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Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be held 9th September 2008, 7:30 p.m. at the Parry's 206 524-0854 gerribp@hotmail.com

Please consider involvement on the PSWA Board of Trustees. The Board meets informally 4-5 times per year and as needed by telephone. Your involvement will help spread the duties and help keep PSWA a vibrant and active group, able to function effectively and efficiently

Seattle Welsh Women's News

~Carol Jones

WELSH WOMEN MEETINGS are held at 11:30 am on the second Friday of each month in the Bellevue Library located at 1111 - 110th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98004 unless otherwise noted. Bring your lunch. Contact Carol Jones 425.882.2825

The Seattle Welsh Women's Club might better be called the Welsh Women's Luncheon Club. The May meeting was lunch at the Cabbage Patch in Snohomish, the June meeting, was lunch at the Black Diamond Bakery Restaurant. There we decided to have an unusual summer meeting in July, food again, at the Maltby Café followed by a visit to Flower World at the urging of Eileen Wyke.

NEXT MEETING: SEPT 12TH. We will begin 2009 St. David's Day plans and watch the first of six installments of the 1976 Welsh mini series *How Green Was My Valley* starring Stanley Baker and Sian Phillips.

Mark Your 2008 Calendars

First Sunday of each month: Harp Circle & Celtic Music at the Dubliner Pub 2:00pm

Bullet For My Valentine concerts:

- **July 21** at The Big Easy, Spokane, WA
- **July 22** at the Showbox, SoDo, Seattle, WA
- **July 23** at the Roseland, Portland, OR

July 26-27 Seattle Highland Games

Aug 17 4PM Annual South Sound BBQ

Aug 28-31 NAFOW 08 Chicago II

Sept 7th 6pm South Sound Night Out of Hwyl

***Editors Note: you may have noticed that there was no May/ June Issue of Y Ddolen. Life got a bit hectic in the Parry household and I was unable to deliver. My apologies. Also if anyone would like to share photos of PSWA Events to add to the newsletter and the website.

Due to a lack of volunteers to organize a 2008 PSWA Gymanfa, it will not be held this October. We will put efforts into organizing one in 2009.

President's Report

Annual General Meeting - 6 June 2008

As we come to the end of another year, a few remarks from the President regarding some of our accomplishments. At this meeting, it always seems appropriate to quote the words of the famous Dafydd Iwan song, Yma O Hyd (We are Still Here).

In July 2007, PSWA again had a booth at the Seattle Highland Games.

The Society was well represented at the Festival of Wales in Alexandria, Virginia over the Labor Day weekend by about a dozen PSWA members. A lasting memory will be the evening sing-alongs, which were always well attended.

Back by popular request, in October, PSWA sponsored the Annual Fall Gymanfa, which turned out to be one of the most successful in recent years. We were lucky to Marie Morgan as the conductor and as always she did a tremendous job.

This year, a number of key committee personnel will be visiting Patagonia, so at this point in time it appears that a 2008 Annual Fall Gymanfa may not happen. Time is somewhat of the essence, but do we have any volunteers to help organize it?

The Upshalls hosted the Christmas Potluck in early December, it was a frosty night which kept some people away, but we still had a good turn out and after some Audio Video difficulties we were able to watch "A Childs Christmas in Wales" followed by merriment and singing.

While the above events were all in and around the Seattle area, *A Night out of Hwyl*, started by Malcolm and Karyn Davies a couple of years ago, catering to the members in the south Puget Sound area, continues to go from strength to strength.

The PSWA Website has morphed from the WAPNW Website and can be found at www.pugetsoundwelsh.org. It is still a work in progress, but still contains a lot of information about and links to other Welsh Societies in the Pacific Northwest, but more closely focuses on PSWA.

