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# THE GULF COAST ST. DAVID'S WELSH SOCIETY



JUBILEE SUMMER 2022



Throughout Wales beacons are being lit in honor of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Week-end, including the famous Bagillt Beacon in Flintshire. Congratulations!



Here is a special link to this historical time from the National Archives:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDEGPy6yW70> shared by the British Special Interest Group of the Sarasota Genealogical Society.

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**WALES SPORTS:** From *BBC News*

"Image caption, Gareth Bale and Wales face Ukraine for a place at the World Cup"



**Wales' decisive World Cup qualifier will be free to view in the UK.**

The World Cup play-off final in Cardiff on 5 June sees Wales face Ukraine for a ticket to Qatar. The winner will secure a place in the same group as England at the World Cup later this year.

Regional broadcasters S4C and STV will show the game live, as well as ITV and Sky Sports.

Wales are aiming to qualify for the World Cup for the first time in 64 years. S4C chief executive Sian Doyle said: "The play-off final is one of the biggest games in the recent history of the Welsh football team and

one the whole nation will be watching with tremendous excitement."

International Football Competition 2022 schedule:

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UEFA Nations League: Poland V Wales \* Friday, June 3, 2022 \*  
19:45 \*TBC

UEFA Nations League: Wales V Netherlands \* Monday, June 6,  
2022 \* 19:45 \*TBC

UEFA Nations League: Wales V Belgium \* Friday, June 10, 2022 \*  
19:45 \*TBC

UEFA Nations League: Netherlands V Wales \* Monday, June 13,  
2022 \* 19:45 \*TBC

UEFA Nations League: Belgium V Wales \* Thursday, September 22, 202

UEFA Nations League: Wales V Poland \* Sunday, September 25,  
2022 \* 19:45 \* TBC

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**MAY DAY PICNIC:** Our potluck picnic at the Bee Ridge Park was held on a beautiful breezy afternoon. We had special events that day in addition to the delicious lunch everyone provided. Ria Prowling, just returned from the Florida Senior Competition where she came in third in the state, explained about the competition then performed Hawaiian dances for us as she had in the competition! Congratulations and thank you, Ria!



On a sad note, Ria's husband Chuck passed away last week. We offer heartfelt condolences.

" Mewn Cydymdeimlad" - With sympathy

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**GREAT ORM SUNDIAL:** The special sundial near Llandudno honoring Sarah Montamorano's parents which had been damaged by a storm is being restored to its place of honor where many visitors read their love story and include it in their photos. Here are Sarah and Ralph and their daughter with the sundial. She told us about the sundial and her parents' meeting there.



Sarah has been learning Welsh through Duolingo, practicing daily, as she demonstrated to us during the singing of Calon Lan...she sang the beautiful chorus in Welsh after we all sang a couple of verses.

**SARAH'S WELSH CAKES** were a hit at the May Day picnic. She shared her recipe (Ann Romney's with Sarah's hints): "I followed all instructions except for adding a little less nutmeg. The full amount is too overpowering. Always err on the side of caution when cooking on the grill as well. I find that I like to underbake, and they seem to solidify and be just right for consumption. Over-baking results in dry Welsh cakes!"

### Ingredients

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3 1/2 cups All-Purpose Flour  
2 teaspoons Nutmeg (less)  
1 Granulated Sugar  
1/2 Baking Powder  
1 Salt  
1 cup Butter  
1 Egg  
1 1/4 cups Black Currants  
1/2 cup Milk

### Directions

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1. Beat the egg with milk; add currants. Sift dry ingredients together.
2. Work butter into the sifted ingredients and mix until mealy. Pour in the milk mixture. Mix well.
3. Wrap in wax paper and chill for at least one hour.
4. Roll it 3/8th of an inch thick and cut into pieces with cookie cutter

5. Cook on a pancake griddle at 325 degrees
6. Cook on both sides, flipping when shiny.
7. Roll in granulated sugar and let cool.

Thank you, Sarah!

