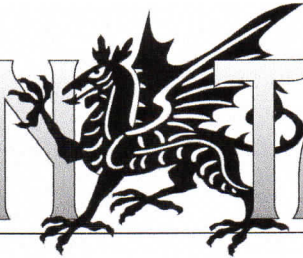


DRAGON TALES



The Welsh Society of Central Ohio

Cymdeithas Gymreig Canolbarth Ohio

Promoting a Strong and Vibrant Welsh Community in Central Ohio

WSCO's 66th Annual Gymanfa Ganu to be Held October 19

Laura Thomas, Event Chair

Join us on October 19, 2014 for the 66th annual WSCO Gymanfa Ganu! The traditional gathering for congregational hymn singing will take place at 2:30 p.m. in the beautiful sanctuary of the Central College Presbyterian Church in Westerville, Ohio. We are very fortunate to have the gifted chorister **Jay Williams** joining us from New York state, as well as our dedicated long-time accompanist **James Hildreth**.

We are also excited this year to welcome the Columbus Children's Choir as our special music. This is sure to add a lot of youthful energy to the event and, hopefully, to spark an interest in Welsh culture and music among some of the children and their parents for whom it may be a new thing. Let's all welcome them wholeheartedly and create a wonderful memory for them and us.

As usual, the Gymanfa will be followed by a Te Bach (little tea) immediately following the singing. Enjoy an opportunity to sample Welsh cakes, tea, and coffee while catching up with old friends and meeting some new ones.

Gather family and friends for this year's Gymanfa! We will see you there.

Directions to the church:

Central College Presbyterian Church is located near the northeast side of Columbus at 975 Sunbury Road in Westerville, Ohio, less than 1.5 miles north of State Route 161 and just north of Dempsey Road, on the west side of the street.

Questions about the gymanfa or te bach can be directed to events@WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org or telephone WSCO at: 614-500-7998.

Please use the provided form for memorials and donations for this year's Gymanfa Ganu - please mail to be received by October 09, 2014 (form included in this issue of *Dragon Tales*)

Te Bach ("little tea")

Please join us after the singing for Welsh teacakes and beverages. Introduce yourself to a choir member and her/his family and invite them to come along with you!

GYMANFA – a digital story

If you don't have a computer, go visit a friend or the public library – you'll be happy you did.

Access Youtube.com and put "gymanfa" in the search box – look for the item titled simply "Gymanfa" that says "by OSU Digital Storytelling" then click on the link and sit back and Enjoy! **OR** use "youtube gymanfa" in the computer's Search Engine.

This wonderful story of Welsh heritage was created and produced by WSCO's **Laura Thomas**, Board member and Event Chair for this year's WSCO gymanfa.

The direct link for this has already been sent out to those for whom WSCO has email addresses -- if you didn't receive that message and you'd like to have the link, email your request to info@welshsocietyofcentralohio.org. (let us know if you'd like to be added to our email list for future alerts to items of Welsh interest -- we won't flood your Inbox and we won't put you on the mailing list unless you ask).

Heritage – Treftadaeth

The **Welsh Society of Central Ohio** began as the **Welsh Singing Society of Columbus, Ohio** when it was organized in 1948, and we continue to honor the efforts of those organizers by singing the hymns they sang.

Their church was an important part of the daily life of many of the immigrants from Wales who settled in Ohio and was also important to the next few generations of their descendants who came together in Columbus to celebrate their heritage.

Today we live in a different culture than those early-Ohio immigrants did and WSCO has transitioned through the years and broadened the scope of our organization but we still come together to remember, and be grateful for, our organization's beginnings.

And to sing.

Why We Sing What We Sing

"God Bless America"

Membership Matters

Membership Benefits include a subscription to WSCO's newsletter, *Dragon Tales*, a vote at the Annual Meeting (except children under 16), advance notice of WSCO events, a membership roster, and great new friends. WSCO General members are also welcome to silently observe WSCO Board Meetings. Note - to present an item for discussion at a Board meeting, arrangements must be made in advance with the current President.

