



St. David's Society of Utica

Newsletter - September 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL GYMANFA GANU

Sunday October 13

New Hartford Presbyterian Church

45 Genesee Street

New Hartford

Conductor—Jay Williams

Organist—Susan Bartholomew

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

REMSEN BARN FEST

10-6 Saturday Sept. 28th

10-5 Sunday Sept 29th

To volunteer at Welsh Booth or contribute Welshcakes
Call Stew Williams
315-725-3391

Gymanfa Ganu,
2.30 pm, Sun. 29th
Stone Church, Prospect St,
Remsen

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Four students of Welsh Heritage have received scholarships from the St. David's Society. These students have strong ties to active members of our society and are honored for their appreciation of their Welsh Heritage.



Calvin Rhodes

Calvin is the son of Laura and Bill Rhoades. He completed his freshman year at SUNY Geneseo with a 4.0 GPA and named to the President's List. He has transferred to SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, and begins his sophomore year there this fall majoring in biology. During the summer he worked at the FX Matt 1888 Biergarten and gift shop in Utica.



Emma Ruganis

Emma is the daughter of Lorraine and Scott Ruganis. She completed her freshman year at the University of Rochester and named to the dean's list for the fall semester and the president's list for the spring semester with a 4.0 GPA. During the summer she was a counselor at Camp Turk in Woodgate, NY before returning to the University of Rochester for her sophomore year, majoring in chemistry.



Rachel Williams

Rachel is the daughter of Ken and Teresa Williams. She completed her studies at SUNY Geneseo with a dual major of biology and sustainability and will attend Duke University for graduate school this fall majoring in Environmental Management. Over the summer she did an internship at Brookhaven on Long Island at their National Laboratory.



Kaitlyn Williams

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Ken and Teresa Williams. She is a graduate of Whitesboro Central School, where she played tennis. Kaitlyn is going to Rochester Institute of Technology, was named to the dean's list and is majoring in industrial design. During the summer she worked as a teller at the M&T Bank.

DONATIONS

As our Fall events begin with the Remsen Festival, the Gymanfa Ganu and a possible Dylan Thomas event, we would encourage you to consider a donation to the Society to help with our expenses.

A donation can be made: (1) In Memory of (2) In Honor of, or (3) the Scholarship Trust Fund (see form on page 4). Your donation will be mentioned in our Gymanfa Ganu bulletin. Please mail the form to our Treasurer, Cindy Gilbert, 3 Woodstock Ct., New Hartford, NY 13413. Thank you from the Executive Committee of our St. David's Society.

Raise the Roof at Remsen's Stone Meeting House!

The roof of the Stone Meeting House needs to be replaced says architectural firm Bell and Spina which recently conducted a structural analysis.

The current slate roof was installed in 1888. "A slate roof should last about 100 years –so we have definitely gotten our money's worth out of this one!" says Susan Bartholomew, member of the Remsen-Steuben Historical Society. "The cost of a new slate roof is staggering, but we are optimistic, and hope that through donations and grants, we will be able to replace it.

The Remsen-Steuben Historical Society is part of 'Mohawk Valley Gives' this year - a one-day event to help all registered non-profit organizations in Herkimer and Oneida Counties raise needed funds



Please consider donating what you can on September 20th and pass this information along to EVERYONE you know - friends, family, colleagues. Follow the society on Facebook and Instagram. Like and share on your social media pages to spread the word," says Bartholomew.

A donation link will be posted closer to September 20th with matching donations on the 'MV Gives' website throughout the day, although donations can be sent any time (by check) to Remsen-Steuben Historical Society, 9793 Prospect St., P.O. Box 284, Remsen, NY 13438 or by visiting <https://www.givemv.org/organizations/remsen-steuben-historical-society> or use the QR code below.



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 our membership secretary: Mary Lou Rosecrantes, 2888 Austin Road, Clinton, NY 13323
315-794-4996
Email: kd2al@aol.com

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" -then follow through and send in a scholarship application.

Welsh Items for sale at Remsen Barn Fest

The St David's Society will be selling several new items at their booth this year, many bearing the Welsh red dragon emblem. Clothing items include black fleece jackets and polo shirts all

with embroidered dragons, tee shirts and baseball caps . There's also tall thermal mugs, Welsh brewed tea bags and gift bundles of goat soap. Welsh teacakes will also be available for sale. Any members willing to

bake and donate teacakes, please for this event please contact Stew Williams, 315-725-3391



Rugby Watch Party 2024



Members and friends of the St David's Society gathered to watch the Six Nations Rugby Championship on February 10th.

Due to broadcast issues we changed the venue to the Saranac Brewery in Utica where streaming of the game between Wales and England was available. Thank you to Tom Wynne, a Society board member and a brewery employee, for arranging everything on such short notice!

Attendance was great and this year included two people who had recently moved from Wales to the USA, and members of a local women's rugby league!

Everyone enjoyed the new venue, food, fellowship, raffles of Welsh merchandise (thank you Ken and Teresa Williams for doing that) and, of course, the game!

Sadly, Wales lost to England 16-14. However, our spirits are not dampened and we plan to gather together again next year to cheer for Wales!



Jane Washburn (L) and daughter Karen Rounds-Cleary cheer on Wales at the rugby party



Got suggestions for future activities?

The St David's Society committee welcomes ideas about what sort of activities its members would like to see organized. Getting together for events creates lasting memories and meaningful connections, so we look forward to your input. You can contact any committee member or email to: info@saintdavidssociety.org

DONATIONS

(for the Gymanfa Ganu program)

In Memory or Honor 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!

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