO THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 4TH!!

Ceri Shaw will be speaking about Arthur Owens, Welsh spy and double agent who played a major role in winning World War II.



In 1935, Owens presented himself at the German Embassy in Belgium and offered his services. The Germans did not know that he was already working for MI 5.

He was central in deceiving German intelligence — he provided key D-Day information, assisted in the breaking of the Enigma Code, and he delivered 120 German agents, who then were controlled by British intelligence.

Come hear about a new book on Owens!

Llangrannog,
Wales



WALES
 or **OREGON?**

Arcadia Beach, OR



The Celtic Lunar Zodiac - your moon sign

	Greco-Roman zodiac	planet	
ASH tree	18 Feb - 17 Mar	Aquarius/ Pisces	Neptune ♆

Gem: Coral Flower: Wood anemone Symbol: Trident

The Ash is a tree of imposing grace, tall and handsome, and a tree of sea-power. Ancient people used it for making spears and bows, and its juice for curative purposes.

Ash tree people have a dual aspect to their character. They reflect the light and darkness of nature - the known and the unknown. While having an artistic nature and temperament - appearing highly vulnerable and sensitive - they can suddenly switch tactics and appear quite pragmatic. People born under this sign have the guiding virtue of 'compassion,' for they understand the baser elements of man as well as the most spiritually profound experiences. Practically, they show this compassion in nursing sick friends and neighbors.

The nebulous quality associated with this sign can also produce a sense of unreality or confusion, with the inability to cope with the realities of life. They may be too easily influenced by others, with disastrous consequences.

The arts are generally a good medium for the ash person but, with their compassionate and caring nature, they are naturally drawn into the medical professions and community work.

The duality of the ash tree character can result in the person having his/her own value system that doesn't quite relate to the reality of a relationship with others. They are romantics and dreamers of life, but quite capable of changing the pace when it suits them. They never really settle anywhere, but they have a great affinity for living near water, although this can be reduced to a fish-pond in the garden.

Their life is a wonderful tapestry in human terms, and they will inspire others with their simple but impressive ideals.

Helena Patterson, *The Celtic Lunar Zodiac*, 1992, Rutland, VT, Charles E. Tuttle Co.

A MINI-PROFILE OF ARTIST SIR KYFFIN WILLIAMS



Regarded as one of the defining artists of the twentieth century, Williams was famous for his rugged landscapes of his beloved North Wales.

Born in Llangefni in 1918, he went to prep school in Anglesey, and there contracted polioencephalitis, which later led to epilepsy. His doctor advised him, "as you are, in fact, abnormal, I think it would be a good idea if you took up art." The presumption that he was not a born artist propelled him to paint naturally, free from the pressure of the man who knows he is an artist and has to live up to it. Williams carved a reputation for himself with his indiosyncratic use of the palette knife, and found that there was a popular appetite for his work. It was his view that, coming from working-class roots he was "painting the sort of places that they wanted to be reminded of, so that was terribly lucky."

As artist and esteemed teacher, he was elected to the Royal Academy in 1974, knighted in 1999, he was President of the Royal Cambrian Academy and an honorary fellow of 6 universities. Williams died in 2006.



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/arts/sites/kyffin-williams/>

Try this Matching Quiz on Welsh Musicians & Composers! On the line next to the name of the musician in Column A, print the letter of the correct bio information from Column B. Each description is used only once.

Column A

- _____ 1. Robin Huw Bowen
- _____ 2. Plethyn
- _____ 3. Super Furry Animal
- _____ 4. William Mathias
- _____ 5. Bryn Terfel
- _____ 6. Bonnie Tyler
- _____ 7. Meic Stevens
- _____ 8. Charlotte Church
- _____ 9. Tom Jones
- _____ 10. Catrin Finch
- _____ 11. Aled Jones
- _____ 12. Mary Hopkin

Column B

- A. Pop and folk singer; known for “Those Were the Days”
- B. Harpist; named harpist to the Prince of Wales 2000
- C. Singer-songwriter; “the Welsh Bob Dylan”
- D. Pop, rock, soul, gospel singer; Order of the British Empire
- E. Player of the Welsh triple harp
- F. Fame as a boy treble; now TV & radio personality
- G. Composer of choral music, symphonies, concertos
- H. One of the best-known opera and concert singers
- I. Rock band - psychedelic rock, electronic experiments
- J. Fame as classical singer as child; now actress/TV star
- K. Pop singer; known for “Total Eclipse of the Heart”
- L. Folk-singing group- known for harmonic blending

Answers on last page of Newsletter



There are four **POLICE FORCES** in Wales:
These are:

- 1. North Wales Police (Heddlu Gogledd Cymru)
- 2. Dyfed-Powys Police (Heddlu Dyfed-Powys)
- 3. South Wales Police (Heddlu De Cymru)
- 4. Gwent Police (Heddlu Gwent)

The Criminal Investigation Division is the plain clothes-detective section. Smaller police stations have more uniformed officers than CID officers; typically 5 Detective Constables with a Detective Sergeant (DS) in command. Larger stations would have more staff.



There are 3 **FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES** in Wales.