Annual memberships (membership period Jan 1 - Dec 31):

\$25 for an Individual or Family Unit (parental unit and dependent children), due by January 1st of each year. Annual memberships begin the day they are received by WSCO (if received between Jan 1 and Sept 20), OR, those received Sept 21 - Dec 31 will be applied to the **next** membership year, and will begin on Jan 1 of that next year. Please note - memberships not current as of January 31 may not be included in the annual member roster, and membership must be current to vote during the Annual Meeting.

Lifetime Memberships (begins on date received):

\$175 for an Individual or a Family Unit - or - \$30 for individuals over 80 years old

Current WSCO Membership Application and other information is available on the Membership page on WSCO's website, and questions may be emailed to info@welshsocietyofcentralohio.org, or call WSCO at 614-500-7998.

Laura Jenkins Gorun (*Current Membership Chair*)

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, except for July, August and December, from 7 to 9 pm and usually take place at the Glenwood United Methodist Church, 2833 Valleyview Dr. (at Hague Ave.) Columbus, Ohio in room 4.

Meetings are open to all adult WSCO members. Anyone wishing to put an item on the agenda or speak before the Board should contact the President at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Current Board Members

Cathy Beacom, Donna Boyce (Corresponding Secretary), Kathy Chamblin, Myron Cherry, Ken Evans, Stacy Evans (Vice-President), Laura Jenkins Gorun (Immediate Past President and Membership Chair), Jeanne Jones Jindra (Director, Madog Center for Welsh Studies) *ex-officio*, Jeff Jones, Lynn R. Jones, Pam Jones, Patti Jones, Tegwyn Lantz (Treasurer), Jeanette Muench, Bob Penry, Charlotte Prior (President), Stanton Prior, Beth Ransopher, Laura Thomas, Diana Wafe (Recording Secretary), Dianne Williams, and Homer Williams.

ANNUAL RENEWAL REMINDER

For those who pay dues annually, your dues will expire Dec. 31st.

Also, to avoid any lapse in membership, annual membership **renewals are due by January 1st.**

Not sure if you're an annual member? If you are, your newsletter mailing label will have an "A'14" in the corner, and a membership form has been included with your newsletter, or is available on WSCO's website.

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Submissions can be made to:
newsletter@welshsocietyofcentralohio.org
 Please include your name, phone number, and email address;
 or leave a message at 614-500-7998
 and include your name and phone number

Submission deadlines: January 8,
 June 8, and September 8

Why We Sing What We Sing

Mary Ellen Morgan, former WSCO Board member

"God Bless America"

In 1940, America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we'd have to go to war. It was a time of hardship and worry for most Americans.

This was the era just before TV, when radio shows were popular and American families sat around their radios in the evenings listening to their favorite entertainers, and no entertainer of that era was bigger than Kate Smith.

Kate was also patriotic and she wanted to do something to cheer up America, so she went to the famous American song-writer, Irving Berlin (who also wrote "White Christmas") and asked him to write a song that would make Americans feel good again about their country. When she described what she was looking for, he said he had just the song for her.

He had written, but never published, it 22 years before, in 1917. Kate Smith and Irving Berlin agreed they would not take any profits from "God Bless America" but that any profits would go to the Boy Scouts of America. Over the years, the Boy Scouts have received millions of dollars in royalties from this song. When it debuted on her radio show, "God Bless America" became an instant hit and a tonic for America. and to this day, it stirs our patriotic feelings and pride in our country.

After 9-11, while America was still in shock from the slaughter of thousands by terrorists, as Event Chair for WSCO's October 2001 Gymanfa Ganu, I included God Bless America in our program as a tribute to all who had fallen and to show our love of our country. We've been singing it for the past 13 cymanfoedd and are stirred every time.

Member Highlights

Welcome Wagon

WSCO sends a big *Croeso!* (Welcome!) to all our new members.

Members can find the WSCO Constitution on the website at www.welshsocietyofcentralohio.org. Click 'About WSCO' and then, near the bottom of the page, click 'Constitution'. Members without access to Internet can request to have a copy mailed by leaving a message at WSCO's Information Line 614-500-7998.

Going to the Chapel

Although not an "official" member of WSCO, but known to many WSCO members, **Gwawr Edwards** was married to **Daniel Phillips** (of Only Men Aloud!) on May 31, 2014.

