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Neges His Llywydd/Vice President's Message 2022



Helo pawb,

Anastasia Llewellyn dw i. Dw i'n hapus iawn i fod yn Islywydd ar gyfer 2022-23. Dw i ddim ond yn siarad Cymraeg ychydig, ond dw i'n dysgu.

The Ottawa Welsh Society owes tremendous thanks to Geraint Lewis, whose shoes as president are far too big for any one person to fill. David Jeanes and I will therefore be sharing the role this year as co-vice presidents, while our search for the next president continues. Geraint has graciously agreed to remain involved as past president. We also welcome two new members-at-large, Glenys Hughes and David Roberts, who join a cast of familiar characters. Diolch i chi!

It was a pleasure to get to know the committee last year as a member-at-large, and I am excited to take a more active role. Even as our activities continue to be hindered by the ongoing pandemic, the committee is working on planning both inperson and online events, in the hope that there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with thoughts, comments, or questions. We are always happy to hear from our members!

Pob hwyl, Anastasia

Upcoming Events 2022

Annual Picnic

August 6 4:00—8:00 p.m. (rain date August 7)

See page 5 & 7

In the future: a mix of in-person and online events as restrictions and comfort-levels permit.

As always, information on all activities will be available on our website at

www.ottawawelsh.org

Neges Ysgrifenyddes/Secretary's Message

At our first meeting of the new executive, it was decided that, in the absence of a volunteer for the position of President, two people would serve as Vice President and split the responsibilities. The full list of the Executive appears on the front cover of this and every newsletter

If you wish to contact the executive, there is an email account that is checked regularly:

Ottawa.welsh.society@gmail.com.

New members of the Executive are David Roberts and Glenys Hughes.



Glenys is the daughter of Stan and Lyndell Hughes, both long-time members of the Ottawa Welsh Society.* Glenys went to Fisher Park High School in Ottawa and then headed to the University of Guelph to study Geology. From there she moved to Veterinary Medicine at the University of Prince Edward Island and then studied Genetics at Memorial University in Newfoundland. Glenys had her own veterinary practice in eastern Ontario and is now associate veterinarian at the Merivale Cat Hospital by day and a Welsh learner by night.

*Stan and Lyndell have been featured in previous newsletters. (See Winter 2019 and Spring 2020, both available to read on our website www.ottawawelsh.org).



David Roberts is originally from Cardiff. He completed undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, and subsequently at the University of Bath. David worked as Senior Interpreter for the federal government and was seconded to the University of Ottawa where he coordinated the Master's program in Interpretation. David is an enthusiastic but desperately slow jogger. He is also a member of the Welsh learner's group.

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Colofn y Dysgwyr

The dosbarth Cymraeg is continuing its monthly get-togethers online. Here we will continue our study of the tenses with the negative form of the present tense

BOD: to be

Perffaith (past/perfect)

Dw i wedi I have
Wyt ti wedi you have
Mae hi wedi she has
Ydyn ni wedi we have
Ydych chi wedi you have

Maen nhw wedi they have

Examples:

Dw i wedi cerdded.

Wyt ti wedi canu.

Mae hi wedi cysgu.

Mae o wedi bwyta.

(Y) dyn ni wedi yfed.

I have walked.

You have sung.

She has slept.

He has eaten.

We have drunk.

You have run.

Ydyn nhw wedi dawnsio. They have danced. . .

Exercise 1:

Translate the following into English.

Dw i wedi dawnsio.

Wyt ti wedi mynd.

Mae hi wedi dod.

Mae o wedi rhedeg.

(Y)dyn ni wedi gwrando.

(Y)dych chi wedi siarad.

(Y)dyn nhw wedi gweld.

Answers are on page 5./Atebion ar ddudalan 5

Exercise 2:

Translate the following into Welsh:

I have lost.

You have won.

She has listened.

He has spoken.

We have gone.

You have come.

They have danced.

Answers are on page 7./Atebion ar ddudalan 7



¹Note: Those studying with Duolingo will note a different formation of the negative. See page 4.

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Y Gorffennol/the Past

The Kiwanis Music Festival was held this year using at least partially pre-recorded performances. As usual, the OWS supported the festival with a \$300 bursary for the winner of the class "Senior Vocal Folk Singer - under 21".

We have received a note from the winner of this year's bursary, Adelaine Carvallo. We may have a chance to hear her in person in the future.



