



# ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

## President's 2021 May Newsletter

**Looks like another summer with limited travel options!**

Thankfully Wales is embracing new freedoms, while we in Japan celebrate our reasonable social life and wait as vaccinations crawls nearer. Still, we have the TV viewing of the Olympics to look forward to!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

St. David's Society (Cymdeithas Dewi Sant / CDS)

# HISTORY OF WALES DROP-IN ZOOM EVENT

JUNE 9 (WEDNESDAY) - FROM 8 PM

Join us on zoom to learn a bit about history and have a chat!

Meeting ID: 843 0317 6072  
Passcode: 588305

Come for a chat and stay if you wish to join us for Part 3 of the **History of Wales**.

The St David's Society team has joined two of Tokyo's most popular Online Pub Quizzes, **TELL and FootNiK** (both are for charity). They are fun, you can learn a lot and make new friends! Not surprisingly we are called the **Red Dragons** (thanks to Chris Barnet). We seem to be doing well finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quiz.

The next quiz dates will be:

1. TELL (Tokyo English Lifeline) - June 2<sup>nd</sup> JST 8 pm. Overseas friends can join in and if you have 4/5 people you can create your own Welsh team!
2. FootNiK Pub - Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> 8 pm. Again, overseas friends can join!

Don't forget our member Jane Best Cook's **REI** (Refugees International) **Beer Bluff Event**.



Refugee Empowerment International

## GREAT BEER BLUFF

Saturday 5 June 2021 from 14.00

Can you taste the secret ingredient in the beer?  
Our esteemed panel of three will try to convince you  
their story is the correct one.  
It's a matter of truths and lies!

Join us at Hyappa Brews in Gamagori, Aichi or online

- Participants will receive 6 beers courtesy of Hyappa Brews - 3 for each round of the Beer Bluff
- Auction of the Great Hyappa Brews BruBQ
- Participants can order pies from Swan & Lion at 25% discount
- Reservations by 1 June:  
<https://rei-npo.org/en/fundraising/great-beer-bluff/>
- Minimum donation requested: ¥5,000

Are you up for the challenge?



## INTERESTING BITS AND PIECES AND NEWS FROM HOME!

1. Boys Out Loud teach Welsh Hymns to Japanese students.



Only Boys Aloud have been teaching Welsh hymns online to Japanese children

The singing stars were planning to tour Japan until the Covid pandemic sent Wales into lockdown.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-wales-56937008>

2. We had our elections I hope your vote counted



3. Riots in Swansea

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-57197466>

4. Wales come third in world and first in the UK for re cycling.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-56851025>

Do not go gentle into that good night: Dylan as part of the Thomas Season  
Enjoy these two versions. I wonder which you will prefer?

### Version 1.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbHjyMJsCqA>

### Version 2.

Michael Sheen performs

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-sM-t1KI\\_Y&list=RDCMUCUDq1XzCY0NIOYVJvEMQiqw&start\\_radio=1&rv=w-sM-t1KI\\_Y&t=0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-sM-t1KI_Y&list=RDCMUCUDq1XzCY0NIOYVJvEMQiqw&start_radio=1&rv=w-sM-t1KI_Y&t=0)

Catharine Nagashima sent this is about her family connection to Dylan “Her father Richard Huws met young Dylan at a Welsh-patronized pub on one of his first trips up to London and invited him to stay overnight at the flat he shared with his wife Edrica, Catharine’s mother. It was the first of many stays”.

[For more entertainment if you missed the Lockdown TV sensation of STAGED Watch](#)

Michel Sheen and David Tennent in **Staged**. The series has references to Wales as Michel is filming from there. A popular must for the lockdown experience.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNVre0lsvvl&list=PLU31BoFkLXR6ZH\\_pX6lCm0jf\\_ZL7eTVNQ5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNVre0lsvvl&list=PLU31BoFkLXR6ZH_pX6lCm0jf_ZL7eTVNQ5)

The British Chamber of Commerce Magazine Akumen included this photo of Cindy as part of their write up of our St David's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.



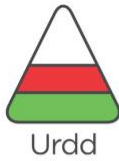
Please be sure to check out our Facebook page and group!

<https://www.facebook.com/StDavidsSocietyJapan>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/welshinapan>

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## FINALLY, A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM WALES



### Neges Heddwch ac Ewyllys Da yr Urdd Urdd Peace and Goodwill Message



#### Urdd's Peace and Goodwill Message— Equality for Women and Girls

Women's rights are human rights  
Human rights are women's rights  
We can't save the world until the world is equal

This is more than a hashtag.

Let's re-think our words  
and replace negative with positive  
Not bossy but self-confident  
Not blunt but independent  
Not emotional but powerful  
Not stubborn but successful

We are the young people of Wales standing  
with our sisters around the world.

Coronavirus has stopped the clock.  
Let's use the new normal to create a better  
future.  
A future where every girl is educated.  
A future of confident women.  
An equal future for all, in countryside and cities,  
from east to west.

We are today's students and pupils.  
We are tomorrow's leaders and pioneers.  
Together, we'll smash the glass ceiling,

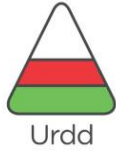


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### Urdd 平和と幸福のメッセージ2021 女性と女児の地位向上

女性の権利は基本的人権  
基本的人権は女性の権利  
平等な社会こそが世界を救う

ハッシュタグだけでは不十分です。

自分が使う言葉を再考し  
ポジティブなメッセージを伝えよう  
上から目線ではなく自信に満ちた表現  
無遠慮でなく独立心に満ちた表現  
感情的でなくパワフルな表現  
強情でなく実り多い表現

私たちは世界中の女性たちを応援するウェールズの若者たちです。

新型コロナウイルスは世界の時間を止めました。  
ニューノーマルを活用してよりよい未来を築きましょう。  
すべての女児が教育を受けられる未来。  
自信を持った女性を育む未来。  
都会の人も郊外の人も、東の人も西の人も  
すべての人が平等になれる未来。

私たちは今日を生きる学生であり、  
明日を担うリーダー、パイオニアです。  
一緒に、目に見えない障壁を超えましょう。  
私たちは夢を追い、  
次世代のために道を切り開きます。

ハッシュタグだけでは不十分です。  
今こそ行動のとき。すべての女性と女児のために立ち上がるときで  
す。  
男性も女性も、一丸となって。  
力を合わせて前進しましょう。



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Stay safe and we hope to see you at some of our online events and hopefully a real time meeting soon.

Ursula  
Bethany and Chris