

ST DAVID'S SOCIETY OF JAPAN

JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

GET READY FOR OUR NATIONAL DAY!
DYDD GWYL DEWI – ST DAVID'S DAY 2022




DYDD GWYL DEWI HAPUS-HAPPY ST DAVID'S DAY!

Spring is here! and so is the time to enjoy our Welsh heritage with a celebration for ST DAVID'S DAY!

If you are Welsh, are interested in Wales, or studied in Wales, join us for our annual St David's day celebration (details on the following page). We will be holding it on a Sunday in hope that as many as possible will be able to join!

The St. David's Society and the FCCJ club take Covid regulations seriously, and while we are requiring payment in advance, if Covid rules make the event not possible, your payment will be refunded. (In that case, we are considering holding our celebration online as a Zoom event!)

For this year's Lunch Reception, we have a few surprises lined up, including special guests, **Koji Tokumatsu** the Welsh envoy to Japan, and members of the Welsh government, Welsh University presentations, rugby information, a raffle in aid of Oita Prefecture. A talk by **Jane Best** on behalf of REI Refugee Empowerment International and our usual social fun and Welsh singing with our Minstrel **Paul Williams** (our singing will of course be dependent on Covid rules!)



St. David's Society Japan
Cymdeithas Dewi Sant Siapan

ST. DAVID'S DAY LUNCH

27TH FEB 2022 (SUN) - 2 TIL 5 P.M.

Price: 8000 yen ※ *payment will be required up front (will be returned if Covid rules make the event not possible)*

Venue: Foreign Correspondents Club Japan (FCCJ)
Marunouchi Nijubashi Building 5F
Marunouchi 3-2-3, Chioda-ku, 100-0005

Includes: Welsh buffet (lamb, veg, bread and dessert) & a free drink

There will be singing, performances, Welsh related speakers, Welsh University presentations, a raffle and more!

Please RSVP to japancds@gmail.com by **February 20th.**



Want to know more about **St David?** then enjoy some of the following video links. They do vary in approach somewhat, yet in different styles tell the story of his life and impact! ↓ ↓

<https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofWales/St-David-Patron-Saint-of-Wales/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zH8a6BcFATI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsVTf29JsvQ>

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An American commentator's lack of knowledge about the Welsh Language somewhat spoils this rather accurate documentary!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsVTf29JsvQ>

Has a focus on St David's Cathedral which is interesting.

Interesting Welsh Rugby News

Two Welsh Rugby Stars, Cory Hill and Jake Ball, now play in Japan.



Jake Ball



Cory Hill

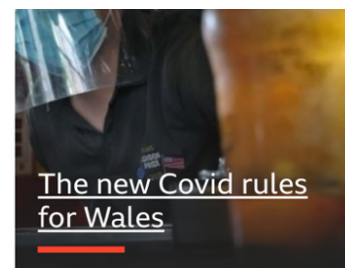
NEWS from HOME

1) Brexit made Stena's Holyhead and Fishguard ports 30% quieter

<https://www.bbc.com/cymrufyw/60096505>

2) New Covid rules for Wales:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-55333756>



Other Information

1) To find out about Jane Best MBE, check out this link →

<https://rei-npo.org/en/>

2) As we will be serving Welsh Cakes on the 27th, enjoy these two videos! P.S. Let us know what you think of the Jamie Oliver version of Welsh cakes on the 27th. ↓ ↓

- Jamie Oliver's wonderful Welsh cakes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMywf6Ffg3I>

- Margaret John makes Welsh cakes for St. David's Day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qt930NfW7Ec>

3) We would like to introduce our **newest committee member**, Elizabeth York (known as **Avril**). Avril is from Powys and arrived in Japan in 2020.

4) Many of us remember our remarkable member **Akira (Jack) Shimazaki**, famous for being a councillor for Cardigan, his adopted home area in Wales. He was also an amazing Bara Brith baker and a charismatic man. We are sad to announce that Jack passed away recently. We pray for him to rest in peace.



We are looking forward to seeing you all on Feb 27th.

Ursula Bethany Avril Chris

