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We Are Still Here

JUNE/ MEHEFIN 2018

Rydyn Ni Yma O Hyd

JUNE MEETING

Our next meeting will be on the fourth Sunday of the month because of Father's Day. 24 June 2018. We will meet at Faulkner Hall, St George's Church on Princess Anne St at 7:30. The program will discuss what you can expect at the North American Festival of Wales which is just down the road this year at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center.

WELSH SOCIETY PICNIC IN AUGUST

Heads up:

Sunday August 19, 2018.

American Legion Hall Post 55, 461 Woodford Street, Fredericksburg.

3 – 5:30PM

NO MEETING IN JULY

RED DRAGON WINS CRAFT BEER AWARD

(Stafford Star Weekly) The 2018 Virginia Craft Beer Cup was held June 4 at WestRock in Richmond. This year 375 beers in 27 categories competed for awards in what is the largest state competition of its kind in the United States.

European Sour Ale category: 1st Place: Red Dragon Brewery for "Here Be Dragon".

NORTH AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF WALES (NAFOW)

The 2018 North American Festival of Wales will be held in Alexandria from Aug 30–Sep 2,

2018 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (off the I- 395 Seminary Rd exit). There are special rates if you are attending the NAFOW.

Washington DC St. David's Society is hosting this event.

Moch Pryderi will conduct the evening music at the bar on Pub Night (Saturday Sep 1)

Please try to attend some of the festival seminars and activities. You will not be disappointed. Members of the Welsh Society have been sent the latest copies of "Hwyl", the newsletter of the festival.

Details are found at www.nafow.org.

CWRS CYMRAEG 2018

Cymdeithas Madog's annual Cwrs Cymraeg, Cwrs Y Gefeill-Ddinasoedd - The Twin Cities' Course is at Hamline University in St Paul, MN, July 15-22, 2018! You can register on the website at: <http://madog.org/gwefan/index.php/cwrs-cymraeg/cwrs-cymraeg-eleni>. Besides language classes there are cultural activities in the evenings such as folk dancing, a quiz and pub sing-a-long, a Welsh film, and a talent night (the Welsh "noson lawen") and Eisteddfod. There is an optional course trip at mid-week to surrounding sites of interest.

WELSH HERITAGE WEEK

July 15 to July 22, 2018 - University of Richmond, Richmond, VA. Staff includes: Rhian Hughes, Head Teacher; Iwan Guy, Music Director; Ann Hopcyn, Harp; Bill Evans,

Session Band; Ian Roberts, Folk Dance and assistance from Lyn Guy and Mair Roberts. A trip to the Berkeley Plantation on July 14th will require you to arrive on campus July 13th. WHW needs to give the college attendance confirmed numbers no later than JUNE 15th. The cost for the week is \$500 for a double room/\$575 for a single. The cost for the trip is \$142 (that includes the trip plus 2 additional nights at the college, no meals). Contact Beth Landmesser: hwyl@ptd.net or 570-814-7689 or send a private message on facebook. The registration form is now on the web site. www.welshheritageweek.org

WELSH PRODUCTS DIRECT FROM WALES

I would like to introduce a new website celebrating the best of local producers from across Wales, 'The Ethical Welsh Online Marketplace' - <https://www.stdavids.wales>. We have brought together the finest designers, makers, artists, activity guides, growers, farmers and accommodation providers from across Wales to showcase in one place the best Wales has to offer. It's a shopfront to show the whole World great quality products from Wales.

Artisanal products are now available for purchase online, in one place, so you can shop locally, wherever you are in the World. You can support small Welsh businesses and bring a unique piece of Wales straight to Fredericksburg Virginia, perfect for gifts, birthdays, special occasions and holidays. We would love you to introduce your members and followers to these amazing products, so to get you started, there is an opportunity to offer a discount to your group's membership to use on STDAVIDS.WALES or the opportunity to generate income for your group or yourself from each sale, via a special code just for you. By purchasing at STDAVIDS.WALES you support local Welsh producers, like Katy. You can offer something special to your membership, and raise the profile of Welsh

businesses across the World.