Saint David's Day was again a great success. The congregation at St. Andrew's was entertained by a presentation by Nerys Jones, on Saint Non, Saint David's mother. By coincidence, 2 March is Saint Non's Day and this year was also Mother's Day in Britain. This year's guest soloist was Ann Atkinson from North Wales. It was noted that it has been 14 years since Ann was last here. Ann was accompanied by David Lapse who did a fantastic job all afternoon. The recipient of the Welsh Women's Award this year was Eileen Wyke for her service as two terms as President of the Seattle Welsh Women Club and her seventh year as St David's Day organizer.

The Board has recently revised and reviewed the PSWA By-Laws to better reflect how the Society actually operates and will present changes for approval. The Board was made up from members of each constituent Group, but as we don't have any constituent Groups currently, what is the best way for the Board to represent the interest of all the membership?

What a difference a year makes. In February, a group of the members met at the George and the Dragon in Fremont to watch the Wales versus England rugby game. This was the first match of the season and Wales had not won at Twickenham for 20 years. Even though England looked dangerous at times, Wales gained their first victory and went on to win the Grand Slam for the second time in four years, culminated by the thrashing of France on Saint Patrick's Day.

While overall the Society has had a fairly successful year, we still suffer from a lack of grass roots support, with too few people doing the work. As the population gets older and we have fewer and fewer immigrants from Wales, we have something of an uphill battle, but I would like to encourage more people to become more involved with the running of the Society and participating in the other activities that let everybody else know who the Welsh are, what we did and what we continue to do.

Brief Minutes from the PSWA 2008 Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held at the Parry's home, 6th June 2008. A potluck dinner preceded the business meeting, 12 members were present

Gratitude was expressed by the entire membership for the efforts of Rhidian [Lawrance] and Benton [Williams] in producing such a quality compilation of music.

PSWA has 98 paid-up members, in addition to 40 life members for a total of 138, up slightly from last year.

Welsh Women, currently the most active Group, hosted another very successful Saint David's Day celebration. As a result of having a soloist from Wales this year, about \$400 was lost on the event. It was noted that the group might better be known as the Welsh Women's Luncheon Club as many meetings consist of going out for lunch to Cabbage Patch in Snohomish, The Black Diamond Bakery & The Maltby Café.

The Craft Group has been less active recently; there was discussion about either liquidating the craft items or finding someone willing to run it at events. We will work with Carolyn Bell to consolidate the craft sales material in the storage locker to make room for other PSWA materials that could/should go there from a number of basements.

No reports: Choir, Language Group, Dance Group or the Band.

President's Report: See Attached letter

Other Business: After circulation of the proposed changes to the By-Laws, mainly changed to actually reflect how the Society currently works, there was a discussion on some of the details. Much of the deleted material referred to how the constituent Groups would function and contribute to the over "umbrella group" called PSWA. As these groups no longer exist (in most cases) reference to them was deleted. There was some discussion on how many members should be on the Board and what percentage was required for a quorum. Previously, Officers had been elected at the first meeting after the AGM, but it has been proposed that officers be elected at the AGM. A motion of 10, 5 and YES was made, seconded and unanimously accepted.

There was a short discussion on establishing an Internet Welsh Forum Group (similar to one currently on-line in Oregon). Consensus was that if somebody wanted to do it, go for it. If any PSWA funds would be requested, a proposal should be made.

Saint David's Day 2009 will be held on 1st March at Saint Andrew's Church. Nerys Jones will be the invited soloist.

Respectfully,

Brian Parry

South Sound News

~Karyn & Malcolm Davies

SOUTH SOUND NIGHT OUT OF HWYL meets monthly at the Ram Restaurant & Brewery 10019 59th Ave SW, Lakewood (253)-584-3191.(unless otherwise listed)

No Night Out Meet up scheduled for July 2008!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 6PM Location: TBA!! Please email or call for location by noon on Saturday the 6th.