The bride's father **Dafydd** sang for his daughter, her sister **Menna Edwards Griffiths** was matron of honor, and Menna's children **Fflur Griffiths** and **Rhys Edwards Griffiths** were junior bridesmaid and junior usher.

The bride and groom left the reception via helicopter for the trip to Heathrow to then fly to the Maldiv Islands for their honeymoon.



Ladies and Gentlemen, I present Mr. and Mrs. Edwards-Phillips.

Other Celebrations

Life Member and current WSCO Board vice-president **Stacy Evans** became the president of the National Welsh-American Foundation during this year's North American Festival of Wales held in Minneapolis, August 28-31. The Foundation (NWAF) serves as the funding organization for several scholarships, including travel scholarships for North American students wanting to study in Welsh schools and universities, Lloyd Jones entrepreneurial scholarships at the University of Wales at Bangor for young people working on pioneering new products, and more traditional scholarships for American students who are enrolled in regular academic courses at institutions in Wales. NWAF has the unique feature of having a board in Wales that sponsors lectureships and keeps in touch with Welsh students who are desirous of developing a close relationship between Wales and the United States and Canada. One of the highlights of the North American Festival of Wales is an annual banquet jointly sponsored by the Welsh North American Association (WNAA) and NWAF during which NWAF awards the Heritage Medalion to an outstanding Welsh-American. Stacy is looking forward to this new venture.

Llongyfarchiadau, Stacy!

On the Move

Newest (and "Returned"!) WSCO Board member **Bob Penry** attended the week-long *Cwrs Cymraeg* 2014 Welsh course in Ontario, Canada. (Visit www.madog.org to see the Class Picture and find out about the 2015 course)

Instead of "coming home" after the 2014 NAFOW in Minneapolis, Board president **Charlotte Prior** went west for a visit with her sister.

Member Highlights

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Member Highlights continued from page 3**Final Farewell**

WSCO was notified shortly after the last newsletter was published that our dear **Lloyd Calvin Savage** died on May 10th at the age of 90. Lloyd was a three-year veteran of WW II and received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Otterbein College, a Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan, with additional studies at The Ohio State University and Shrivensham American University in England.

He spent many years as a music educator, teaching in public schools and conducting both church and community choirs and the All-Ohio Senior Choir at the Ohio State Fair, and he sang in choirs and played the piano for congregational singing. He conducted WSCO's 2010 Gymanfa Ganu and many other cymanfoedd on local, state, national and international levels.

He co-edited two songbooks for the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association (now the Welsh North American Association) and published a book of his own – *Songs Sung and Heard by Buckeyes in the Civil War*. He lectured on Civil War music, and had various articles published in state and national music publications.

Lloyd was a Life member and long-time supporter of WSCO, and often brought his accordion to WSCO picnics to sing a solo and accompany group singing.

WSCO Life member **Margaret “Meg” Anne Hukill** died July 25th, also at the age of 90. She was preceded in death by her parents Laura Bebb Jones Hukill and Ralph Wentworth Hukill.

Meg received a BS from the University of Wisconsin, a diploma in physical therapy and rehabilitation counseling from the Virginia Commonwealth University, her MS in physical therapy from the College of William and Mary, was a licensed physical therapist in Ohio, and was professionally affiliated with medical associations in both Virginia and Ohio including Mt. Carmel East Hospital, and with The Ohio State University College of Education.

Meg was very proud of her Welsh heritage and attended the Miami Avenue Welsh Church until 1962 when she transferred to Broad Street Presbyterian Church where she served as elder, trustee, and choir member.

She rarely missed a Gymanfa Ganu, whether WSCO's, a bit further afield in Venedocia, or the nationals, and she traveled to Oak Hill for events.

Meg offered help during the earliest efforts of WSCO's “hunting the history” project and served as a contact with her relative **Flo Jones** who was, at that time, the last surviving member of our organization's founders.

Free DVD Available for WSCO Members

During the 2014 St. David's Day annual meeting and luncheon on March 1, a film was shown detailing the history of how the Welsh settled in southeastern Ohio. Entitled "The Welsh in Ohio" the film was created in 2006 and runs approximately 55 minutes. The film is narrated in Welsh with English subtitles provided. WSCO has been given permission to copy the film and make it available to our membership for free. Any WSCO members interested in having a copy of this film (in a DVD format) please contact the WSCO information line at 614-500-7998. Leave a message by providing your name, phone number and how many copies you are interested in having. A WSCO representative will be in touch with you to discuss delivery details.

