



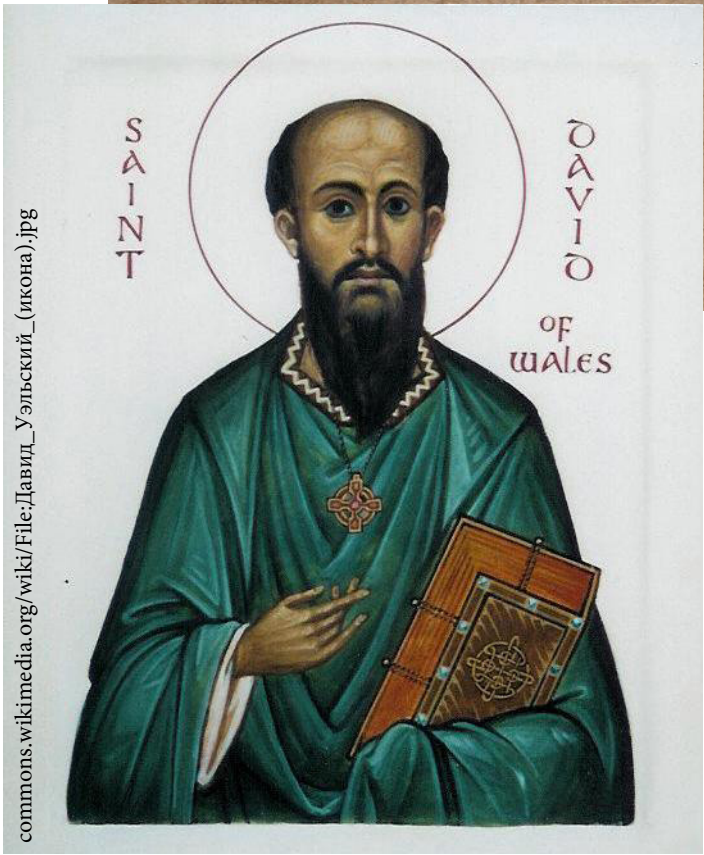
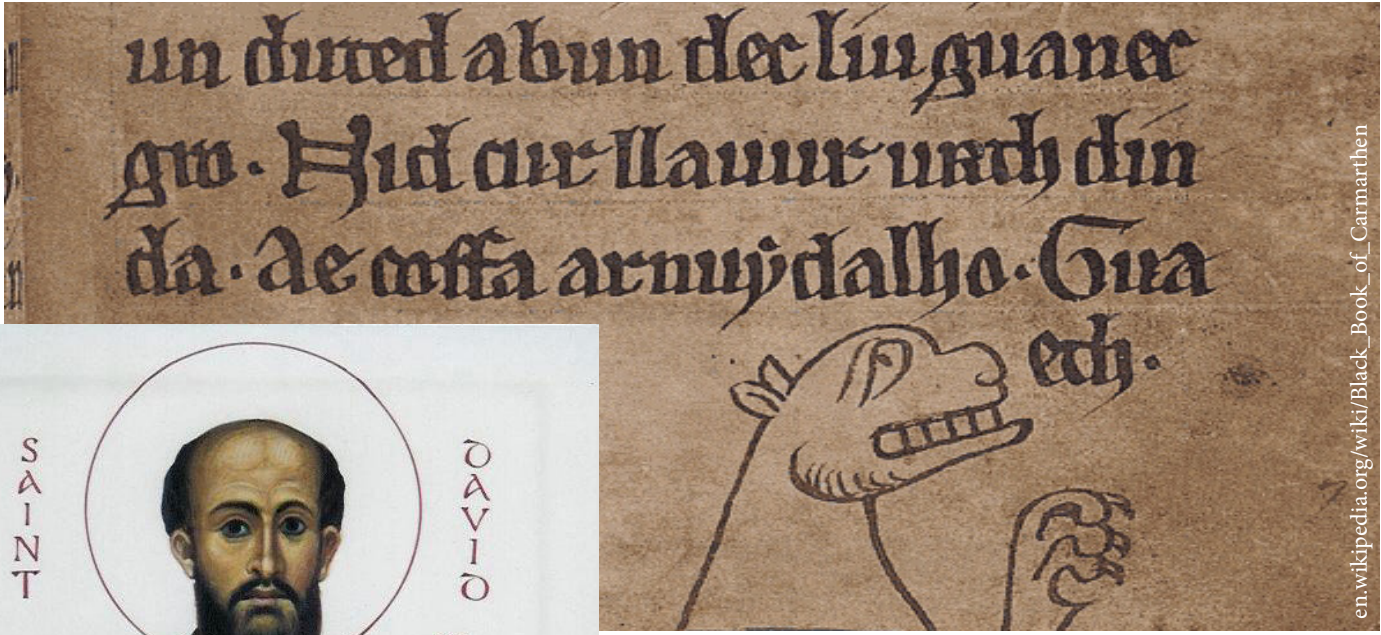
Dragon Speak
Welsh Society of Oregon Newsletter