SUNDAY, AUGUST-17 AT 4PM Annual South Sound BBQ at American Lake, American Lake Park, Veterans Drive & 92nd Ave SW, Lakewood www.cityoflakewood.us/content/view/171/187/#alp Located on the north shore of American Lake, no-fee to swim or park. Bring the family and a picnic to enjoy by the lake. Provide your own main dish/drinks and bring a side dish to share. Everyone try to remember the plastic utensils and paper plates & cups! **Please RSVP so we know how many to expect! RSVP by noon Saturday, August 16th.

RSVP FOR SOUTH SOUND ACTIVITIES: Malcolm Davies or grown@yahoo.com or 360-893-7256.

PSWA Tent and Seminar at the Seattle Highland Games, July 26-27, 2008

<http://www.sshga.org/games/spectatorInfo/tickets.htm>

STOP INTO THE WELSH TENT we will be right across from the beer garden and information booth. Brian Parry and Malcolm Davies will present a seminar *Welsh Heritage and Culture* at 1:30pm Sunday 27th.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to help make this event smooth running and easy. Ideally, we want to allow those who man the tent many opportunities to get up and wander around the grounds, stretch their legs, eat and enjoy some of the events and tents. Frequent breaks work only if we are staffed enough throughout the two days.

An additional two or more bodies to help set up the tent on Friday and tear down on Sunday are needed as well. Anyone interested in volunteering or maybe not sure, but want to find out what it will involve, please contact Malcolm or Karyn Davies or grown@yahoo.com or 360-893-7256 .

Choir Invitation

~Tom Gething

I've had a call from Bob Matthews, who has been approached about an evening gathering of the St. Andrew's Society next year. They're going to do a celebration of Celtic music (with singing, dances, etc.) and they'd like us to join in the festivities. Bob says the contact person is Bob Nicholson, formerly pastor at Lake City Presbyterian Church, who was very hospitable toward Cor Cymraeg when we had our rehearsals there as many of you will recall.

The timing of this is well in the future, but please let me know if you'd be interested and available for some singing. The date they've chosen is February 13 and the program would begin at 7:30 p.m. It would be fun to get together and, thinking about the observance of St. David's Day, it might be a way for us to try out our repertoire for March!

Contact Tom Gething: 206.523.6234
thomasgething@hotmail.com

A-Y-P-E Research

~Gerri Parry

A few interesting bits discovered in our research of the Welsh participation at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Centennial:

- **An excerpt from *Notes from the Past: Conversations with the Welsh of Puget Sound Region*;**

Sisters Betty Journey and Gwladys Gibbs told how "*Mom and Dad [Wm. Park Pritchard] met at the University of Washington on the steps of Meany Hall. It was during the Gymanfa held at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in 1909. Dad was there to sing in the eisteddfod and he took first place in all of his solos.*"

- **Excerpt from the historical novel *Madison House* by Peter Donahue, pg 500**

A-Y-P-E SEATTLE DAY SONG-- sung by school children greeting visitors arriving by steamboat ferry for Seattle Day [Sept 6th 1909]:

*You must wake and call me early,
call me early, mother dear,
For today's the biggest day of all days
at the Fair.
Of all the celebrations,
there's one beyond compare,
And that's Seattle Day, Mother,*

*and believe me, I'll Be There!
We've had Eisteddfodders,
the German Saengerfests,
We've had the Welshmen, Scotchmen,
and Ductchmen as our guests,
We've had Norway vikings-
and the viking lassies fair,
But Seattle's due today, mother-
it's a cinch that I'll Be There!*

- **Entertainment on the "Paystreak" during Seattle Day at the A-Y-P-E**

"George The Cardiff Giant Auger the tallest man on earth chased by Ernest "the Giant Killer" Romell, the shortest man on earth, in a promotional skit for "Jack the Giant Killer," that was playing in Seattle at the Orpheum that week." [More about George Auger at

www.bibleufo.com/humanphenom95.htm

In 1903, Barnum and Bailey Circus added George Auger, an eight-foot-four-inch native of Wales, to its stable of curiosities. Billed as "The Cardiff Giant, positively the tallest man on earth," he immediately became one of America's most recognizable public figures, especially when he paraded down the nation's main streets in his frontiersman's clothes, high-heeled boots, and a plumed hat that made him appear nine feet tall. After retiring from circus life, he wrote short stories and skits. One of his satirical pieces, "Jack the Giant Killer," played in vaudeville, with Auger in the starring role.]