There will also be copies available during the Te Bach after our Oct. 19th Gymanfa Ganu.

WSCO's 2014 Picnic

On July 20th, about two dozen WSCO members and friends gathered at Blendon Woods Metro Park for our annual potluck picnic – we didn't include in the “count” the Canada geese who tried to join us, or the park rangers who came along to shoo the geese away and remind attendees that they should please not feed the wildlife.

The weather was lovely with none of the rain we've had in several recent years. Although temperatures were a little bit on the chilly side, things were nice and cosy in the shelter house once there was a fire going in the stone fireplace. **John Gorun** got the fire started and one of the Goose Chasers managed to pump things up to the ‘next level’.

All the good food was the “star” of the day, but I'll share with you some of the other highlights as we had many activities to keep us busy:

--the Last Rummage Sale of items from the storage locker was going on the whole time we were there and, thanks to generous Purchasers, the WSCO general fund gleaned over \$100.

--**Sue Day** brought three friends with her, so won this year's accolades for that planning and effort.

--picnic attendees participated in judging and voting for “place” the top entries in the WSCO Youth Eisteddfod art competition for a Christmas card design, and the First Place winner received over 50% of the votes! There is an article on Page 6 of this newsletter with all the design images and winners' names. If you'd like to see the entries in color visit www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org where you'll find the First Prize image on the home page – click on the “more information” link right above it and scroll down to find the other designs.

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SAVE THE DATES!!**2015 St. David's Day Celebrations**

Welsh Flag Raising
Friday, Feb. 27
Ohio Statehouse, Columbus

Luncheon, Annual Meeting
Saturday Feb. 28
Worthington Hills Country Club

Upcoming WSCO Events

Most Months, 4th Wednesday, 8pm

Trivia team

Coaches Bar & Grill, 1480 Bethel Rd., Columbus
For more information call 614-500-7998 or visit
www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org/Live%20Trivia.htm

Monthly, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30pm

Welsh folk dancing classes

Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Hts. Ave.,
Columbus

For more information call 614-500-7998 or visit
www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org/WCDCO.htm

Monthly (except July, August & December), 2nd Tues-
days, 7-9pm

Board Meetings

Valleyview United Methodist Church
2833 Valleyview Dr. Columbus

For more information call 614-500-7998, or visit
[www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org/
board_meetings.htm](http://www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org/board_meetings.htm)

Oct. 19, 2014, Sunday, 2:30pm

WSCO's Gymanfa Ganu and Te Bach
Details on page 1 of this newsletter

Feb. 27, 2015, Friday

WSCO's St. David's Day Welsh Flag Raising
Ohio Statehouse, downtown Columbus
Watch for details in next newsletter

Feb. 28, 2015, Saturday

WSCO's St. David's Day luncheon and Annual Meeting
Watch for details in next newsletter

1952, 1986, 1998, and now 2015!

**The Next Venue booth
from the Minneapolis 2014 NAFOW**

Welsh Folk Dancing Classes

When: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, September through June,
from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. (verify schedule on or around
holidays).

Where: Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton
Heights Ave. (at N. High St., one block south of North
Broadway).

Contact: 614-471-2620 or visit our web page at
www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org. Click on Events
and scroll to the bottom of the page for our link.

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Other Events of Interest

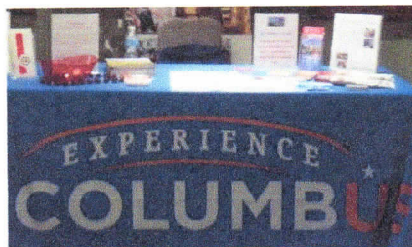
October 5, 2014 -- Gymanfa Ganu, Gomer Congrega-
tional Church, 7350 Gomer Rd., Gomer, OH; 7pm. Free
and open to the public. Information:
secretary@gomercc.org or www.gomercc.org.