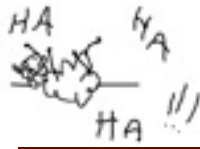
- 1. North Wales Fire & Rescue Service (Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub Gogledd Cymru)
- 2. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru)
- 3. South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (Gwasanaeth Tan ac Achub De Cymru)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subdivisions_of_Wales



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CHWARDIDIAU (Laughs)



A young reporter for a British television station is driving through North Wales and finds that his watch has stopped. Not wanting to be late for a scheduled interview, he pulls off the road when he spots an old farmer milking a cow.

"Excuse me sir. Can you tell me what time it is?"

"Aye, lad, ah'll tell ye," replied the farmer.

He crouches down and with one hand lifts the cow's udder ever so gently.

"It's ten minutes to one."

The astonished reporter looks at the cow, and then at the farmer and says:

"Wow! That's amazing. But how can you tell time by feeling the cow's udder?"

The white-haired farmer explains,

"Come here, lad, ah'll show ye. If you crouch down like this and lift up the udder – you can just see the church clock across the valley."

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a little World War II humor -

Lt. Jenkins: Why did our Welsh navy get lost at sea?

Lt. Bowen: They lost their sheep-to-shore radio

Lt. Jenkins: What happened when they found it?

Lt. Bowen: They radioed a ewe-boat.

Lt. Jenkins: What happened to the ewe-boat?

Lt. Bowen: Ask the English... they rammed it.

<http://the-joke-shop.com/showjoke.asp?joke=1834>

Romeo DUDLEY (Sais) & Juliet BARRY (Cymraes)

ACT 1

Romeo: Ru awake? want to chat?

Juliet: O Rom. Where4 art thou?

Romeo: Outside yr window.

Juliet: Stalker!

Romeo: Had to come. feeling jiggy.

Juliet: B careful. My family h8 u.

Romeo: Tell me about it. What about u?

Juliet: 'm up for marriage f u are. Is that a bit fwd?

Romeo: No. Yes. Oh, dsnt mat-r, 2moro @9?

Juliet: Luv U xxx

Romeo: CU then xxxx

ACT 2

Brother Jones: Do u?

Juliet: I do

Romeo: I do

ACT 3

Juliet: Come bck 2 bed. It's the nightingale not the lark.

Romeo: OK

Juliet: !!! I was wrong !!! It's the lark. U gotta go. Or die.

Romeo: Dawn. I shouldn't have wasted Tybalt & gt banished.

Juliet: When CU again?

Romeo: Soon. Promise. Dry sorrow drinks our blood. Adieu.

Juliet: Miss u big time.

ACT 4

Nurse Morgan: Yr mum says u have 2 marry Paris Hughes!

Juliet: No way. Yuk yuk yuk. no-way, am mard 2 Rom.

ACT 5

Brother Jones: Really? O no. U wl have 2 take potion that makes u look ded.

Juliet: Gr8.

ACT 6

Romeo: J-why r u not returning my texts?

Romeo: RUOK? Am abroad but phone still works

Romeo: TEXT ME!

Balthasar Howell (servant): Bad news. J dead. Sorry m8

ACT 7

Romeo: J-wish u wr able 2 read this.. am now poisoning & climbing in yr grave. LUV U Ju xxxx

ACT 8

Juliet: R-got yr text! Am alive! Ws faking it! Why RU? Oh...

Br. Jones: Vry bad situation.

Juliet: Nightmare. LUVU2. Always. Dagger.

Ow!

(Logout!)

TEXTING

adapted from: <http://smilejoke.net/humor/463.html>

We
need your **book reviews** - books about Wales,
Celts, Welsh in America, etc.

Also, we'd love some Welsh meal recipes, knee-slapping (family
appropriate) jokes, and news about Wales



contact John Evans -
email and phone # below

Mae hin, a bod (This and That)

The Welsh-language movie 'Patagonia' has been chosen as the U.K.'s submission for the foreign-language Oscar. It is the story of two parallel journeys one by a Welsh couple who take a trip to Argentina to work on their relationship, and another by an elderly Patagonian woman and her nephew who travel to Wales in search of family roots.

World Cup Semi-Final Woes for Wales
(rugby) Wales hopes were dashed when they lost 9-8 to France in a "pulsating semi-final clash." Wales missed some kicking chances and the hugely controversial decision to send off their captain.

Caws Teifi Cheese has been named 'Best Welsh Cheese' at the British Cheese Awards, for a record sixth time. This was for their Teifi Natural Cheese.

all from *Ninnau* Nov-Dec 2011

Answers to Welsh musicians matching quiz: 1.E 2.L 3.I 4.G 5.H 6.K 7.C 8.J 9.D 10.B 11.F 12.A

Calendar

Feb 4 Ceri Shaw will speak on Arthur Owens, Welsh spy

March 3 St. David's Day Celebration

April 7 To be announced

12:30pm Business Meeting for all
1:00pm Refreshments
1:30pm Program

Unless noted, all meetings of WSOP are held at St. David of Wales Church 2800 SE Harrison Street Portland, OR 97214

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