

The Welsh Society of Western New England

Cymdeithas Cymreig Lloegr Newydd Gorllewino

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat, June 27 - Welsh
conversation Meet-up?

Sat, July 25 - Welsh
conversation Meet-up

Sep 2-5 - North
American Festival of
Wales: Philadelphia

Sep. 17 or 18 - Owain
Glyndwr NOSON
LAWEN

Sat, Sep 26 - Welsh
conversation Meet-up

Sat, Oct.10 -
Genealogy Workshop

Sat, Oct. 24 - Welsh
conversation meet-up

Sat, Dec 6 - Annual
Christmas Holiday
Luncheon



WELSH CONVERSATION GROUP - on-line for May

If you are a Welsh learner or speaker looking for an opportunity to chat in Welsh in a casual, friendly setting, we welcome you to join us. All levels from beginners to native speakers are welcome. NOTE: this is not a class.

Where: Currently on-line every Tuesday at 7:30PM and every Saturday at 2:00PM

How: To join our ZOOM Welsh Conversation group, please email me at WelshWNE.com so I can add you to the emailed invitation.

We are hoping to restart Welsh Conversation meet-ups in person in June or July at Panera Bread as follows:

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Where: Panera Bread, Evergreen Walk, 100 Hemlock Ave, South Windsor, CT

When: 4th Saturday of the month (none in August)

PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS FOR

MEMBERS - but it's easy to join: see website: welshwne.org/membership

GENEALOGY ON-LINE CHAT - Until the fall



Currently on-line! Please join us for our Welsh genealogy session, bring your questions and brick walls.

When: Monday mornings at 11am-12:30pm

How: To join our ZOOM Welsh Genealogy group, please email me at WelshWNE.com so I can add you to the emailed invitation.

See you in the fall for our Genealogy Workshop, we meet to learn how to research Welsh roots. Meets at 10:15am - 5:00pm. Come for the whole day or part there For info

and to RSVP, email WelshWNE@gmail.com.

Fall Dates: October 10 and November 7

UPDATES TO OUR EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2020

- April-June: GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS on line, see page 2
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- April-June: WELSH CONVERSATION GROUP on line, see page 1
- **AUGUST 29: Côr Y Penrhyn Concert - postponed to ?**

We are hoping that the choir will be invited to a future NAFOW; if so that might provide another opportunity for us to host them here. They decided to cancel their tour because they are not only unable to practice but are unable to perform to fundraise for the tour..

- **RUGBY TRIP 2021 to Wales and Scotland - postponed to 2022**

We are hoping to reschedule for February 2022. As locations are closed, we are unable to plan for this trip. Also, our leader Mark will need time to travel to Wales to see his mum once this is over.

WHAT'S WSWNE BEEN UP TO?

HALEN MÔN SALT & PENDERYN WHISKY TASTING

Several WSWNE members and friends met at M&R Liquors in South Windsor to learn all about Halen Môn sea salt and Penderyn whisky, two great Welsh products. For most of us it was the first time to hear about a salt tasting. after watching a video and photos of the Halen Môn saltcote in Ynys Môn (Anglesey), we tasted 6 different salts from around the world, culminating with Halen Môn, the queen of salts.

The rep from The Rogers Collection Company who imports Halen Môn spoke about the company and where we can buy the Salt. Local: UKGourmet in Bethel, CT who are also on-line. Jen also generously gave us some salt samples to distribute during the St David's Day luncheon for everyone.



Following the salt tasting was a Penderyn Welsh Whisky tasting, 5 different ones in fact, and a wonderful presentation on Penderyn's history and

how it is made by Joshua Hatton of ImPex, the importer of Penderyn. We learned not only about the making of Penderyn but how to taste it too.



We had a great evening; join us next time to sample Welsh foods and drink.

Jen Bonnacorsi and Joshua Hatton

AROUND OUR WELSH AMERICAN WORLD

R.I.P. Berwyn Jones



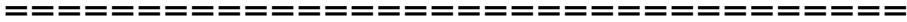
With tremendous sadness, we share the news that Dr. Berwyn Jones, President Emeritus of the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project, has passed away on February 17, 2020.. A grandson of Welsh immigrants, generous supporter of that organization as well as a founding member of WSWNE, along with his late wife Martha Davies. Berwyn will be greatly missed.

Berwyn served as President of the Board of Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project from February 2004 through May, 2016. Martha Davies served as Secretary during part of that time. Berwyn grew up in Lincoln, but his grandparents lived on a farm near Wymore.

The Great Plains Welsh Heritage project (GPWHP) was established in September 2000, shortly after Lori McAlister interviewed Ellsworth Closs, a Wymore native and the only Welsh-speaking person still living in Gage County at that time. This oral history project inspired further research on Welsh settlements in the local area as well as throughout the state of Nebraska and the Great plains region.

Today, the GPWHP includes the Welsh Heritage Centre and Garden and the Archive for Welsh America, as well as the historic District 81 Schoolhouse and Burlington Park Railroad Museum, all located in Wymore. In 2010, Martha and Berwyn were the recipients of the Heritage Medallion from the NAWF (North America Wales Foundation) for being conservators of Welsh history in America. Welsh National America Foundation.

Berwyn was also a Trustee for the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association (WNGGA) from 1999- 2005.



WELSH HERITAGE WEEK

Sunday July 12th thru Sunday July 19t, 2020 at Keuka College in upstate New York. A full week of Welsh language, history, dance and cultural activities. Contact Beth Landmesser for details at hwyl@ptd.net

CROESO/Welcome... to our new members:

- **Margaret Korhoonen** - from Granby, CT: is interested in further researching her Welsh roots. She has Denbighshire SALISBURY's as does Susan Davies Sit. Cousins?
- **Russell Scull** - from Enfield, CT: Russell's grandfather immigrated to PA from South Wales. Russell has donated some of his grandfather's Welsh books to us and has been advising us on publicity for WSWNE.
- Welcome back to **Susan Pritchett Post**, searching for her REES Welsh roots in the 1600's.
- **Barbara English** from Bethlehem, PA, researching her DAVIES Welsh family in Carmarthenshire in the early 1800's.

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Aberystwyth seafront, Aug 2019 (Susan Davies Sit)



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___\$100 (Red Dragon), ___\$50 (Daffodil), ___\$25 (Miner's Lantern), ___\$10 (Student)

Today's date: _____ NEW MEMBER: ___ RENEWAL: _____

Names (list household members):

Address _____

Home phone # _____

Cell phone # _____

Email address (**PLEASE PRINT**) _____

Your Welsh Interests: _____

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