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MAWRTH (MARCH) 2018

DYDD GŴYL DEWI HAPUS! HAPPY ST. DAVID'S DAY!



ST DAVID'S DAY TEA & TALK

**Singers, Saints &
Stories: The Legacy of
the Days of St David**

March 3 @ 12:30

Please RSVP for the Tea! Call Janet Figini @ (971) 295-4311 or jpfigini2@gmail.com



St David's Day Tea ...

Come out for our annual St David's Day Tea! Janet's always-delicious Potato Leek Soup will be the main attraction, plus assorted sandwiches, salad, Welsh rice pudding, bara brith and Welsh cakes. And hot tea, of course! The Welsh Table will be open for your perusing and purchasing of Welsh paraphernalia.

The tea is \$10 for WSOR members, and \$12 for non-members. **Please RSVP to Janet Figini** at (971) 295-4311 or jpfigini2@gmail.com.

And this is also the perfect time to take care of your 2018 membership dues & information form. Please see the last page of the newsletter for a copy. To those who have already taken care of it - *diolch o galon!* / thanks from the heart.

... and St David's Day Talk

After we've settled into our St. David's Day feast, we'll be treated to a talk by Kit Kapphahn - **Singers, Saints & Stories: The Legacy of the Days of St David.**

Most of what we know about Wales in the sixth century comes from hundreds of years after, as high medieval poets looked back on the old stories and created an image of a "golden age." These were the days when saints walked the land, when battles were glorious, kings victorious, and giants just over the next hill. So how did the princes and bards of medieval Wales use these images to curate their own image in the world, and how much has lasted into the modern day?

Kit Kapphahn holds a PhD in Welsh and Celtic Studies from Aberystwyth University, only *half* of which was completed in the pub. While on the road to her PhD, she received the National Welsh-American Foundation scholarship not once, but twice. Since then she has been published internationally on medieval Welsh topics, been partly responsible for digitizing thirteenth-century prose manuscripts so that anyone can get them off the web, and told some tall tales for the Welsh Tourist Board's Year of Legends. Despite all this, she laments that she has yet to achieve anything of lasting value, like becoming mascot for the Welsh rugby side. She is extremely distracted by Six Nations, which even her best friends say is the only reason at all to ever follow her on Twitter (@aelura).



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Welsh woman wins first ever Winter Olympic medal for Wales!



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Laura Deas from Wrexham medalled in skeleton. With a series of consistent runs, Deas was sitting in fourth place after her final run, but a poor finish by the leader opened the door, and Deas grabbed the bronze.

Deas is actually a relative latecomer to the sport and only began skeleton racing in 2009. She previously represented North Wales in hockey, captained Wales in the tetrathlon and participated in equestrian sports.



