

ST DAVID'S SOCIETY OF JAPAN

President's October Newsletter

Winter is coming, and so is Christmas. We are hoping to make our Christmas gathering our first in person event since the Covid era struck.

This year we will be holding our Christmas festivities along with the British expats in Japan Facebook group! Join us for an evening of yummy food, free flow drinks, Christmas tunes and dancing. See below for more info!

Date: 4th December, 19:00~(3hours)

Price: 8,000yen

Location: Hobgoblin Roppongi

Includes: Christmas buffet, pudding and 3 hours all-you-can-drink
(*you must be over 20 to join)

↓↓ If you can, reply directly to the group event* to RSVP ↓↓

<https://facebook.com/.../beij-christmas.../1069600463849123/>

*You may have to join "British expats in Japan" to reply directly. If this is a problem, feel free to RSVP via us by email.

Payment must be received in advance to confirm places – we will send you the details to do this when you RSVP.

Cancellations before November 30th will be refunded.

We hope to see you there!



Our big news this month is from Kita Kyushu, thanks to our society's donation of 60,000 yen to Kita Kyushu City. They have shown their gratitude by creating a legacy trophy cup called the **Kita Kyushu Wales Rugby Cup**.

They have established an annual rugby tournament for elementary students. This is an enduring result for our simply wanting to show our friendship, support, and gratitude to them for the amazing way they cared for our Welsh Rugby Team and welcomed the Welsh fans to their city during RWC19.



Kita Kyushu was the host city for the Welsh team, and who among us can forget the image of the elementary students greeting the team as they arrived by singing our anthem!

See here for the facebook comment from Kita Kyushu to us regarding their Rugby Welsh Cup: <https://www.facebook.com/odapan/posts/4351767961545191>

I organized, and shared as a Society event, the first ever dedicated Welsh University launch on zoom, featuring Aberystwyth University and focusing on International Schools and Japanese schools interested in overseas short and long English courses.

Link for the video: https://fb.watch/8N_dhAs_ix/

Some interesting news stories from Wales.

● Welsh Covid Pass issues in Cardiff: <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-wales-58820762>

● Survivors of Aberfan share their memories

● Stunning Views of Mt Snowden showing the seasonal changes:
<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-england-kent-44664719>

● Short history of Wales video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpnYoWH4nBq>

Interesting facts about our Welsh Language.

"The senior language of men in Britain", according to Tolkien. Welsh is the most widespread language in one of the scarcest language families. A language with Celtic heart, soul, and structure and a minority language that has reversed its decline.

Welsh Words in everyday English use!

[word → welsh word (meaning)]

Coombe, combe → Cwm valley (Steep valley)

Bard → Bardd

Avon → Afon (River)

Balderdash → Baldordd (Crazy talk)

Adder → Neidr (Snake)

Crockery → Crochan (Pot or cauldron)

Crumpet → Crempog (Welsh pancake)

More News

Yoko Koburi spoke about Wales on a recent Radio program. Link to a radio program: <https://47.gigafile.nu/1107-d8d2640ed585949befcc779866a110933>

We are looking forward to when we can all meet!

Stay Safe!

Ursula, Bethany, Chris

