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the newsletter of the Welsh Society of Portland

We had 19 Welsh Oregonians at the MAY MEETING. After a short business meeting and another tasty spread of salads and casseroles, we watched 'Patagonia,' a movie in current day split between Wales and Patagonia. It was quite fun to notice all of the **humming** in the room as Welsh hymns and tunes were in the background of the movie action! The best part of the whole time was that we were together, enjoying Welsh fellowship!

Our JUNE 2 MEETING will be the Annual Meeting of WSOP. We are re-establishing the tradition of having this time of having a summary of the past year, then where we hope to go in the upcoming year. We will be electing President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 1 Trustee. In order to vote, a member must be present.

See the list of persons presented for these offices.

We will also have our usual pot-luck lunch and a period of singing of Welsh hymns and songs.

#### NOTE LOCATION CHANGE:

Due to scheduling conflict, we are meeting at:

**Kenilworth Presbyterian Church**

4028 SE 34th Avenue, at Gladstone St.

Portland, OR 97202

**from Powell Boulevard (West):**  
 turn **right** onto SE 33rd Pl  
 turn **left** onto SE Francis St.  
 take the 1st **right** onto 34th

**from Powell Boulevard (East):**  
 turn **left** onto SE 34th Ave  
 Turn **right** onto SE Francis St.  
 Take the 1st **left** onto SE 34th Ave.

**TriMet** from center city: Route 9 to Gresham TC  
 Get off at SE Powell & 34th walk 0.2 miles to 4028 SE 34th Av

We urge you to come and be part of this important yearly tradition of the Welsh Society of Portland !!!

Persons presented for officer and trustee positions in June:

President <b>Megs Lloyd-Patton</b>	Secretary <b>Sharon Owen</b>	Trustee <b>KarenAlice Jones</b>
Vice President <b>John Evans</b>	Treasurer <b>Janet Fignini</b>	



## The Celtic Lunar Zodiac - your moon sign

		Greco-Roman zodiac	planet	
<b>OAK</b> tree	<b>10 June - 7</b> <b>July</b>	<b>Gemini-Cancer</b>	<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>4</b>

Gem: Diamond Flower: Coltsfoot Symbol: Golden Wheel

The Oak tree symbolizes great strength and loyalty. The oak is bound up in the history of the British isles - used frequently in heraldry.

Oak tree characters are enterprising individuals. Their greatest personal asset is a sense of optimism and the ability to speak the truth no matter what the consequences may be. They are protective people and often become a champion for those who do not have a voice (counselors, clergy, or lay preachers). A lack of discretion is, however, their weak point. Financially, they are inclined to take risks or make hastily agreed personal commitments.

Oak tree characters are naturally drawn to demanding professions and responsible positions in life. They often wield great power in whatever career they are drawn to, and this power is often well-tempered by their sense of fair play.

With regard to personal relationships and in their daily or domestic life, they have some remarkable qualities that make them ideal partners and parents. They attract powerful friendships and loyalties. Their blind spot of having a trusting nature, will make them victims rather than perpetrators of discord.

The oak tree man or woman will always endeavor to use the benefit of their experiences of life with flair and generosity, for everything they do has a purpose in their eyes. They will achieve many objectives - their acts of bravado and sacrifice may detract from the more important and practical realities in life, but they prefer to carry on regardless.



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

## Town of Note

### HOLYHEAD (Caergybi)

Holyhead is the largest town of the county of Anglesey, and is probably best known for being a busy ferry port. From Anglesey, ferries operate to Dublin, taking only 99 minutes to make the journey.

The town's Welsh name indicates that this was the site of a Roman fort and the home of 6th century Saint Cybi. History buffs will find a number of historic and prehistoric sites nearby, including burial chambers at Barcloddiad Yr Gawres and a church in the sea at Porth Cwyfan. Llys Rhosyr, the court of Llywelyn Fawr, of one of the most powerful and charismatic Welsh princes has been discovered near the village of Newborough, on the South Western corner of the island. The Holyhead Maritime Museum is worth a visit - tucked in an old lifeboat station, the museum tells the story of the 100 or so shipwrecks which have happened in the vicinity, and about the ferry trade with Ireland. The jetty is used by Anglesey County Council to dock cruise ships visiting from around the world, and coaches can travel out on the jetty to pick up travelers bound for town and local tours. Holyhead experiences a maritime climate with cool summers and mild winters, often high winds, due to its location by the Irish Sea.

