



St. David's Society of Utica

Newsletter - January 2015



St. David's Society

UPCOMING EVENTS

St David's Day Banquet

3 pm, Sunday, March 1

Hart's Hill Inn,

35 Clinton Street, Whitesboro.

Social hour 3 pm

Dinner 4 pm

Annual Meeting&Entertainment 5pm

Cost per person - \$24.00.

Reservations with check and menu choices by Feb.19 to

Cindy Gilbert, 3 Woodstock Court, New Hartford, NY 13413.

You may also contact her by phone:

315-793-3245 or email:

cymru15cg@gmail.com

(see overleaf for menu details and cutout reservation form)

Spring Gymanfa Ganu

3 pm, Sunday May 3

Westminster-Moriah Olivet Church

714 Washington Street, Utica

(parking available at parking lots on Broadway near Utica City Hall).

Conductor—Jay Williams

A 'te bach (tea and cookies) will follow the hymn sing. Everyone is encouraged to invite friends who enjoy singing.



Welsh Flag Raising

9:15 am, Friday, Feb. 27

Utica City Hall

1 Kennedy Plaza (off Broadway)

(plenty of parking near front door.)

Mayor Robert Palmieri will host the event and present a proclamation to commemorate it.

You may dress in Welsh garb or bring a small Welsh flag to wave.

See you there!

Fun and Games at Christmas Party



Competitors in the Snowman Look Alike Contest are (l-r): Linda Walters Grace Rugans, Dakotah Dudgeon and Liam Lavinio.

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Helping educate our Welsh students

The awarding of scholarships has been a tradition of St. David's Society for many years. Over just the past 20 years, \$45,350 has been awarded to deserving students to assist them in their pursuit of higher education. You probably know some of the recipients of those awards. They are your children, grandchildren, relatives and friends. You also know the successes that they have achieved because of the education they have attained.

We want this scholarship tradition to continue and that will happen with your help. Your contributions go into the Trust Fund which can be used to provide assistance to students for this coming school year and in the future. An investment in education always pay off with dividends that far exceed our expectations.

We appreciate each donation made to the Trust Fund. Each donation is important because it will help our youth to know that they are supported in their education by their extended family, the members of St. David's Society. The essays written by these students reflect their appreciation

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for their Welsh heritage. Experiences and memories provided to them by Nain and Taid, by Mom and Dad, poignantly remind them of that heritage.

We know that you will want to consider making a donation to the fund this year. Please make your check payable to “St. David’s Society of Utica, New York” and mail it to the Treasurer: Cindy Gilbert, 3 Woodstock Court, New Hartford, NY 13413 with a notation that it is for the “Trust Fund” or “Scholarships”.

Fall 2014 Gymanfa well attended

The fall Gymanfa Ganu drew a large congregation at New Hartford Presbyterian Church. We were thrilled to have our good friend and celebrated Canadian choral conductor, Iwan Edwards, lead the singing. Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards, and Welsh goods were available for purchase.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Members are requested to keep us updated with contact information so we can better keep in touch. So if you haven’t told us already, please send your street address, phone number and email address to:

St. David's Society of Utica, NY
4 Fairlane Drive
Whitesboro, NY 13492
Phone: 315-768-7115

Email: membership@saintdavidssociety.org

Good weather at Barn Fest

Perfect weather at the 2014 Remsen Barn FOTA brought out the crowds. Our booth saw lots of visitors who bought Welsh items, especially tea cakes, helping raise money for society projects.

Scholarships Available

Students who are applying to colleges or technical schools need to check out the scholarship program provided by St. David’s Society of Utica. For an explanation of eligibility and application procedures, look on-line at www.saintdavidssociety.org and click on “About Us”, scrolling to the end and clicking on “Scholarship Page”. And then follow through and send in a scholarship applica-



MENU CHOICES

St David’s Day Banquet,
March 1



**Choice is either Young Turkey with dressing,
OR Roast Sirloin of Beef with burgundy gravy.**

Full Menu

Llanfairpwll leek soup
St. David’s Salad

Blaenau Ffestiniog bread and Barry butter
Choice of Young Tredgar Turkey with dressing
**OR Rhondda Roast Sirloin of Beef with burgundy
gravy**

Family style Pembroke potato
Barry broccoli and Cardiff carrots
Swansea Strawberry Sundae
Conwy coffee, decaf or Tenby tea

**Reservations by February 19 with menu
choices and check made payable to St.
David’s Society of Utica to: Cindy Gilbert, 3
Woodstock Court, New Hartford, NY 13413.
Phone 315-793-3245**

Christmas Party enjoyed by all

About 60 people enjoyed good food, singing, and fun at the Christmas party in New Hartford UMC fellowship hall, Dec. 28th. “We were pleased to see one of our scholarship winners, Alexandra Wynne, there with her father,” said Stew Williams “ We all hope this will become an annual event” he added.

Flag Raising

Everyone is invited to attend the raising of the Welsh Flag to commemorate St. David’s Day and the many contributions made by Welsh immigrants to the Utica area. (See page 1 for details)

Utica St. David's Society Christmas Party 2014



Left: Peter Wheeler
in Christmas spirit



Right: Stew Williams;
Welsh tree



Ted Engle reads Dylan Thomas's 'A Child's Christmas in Wales'



Bob Jones conducts; Jeanne Jones plays piano

Reservation for St. David's Day Banquet

Send to Cindy Gilbert, Treasurer, 3 Woodstock Court, New Hartford, NY 13413 by Feb. 19

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Menu Choice (s) # [] Turkey with dressing # [] Roast Sirloin of Beef with burgundy gravy
 Total at \$24 each \$
 Scholarship Donation \$
 Grand Total \$

Check to "St. David's Society of Utica"

Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your support!