November 30, 2014 – Annual Advent Carol Sing, Welsh-
American Heritage Museum, Oak Hill, OH; 3pm. Free and
Open to the Public. Information: Madog Center for Welsh
Studies, 800-282-7201 ext 7186.

November 30, 2014 -- Granville Historical Society, Gran-
ville, OH.

The Society's Welsh heritage event for this year will be a
showing of *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. The event will
recognize the 100th anniversary of Dylan Thomas' birth.
Thomas may be best known for his evocative poems,
including *Fern Hill* and *Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good
Night*, but his humorous tale of remembered childhood
Christmas traditions, adventures, gifts and dreams is a
sure way to put yourself in a pleasant holiday mood.
Planned for Sunday afternoon of Thanksgiving weekend,
Nov. 30, the program will include a Welsh tea, known as
a "Te Bach," prior to the showing of the film, which stars
Denholm Elliott. For more information, contact the Soci-
ety: 740-587-3951, www.granvillehistory.org,
or email granvillehistorical@gmail.com.

**2015
September 3-6
North American Festival of Wales
Columbus, OH**



WSCO Youth Eisteddfod Competitions

Laura Jenkins Gorun, Immediate Past Board President

Christmas Card Contest Winner & Card Orders
Earlier this year, we held the competition for a Welsh-themed Christmas Card design, a jury of WSCO Board members chose three finalists and an honorable mention from the entries received, and then those who attended the WSCO Family Picnic in July voted to select the winner



The first place winner was **Mary Claire Morgan**, age 13, from Centerburg, Ohio. She won \$125, and her design featuring Welsh Corgis is being made into a Christmas Card offered through WSCO.

The 2nd place winner was **Norah Gustafson**, age 9, from Westerville, who won \$50 with her Welsh Dragon Christmas design,



and our 3rd place winner was **Meghan Mertz**, age 12, from Canal Winchester, who won \$25 for her Welsh Dragon and Christmas Tree design.

An honorable mention was awarded to **Meredith Morgan**, age 10, of Centerburg,



with her design depicting the ancient Welsh holiday tradition of the "Mari Lwyd," or "Gray Mare."

Thanks to all who entered and participated in selecting the winners!

Order Christmas cards featuring the first place winner's Welsh Corgi design, for a suggested donation of \$10 per 8-pack until October 31st. An order form is included with this newsletter, or a printable order form is available on

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WSCO's website. For those who ordered cards before September 21st, your cards will be available for pick-up at the Te Bach following the WSCO Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday, October 19th. A limited number of the Christmas Cards will also be available at the Te Bach following the WSCO Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday, October 19th.

AND THERE'S MORE: Our 2nd annual St. David's Day Card Design Contest! The entry period ran from July 19th through October 1st, and finalists will be announced shortly after the 2nd Tuesday in October. The three finalists' designs will be on display at WSCO's Gymanfa Ganu and Te Bach on Sunday, October 19th, where those in attendance will be asked to vote to select the winners. In addition to the first place design being featured on a St. David's Day card produced and offered through WSCO, the top three winners will receive prizes: 1st place wins \$100, 2nd place wins \$40, and 3rd place wins \$20. Order forms for St. David's Day cards will be available at the Gymanfa Ganu, and will be accepted until December 15th, 2014.

Contest results and printable forms will be announced on www.welshsocietyofcentralohio.org/, WSCO's website, and WSCO's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/WelshSocietyOfCentralOhio/>, and winning designs will also be made available on select products through WSCO's Zazzle website: www.zazzle.com/wscoproducts. Any donations received in excess of the cost of producing and distributing the cards will be used towards future youth Eisteddfod activities.

Help keep Welsh culture and heritage alive with friends and family, while also supporting the great Welsh creative tradition of the Eisteddfod by ordering and sending WSCO's Christmas or St. David's Day cards!

Welsh Heritage Days Eisteddfod

In mid-May, during the Welsh Heritage Days celebration at the Bob Evans Farm in Rio Grande, Ohio, the Madog Center for Welsh Studies teamed with the Bob Evans folks to present an eisteddfod for both children and adults.

Earlier this year, the WSCO Board voted to underwrite eisteddfod prizes for age categories closely tied to WSCO's own recent Youth Eisteddfod efforts by utilizing part of our members' dues and donations monies in strengthening our organizational Outreach efforts and supporting the statement of Purpose in our constitution.

