

St David's Society



Wishing you all a...

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

I know you will understand that due to this pandemic we have had to transform our usual fun in-person events to digital online events. So, for this year's St. David's Day, we will be joining the Welsh Government to bring you the Welsh Government led... **ST DAVIDS DAY 2021 GLOBAL BIG BASH CELEBRATIONS.**



With a programme of events to mark St David's Day 2021, The Welsh Government reps will be working with various groups including us in Japan to design a programme of digital activity and are looking at delivering a number of events over a 72 hour period. In addition to the digital programme, we will also be provided with a number of images, short videos, recipe cards etc., which we will share amongst our members and affiliated societies, Global Welsh, The Kamuri Society of Japan and our St David's branch in Kansai, on behalf of the Senedd.

An exciting element will be **developing a video with contribution from all us** in the Welsh diaspora. The aim is to develop a video where members of the diaspora community film themselves saying a short sentence or maybe even just a word to say what Wales means to them.

We will be sending out invitations to special members and affiliates inviting them to participate.

Of course any members who would like to be included are **welcome** to send in to us with a statement of what they might say or film.



WELSH 6 NATIONS RUBY MATCHES TO WATCH TOGETHER ONLINE

As planned, we will go forward with our plans, so mark your calendars for

1. **Feb 27th** Saturday The VIP game Wales V England!
2. **March 13th** Saturday Italy V Wales.
3. Whenever the Welsh final date will be?
4. Paul Williams will perform at the FCCJ Saturday Night Live music event, a night of Welsh Celtic music from 6:30-9:00 on Feb 27th. (this is COVID Pending of course).

We know you will be as excited as we are and we look forward to your enthusiastic participation!

NEWS FROM HOME

**St Dwynwens day
January 25th**



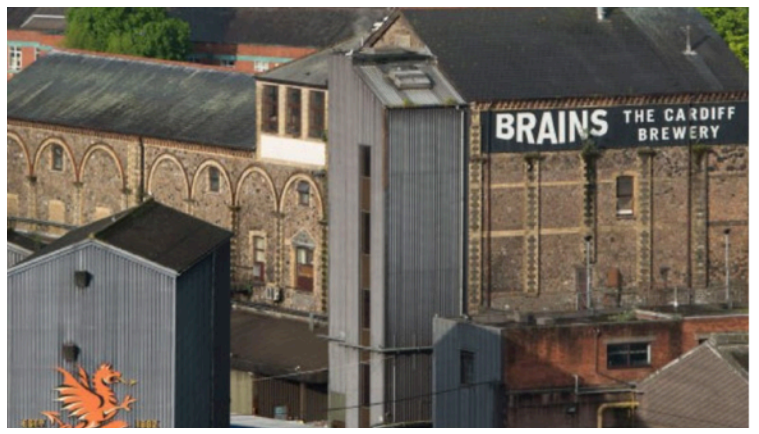
Remember to celebrate our Welsh Valentines day

Long time members may recall our St David's Society successful Dwynwens Day Disco at the sadly gone British Club when we danced until 3 am - fond memories! Even Sir John Boyd, the then British Ambassador, attended (though not till 3 am!)

St Dwynwen (Santes Dwynwen) was a fourth-century Welsh princess who lived in what is now the [Brecon Beacons National Park](#). Dwynwen was rather unlucky in love, so she became a nun. She prayed for true lovers to have better luck than she did.

From Welsh Media

How Brains beer came to be synonymous with Cardiff, and now may be made elsewhere!!!



Check out this link and mourn the passing of a Cardiff icon.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-wales-55565690>

Our special member **Catherine Nagashima** has invited us to sign a petition to help save the Welsh Library that her brother was instrumental in expanding.

Cymraeg

<https://deisebau.senedd.cymru/deisebau/244641>

English

<https://petitions.senedd.wales/petitions/244641>

<https://nation.cymru/opinion/are-we-going-to-lose-the-national-library-of-wales/>



Our plans with **WalesWeek London** were Covid cancelled yet we hope to develop our connection with the **London** group.

Bethany Cummings, Chris Barnet and I look forward to seeing you at these truly Welsh events.

We will be in touch about details nearer the time.

Our thanks to Robin Walker for all his support most recently making the connection between us and Geraint and the Senedd possible. Diolch.

Stay safe. Ursula Bartlett