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**ARCADIA MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE** sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary Club, again this year honored the British World War II servicemen who died during flight training in Central Florida. We know that at least 3 of those buried there were Welsh. Their bios were in our spring newsletter. Our representatives displayed two wreaths again this year, one for our Gulf Coast St. David's Welsh Society and one representing the Suncoast Welsh Heritage Society in St. Petersburg.

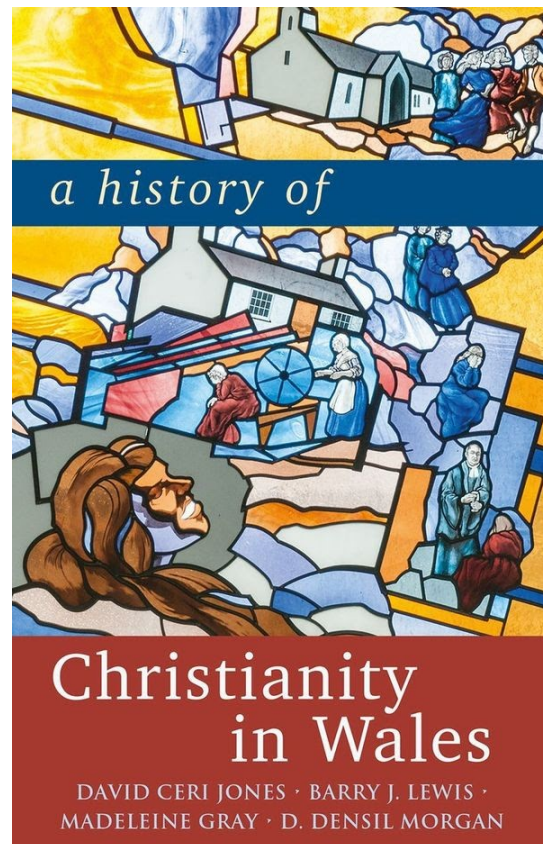


Bob, Amy, Marj, Don, Meryl, and Bill

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**BOOKS and ART:** Longboat Key Welsh authors, Lyn and Sharon Clarke, have shared their new website letting us know about all the books they have written. They spoke to us at a fall picnic a few years back, answering questions about writing and publishing. Check out their accomplishments: <https://www.lsclarkebooks.com/>

We have received word that The University of Chicago Press has published a comprehensive *History of Christianity in Wales*.



**ARTIST:** Anna Maria Island Welsh artist John Alinson has shown an impressive new painting on his Facebook page. He spoke to us about his paintings at one of our monthly brunches a few years ago.

#### **HISTORIC CHURCH CLOSING IN WALES:**



A church founded by a pupil of St David, the patron saint of Wales, is set to hold its final service due to dwindling congregations. Believed to have been started in 583 AD, that would mean St Madoc of Fern in Haroldston West is closing 1,439 years after being used as a place of worship. St Madoc's is hidden away from the sea, and pirates! The hope now is for the Pembrokeshire church to become a community centre.