"Bothell's David Morgan is the Go-To Guy for Indiana Jones' Handcrafted Bullwhips"

~Excerpts from an article by Brandon Swanson, special to The Seattle Times, May 19 2008.

Bothell businessman David Morgan is bracing himself for the movie release of "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" and the onslaught of orders rolling his way.

Morgan, 82, designed and handcrafted legendary bullwhips cracked by Indiana Jones in the first three movies and his company, David Morgan Inc., has provided the whips used in the recent new release.

Requests for Morgan's whips are already rolling in; the company has a six-week waiting list for the

whips, and craftswoman Meagan Baldwin said she expects the wait to grow to three months.

Morgan and an Australian named Terry Jacka provided the filmmakers with eight whips, ranging in length from 8 to 10 feet.

Morgan, who also created the whips used in "The Mask of Zorro" and "Batman Returns," took a roundabout path to become whip maker to the stars.

Morgan began crafting his whips in calf hide, supplying them to circus performers, ranch hands and a tiny group of whip-cracking enthusiasts enamored with tales of the Wild West. He also published a few books on whip making and the history of whips. Morgan's reputation grew among a select few, including Glenn Randall Jr., the stunt coordinator for an action movie that would be called "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Students from as far away as Peru came to Morgan to learn the craft of whip making.

Morgan no longer is the primary craftsman for his company, but when he does take a turn at braiding the malleable leather, Morgan's dexterity belies his 82 years.

"Whip making looks so easy when it is in his hands," said Baldwin, who apprenticed under Morgan 13 years ago. "But at the beginning, [making a whip] is like braiding spaghetti with 10 thumbs. He's very modest about his contribution to pop culture, maybe partly because he's not that interested in it, but I think that he's more of an icon than he knows," Baldwin said. "Maybe it was just luck or timing, but he helped create this cultural icon."

Read the full story:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/movies/2004420382_whipmaker19.html

David Morgan, who is a long time member of PSWA, sells Welsh jewelry and Australian leather goods at his shop in Bothell and from his website. Many remember him as one of the founders of the PSWA Welsh language class that later evolved into the Seattle Welsh Choir.

PSWA Member In The Tumwater Parade

~Submitted by Karyn Davies

"Thank you for forwarding the information about the 4th of July parade in Tumwater. The day was warm and overcast, only a few drops of rain fell. I rode on

the Celtic Society of South Sound float and had a lot of fun. Some of the group walked and others of us traveled on the float decorated with various flags from Scotland, Wales, and other Celtic nations. I waved the Welsh flag of course. Our float played Celtic cd's and the bagpiper played every other song. Toward the end of the parade he played some American patriotic songs on the bagpipes. The crowd really enjoyed them. We received first place for Music in Motion award. The medallion was given to the bagpiper. We had a terrific time and are looking forward to next year. Vivian [Harper]"

The Castles of Wales Part V

~Benton Williams

Manorbier Castle is best known as the birthplace of Geraldus Cambrensis, who is also known as Gerald of Wales; he traveled around exclaiming about the beautiful land and remarking about the Welsh customs and singing ability. His book is still available in paperback after seven centuries. Gerald's grandfather first started the castle. Oro de Barri, a Norman lord, using timbers and stone, his son William later revised it completely of stone in 1140.