Report on the 2018 WSOR Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Welsh Society of Oregon was opened by President KarenAlice Jones at 1:30 pm. Her report concerning the events of the previous year included the St. David's Day Tea, the planning and execution of the Noson Lawen accomplished by our choir, in conjunction with the Society's participation in the Gymanfa Ganu, held at Bryn Seion Welsh Church. She also reported on our participation in the Samhain Celtic Festival in Salem, which included several performances by our choir, a Welsh Cake baking demonstration and our sales and information table. The year was closed out with our annual Christmas Program at St. David of Wales Episcopal Church in Portland, which was received warmly by a full house.

Treasurer Claudia Sterling gave her report on our financial health reporting that we did increase our endowment fund by over \$4,000.00 and had a small gain in our operating budget.

Elections were held with Jeff Lewis elected as President, KarenAlice Jones as Vice President, Carol Evans as Secretary, Megs Patton as director, Jamie Webster as director, with Janet Figini remaining as director and Claudia Sterling remaining as Treasurer.

The board made a decision to move our annual Christmas Tea to an earlier Saturday in December, and holding it at Kenilworth Church, our usual meeting place. This gives our members an opportunity to attend the tea, enjoy the upcoming holiday, and pay our dues for the coming year without the long day and night if we have the tea on the same day as the Christmas Program.



Join us on Saturday March 3rd at 8pm to celebrate St David's Day with a concert at Artichoke Music. This music event showcases Andrea Wild's Welsh folk revival band, Three Pound Note and Celtic Harpist, Elizabeth Nicholson. Elizabeth has shared the stage with renowned players including Kevin Burke and opening for Gaelic Storm. She has toured domestically and internationally, ranging as far afield as Ireland, Portugal, and New Zealand.

In addition, there are some special guests in the line-up including Straford Wild who is breezing in from the New York, Andrea's daughter, Phoebe, and our own Jeff Lewis & Jamie Webster. There will be plenty of opportunity to join in with songs and well as hearing local talent promote what we all love—Welsh! Happy St David's Day!

Artichoke Music
2006 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, OR 97202



Happy St David's Day from Vancouver, BC



The Vancouver Welsh Society wishes all Welsh people around the world a special St. David's Day greeting in honour of our Patron Saint and our rich inherited culture.

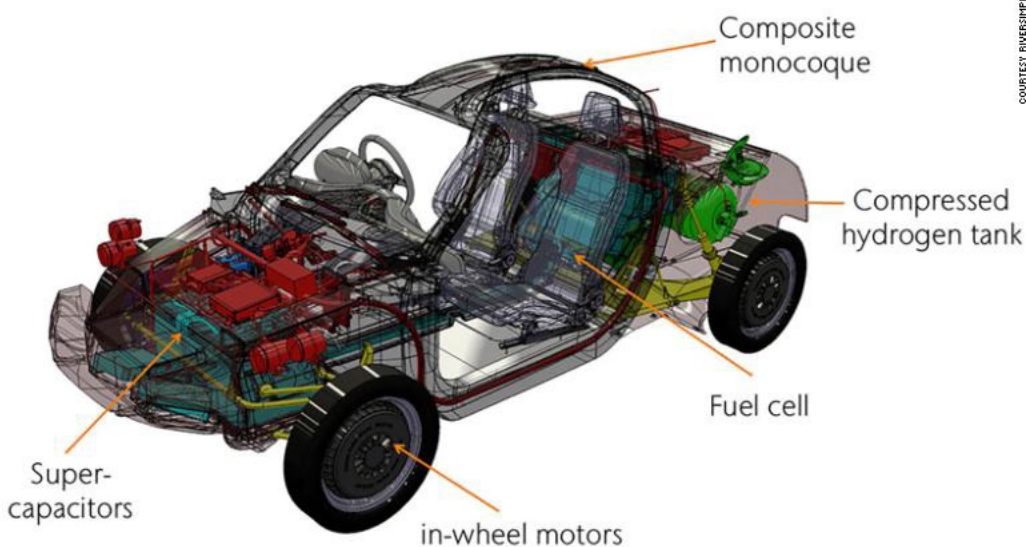
In Vancouver they will be celebrating with an Open House at the Cambrian Hall on March 1st and a St. David's Day Dinner on the evening of Saturday, March 3rd.

