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the newsletter of the Welsh Society of Portland

Our mission: The Welsh Society of Portland develops, and perpetuates Welsh heritage, culture, and music in Oregon. We strive to sustain: pride in being Welsh, support for learning about Wales, the Welsh language, and exploration of Welsh-American issues by our members and for others in the community.



COME TO OUR OCTOBER 5TH MEETING !!!

We will be viewing the 1949 comedy movie
'A RUN FOR YOUR MONEY'



Two Welsh coal miner brothers win a trip to London to claim a cash prize. They are supposed to meet a newspaper reporter who will be their escort. Instead, the brothers are launched into an adventure with some London riff-raff. It is up to the reporter to look out for the brothers, and what a job it turns out to be!

Cast: Donald Houston, Meredith Edwards, Moira Lister, Hugh Griffith, Alec Guinness. 83 min

LOTS of LAUGHS and CONFUSION!!!

Joseph Parry



Born in Merthyr Tydfil in 1841, his family struggled to make ends meet. Joseph left school and went down the mines aged nine to help the family. When he was 12, his father emigrated to Danielle, Pennsylvania, to seek a

better life. The rest of the family followed in 1854. Joseph lived a 'Welsh' life in Danielle, attended the Congregational Chapel, competed in the Eisteddfod, and worked in the Rough and Ready Iron Works. By his teens Joseph's musical talents were becoming so well-known that money was raised in Wales and in America to send him for three years to the Royal Academy of Music in London to further his studies. Joseph returned to Danielle in 1871 - with a Bachelor of Music degree, set up his 'Danielle Musical Institute', and married Jane Thomas, the sister of his good friend Gomer Thomas.

<http://www.mahoningpresby.com/Parry.html>

He wrote the great hymn 'Aberystwyth,' (Jesus Lover of My Soul), and the song 'Myfanwy.'

There was a real Myfanwy in Joseph's life - his childhood sweetheart Myfanwy Llywellyn. She also emigrated to the US and, using the stage name Lena van Ellen, became a well-known opera singer. The story goes that they lost touch, but Parry saw Myfanwy again some 30 years later, when she was ill. She snubbed him. Was this what moved him to write this song of romantic yearning and regret? <http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/music/sites/joseph-parry/>

Joseph was Professor of Music at the University of Wales, 1873-1877, and received his Doctorate of Music from Cambridge in 1878. He also taught at the University of South Wales and Monmouthshire. http://cyberhymnal.org/bio/p/a/parry_j/hym

He died in 1903, and is buried in the churchyard of Penarth's St. Augustine Church (Egylwys Awstin Sant). Joseph Parry is remembered every year at Mahoning Presbyterian Church in Danielle, PA where a Gymanfa Ganu is held in his honor on the Sunday nearest his birthday, May 21st.



10 operas,
3 oratorios,
5 cantatas,
anthems,
songs
piano music,
hymn tunes,
and
orchestral
music

Famous Parry quote:

"Make new friends, but keep the old;
Those are silver, these are gold."

Culture Wars - Other Voices In British Literature

Should 'Welsh Writing in English' be taught as a separate course or as a module in U.S. universities?

Keynote presentation by Dr. Tracey Prince, author of *CultureWars in British Literature: Multiculturalism and National Identity*.

Short comments by authors Welsh authors Mike Jenkins, Chris Keil, and Phil Rowlands, and Oregonian Sarah Woodbury (Welsh heritage, who writes historical novels set in Wales).

Music by the Welsh Festival Chorus.

There will be a reception and chance to meet the authors.

Presented by *Americymru* and the Portland Center for Public Humanities

October 4th, 6:30-9:00pm

Portland State University - Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 327/8

We had a FANTASTIC day on Sep 14 at Lochinvar Farm visiting with Pat Cochran, who introduced us to her Welsh Mountain Ponies !