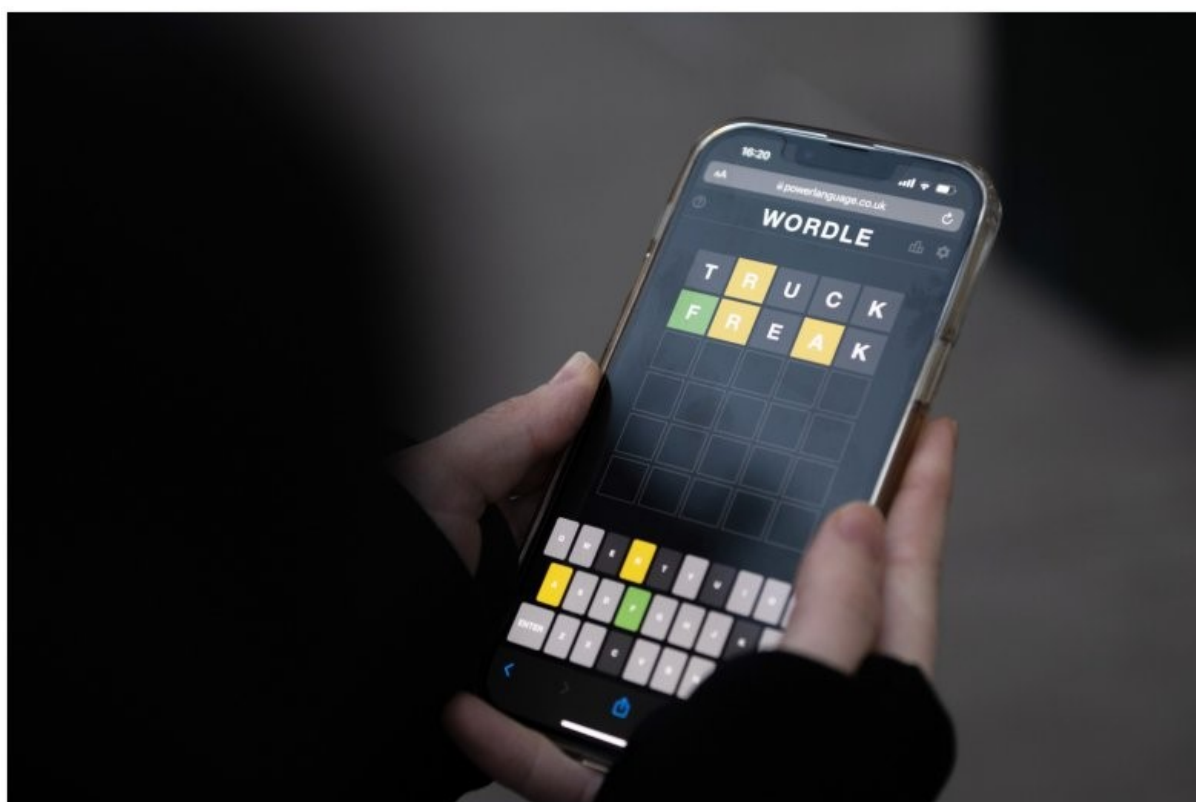
**GAMES:** Did you know that WORDLE was invented by a Welshman?

From *NEWSWEEK*: "The game was created by a Welsh software engineer living on the East Coast for his puzzles-loving partner during lockdown. Josh Wardle created the

guessing game punning on his surname for just the pair of them. But *Wordle* quickly took off and became an addiction among friends and family and was shared via a WhatsApp group, so he introduced it to even more people. Approximately 90 people are believed to have played the game in November 2021, but just weeks later more than 300,000 played, according to *The New York Times*, which now owns the puzzle game.

**WORDLE IS THE GENIUS DAILY WORD GAME, GIVING SUPER SLEUTHS THE CHANCE AT GUESSING THE ANSWER IN JUST SIX STABS.**

To recap the *Wordle* rules. Type a 5-letter word. Press enter. Green squares tell you the good news you have selected the correct letter and it is perfectly positioned in the word. Yellow squares tell you that the letter is in the *Wordle* answer, but in the wrong place. Gray squares mean the letter appears nowhere in the answer.



Wordle has become a worldwide phenomenon. Today, more than a million people are reported to play *Wordle* daily."

I play it, do you? Add the app to your phone and play a new game daily.

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**WELSH WORD SEARCH:** *Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they*



*cross over each other.*

CORACLE    ANNWYL    HEULOG    GWLYB    DAFFODIL    MEHEFIN  
GARDD

GLAU    PASG    ENFYS    CAWL    GWYNT    HIRAETH  
GWANWYN



We will let you know when new gatherings are planned for the summer. If you have suggestions and additions for our newsletters and ideas for safe gatherings this summer, please let us know.

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\$10 dues for 2022 may be sent to The Gulf Coast St. David's Welsh Society, P.O. Box 19343, Sarasota, FL 34276, or join / rejoin in person at the picnic.

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