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the newsletter of the Welsh Society of Portland

We had a wonderful picnic on July 7 !!



great weather



good time with friends (ffrindiau)



fun program on the longbow - see p.3

At our AUGUST meeting, the program will focus on Richard Burton, born at Pontrhydyfen, South Wales



Casey Jones will present a short bio on Burton, and then after our pot-luck snacks, we will view the wonderful movie version of **The Taming of the Shrew** (1967), directed by Franco Zeffirelli. For this presentation, we will start at **12:30pm** with the bio, eat at **1pm**, and then view the film at **1:30pm**



To **KENILWORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**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.

## The Celtic Lunar Zodiac - your moon sign

		Greco-Roman zodiac	planet
<b>HAZEL</b> tree	<b>5 August - 1</b> <b>September</b>	<b>Leo/Virgo</b>	<b>Mercury</b> ♀

Gem: Amethyst Flower: Vervain Symbol: Rainbow fish

The Hazel is a small but productive tree. At this time of year, the leaves are turning slowly to gold, and the nuts have formed into clusters of 3 - the sacred number of the universal goddess.

Hazel tree characters have tremendous personal potential. They become the arbitrators in disputes or debates, wise enough not to take sides, but keen observers of the truth. The key to wisdom is knowledge, and this is the key issue to grasp in understanding hazel tree characters. Naturally gifted in academia, with the ability to retain information, recall and expound on subjects memorized with amazing accuracy. These are perceptive clever people, endowed with good reasoning powers. Hazel characters have ability in planning and organizing, down to the smallest detail. They can become hypercritical, argumentative and cynical. Their inquisitive nature can also become prying and underhand.

Hazel folks are probably the most rational people born under the Celtic lunar zodiac. They see all too clearly the realities of life but, as a result, can adopt a pessimistic viewpoint. Fortunately, their agile minds can cope with any extremes or inflexibility, and they are perhaps most critical of their own shortcomings.

They must honest partners and caring parents but they may to inclined to indulge their partners and children at great cost or expense. Hazel tree characters are not overly demonstrative people, but they are deeply sincere and this special quality attracts great loyalty from others. They are incredibly interesting people to know and converse with, constantly challenging the theories and opinions of others; using this skill positively gives clarity for others.



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

## Recipe time !!

kitchen-tested by your editor

### SGONAU CAERFFILI (Caerphilly scones)

(makes 5-10 depending on size prepared)

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 oz butter
- 6 oz grated Caerphilly (or other cheddar) cheese
- 1/2 pint milk
- salt, pepper

Sift flour, salt, baking powder

Rub in butter

add cheese & pepper

Mix well

add milk

Roll out dough to 1/2 inch thickness  
cut into rounds

bake on well-greased tray for 15-20 min  
at 425°F

cool

It worked well to prepare these the night before on the baking tray, put in fridge, in the morning--- bake and serve warm for breakfast. Dantethiol! (delicious!)



The MENAI BRIDGE, out to Anglesey, designed by Thomas Telford and built in 1826

**photos from the July picnic held at Bryn Seion Welsh Church**



**Mike Brown, describing the history of archery and types of bows**



**One of Mike's students, wearing chain mail which would be typically worn by Welsh archers**



**Robert Llywelyn, wearing a studded leather vest,**



**Mike Brown, prepared to give the shooting demo**



**Arrow in flight !**



**Arrows in the English soldier target !!**

photos by Mary Evans

## CHWARDDIADAU (Laughs)

Johnny Carson, on the **Tonight Show** used to tell 'Answer first' jokes while wearing a plumed turban as 'Carnac the Magnificent.' Ed McMahon would introduce the skit by this line: "I hold in my hand the envelope; as a child of four can plainly see, these envelopes have been hermetically sealed. They've been kept in a #2 mayonnaise jar on Funk and Wagnall's porch since noon today. NO ONE knows the contents of these envelopes, but you in your borderline and mystical way will ascertain the answers, having never seen the questions..." Then Carnac held the envelope to his turban and gave the Answer, opened the envelope and read the card with the Question.

First, is a Tonight Show joke with a Welsh flavor ----

**Answer:** Sis Boom Bah

**Question:** What sound does a sheep make when it explodes?



*Here are some similar jokes:*

**Answer:** The Irish who couldn't swim

**Question:** Who are the Welsh?

**Answer:** Mt. Snowdon, Bryn Terfel, and a soldier prince

**Question:** Name a hill, a hill, and a Will

**Answer:** Someone who was BAD at Scrabble

**Question:** Who invented the Welsh language?

**Answer:** A Cardiff virgin

**Question:** Define a Welsh rarebit

**Answer:** Penderyn, Pendragon, and Penguin

**Question:** Name a whisky, King Arthur's last name, and an Antarctic bird

**Answer:** The festival celebrated by Welsh Muslims

**Question:** What is Ramalamb?

**Answer:** Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwillantysiliogogoch

**Question:** What do you find in every bowl of Alphabet soup?

**WELSH CONSONANTS**  
 I once knew a Taff in the pits,  
 Who spoke with conspicuous spritz,  
 What ever he'd say,  
 Came out with a spray -  
 His sialoquent \* spurts gave me fits!

adapted from Elster, C.E. *There's a Word for It!*  
 1996, New York: Pocket Books

\* spraying saliva while speaking



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

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

Maggie Rogers Aug 4  
 Griff Owen Aug 5  
 Mary Ann Spear Aug 9  
 Lisa Hinman & Judith Ford, Aug 22  
 Claudia Zahorcak Aug 27



if we missed you, we may not have your birthday on the list. Please call or email

John Evans (see below)



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## Calendar

**Aug 4 Richard Burton bio showing of 'Taming of the Shrew'**  
**Sep No meeting**  
**Oct 6 Wool working**  
**Nov 3 Beatrix Potter & Wales**  
**Dec 1 Christmas Celebration**

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

**Unless noted, all meetings of WSOP are held at**

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