We're also committed to investing 51% of our net profit back into the STDAVIDS.WALES Foundation, which we've set up to support small businesses to generate employment in Wales. Read more about it here: <http://www.abetter.wales/#ABetterWales> If you are interested to find out more and how to get involved we would be delighted to hear from you.

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NO ROOM FOR THE DEAD

Plans have revealed what Cardiff's new cemetery could look like.

Cardiff council is looking for a new area to bury the dead after fears there may be no more space for graves in the city after June 2020. Detailed plans have been revealed for a new burial space, at a nine acre site north of the M4 on the A469, which is less than 650 meters from Thornhill Cemetery.

The council is holding a consultation on the plans - which include roads, paths, a 31-space car park, toilet block, waiting area and water features - before a planning application is submitted.

A planning statement by the council says: "Cardiff is one of the fastest growing cities in the UK with an increasing population, and as the population grows so does the death rate for the city.

"Whilst cremation is the preferred choice for the majority of people, around 30% of deaths still opt for burial for personal and religious reasons."

The council operates seven burial sites, but only Thornhill, Pantmawr and Western cemeteries have space for new graves.

ARMED FORCES DAY IN WALES

More than a quarter of a million people are expected to descend on Llandudno for Armed Forces Day.

The coastal resort will play host to the main national celebration of the UK's servicemen and women on Saturday, June 30.

But Conwy is planning a week of events, from June 25 - July 1, to mark the occasion, and this is estimated will pump £4 million into the local economy.

The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, will attend the event, and there will be flypasts from the Red Arrows and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight team which includes a Lancaster bomber, Spitfire and a Hurricane.

One of the highlights of the week will be a parade through Llandudno on Armed Forces Day itself, where around 1,000 serving personnel, veterans, cadets and marching bands will set off from the Llandudno War Memorial at 11am.

The parade, which organizers say promises to be an impressive display of both sound and color, will then march down the road adjacent to the promenade, finishing in a salute to a number of special guests and dignitaries outside Venue Cymru .

Following the parade, visitors will then have the chance to interact with exhibitions and activities along Llandudno Promenade and Bodafon Fields including static aircraft, armored vehicles and a diving tank.



The Red Arrows perform at Rhyl Air Show 2016.
(Image: Daily Post Wales)

CONWAY CASTLE TO BE TWINNED WITH JAMES BOND CASTLE IN JAPAN

Conwy's Medieval castle will be twinned with Himeji Castle, which featured in the Bond film *You Only Live Twice*.

The Mayor of Himeji, Toshikatsu Iwami, will travel to Conwy on July 6 to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with his local counterpart, Cllr Sam Cotton, during a ceremony at the town's Guildhall.

The initiative has the backing of the Welsh Government and the aim is to finalize the arrangements next year in Japan when it hosts the Rugby World Cup.

North Wales Tourism has been forging close links with the Japanese tourism industry with the help of Nakajima Takeharu, a Welsh Government representative in Japan who is also coming to Conwy.

As a result there has been an 84% increase in the number of Japanese visitors, with almost 3,000 of them coming via travel agencies that have not previously had North Wales on their itineraries.

Work building the two castles began within 50 years of each other, with the Norman king, Edward I, making a start in 1283 and the construction of Himeji Castle getting underway in 1333.



Himeji Castle, UNESCO World Heritage Sites
twinned with Conwy Castle

DINOSAUR PARK COMING TO CARDIFF

An international dinosaur festival is coming to Cardiff as Bute Park is turned into a prehistoric world this summer.

'Jurassic Kingdom: Where Dinosaurs Come To Life' is an interactive, life-sized replica experience.

Visitors will come face to face with a 26m long Diplodocus and the notorious Tyrannosaurus Rex, while learning about every predator from over 200 million years ago. There will even be some in the trees.

Visitors will find the dinosaurs hiding all around the park, giving children a chance to experience the sheer size and scale of the animals. The creatures come to life with their tails, eyes, heads and arms moving and roars raging.

