

St David's Society Japan

Presidents June Newsletter

Euro 2020?

We Welsh finished second in the in-Group A and will now face the runner-up of Group B

Memories of our very St David's Society successful film Premier showing of the movie Don't Take Me Home" in 2017.

The story is of one of the smallest countries in the history of the game getting to the final rounds of a major tournament. Since the Second World War, the Welsh national football team had only ever qualified for one major national tournament.

At last vaccinations are available!

Who knows we may yet be able to visit Wales this year? After the Olympics, of course – although, most of us will be watching it from our homes!

Here are our Welsh athletes to look out for.

The Tokyo Olympic Games will take place from 23 July to 8 August 2021.

Welsh Athletes to look out for! print this out and post on your fridge!

Check this link for more detailed information.

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/wales/56734590>

Despite the unprecedented and uncertain build-up to this year's Olympics, it could be one of Wales' most successful, if not the most successful - Keep an eye on these Welsh stars:

Jade Jones (taekwondo)

Elinor Barker (cycling)

Hannah Mills (sailing)

Lauren Price (boxing)

Geraint Thomas (cycling)

Matt Richards (swimming)

Ethan Vernon (cycling)

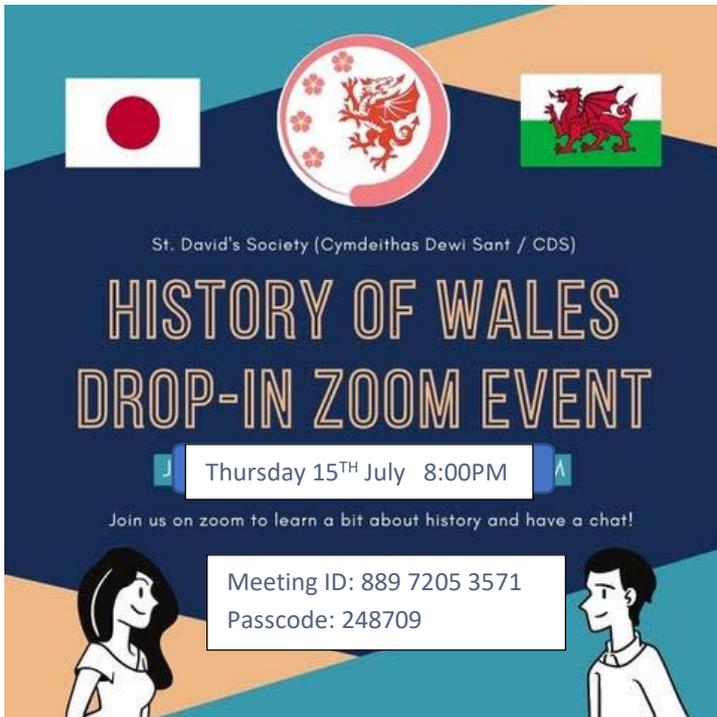
There are still a handful of more world-class Welsh athletes who could well bring back medals from Tokyo.

- **Natalie Powell** (judo)

- Wrexham's Victoria Thornley is hoping to become Britain's first ever female Olympic champion in single sculls.

- Swimmers **Georgia Davies, Alys Thomas, Daniel Jervis** and **Calum Jarvis** are all hoping to book their spots at Tokyo.

Wales' success in Olympic swimming goes back more than a century to when **Paulo Radmilovic** won gold in London in 1908!



ST DAVID SOCIETY EVENTS AND NEWS.

Due to some family issues, the date of part three of the History of Wales has been postponed to Thursday 15th of July at 8 pm.

A bit of summer relaxation for us all before we take a break till September!

NEW ZOOM MEETING INFO

Thursday July 15th.

Meeting ID: 889 7205 3571

Passcode: 248709

If you are bored over the hot summer in Tokyo, why not try out the online quiz hosted by TELL on July 7th and the FootNik Pub on July 20th both from 8:00 pm

SOCIETY NEWS UPDATES

Many of us have fond memories of Jon Elliot a British Embassy Diplomat and our Society President of several years ago. He announced the birth of his second daughter, adding that he helped to deliver! An awesome event and one he needed an extra-long drink to help him recover from, yet such an unforgettable experience for the family.



Jon with wife Sue & Cerys



Meet Anwen & Cerys Elliot

SAYONARA LYNVA

Many also know Lynva Davies, an original St David's Society Japan Member who will return home to Wales after a 40-year career in Japan. Lynva helped Marilyn Lloyd, another St David's member who when she relocated to Kansai set up our branch there. Lynva took over from Marilyn and was the Kansai Rep for 8 years, handing over to Chikako who has continued to do such a good job promoting Wales. I am sure we will all send her our best wishes for a happy retirement in Wales with her family and friends.



Lynva with a student and with the Opera Singer Katherine Jenkin

Random Welsh News

Cardiff landmark pub The Goat Major returns to original 1813 Blue Bell name

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-57328489>

TV's Line of Duty's stars Vicky McClure and fiancé Jonny Owen to sponsor Merthyr Town

Social distancing for Wales could last throughout this year!

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-57346925>



I wonder what a Welsh Variant would use to warn us. Why not send us your designs?

Hot from the press. Rugby and Olympic news.

Warren Gatland has named his Lions side to take on Japan at Murrayfield on Saturday (kick off 3pm).

Five Wales players are named in the starting XV, including captain Alun Wyn Jones and Dan Biggar. Josh Adams, Ken Owens and Liam Williams also start.

"We're anticipating a tough game against Japan – a side that like to play at a high-tempo and shift the ball," said Gatland.

OLYMPICS TEAM GB link and info.

<https://www.teamgb.com/>

For detailed information on general topics related to Team GB and the Tokyo Games to

<https://www.teamgb.com/competitions/tokyo-2020/1z8kx7lzcKJbsDOpHXs5Gp>

"One day intensive summer course of the Welsh Language" has been accepting applications.

This is a joint event with Boreda Kikaku and the Academic Society of Wales, Japan, and for Japanese beginners.

The lecturer is Takeshi Koike and the MC is Yuko Nakauchi.

Sunday, 1st August from 14:00 to 22:00.

For more info and to apply, please check below **(in Japanese only)**

<https://peatix.com/event/1927192>

Just a reminder that our very own Treasurer Chris Barnet has been running Welsh Language courses taught in English at Sophia University and privately for more than 20 years so if you are keen to learn contact Chris. chrisbrucejoben@gmail.com

St David's Kansai News

A second chance to view the Welsh film which we showed at our Welsh movie nights back in the day – it's worth the watch and the re-watch.

The Kansai St. David's Society will hold another Movie Night on Zoom.

"The Englishman who went up a hill but came down a mountain" (with Japanese subtitle)

Date & Time: Sunday, 11th July from 20:00 (Japan Standard Time)

Duration: about 100 minutes + α for exchanging impressions. Admission: FREE

Please click the URL below to get into the Zoom room. It shall be ready by 19:45 on the day.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85803518161?pwd=YzY2a09zYkFWNjRWb0ZlZmdVT2txQT09>

Meeting ID: 858 0351 8161

Pass code: 383200.

When you get into the Zoom room, please mute your mike and video.

Have a good vacation and ensure you get those vaccinations so we can all meet for a drink in September – we can't wait! There will be no newsletter or events (after the History of Wales event) until we hopefully announce a drinks evening at the Clann pub sometime in September

Stay well, keep cool, relax, and have fun.

Stay safe, Ursula.

