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the newsletter of the Welsh Society of Portland

Come to our ST. DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATION !!



the program -

Tribute for Tom Owen

'Who was St. David?'

John Evans

Welsh songs

John Hasenjaeger & friends

Group singing

Claudia Zahorcak, piano

We will be serving:

cawl cennin a tatws

leek & potato soup

brechdanau bach

small sandwiches

salad gwyrd

green salad

pwdinau blasus

delicious desserts

te poeth

hot tea

cost to cover the space and food \$10.00 per person

when: Saturday March 3

time: 1:00pm

where:

Waverly Heights
Congregational Church
3300 SE Woodward St.
Portland, OR 97202
(2 blocks SOUTH of
Division)

Please RSVP if you plan
to come:

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The Celtic Lunar Zodiac - your moon sign

Greco-Roman zodiac planet

ALDER tree	18 Mar - 14 April	Pisces/ Aries	Mars 
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Gem: Ruby Flower: Broom Symbol: Pentacle

The Alder tree is native to Britain, Europe, and other continents. It is usually found by the side of a slow-running stream, rather than on dry ground. its wood was much used in olden times, its quality of long endurance under water making it valuable in bridge building, sluices and troughs. The bark was used for dyes, especially red - the color of Mars.

Alder tree characters are powerful individuals, full of courage and ready to make their way in the world. They are ready to face the difficult and potentially dangerous situations in life. While their actions may be seen as foolhardy, they break down barriers that have been set by lesser mortals! They are natural leaders who show great loyalty to family and friends.

Their lack of patience - pressing ahead regardless of impacts, can alienate others. There may be a selfish attitude and quick temper to match.

Occasionally, there may exist a very different Alder-tree person, one who is gentle and accommodating - directing energy for the good of others and often to their own detriment. Unsung heroes, who have great influence on others.

The need for personal freedom is strong in this sign, but so is the need for love. A passionate nature may lead to conquests that divert their attention, although only briefly. They tend to marry in haste, and remain better lovers than spouses. They also make excellent parents, perhaps because they see life as a kind of battlefield, instructing their offspring accordingly.

People born under this sign as the prototype extrovert, and they remain extremely passionate where their inner feelings are concerned. Wit - razor sharp - may push others to keep up, at least initially.



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

Important update:

The Executive Board has appointed Megs Lloyd-Patton to serve as President until the scheduled elections in June, 2012



Thanks! to Ceri Shaw for his program at our February meeting. He profiled a new book, 'Snow,' which tells the amazing story of Arthur Owens, a Welshman, who provided information to British intelligence in World War II. Owens was a complicated man, who may have acted largely for his own benefit. Ceri's presentation highlighted the ironic and humorous aspects of the tales in the book. Obviously, the spy business is full of deceit, opportunism, and chance encounters. Ceri gave us great new information, discussed the book showing his real familiarity with the subject. We enjoyed the extra of hearing your Welsh accent, too!



Er Cof Am (in memory of)

Margaret Palmer

A long time member of WSOP, and Bryn Seion Welsh Church, Margie Palmer passed away last September.

Margie was born in Abertyleri, S Wales on May 30 1921; she was Betty Pierce's sister.

During the 2nd World War she was a member of the WAAF; she was also a member of the WAAF band, and toured Europe on their Victory March at the end of the War.

Margie was in poor health for sometime and the during the last four years she was unable to attend our meetings.

Her last outing was to Bryn Seion Church in May to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Er Cof Am (in memory of)

Alma Dooley

WSOP member, and Bryn Seion Welsh Church member, Alma Dooley died in December. She was born in Liverpool, England on the ides of March (3/15), 1920, and spent the World War II years as secretary to the town clerk. In 1955, she, with her husband Jim, emigrated to the US through Canada. Before coming to Portland, she was employed for a few years as the secretary to the British Consul in Seattle, "with full diplomatic immunity."

More recently, she owned apartments in NE Portland. Her neighbors looked out for her and took care of her.

Er Cof Am (in memory of)

Tom Owen

Tom became President of the Welsh Society of Portland in April 2007, when the President at that time resigned.

Tom was dedicated to the Society, and he loved Wales.

He liked: Photography

Penderyn whisky, and

beer at the Horse Brass Pub

Facts and charming tales about Wales

Politics

Bryn Seion Church

Scientific and geology information

But most of all, he loved coming across Welsh people or people with Welsh heritage, getting to know them, and encouraging them to come to WSOP!

He was caring toward members, and spent many hours supporting Alma Dooley when she was hospitalized.

We will miss Tom, and his devotion to the Welsh Society, and our members and friends.

Members and friends who are interested in making a donation to the Welsh Society of Portland in honor of Tom Owen may do so.

When you are preparing your check, please note on the bottom left side "Tom Owen Recognition." The Society does not have tax deductible status at this time.

We will use the entirety of funds received to purchase a suitable item for WSOP in his memory... suggestions are welcome!

Send your check to KarenAlice Jones, Treasurer (address on last page of Newsletter)



CHWARDIDIAU (Laughs)



Explanation of traditional Welsh women's clothing

HAT-
water-resistant, unattractive, but, since everyone wore them, there was no "bonnet envy"

SHAWL
pull up over your head when the daily mist changes to rain
summer cotton
winter flannel

APRON
carry loaves of bara to your cousin Magred across the village
protect your skirt from coal dust when your husband Iolo comes home from the mines

SHOES
ready for clogging
step over, around, and through sheep dung
Make loud noise when walking to warn the tylwyth teg (fairies) that you're coming

For an American in Wales

LIST of LAWS

Law of Probability

The probability of being seen doing something revealingly American is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Tea Law

As soon as you settle down to a warm cup of tea, you get a phone call from Aunt Rhiannon that will take until the tea is cold to complete.

Law of Souvenir Purchase

When you finally find a Welsh T-shirt you really like, they have no more in your size.

Law of Pub Food

When you arrive late in town, the probability of the only pub having only mutton and cabbage left increases exponentially with the number of times you have already eaten mutton and cabbage.

Law of the Result

When you try to prove to someone that (your B & B key doesn't work, that your rental Morris can't start, etc.), it will.

Law of Sheep Probability

The probability of coming upon a herd of sheep in a Welsh lane is directly proportional to your need to get to the B & B to use the loo.

inspired by 'The Edge' *Oregonian* 1-19-2012



Cardigan Welsh Corgi from Gold Hill, OR wins Best of Breed at Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

The 4-year-old that won Best of Breed at New York’s Madison Square Garden earned his call name, ‘Pilot,’ after he “flew” off the grooming table as a puppy. He broke one of his front legs and took 8 weeks to recover but now he is no worse for the wear.

His full name is BISS GCH C-Myste Baledwr Free to Disagree; the word Baledwr means ‘singer of a ballad’ in Welsh.

“I think it was his outstanding movement,” said owner Carolyn Cannon. “He is a beautifully structured dog, so when he goes around the ring, you can hardly take your eyes of him.”

Pilot also has a great personality. During the herding group competition, he prompted laughter when he pranced around the ring and barked at the cameras.

http://blog.oregonlive.com/pets_impact/print.html?entry=/2012/02/cardigan_welsh-corgi_from_gold.htm retrieved 2/18/2012

Calendar

March 3 St. David’s Day Celebration

April 7 Trip to Wales Maggie Rogers & Dick Pugh

May 5 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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