After renovation, the castle boasts many conveniences: additions include kitchens, window seats, arrow slits, latrines, a grand staircase, a huge fireplace, a chapel, and tennis court. The fortress is situated at the side of the road among the trees and gorse shrubs. At one side is a small valley that descends to the bay, where my friend's ashes are strewn.

In World War I the castle served as housing for soldiers. After the Cromwellian civil war it was allowed to decay. Later Queen Elizabeth sold it to the Bowen family. In 1670 it was sold to the Phillips family for £6000.

In 1880 J.R. Cobb, who had a penchant for restoring castles, accomplished the many improvements listed above. It is one of the most notable sights in Pembroke for visitors and no doubt is occupied by private citizens.

Early Day Welsh Maids

~ JoAnne Matsumura

The early day Welsh maids were a special group of young ladies who had received proper training

before being employed, as noted in an article from the Ketchikan (Alaska) Times of April 2, 1920.

It seemed that Lloyd George stopped having "Early Bird" breakfast parties for various reasons. However in early 1920 and by April he would shortly start "his breakfast parties once again."

Lloyd George delighted in these early; catch the worm festivities, being a firm believer in the fact that people are at their best in the early hours. The morning is the time when ideas flow, he contended.

Housewives of the time felt pity for Mrs. Lloyd George at having to begin her entertaining so early in the morning, but she herself declares that she has no need of pity. "She has a staff of Welsh maids who all look up to her as a mother as well as a mistress. To other women who envy the smooth running of her household she replies, "I just treat my maids as human beings and they get fond of me, that's all."

From the Mail Box: Letters & Email:

From Welsh In Alabama: www.alabamawelsh.com/
~submitted by Dave Parry~ Chicago Taffia

Dear Friends, we are hoping that you might be interested in adding your name to a petition to help save an article of Welsh interest in Mobile, Alabama. A plaque placed in 1953 in Mobile, Alabama commemorating the 1170 voyage by the Welsh Prince Madoc to the America's has been removed and placed in storage by the Alabama State Parks Department. Many people in the area feel that this is a bit of a slight to the memory of generations of Welsh immigrants and Americans of Welsh descent who helped to build this country. We feel that this plaque is an important part of both Welsh and American history and are hoping that you might be interested in signing the petition and helping us get this memorial reinstated to its rightful home. The petition can be found at:
www.petitiononline.com/AWA0987/petition.html

Anti-investiture Petition

~Frances Jones-Davies, Editor of Cambria Magazine
<http://www.cambriamagazine.com/>

Thought you'd be interested in this - it's causing quite a stir in Wales. "NO!... to the investiture of a new Prince of Wales" www.ipetitions.com/petition/investiture/

Wales has Highest Death Rate in Iraq After US Mar 25 2008 by Madeleine Brindley, Western Mail ~submitted by Rob Morgan, Swansea Wales

The death rate of Welsh soldiers in Iraq is second only to the losses sustained by the US, figures have revealed.

As the US casualty figure reached 4,000, statistics produced by Plaid Cymru reveal that more Welsh servicemen have died in Iraq as a proportion of the population than any of the other coalition countries, with the exception of the US.

Scottish and English troops have suffered the third and fourth highest casualty rates relative to their populations.

Adam Price, MP for Carmarthen East and Dinefwr, who compiled the figures, said, "Every casualty in this war is a tragedy regardless of where they come from. However, it is saddening to see that Wales – as in so many other conflicts in the past – is suffering a military casualty rate disproportionate to our population.

