# CHELMSFORD and DISTRICT WELSH SOCIETY



# MARCH NEWSLETTER/ CYLCHLYTHYR MIS MAWRTH 2021

#### **President's Chatter March**

It was with great sadness that we heard that **Don Moody** had passed away. Don was a much respected member of our Society who will be sorely missed. His quiet dignified support and generosity towards the Society will never be forgotten .Our thoughts and prayers are with Shirley and the family.

The instructions from Gwenno again this month was 'just a few lines', however I must refer to young Dylan's poem in the February's News Letter- It was truly sensational, his middle name must surely be Thomas.

Cofion cynnes Arthur

#### "A Thank You Message from Radley Green Farm"

Dear Friends.

Thank you all most sincerely for your cards of condolence, the lovely flowers and the many letters that you have sent to myself and the family. We have been overwhelmed with all the support and kindness you have given. Thank you so very, very much.

Today is St. David's Day and this morning I was reflecting on the words St. David preached. "Always do the small things" with which I have always agreed. However, this morning as I thought more closely on his words I wondered - who would do the big things? St. David was not an ordinary Saint but he was obviously a Delegator Saint!! I rest my case!!

#### "A Celebration of Don's Life"

The funeral service for Don will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March at St. Michael's and All Saints Church, Roxwell at 10.30 a.m. The service and celebration for Don will be for **family only**.

It was on St. David's Day last year that Don and I brought Bella home to Radley Farm. Throughout all these months she has been an absolute joy and comfort to me.

We would like to wish all members of the **Chelmsford Welsh Society** a very happy and safe summer after this long winter in lockdown.

# Thank you all once more for your kind thoughts and best wishes. Shirley and Family.

#### "Neges o ddiolch o Fferm Radley Green"

Annwyl Ffrindiau,

Diolch i chi gyd yn ddiffuant am eich cardiau o gydymdeimlad, y blodau hyfryd a'r holl lythyron 'rydych wedi danfon i mi a'r teulu. 'Rydym yn dra diolchgar am bob cefnogaeth, caredigrwydd a chyfeillgarwch. Diolch o galon.

Mae'n Ddydd Gwŷl Ddewi a bore heddiw 'roeddwn yn myfyrio dros eiriau a bregethwyd gan Ddewi Sant. "Gwnewch y pethau bychain bob amser" dwi o hyd wedi cytuno â hyn. Beth bynnag fore heddiw pan 'roeddwn yn meddwl yn fwy manwl am ei eiriau, tybed pwy fyddai'n gwneud y pethau mawr? Nid oedd Dewi Sant yn Sant cyffredin ond yn amlwg 'roedd yn hoffi dirprwyo!! Dwi'n gorffwys ar fy achos!!

#### "Dathlu Bywyd Don "

Cynhelir angladd Don ar Fawrth 16ed am 10.30 y bore yn Eglwys St Michael's and All Saints, Roxwell. Mi fydd y gwasanaeth a'r dathlu i Don **i'r teulu yn unig.** 

Ar Ddydd Gwŷl Ddewi flwyddyn diwethaf daeth Don a finnau adref â Bella i Fferm Radley Green. Yn ystod yr holl fisoedd yma mae Bella wedi bod o gysur ac yn lawenydd mawr i mi.

Dymuniadau gorau i aelodau'r **Gymdeithas Gymraeg** a hâf ddiogel a hapus ar ôl y gaeaf hirlwm yma o dan glô.

Diolch unwaith eto am eich caredigrwydd, Shirley a'r teulu

#### A little bit of Essex in Hendy/ Ychydig bach o Essex yn Hendy

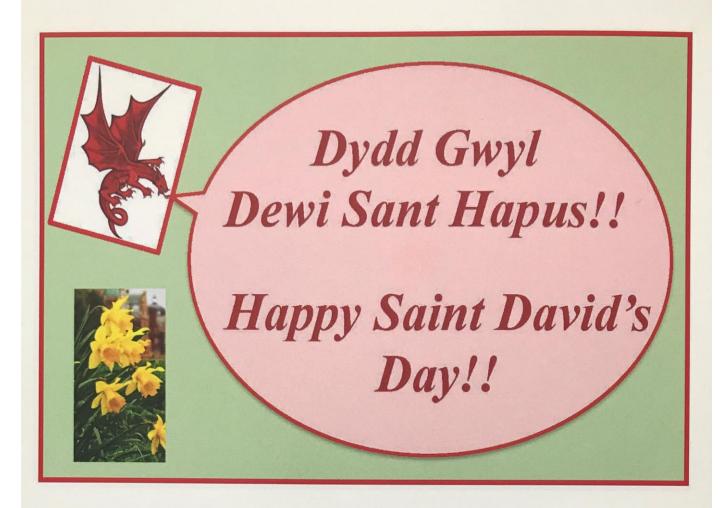
Thank you to **Gary Owen**, who was our guest speaker at last year's **St David's day dinner**, for sending this photo of the daffodils that we presented to him. It is lovely to see that they have flowered again this year. Diolch i **Gary Owen** am yrru llun hyfryd o'r cennin Pedr a gafodd yn anrheg yn y cinio gwyl Dewi y llynedd. Mae nhw wedi blodeuo eto eleni.