The Vancouver Welsh Society would welcome you to visit them and their Cambrian Hall, built in 1929 and which has the distinction of being the only Welsh hall in North America. Please refer to their website www.welshsociety.com for information regarding this event and other activities.

Made-in-Wales: The Future of Cars?

Riversimple, a small independent car manufacturer based in Llandrindod Wells, Powys, is making a big bet on a tiny car, hoping to reshape the future of transport.

Their car, called the 'Rasa' (from the Latin *tabula rasa*, meaning "clean slate"), is no ordinary car. It runs on hydrogen, emits no pollution and has been created by a Welsh car maker, which is



revolutionizing the motor industry by adopting a circular business model—promoting sustainable mobility and less waste.

But it's not just their vehicles that are innovative. Customers won't own a car—the car will only be offered through a unique 'sale of service' model. They'll pay a fixed monthly fee, similar to a mobile phone contract, with insurance, all maintenance, and the cost of fuel included.

To learn more about this fascinating company, see this article from CNN: <https://www.cnn.com/2017/11/15/world/riversimple-hydrogen-cars-wales/index.html> or visit their website: <https://www.riversimple.com>.



SIÂN THE SHEEP

by EVANS THE PEN 10/2017



JESD JÔC

A Welshman, Scot, and Englishman are walking when they come upon a lantern and genie pops our and grants each one a wish. The Scot says, "I am a sheep herder, like my dad before me. I want my country to be full of lovely sheep farms." *Whoosh*, and it was so.

The Englishman was amazed and says, "I want a wall around England to keep those damned Scots and Welsh out." *Bang*—there was a wall around England.

The Welshman says, "Tell me more about this wall." The genie says, "It's 200 feet high, 200 feet thick, it goes all around England, and nothing can get in or out."

The Welshman says, "Fill it with water."

(submitted by John Evans)

Happy Birthday to WSOR'ers born in March!

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

Mar 3 : Barri Hinkson

Mar 6 : Laura Lloyd

Mar 8 : Richard Pugh

Mar 9 : Janet Figini

Mar 11 : Maryanne Dehner

Mar 14 : Anne Warner

Mar 17 : Quinland Porter

Mar 21 : Nancy Parker

Mar 21 : Gaabi Becket

Mar 25 : Selenna Baxter

Mar 26 : Doris Cruickshank



If we missed you, we may not have your birthday on the list. Please call or email Jeff Lewis (see below). Also note: we are including only 2016 - 2018 paid members



We welcome all contributions to this newsletter. Please send your news, stories, anecdotes, poems, jokes, or anything else that you would like to share with the Welsh Society.

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Membership

Membership in the Welsh Society of Oregon is open to all people interested in Wales.

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

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Our Meetings:

March 3

St David's Day Celebration

April 7

An introduction to printmaking
using Welsh-themed prints
by Chris Darr

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at:

Kenilworth Presbyterian Church
4028 SE 34th Ave. at Gladstone St.
Portland, OR 97202

Potluck starts at 12:30

Program starts around 1:00



Membership & Information Form

We ask each person to provide us an annual form.

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- Life** (No charge) *(member for 5 years who attains 80yrs before July 1)*
- General** (\$25.) Individuals
- Family** (\$35.) Family groups
- Daffodil** (\$50. or more) Contributing sponsor
- Honorary** (No charge)

I would like to make a separate tax deductible contribution to The Welsh Society of Oregon Endowment Fund in the amount of _____.
Your donation will help the Welsh Society work toward our goal of joining the Oregon Community Foundation.

Date _____

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email _____ Birthday (month & day only) _____

Newsletter delivery: Members (free) email US postal delivery
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Connection to Wales _____

The Welsh Society needs your help to grow! We encourage participation in the activities which support our operations. Please indicate your interest in one or more!

- WSOR Choir
- Education & Library
- Hospitality
- Newsletter
- Participating in or leading a Program
- Publicity/PR

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