There will also be a video in the education marquee and mini-dinosaur paleontologists will be able to dig for bones in an excavation area.

The event was last seen in Glasgow.

NEW 10P COIN

A special fish and chips 10p piece is being released by the Royal Mint to mark National Fish and Chips Day.

The Royal Mint will be releasing them at 17 chip shops around the UK, only one of which is in Wales.

Award-winning Penaluna's Famous Fish & Chips in Hirwaun was the chosen Welsh shop where the coins will be handed out.

To get a coin, customers must simply make a cash purchase in the shop, at 35a/36 High Street, Hirwaun. According to a Royal Mint spokeswoman you will need to have 10p in your change to bag a coin. She said: "A limited number of the coins will be in tills in selected fish and chip shops.

Alternatively, the coins are available to purchase from The Royal Mint in a range of finishes, from uncirculated to silver proof. Created as part of The Great British Coin Hunt,

fish and chips was voted as the most quintessentially British dish according to 52% of the public.

It is part of a set of 26 coins showing the A-Z of what makes Britain great – from the Angel of the North to a zebra crossing. The entire collection has been rolling out into circulation across the country and will be available at selected Post Offices.

A collectors' folder, and silver proof and uncirculated versions of the 10p coins are available to purchase from The Royal Mint website.

For more information visit www.royalmint.com/coinhunt.



Image: Royal Mint

NEW DRAMA FILMED IN NORTH WALES

The BBC crime series "Hidden", which has already been screened in Welsh on S4C, will be aired shortly.

From an ill-fated Emmerdale actress to a Game of Thrones star, BBC One's anticipated new drama Hidden has a few familiar faces.

The eight-part drama, from the makers of Hinterland, tells the story from the perspective of Dylan Harris, alongside that of DS Cadi John, who returns to North Wales to care for her sick father.

As Cadi she works on an investigation into the discovery of the body of a young girl in a disused quarry. It becomes clear someone has been kidnapping girls and keeping them captive.

The series, which was filmed at various locations in North Wales, was set to air from

June 6. We've had a look at where we've seen the principal actors all before.

Sian Reese-Williams shot to fame in 2008 as ill-fated Gennie Sharma in "Emmerdale" who was murdered by serial killer Cameron Murray. Two years ago, she also starred as Manon in BBC's *Hinterland*, which was a worldwide hit, being sold to more than 30 countries. And those of you who watched the spine-tingling BBC One thriller *Requiem* last year, will remember Sian, who played barmaid, Trudy.

Now, Sian's taking on the role of DI Cadi John. Speaking of her latest character, she said: "She looks real and her hair and make-up aren't perfect. It's all about the personality of the character and that's true of Cadi.

"... the ability to create a Welsh female led detective drama was really exciting to me."

If you're a *Game of Thrones* fan, you will probably recognize Gwyneth Keyworth who played Clea in Season 5 in 2015.

The 27-year-old actress from Aberystwyth also starred in BBC One Wales' *Hinterland*, playing Beca Jones.

Former *Doctor Who* actor Rhodri Meilir comes from Mold and is probably best known for playing Alfie Butts in the BBC sitcom *My Family* between 2005 and 2009.

The 39-year-old former *Ysgol Maes Garom* pupil has also appeared in a number of popular television shows such as *Afterlife* and Terry Pratchett's *Hogfather* on Sky One.

... the latest role of the actor is rather more sinister; bad guy and kidnapper Dylan Harris in *Hidden*.

"He's a complicated character; the result of mistreatment and violence at the hands of his own mother."

Siôn Alun Davies who plays DS Owen Vaughan, alongside Sian Reese-Williams is another Welsh actor, known for his most recent role in BBC One's *Requiem*, partly filmed in Dolgellau, Gwynedd.

He also made an appearance in "Endeavour" in 2012 and "Hinterland" in 2013.

The series has also been shot in various locations around North Wales, and for those watching from the region, part of the anticipation is spotting where all the scenes are filmed.



Craith stars DI Cadi John (Siân Reese-Williams) and DS Owen Vaughan (Siôn Alun Davies) (Image: publicity pic)

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