To read the full story:

www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/2008/03/25/wales-has-highest-death-rate-in-iraq-after-us-91466-20668037/

Uni Project Traces Celtic Roots ~BBC News

A project exploring a theory that Celtic was one of the major languages of Europe alongside Greek and Latin has received extra funding. Aberystwyth University's department of Welsh is tracing the roots of Celtic from which Welsh, Gaelic and Irish are derived. The £390,889 grant will enable academics to search for evidence of the language in Romania and Turkey. The money has come from the Arts and Humanities Research Council. It is the third such grant from the council, which supports research projects focusing on topics such as history. It is well known the roots of the Welsh language extend far back into the distant Celtic history. The university said that ancient Celtic had been traced to northern Italy, Switzerland, Spain and France. But academics added that it was spoken over a much wider area. Recently they have been searching for Celtic personal names in Roman inscriptions. Professor Patrick Sims-Williams, who is leading the project, said the grant would enable

Dr Alexander Falileyev, a scholar from St Petersburg working in Aberystwyth, to investigate Celtic in southern Romania and as far east as Galatia in Turkey. Prof Sims-Williams said: "We know that these areas were colonized from the 3rd Century BC onwards by peoples who spoke Celtic languages.

"It's becoming clear that Celtic was one of the major languages of ancient Europe, alongside Greek and Latin, and that's an exciting perspective for people who tend to think of Celtic languages as minority languages. "Somehow this research programme fits in with the fact that students now come from all over the world to Aberystwyth to study Celtic with us. It would appear that most EU countries have a Celtic past."

Friends of Ysgol Y Castell

The Friends of Ysgol Gynradd Y Castell Caerphilly are in the process of producing a calendar for 2009. It will consist of photographs of the castle taken by the children of the school. At this time no other calendar solely of Caerphilly Castle exists. Our project is receiving the full backing of CADW - Welsh Heritage. We are aiming to raise the profile of a wonderful local primary school whilst raising funds to support the work that goes on there.

At present we estimate the calendar will sell for approximately £8 [\$16.00] and will be available for purchase from September onwards. All of the proceeds will go directly towards funding projects in the school. No other business or organisation will benefit from sales of the calendar.

The children of the school are assisting us with all aspects of this project, not just taking the photographs. Contact us via this email address if they are interested in finding out more.

We look forward to hearing from our fellow Welsh men and woman worldwide.

Diolch yn fawr, Fiona Thomas (Friends of Ysgol Y Castell) fionathomas75@hotmail.com

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www.myspace.com/bulletformyvalentine
July 21 at The Big Easy, Spokane, WA
July 22 at the Showbox, SoDo, Seattle, WA
July 23 at the Roseland, Portland, OR

Frind I Frind

Do you have an idea for starting a Welsh themed group that we can post in the newsletter? You may find someone with the same interest. We would like to offer space in Y Ddolen to post a bulletin in order to make a connection and spark interests and new ideas."

Experiencing Welshness

~Teresa Clark

A new DVD, just released and entitled *Culture and Community in Wales*, provides a concise and multi-faceted historical overview of Wales. The lovely voice of Welsh vocalist Siân James adorns the background with *Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau*. Narrated by Professor Kate Weishaar, this production seeks to draw the viewer into understanding the present in light of the past, and then look toward the future. The specific emphasis of the DVD is upon the importance of preserving and protecting the Welsh community. The narrative's intent is to promote a sense of how being Welsh in Wales is different from what we experience here in North America.

Why is this DVD of interest? And how might the DVD benefit the Puget Sound Welsh Association? The benefits are multiple. The narrative places the Welsh story in historical and cultural context, broadens people's viewpoint to promote larger knowledge, provides an opportunity to research people and events in Welsh history, and forges personal connections with Wales. The message of the DVD is positive and hopeful.

Most importantly, the DVD can strengthen the Puget Sound Welsh Association in several other ways. First, the narrative creates an appreciation for the different social reality and perspective of our Welsh friends in Wales. Second, the content of the DVD opens the basis for fresh conversation among PSWA members. Third, the DVD also provides easy, practical steps to help preserve Welsh community, and also promotes vision and possibilities for new direction and growth. Finally, the DVD's content encourages us to expand our talents and energies outward for PSWA's organizational health and vigor.