Pat welcomed us to her home with tea, lemonade, and some home-made snacks. Then, we went outside and she presented 8 horses of differing ages, describing their personalities and how they were suited to showing, riding, or pulling a cart.

Thanks so much, Pat, for your hospitality!



WOMEN IN WALES

we would like to have a future program (or several programs) for WSOP which show us, tell us about **Welsh women, & Welsh-American women.**

Past women of impact, current trend setters, women leading into the days and years ahead.



Boudicca, warrior Queen

If you would consider taking part in these programs, please contact John Evans squam-lake@comcast.net or 503.777.4518. (We don't want to **draft** anyone!)

CHWARDDIADAU (Laughs)

(fall joke)

Can you say this quickly 5 times ???

Which Wicked Welsh Witch Whistled Wittily When Willow-Whipping Wilbert Williams ?

Stem and Root, two pumpkins, were walking down the street in a Pembrokeshire town. They stepped off the curb and a speeding car came around the

corner and ran over Root. Stem call emergency and helped his injured friend as best he was able. Poor injured Root was taken to the nearest hospital and rushed into surgery.

After a long and agonizing wait, the doctor finally appeared. He told Stem, "I have good news, and bad news. The good news is that your friend is going to pull through." "The bad news is that he's going to be a vegetable for the rest of his life."

adapted from:
<http://www.jokes4us.com/miscellaneousjokes/foodjokes/squashjokes.html> retrieved 7/5/13

There was a haunted house on the outskirts of Llanbrynmair which was avoided by all the townfolk - there were tales of a ghost. However, Ian, an enterprising journalist from Cardiff decided to get the scoop of the day by photographing the fearsome phantom. When he entered the house armed only with his camera, the ghost descended upon him, clanking chains et al. He told the ghost, "I mean no harm - I just want your photograph." The apparition was quite happy at the chance to make the headlines - he posed for a number of ghostly shots. Ian rushed back and developed the photos. Unfortunately, they were all black and underexposed.

So, what's the moral of the story?
The spirit was willing but the flash was weak.

A joke tribute to Welsh ponies on the last page

www.theholidayspot.com/halloween retrieved 7/3/13

Happy Birthday to WSOP'ers born in OCTOBER! !

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



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| Pat McKinney | Oct 1 | |
| Kevin Bowers | Oct 8 | |
| Robert Thomas, Nan Williams | Oct 13 | If we missed you, we may not have |
| Janet Senior, David Williams | Oct 15 | your birthday on the list. Please |
| Susan Jones Calhoun | Oct 23 | call or email John Evans (below) |

Nigel, an Englishman, bought a Welsh cob horse from Bert, a Welsh farmer. Bert told Nigel that this horse had been trained in a very unique way, (Bert being a devout Chapel attender). The only way to make the horse go, was to say, "Hallelujah!" The only way to make the horse stop, was to say, "Amen!"

Nigel was pleased with his purchase of some Welsh culture and immediately got on the animal to try out Bert's instructions. "Hallelujah!" shouted Nigel. The horse began to trot. "Amen!" shouted Nigel. The horse stopped immediately. "This is great!" Nigel said. With a "Hallelujah," he rode off very proud of his new purchase.

Nigel rode up into the mountains for a long time. Soon he was heading toward a cliff. He could not remember the word to make the horse stop. "Stop," said Nigel. "Halt!" he cried. The horse just kept going. "Oh, no... Whoa!... Please Stop!!" Nigel shouted frantically. The horse just began to trot faster. He was getting closer and closer to the cliff edge. Finally, in desperation, Nigel said a prayer. "Please, dear Lord. Please make this horse stop before I go off the end of this mountain, In Jesus name, AMEN." The horse came to an abrupt stop just one step from the edge of the cliff.

"HALLELUJAH!", shouted the ecstatic Nigel.

Information

Oct 5 Movie - 'A Run For Your Money' (1949)

Nov 2 Rugby and Wales presented for Oregon Welshies by a non-sports person

Dec 7 Christmas Tea

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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