In addition to thanking the WSCO Board at the time of the vote, **Jeanne Jones Jindra**, Director of the Madog Center for Welsh Studies sent the following (post-eisteddfod) email message:

"Annwyl Welsh Society of Central Ohio,
Thanks again for your support of our Eisteddfod competition at Welsh Heritage Days!"

Pictures of the winners on page 7

WSCO Scholarship helping to send a student to Wales

Congratulations to the recipient of this year's Welsh Exchange Travel Scholarship, **Kathryn Campbell!** WSCO sponsors this annual Welsh Exchange Travel Scholarship in the amount of \$500 to cover travel-related or educational expenses to a student at the University of Rio Grande. Kathryn was selected by the Madog Center for Welsh Studies at URG from the students chosen to participate in their Welsh Exchange Program at Trinity Saint David, in Wales. Watch for an article describing Kathryn's experience in Wales in the first WSCO newsletter next year. Read more about this and other great programs on the Madog Center's website, at <http://www.rio.edu/madog/Welsh-Exchange-Program.cfm>. ---WSCO Announcement



Kathryn Renet Campbell was born in 1994 in Gallia County, Ohio, where she grew up and attended school, and graduated from Gallia Academy High School. She said music played a huge part in her high school life, thanks to her talented mother, **Stephanie**. Katy had the lead in 3 school musicals as well as performing in productions for the local theater company. Piano is her favorite instrument, although she plays trumpet along with twelve other instruments.

She takes learning very seriously and feels that the exchange opportunity offered by the Madog Center for Welsh Studies at the University of Rio Grande with Trinity Saint David in Carmarthen, Wales, will give her the chance to become immersed in the culture, language and customs of Wales while earning credit towards her degree. She is currently torn between majoring in English Education or Music Education but hopes to take as many music modules at Trinity as she can.

Katy's ultimate dream is to join the OSU Marching Band and, in the fall of 2015, she will transfer to OSU to finish her degree and take the steps towards becoming a "Marching Buckeye".

She currently lives at home with her sister and mother. For several years, Katy has been a waitress at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Rio Grande and saving money to fund her travel. She sends a big "diolch yn fawr iawn" to the Welsh Society of Central Ohio" for their support.

The WSCO Travel Scholarship could not have been awarded to a more deserving student.

---Jeanne Jones Jindra,
Director, Madog Center for Welsh Studies

New Intern At Madog Center

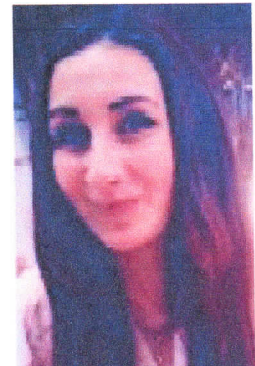
Jeanne Jones Jindra
Director, Madog Center for Welsh Studies

Alis Newberry, from Cross Keys in the Valleys of south Wales, arrived in southern Ohio in early August to begin her duties as the 4th Davis Intern at the Madog Center for Welsh Studies at the University of Rio Grande.

She graduated from the University of Glamorgan, earning a BS in Popular Music Technology, and is currently enrolled in URG's MA in Integrated Arts program. She is fluent in the Welsh language and has begun teaching a class of Welsh II at URG.

Alis has a strong interest in music and the arts, with percussion and drums as her favorite instruments. She enjoys modern and traditional Welsh dance, swimming and other water sports. She has participated in many competitions, was a member of the Caerffili Youth Choir and the Cross Keys college choir. She has assumed the job of directing Madog's Youth Choir, which was started by **Lisa Jones** in 2013 for children in our area. They hope to have their first performance during the Annual Advent Carol Sing at the Welsh-American Heritage Museum on Nov. 30th

Alis is also looking forward to meeting the Welsh Society of Central Ohio members and participating in upcoming events in Columbus associated with the North American Festival of Wales Sept. 3-6, 2015.