If you are interested (or just intensely curious!), the DVD is free. The only cost is \$2.60 for postage and packaging. Feedback as well as orders are welcome

and will be appreciated as well as replied to promptly. Interested parties may order by telephone (253) 590-7227 or via email theresaclarkwales@yahoo.com

The Welsh village is close-knit, communal, and quick to help others in times of need. Our patron, Dewi Sant, exhorts us to "Do the little things." *Culture and Community in Wales* offers a way of thinking and participating that opens opportunities to strengthen others as we strengthen ourselves. Cymru am byth!

Red Dragon Band CD's Are Again Available for Sale.

In 2000, with funds from a grant from the PSWA scholarship fund, the Red Dragon Band; Jackie Cedarholm, Phil Ages, Birgit Ages along with special guest Bronn Journey recorded and produced a CD of traditional Welsh tunes. The CD is graced by the colorful artwork of Carolyn Bell who has tended the PSWA Crafts table for, many years. The CD has been reissued and is available for \$15.00 donation.

Some Welsh Humour

Brian received a whole page of Tommy Cooper jokes; see if you find them as humorous as he does:

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. "My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?"

"Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him" So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth. Finally, he says, "I'm going to have to put him down."

"Why? Because he's cross-eyed? "

"No, because he's really heavy"

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So I was getting into my car, and this bloke says to me "Can you give me a lift?"

I said "Sure, you look great, the world's your oyster, go for it." ~Tommy Cooper

Website of the Month

A website started a little over a year ago by Ceri Shaw, after he moved to Oregon and thought he must be the only Welshman in the Northwest, www.AmeriCymru.com is aimed at Welsh-Americans who want to create their own social network. If you are interested in learning Welsh or if you are already fluent, you may also talk to members on Skype Cymreag.. Sign up and create a profile on the AmeriCymru social network at: <http://americymru.ning.com/>

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PSWA is dedicated to promoting and preserving the history and heritage of the Welsh in the Puget Sound region and surrounding environs. We welcome stories, articles and pictures of interest. Please send them to Gerri Parry:
 5760 60th Ave NE Seattle WA 98105
 (206) 524-0854 or gerribp@hotmail.com

PSWA T-Shirts

Shirts are Gildan brand Steel Green and come in sizes from S-XL. For a \$15.00 donation* (plus \$3.00 S&H) to the Puget Sound Welsh Association you will receive a PSWA t-shirt.

Include shipping cost, size and your address for USPS delivery or pick up your shirt in Seattle at the Parry's house or in Orting at the Davies' house. Alternatively, they will be made available at all South Sound Nights Out and other PSWA events. To see the shirts in living color, go to: <http://www.pugetsoundwelsh.org/home.html>.

Send check or money order to:

PSWA, P.O. Box 19344 Seattle, WA 98109-0344

***T-Shirt and donation for T-Shirts or CD's do not apply to membership dues.**

We frequently get requests to distribute to our membership Welsh related advertisements and promotions. Although PSWA does not endorse any, many are listed on the PSWA website.

For a variety of interests click on LINKS at: www.pugetsoundwelsh.org .

PUGET SOUND WELSH ASSOCIATION (PSWA) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PSWA is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization (501c(3)). Contributions may be tax-deductible.

Your membership dues include a subscription to PSWA's newsletter, *Y Ddolen*.

Check your mailing label for your membership renewal date. If you move, please let us know your new address as soon as possible - the Post Office will not forward bulk mail and it will be returned to sender at a cost to PSWA. We will make every attempt to redeliver with the correct address if possible. If you have missed an issue because of a vacation hold or address change, please let us know right away. For memberships outside the U.S. or Canada, please add \$5 for a 1-year membership, \$50 for a life membership. *Diolch yn fawr iawn*/thank you very much!

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT TO PSWA, P.O. Box 19344, SEATTLE, WA 98109.

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- ___MED___LG___XLG
- CD: Band Y Ddraig Goch, Traditional Welsh Folk music of Wales: \$15.00 donation +\$3.00 P&H

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