



# St. David's Society of Utica

## Newsletter - April 2023



St. David's Society

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **SPRING GYMANFA GANU**

Sunday, May 7th at 3 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Ilion  
( 90 Morgan Street)

Conductor - Jay G. Williams III

Organist - Susan Bartholomew

Special Music—

Remsen Community Choir

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#### **REMSEN BARN FEST**

Sat. Sept. 23, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

Sun. Sept 24, 10 a.m.—5p.m.

Gymanfa Ganu—Sunday 2p.m. at  
the Stone Meeting House

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#### **ENLLI CHURCH, Remsen**

Spring Opening, May 21

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#### **SIR TOM JONES**

May 26

Turning Stone Event Center, Verona, NY

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#### **NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU**

Sunday Sept. 3rd, 1—5 p.m.

Lincoln, NE

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More information about future events  
can be found on our website  
[www.saintdavidssociety.org](http://www.saintdavidssociety.org)

## This year's Scholarship Recipients



Awarding scholarships to students of Welsh heritage is a goal of the St David's Society. Both students were awarded scholarships of \$800.



**Kylie L. Cleary** is the daughter of Wayne Cleary and Karen Rounds-Cleary of Whitesboro, granddaughter of Janet Washburn, and 2020 graduate of Whitesboro Central School. She is in her 3rd year at Le Moyne College and enrolled in the Physician Assistant Program.

**David G. Wynne** of Holland Patent, New York, is the son of Douglas and Jill Wynne. He graduated from Holland Patent Central School in 2020 and is in his third year at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva. His major is in chemistry and physics.

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Applications are on our website [www.saintdavidssociety.org](http://www.saintdavidssociety.org).  
Deadline is June 1st.

## **Want to Join our St. David's Society?**

*If you are not a member of our Society and you wish to join, the Membership Application is on our website – [www.saintdavidssociety.org](http://www.saintdavidssociety.org) under the membership link.*

*Lifetime dues are \$25 with a valid email address, or \$35 without.*

*Those receiving our mailings by way of the post office and have an email address, to save on postage, please inform our Membership Coordinator, Roger S. Williams ( [graigwen@roadrunner.com](mailto:graigwen@roadrunner.com)) to update our membership listing.*

How do you adequately thank someone for their time, talent, energy, faithful participation and contributions to the St David's Society of Utica? It is challenging because there is so much to thank!

Recently, Ted decided to take some well-deserved time away from the Society's Board. We already miss him and hope he will return in the future. His contributions to Welsh heritage and our society have been numerous. I'll share some of them here.

He is a past society president, member of our scholarship committee and contributor of well written, interesting articles to both our newsletter and the North American Welsh Newspaper, the Ninnau.

In 2019, Ted liaised with a Welsh TV film crew that visited Utica to film Welsh activities, locations of interest and people with Welsh ancestry. When we marched in Utica's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade that year, the film footage was a part of a program aired on S4c, a TV channel in Wales.

Ted also liaised with the Welsh Na-

## THANK YOU TED ENGLE!

by Cindy Gilbert

tional American Association when, in 2021, the National Gymanfa could not be held in Ottawa, Canada because of restricted travel due to Covid. We were asked to host it here in Utica - no small task in a short period of time - but got it done, thanks to Ted.

Ted's help was also instrumental each time MVCC held an International Day when he shared his wealth of knowledge about Wales and Welsh heritage with students. And every fall he volunteered at our booth at the Remsen Barn Festival of the Arts.

Having an interest in Welsh soccer (football, as they call it) and rugby, Ted kept us informed about games and when to watch them on TV. He was the "information expert" for the games and organizer of our Six Nations Championship. Watch parties

Ted gave talks about local Welsh history at the Oneida County History Center and was particularly well

informed about Rev. Robert Everitt, who came from Wales to Oneida County in 1823. Rev Everett was a preacher, having

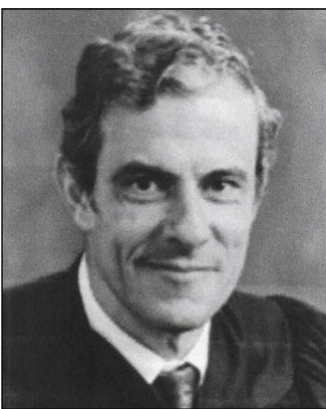
once served Bethesda Church in Utica, a publisher and well-known abolitionist. He is buried in Steuben Capel Ucha Cemetery .