Welsh Heritage Days Eisteddfod Winners
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Welsh Language Solo - Middle School
Miriam Harley-3rd, Courtney Polcyn-2nd,
Emily Polcyn-1st



Welsh Language Solo - Elementary
Lily Colley-2nd
Evelyn Harley & Sarah Bowman-tie for 1st



WSCO's 2014 Picnic Continued from page 4

(There is a Christmas card order form with this newsletter and you can also find one on our website) The submission deadline for the 2015 St. David's Day card art competition will be past by the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox, but bookmark WSCO's website and check periodically for announcements of upcoming competitions!

--Event Chair **Charlotte Prior** herded all the male attendees wearing shorts or "short" pants to a bench and tapped **Laura Thomas** to be the Judge for a Bonnie Knees Contest. The contestants shuffled their seating locations after the Judge was officially blind-folded and the contest began, along with much laughter and side comments. Prizes were awarded with First Prize going to **Myron Cherry** and "participation" prizes for the rest of the men plus a prize for the Judge, even though there had been some speculation about the Judge's "need" to re-check the men's knees...

--there were not enough of the folk dancers available on picnic day this year to offer a demonstration, but a number of attendees were in fine form for an audience-participation dance.

[Editor's Note: my apologies that there are no photos accompanying this article – they didn't come back from the developing lab by the time the newsletter needed to go to the Printer]

Dragon Tales Now ACCEPTING:**Book Reviews**

- Welsh Author
- About Wales or 'Set' in Wales if fiction
- Welsh Main Character/s if fiction

Other Events of Interest

Advance notice for events of Welsh-interest happening in Ohio

Articles

- Especially looking for people to write post-event articles covering highlights of WSCO-sponsored events (i.e., St. David's Day celebrations, Potluck Picnic, Gymanfa & Te Bach, any Special Events)
- Periodically, articles about events where WSCO-founded groups appear/perform (i.e., Trivia Team, Folk Dancers, WSCO info booths at festivals)
- Periodically, articles about Welsh-based events around Ohio or even events with a 'strong' Welsh presence
- Condensed highlights of annual NAFOW

All submissions are subject to 'light' editing and are published as space permits; send with your name and contact information to newsletter@welshsocietyofcentralohio.org.

F.Y.I

The BBC has produced a website about the connections between Wales and America

www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z2q22hb

A Peek at Leeks

Better Homes and Gardens, Feb. 2000, pg. 208

Leeks have a mellow flavor making them popular in recipes calling for just a hint of onionlike flavor. Leeks are available all year – seek out examples with bright green leaves and firm roots. Leeks will store up to one week when refrigerated loosely covered; are great for soups & sauces; can be used in place of onions and shallots; have only 15 calories per half-cup serving; and minced raw leeks add extra zing to salad dressings.

Leek Casserole Milanese

5 to 6 leeks (about 1 ½ lb.)
 2 tsp. cooking oil
 ½ cup sliced oyster mushrooms
 or button mushrooms
 ½ cup dry white wine
 ¾ cup whipping cream
 ¼ to ½ tsp. salt
 Dash ground nutmeg
 ¾ cup soft bread crumbs
 ¼ cup shredded Parmesan cheese

1. Trim and discard leek root ends, any tough outer leaves, and several inches from the tops. Clean trimmed leeks thoroughly under cold running water to remove any sand. Bias-cut cleaned leeks into ¼-inch slices. Rinse slices under cold running water to remove any remaining sand. Drain well. Set aside (you should have about 3 cups sliced leeks).
2. Preheat oven to 400° F. In a large skillet heat oil over medium heat. Add leeks. Cook and stir for 2 to 3 minutes or until just tender.
3. Remove leeks from skillet; set aside. In the same skillet cook mushrooms for 3 to 5 minutes or until just tender. Add wine. Bring mixture to just boiling, reduce heat. Cook 4 to 5 minutes or until most of the liquid has evaporated, stirring occasionally. Add whipping cream, salt, and nutmeg. Return to boiling.
4. Cook and stir mushroom mixture for 3 minutes or until slightly thickened (you should have about ¾ cup). Add leeks to mushroom mixture. Pour into a lightly greased, 1-quart casserole. Top with bread crumbs and cheese.
5. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until the topping is golden color and leeks are heated through. Serve immediately.
 Makes 6 side-dish servings.

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