

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY JAPAN

CYMDEITHAS DEWI SANT SIAPAN
Monthly Newsletter

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus!

Spring is here! and so *was* the time to enjoy our Welsh heritage...until COVID spoiled it! So, as St. David recommended, we did the little thing and postponed the fun. **Our St. David's Day will now be held on April 2nd, from 6pm!**



We have the same amazing program lined up, with Welsh university presentations, rugby information, a raffle in aid of Oita Prefecture and some special guests, including Koji Tokumasu, the Welsh envoy to Japan and members of the Welsh government. We will also be having a talk from Jane Best on REI Refugees International Japan, and our usual society fun and Welsh singing with our Minstrel, Paul Williams. (Our singing will of course be dependent on COVID rules!)

For information about Jane Best MBE, check out <https://rei-npo.org/en/>

All are welcome, whether you are Welsh, lived or studied in Wales, or even if you just like Wales.

The Society and the FCCJ Club take Covid regulations seriously. Should our event be cancelled, your payment of 8000 yen will be refunded.

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St David's Day 2022

Random acts of Welshness.



But just because our event has been postponed, it doesn't mean we can't celebrate St. David's Day on the day as well!

The Welsh Government invite us all to join them in celebrating our national day by taking part in our own **"little act of Welshness"** and sharing it on social media.

What are "little acts of Welshness?"

Well, it could be anything! From dressing up in your best Welsh clothes, to cooking up a batch of Welsh Cakes, to simply doing a bit of "canu" and "dawnsio" (singing and dancing). All you have to do is photograph or film yourself doing the act ready to post it on the day (March 1st) with the hashtags #RandomActsOfWelshness and #PethauBychain.

Let's turn the world **Welsh** this St. David's Day!

(Check here for more details and inspiration: [Random Acts of Welshness](#))

The sense that COVID is moving into an endemic phase gives us hope that we will be able to move back to holding our monthly Craic pub gatherings, to hosting our annual open-air picnic and Hanami. In the meantime, we are planning a zoom play reading for Dylan Thomas Day.

Welsh News

The latest COVID news:

Wearing of masks may be history in Wales from March?:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-politics-60332835>

Wild swimming helps a Welsh woman deal with Long Covid syndrome:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-60287344>

Other news:

New Rugby Scrum Rules

<https://inews.co.uk/sport/rugby-union/six-nations-2022-rules-50-22-kick-scrum-brake-foot-new-laws-explained-1445013>

If you are ever in need of transport to and from the national sport, now help is electrifying the solution with new electric trains with greater capacity for moving us around!

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-60265219>

Oscars 2022: Welsh film creators shocked at nomination.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-60318385>



Michael Sheen disappointed by Port Talbot Banksy treatment:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-wales-60219833>

Llandudno goats cause a traffic jam:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-60300004>

Housing: Fairy tale estate aimed at keeping young people local:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-60404223>

'Incredible': from Wordle's Welsh beginnings to the New York Times. The puzzle's global success has turned Josh Wardle into a megastar in the gaming world and bemused his family in a small village called Llanddewi Rhydderch:

<https://nation.cymru/news/welsh-creator-of-wordle-sells-the-game-for-at-least-1m-after-its-success-becomes-overwhelming/>



Other updates

Check out Kansai St David's Society Branch online program for their St David's celebrations!

A 5-evenings-in-a-row program from 25th Feb till March 1st. Starting time is 21:00 in Japan / noon in UK. The duration is around an hour. Free to watch on Youtube. (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNg1F91VwBoOCy5pouvuesQ>)

■ Fri., 25th Feb.

Carol Jones of "Welsh Lady" (in Welsh) <https://www.welshladypreserves.com/>

■ Sat., 26th Feb.

Yukimasa Matsuda of "Noto Gin" (in Japanese) He makes craft gin using Noto's local ingredients at a distillery in Wales.

<https://www.notogin.com/> (in Japanese)

■ Sun., 27th Feb.

Sion Llewelyn, a lovespoon maker (in English)

<https://www.lovespoonsbysionllewellyn.co.uk/>

■ Mon., 28th Feb.

Jonathan Williams of "Pembrokeshire Beachfood Company" (in English)

<https://beachfood.co.uk/>

■ Tue., 1st Mar.

Takeshi Koike, the representative of the Academich Sociey of Welsh Studies in Japan: "Lecture on Welsh Leeks as it is St. David's Day" (in Japanese)

Lastly...

While we will be serving Welsh Cakes on the 2nd April for our St. David's Day event, here are some videos to help you make your own! (Just in case you can't wait!!)

Jamie Oliver's Wonderful Welsh Cakes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMyw6Ffg3I>

Margaret John Makes Welsh Cakes for St David's Day

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



We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd April!

CDS Committee

Ursula, Bethany, Chris and Avril