#### **Zoom meet ups**

Some of us have been keeping in touch regularly on **Zoom** and decided to celebrate **St David's day** together on zoom this year, instead of our annual dinner. We even had the Welsh '**Ddraig Goch**' flag up to make us feel at home! **Angela, Rachel, Alys, Gwenno, Rhianwen and Debs**.





Dear Friends/Annwyl Ffrindiau,

As we celebrate our Patron Saint, Saint David, on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, during these challenging times, the Board sends each one of you positive thoughts and best wishes.

We hope to see you all again soon. In the meantime, stay safe!

Take Care and Regards from CWS board members:

Margaret Freedman, Tracy Burr, Gwenda Raymond-Jones, Sandy Keating, Jean Kuhn, Jane Thomas, David Matthews and Elaine Westlake.

CYMDEITHAS GYMREIG CALGARY





### **Essex & Herts Air Ambulance**

We have received an **invitation** to join a "**Behind the Scenes Webinar**", which will be taking place on **Wednesday**, **10**<sup>th</sup> **March between 10.30-11.30am**.

This online event is aimed at the different groups and societies from across Essex and Hertfordshire. As they have been unable to provide tours of their airbuses during the Covid-19 pandemic, they have arranged this webinar to show the work of the EHAAT, and a presentation by one of their critical care paramedics. There will be a virtual 3D tour of their North Weald Airbase, and the CEO, Jane Gurney will talk about the challenges that they have faced over the past year, and their plans for the future.

If you are interested in attending this **free event**, and to have a chance to learn more about the incredible work done by the local air ambulance, please register by visiting <a href="https://www.ehaat.org/webinar">www.ehaat.org/webinar</a>.

## **Bryn Terfel performing at Grange Park Opera**

Thank you to Ann Hunt who informed us that **Bryn Terfel** will be starring in **Falstaff** at the **Grange Park Opera**, Surrey from **10**<sup>th</sup> **June to 18**<sup>th</sup> **July 2021.** If you are interested in attending this event, more details can be found on their website **http://www.grangeparkopera.co.uk** 



Thank you to **Avis Thompson** for getting in touch to tell us that she thoroughly enjoyed reading **Dylan Pope's** poem '**The Creatures of the River**' in the February newsletter. Avis thought that Dylan's poem was creative and beautiful and was amazed by the way he described and caught the different moods of the river. Unfortunately, Avis broke her wrist on the ice during the cold weather and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Thank you to Clive Bright for organising a fun quiz last month. Here are the solutions.

1.	6 F in a F-	6 Feet in a Fathom

2. 1 R D on the W F- 1 Red Dragon on the Welsh Flag

3. A C P is 1 C L- A Cricket Pitch is 1 Chain Long

4. M S is 3560 F A S L- Mount Snowdon is 3560 Feet Above Sea Level

5. 114 P in a H- 114 Pounds in a Hundredweight

6. 3 in a H T- 3 in a Hat Trick

7. 1215 M C- 1215 Magna Carta

8. 4 S in a D of C- 4 Suits in a Deck of Cards

9. 603 M from J O to L E- 603 Miles from John O Groats to Lands' End

10. 21 S on a D- 21 Spots on a Dice

11.220 650 MP are F- 220 of 650 Members of Parliament are Female

12. 1805 B of T- 1805 Battle of Trafalgar

13. S have 8 L- Spiders have 8 Legs

14. J B's 39 S - John Buchan's 39 Steps

15. 31622400 S in a L Y- 31622400 Seconds in a Leap Year

16. 6.18 M is the P V W R- 6.18 Metres is the Pole Vault World Record

17. 3 M and 1 D in a B- 3 Men and 1 Dog in a Boat

18. The D of the 7 V- The Dance of the 7 Veils

19. M has 2 M- Mars has 2 Moons

20. 3 F on the P O W C- 3 White Feathers on the Prince of Wales Crest

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. If you have anything that you would like me to include in the April Newsletter, please can you contact me before April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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