



# ST DAVIDS SOCIETY

## President's 2021 APRIL Newsletter



*APRIL promises change: we see Wales opening up and the UK coming back to life, we see daffodils and cherry blossoms change to azaleas and Tokyo come back to life. Let's look forward to meeting at a **St David's Society** in person event as soon as we can! Meanwhile, stay safe.*



*Your committee decided to create an online quiz team called surprisingly the **RED DRAGONS**! We did rather well in our first outing for the TELL online quiz with a team of Bethany Cummings, Chris Barnett, Tim Knowes (Welsh overseas), a past member Arthus Hawtin, Yukihiro Imadegawa and Ursula. If you are interested in joining in please let us know, as we are enjoying both the TELL and the FOOTNIK charity quiz nights and hope to spread the word about the society and gather some new members. Plus, it is fun and something a member suggested we try. We can have more than one team representing us!!*



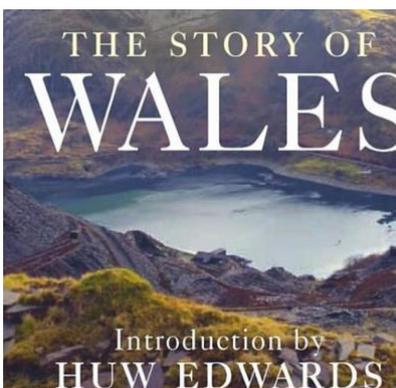
***I am sure we all understood the sadness of our Queen at the passing of Prince Phillip. I wonder how many of us watched the Ceremony? I did and it was so well done.***

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-56779068>

***As promised, we will continue our regular Monthly evening event with episode two of***

***Which due to the holiday will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of May at 8pm***

***Join us and learn about our History and have a chance to chat!***



**Why not join in with this fabulous idea from our member Jane Best Cook, the President of REI (Refugees International)**

**Let's sign up and join the online REI Beer fest for May 16<sup>th</sup> (the beer will be delivered to your home don't worry)**

*REI and Hyappa Brews present...*

**THE GREAT BEER BLUFF. May 16th, 2021**

*Support refugees by joining REI and Hyappa Brews in this beer tasting event with a twist!*

**Register online using the link below and REI and Hyappa Brews will send you six delicious Hyappa Brews three of them containing a secret ingredient. Our esteemed panel of three beer connoisseurs will expertly explain the secret ingredient in each beer tasting--only one will speak the truth, the other two will be bluffs! Pit your palate and lie detection abilities against the panel to uncover the truth!**

*We will also be auctioning a "Great Hyappa Brews BruBQ," a barbecue and brewing experience at the Hyappa Brews Brewery in Gamagori!*

*Registrants can join the Great Beer Bluff either online or in-person at the Hyappa Brews Warehouse in Gamagori, Aichi on Sunday May 16th from 15.00.*

*The perfect accompaniment to the beer are pies. All participants can order meat pies, pork pies or sausage rolls online from [Swan and Lion](#) at 25% discount. We'll provide a coupon code when you register.*

*Proceeds from the event will make an impact on the lives of refugees. ¥5,000 can cover the field study costs for 10 students learning about community rights and environmental protection in refugee camps in Myanmar.*

**REI と Hyappa Brew 提供**

**華麗なるビアブラフ**

May 16th, 2021.

2021 5 月 16 日

当日はあわせて、愛知県蒲郡市 Hyappa Brews 醸造所でのビール醸造と BBQ のコンボ体験 Great Hyappa Brews BruBQ のクーポンを勝ち取るオークションも開催します。

登録者の参加方法はオンライン参加と現地参加のふた通り。日時は 5 月 16 日の午後 3 時から、会場は愛知県蒲郡市の Hyappa Brews 倉庫です。

ビールにぴったりなおつまみとしてパイはいかがでしょう。

参加者はオンラインで [Swan and Lion](#) のミートパイ、ポークパイやソーセージロールが 25% 割引でお取り寄せいただけます。参加者にはご登録の際に割引用クーポンのコードをお知らせします。

このイベントからの収益は、避難民の生活にポジティブなインパクトをもたらします。

¥5,000 で、地域社会の権利と環境問題について学ぶミャンマー避難民キャンプでの講座生徒 10 名分の費用をまかなえます。

For those who  
celebrated Easter



.Easter chocolate  
and decorated eggs.



*Simmnel Cake*



*Robin with a guest.*

## *Bits and pieces of interesting information.*

*Anyone from Merthyr? Check this out!*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-56654580>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-wales-56542591>

*Welsh election: Plaid promises independence vote in five years*

*A thumbs up for the actor Michael Sheen's idea to create a a scholarship for Welsh Students aiming for Oxford University...*

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-56818667>

## *HIRAETH Unique to us Welsh*

### Hiraeth

I have always maintained that if melancholy was an Olympic sport, the Welsh would be Gold medalists.

Little wonder that we have our very own, specific (if hotly debated as to it's EXACT translation) word called... Hiraeth.

It's literal translation means 'Long Gone' and to many, this is an accurate start...

Some say Hiraeth is close to a melancholic longing for a time or a place that can never be again. Others say it's something a little deeper and more wistful than home sickness or maybe a great longing for home.

The other most common national trait I find in the Welsh is a patriotism and a national pride almost without fervorous equal. (Unsurprising - as a small nation, as we've had to shout loudly to be heard) Therefore when some of us have to leave this terrestrial paradise (as I have) the flip side of this passionate love of country... is the missing of it.

If you love your country as much as we do, although we are divided at times on it's EXACT translation, one thing this word will always be agreed upon and unify, is that when you are away from Wales it will create in you an undefinable feeling that will guarantee you will always make podium to receive your medal.

Matthew Rhys

[www.hiraeth.live](http://www.hiraeth.live)



*Recent events: A Welsh Government Cherry Blossom party at the British Embassy for Welsh Food importers*

*With best wishes from Ursula*

*Bethany and Chris. See You on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Stay Safe*