The nomination of Everett for induction into the Abolitionist Hall of Fame in Petersboro was spear headed by Ted, with our society being one of the sponsors. Thanks to his initiative, the application was filed in 2019. The induction ceremony, eventually took place in October 2022. You can watch Ted's talk about Robert Everett on YouTube.

I came across an article in the Rome Daily Sentinel about Robert Everett. In it, Ted was quoted as saying: "A small, quiet, modest man can do great things if he is persistent and focused." I think the same can be said of Ted Engle.

**Thank you,** Ted, for your faithful service to the St David's Society of Utica and the work of keeping Welsh heritage alive in our community!

## IN MEMORIAM



*Hugh C. Humphreys*

The Honorable Hugh C. Humphreys died at Calvary Hospice in the Bronx, February 26, 2023, near Fitch Sanitarium where he was born, June 11, 1934. He was 88 years old.

Hugh and his wife, Liz, moved their growing family to Cazenovia in the 1960's where he was elected to serve as a Madison County Court Judge in Wampsville, presiding over criminal, probate, and family court cases until retiring in 2001.

After retirement, he worked on a pro bono basis, for the Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York. He was also an adjunct professor at Syracuse University

College of Law for more than 30 years .

He leaves behind his wife of sixty years, Elizabeth (Liz) Burke Humphreys, along with four children: Veronica (Chris Ross), Elizabeth (Lissy) (Christian Thomas), Kate (Jim Hasenauer), and Hugh Jr. (Virginia), eight grandchildren, including: Kristofer, Ava, Elizabeth, Henry, Nancy, Anabel, Charlie and Ben, as well as nephews Tim Humphreys, Aron Liptak, Ian Nicholson,

Hugh will be laid to rest at the Welsh Church in Nelson, NY. A Celebration of his life will be held at the Welsh Church in the spring.

# Fellowship and Fun at the Annual Rugby Watch Party



Members and friends of the St. David's Society enjoy an afternoon of Welsh rugby (photo credit: Tom Wynne)

A good time was had by all at the annual rugby watch party on Saturday, March 18th at the Celtic Harp in Utica, to watch Wales play France in the Six Nations Championship.

In addition to good food and drinks was a raffle of Welsh items and a 50/50 raffle which made for some happy winners among those gathered!



Unfortunately, the Welsh Rugby team was not the winner in their match. While we were disappointed by their loss, our loyalty to and support for the team has not waned.

We are already looking forward to gathering together to cheer them on next year!

## Annual Meeting and St. David's Day Banquet

The annual St. David's Banquet and Annual Meeting was held March 12 at Harts Hill Inn, Whitesboro.

James Griffith, President, was

Master of Ceremonies, and gave a brief talk about Welsh American Women and the 100th anniversary in 2023 of the Welsh Women Peace Petition.

A delicious three meat buffet dinner was enjoyed by all followed by the annual meeting. The slate of officers for 2023 was voted on and accepted, details on our website

## St David's Society of Utica Board Meetings

Board meetings are held 6 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of each month (except June, July and December) at the Oriskany Lodge, 701 Utica Street, (rear of building), Oriskany. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Questions? Visit our website [www.saintdavidssociety.com](http://www.saintdavidssociety.com). Click on "Contact Us" and send an email.

## MEMORIAL DONATION

(for the Gymanfa Ganu program)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

*Awarding scholarships has been a tradition of our St. David's Society for many years and will continue to happen with your help, so please consider donating this year. Contributions go into a Trust Fund which is used to provide assistance to students for this coming school year and in the future.*

From \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Clip form and send with donation to: **Cindy Gilbert, 3 Woodstock Ct, New Hartford, NY 13413**

*Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your support!*

**St. David's Society of Utica**

c/o Roger Williams

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