#### FACTS:

population: 13, 580 47% speak Welsh

industries: aluminum smelting, Holyhead Port  
Holyhead is start/finish of the Anglesey Coastal Path

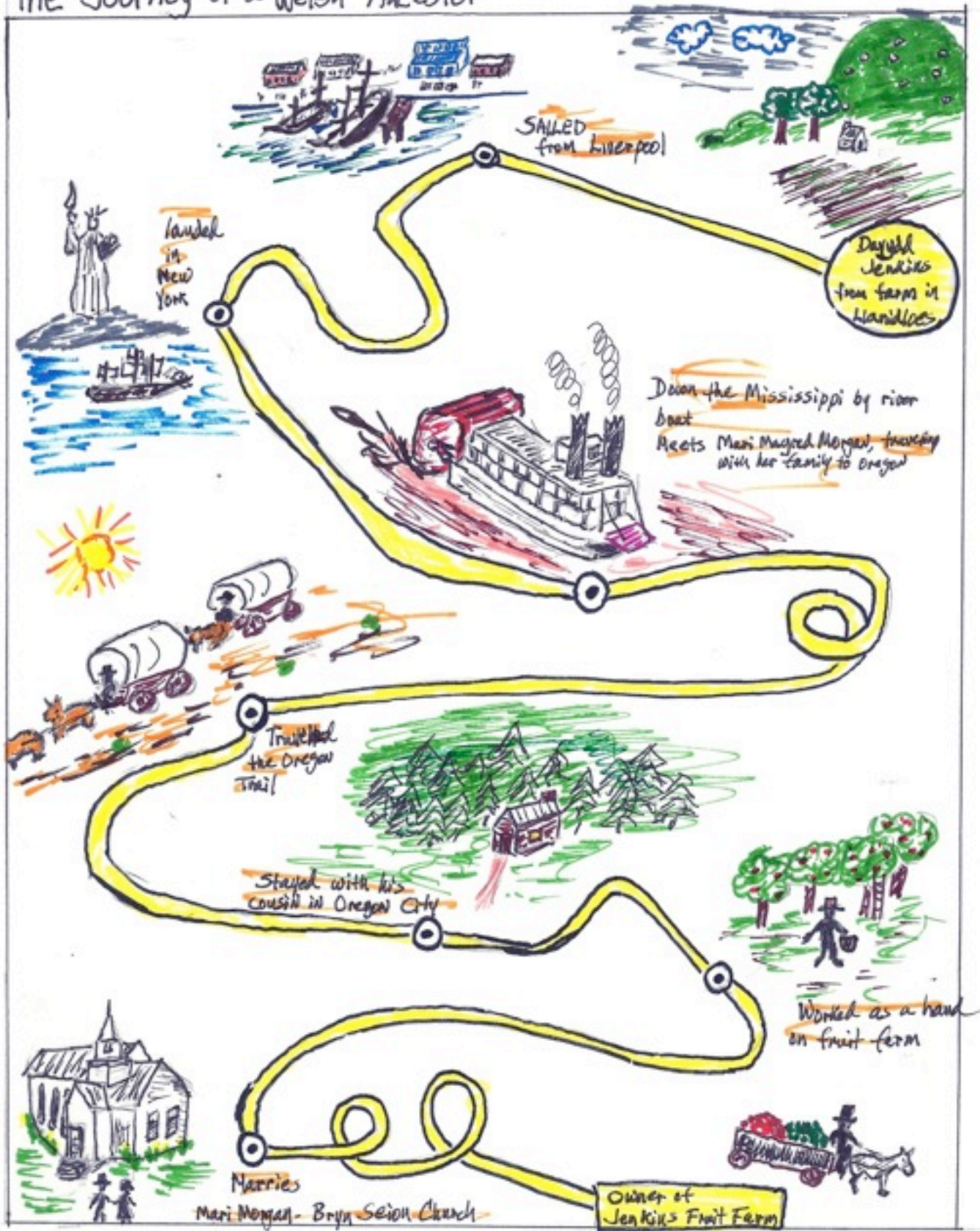
Holyhead's breakwater is the longest in Europe  
Holyhead is home to one of the first churches of the Jedi Religion (Star Wars)

<http://www.holyhead.org/> 5/13/2012



A fictional Welsh emigrant of the 1800's. Does this resemble your ancestors?

# The Journey of a Welsh Ancestor





## CHWARDDIADAU (Laughs)

**Texting slang for Oregon Welsh**

Texting is done using a cell phone. Text messages convey short snippets of information. To make the process quicker, users employ a short-hand slang. Abbreviations, letter-number combinations, and elimination of duplicated letters replace entire sentences. Here is a list of texting slang for Oregon Welsh:

:-( Cym	sad - wish I were in Wales!
;-) Cymijk	I get the Welsh joke
@->->	daffodil
>>---o	leek
BYB (or YOYYM)	Be Right Back (Yn ôl yn y man)
CAB	Cymry am Byth
CH	cheers
CPWW	can't pronounce Welsh word
GG	Gymanfa Ganu
GWJK	good Welsh joke
I.N.O.T.T.B.L.W.	It's not over til the Brits leave Wales
LOL (or CYU)	Laugh out loud (Chwerthin yn uchel)
lovl	lov leek soup
MH	Mae hen wlad fy nhadau
PHIC	Pobyl hapus i chi happy birthday to you
RUW?	Are you Welsh?
SDD	St. David's Day
TVM (or DYFI)	Thanks very much (Diolch yn fawr iawn)
TRDE?	Tea ready ?
WSOP	Welsh Society of Portland

**don't read below if you are a tee-totaler ...**

BYOB (or TACDH)	Bring your own beer (Tyrd â chwrw dy hun)
BYOP	bring your own Penderyn (whisky)

**A robber goes into a bank in Myrther Tydfil - wearing a mask of Margaret Thatcher**

**He announces the robbery, and has all of the customers and employees lie on the floor.**

**In the midst of wielding the money bags, his mask gets pulled off.**

**He looked down and saw a customer looking up at him. He lowers his gun and shoots him BAM!!**

**He looked around again and saw another customer peeking at him. He turns the gun and shoots him BAM!**

**The robber yells out, "Has anyone else looked up and seen my face?"**

**90-year-old customer Rhys pauses a moment and says, "I hate to say it, but I think my wife Magred looked up..."**

thanks to Megs Lloyd-Patton

Rhodri, a Welsh farmer, is very proud of the eggs laid by his hens. He keeps them in a hen house on the farm.

One day, he notices that one of the hens is missing. Disturbed, he decides to be more vigilant.

The next day, he counts that another hen is missing. He stays up that night sitting outside with a shotgun. As the night drags on, he nods off...

He awakens to a tremendous racket in the hen house. He throws open the door, and yells, 'who is in there?'

A voice comes from within - "there's nobody here but us chickens!"

thanks to Claudia Zahorcak

*Happy Birthday to WSOP'ers born in JUNE!!*

Penblwydd Hapus i chi! May your day be full of good friends and family, and good cheer!

- June 6 Diane Root
- June 10 KarenAlice Jones
- June 13 Gwen Newborg



if we missed you, we may not have your birthday on the list. Please call or email John Evans (see below)

**Bryn Seion Gymanfa Ganu June 24, 2012**

a Gymanfa Ganu is a Welsh hymn-singing festival, and Bryn Seion Welsh Church has been carrying on the tradition since 1935. In addition to singing by the congregation, there are solo performances of singers or instrumentalists.

- 1:45pm - 4:00pm The First session of the Gymanfa Ganu
- 4:00pm Te Bach (Welsh tea with Welsh cakes, savories, and beverages)
- 6:00 - 8:00pm Second session of the Gymanfa Ganu



**Come and Sing!**

**Calendar**

- June 2 Officer and Trustee election**  
**Social time, hymn sing**
- July 7 Picnic & Longbow Demonstration**  
**AT BRYN SEION CHURCH**
- August 4 Life of Richard Burton**  
**Casey Jones**  
**film 'Becket'**

**Sept No meeting**

- 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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