Dear Geraint Lewis and the Ottawa Welsh Society

Thank you so very much for cheasing me to be the recipiant of the Ottawa Welsh Society Award I'm very honoured and greatful to recieve this as it henestly means a lot! I love to sing; it brings me so much joy and fufillment. I have been entering the Kiwanis Music Festival for years now ever since I was 14. I love to perform and recieve feedback from various adjudicators in Order for me to reach my fullest potential. I'm now moving on to the next phase of my singing Career and heading to Sheridan College for Musical theatre come September. I'm looking forward to the day we can ditch recordings and come together to perform and listen to performers in person, to share a space with people who indulge in the passion of singing.

The AGM

A total of 15 members attended the AGM online on May 17. Four members sent their regrets.

The meeting was led by former past President, John Price, due to the unforeseen departure of our President for health reasons. The meeting was fairly routine, starting, as always, with a moment of silence for members who had passed on. Reports were received from the President, Treasurer, Auditor and Membership Secretary. Under new business the issue of online meetings was raised: it was pointed out that it would be necessary to enact a By-law that would allow for online meetings once the pandemic has passed. A motion was made, and a by-law approved. It will soon be appropriately worded and included with our Constitution.

The membership secretary reported the following: In **2021-2022** we had a total of 24 single, 1 student and 35 family memberships, for a total of 60. So far this year, **2022-2023** we have 18 single, 1 student and 24 family memberships.

The new executive was elected, with two new members and the rest remaining. The roles played by each person was to be decided at the first meeting of the executive.



Interesting fact: Our Past President, Geraint Lewis, aka Dr. Lewis, anesthesiologist, retired from the Ottawa Hospital, won a distinguished service award in 2017.



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Y presennol/The Present

Both the Awr Sgwrsio and the Awr Sgwrsio i Dysgwyr continue to meet monthly. Recently a joint meeting was held, although only one *dysgybl* was able to attend. It can be a little daunting to be the only learner in a group of native speakers, but they are very patient and kind. The learners also met in person for coffee. Diolch i ti John Williams.





Awr Sawrsio in January

Atebion i ymarfer 1/Answers for Exercise 1

I have danced.

You have gone.

She has come.

He has run

We have listened.

You have spoken.

They have seen.

Y dyfodol/The Future

The Executive has begun discussions on the subject of events for 2022-23. It was agreed that we would continue some online events, while we hope to offer some in-person events as well.

The first event of the year will be a revival of our "annual" picnic. The date is August 6 (rain date August 7) at the home of Christopher and Georgina Smart. If you plan to attend please contact Marilyn Jenkins as soon as possible at 613-820-6687. (See page 7.)

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BIFHSGO 2022 Virtual Conference 28 September–2 October 2022

England and Wales: at home and on the move

Explore your Welsh and English ancestry and migrations with presentations by 12 international experts over four days. Enjoy three Connect sessions, where you can talk directly to speakers, vendors or societies, as well as a virtual Expo Hall full of links to useful resources.

Registration is open now! For details and registration, visit https://www.bifhsqo.ca/2022-BIFHSGO-Conference

Note: The talks will cover researching Welsh ancestry, Welsh newspaper sources, parish records in Wales, and Welsh migration. (David Jeanes)



In Memoriam

Kathleen Dora (Lewis) Klemp



May 6, 1920 - April 29, 2022

(Editor's note: Regretfully, there is not a lot of information available about Kathleen. It was member Dianne Evans who brought this remarkable woman to our attention. Of course, at 101, she would have lost touch with many of the people who knew her over the years.)

The following was culled from the Tubman's website and has been edited.

Kathleen will be missed by her nieces, nephews, cousins and friends in Canada and the United Kingdom. She began her working career in England in a clerical position, but found her true calling in nursing. This career gave her the opportunity to lead a full and adventurous life which took her to Zanzibar, then Canada, where she worked in Saskatchewan, and the Arctic before settling with her husband Stan, in Ottawa.

Kathleen was a proud member of the Ottawa Welsh Choir and is remembered fondly by those who knew her as a lively and committed member. She and Stan attended many events of the Ottawa Welsh Society together over the years.

She also devoted much time to St. John's Anglican Church in Kanata, where she was a founding member of the choir.

Kathleen was a keen supporter of The Ottawa Humane Society.

A funeral service, followed by a reception, was held on Friday, May 13th at 11 am at St. John's Anglican Church, Kanata.

The sincere condolences of the Ottawa Welsh Society go to Kathleen's friends and relatives as they remember her with love.

Atebion I ymarfer 2/Answers for Exercise 2

Dw I wedi colli.

Wyt ti wedi ennill.

Mae hi wedi gwrando.

Mae e wedi siarad.

Dyn ni wedi mynd.

Dych chi wedi dod.

Maen nhw wedi dawnsio.



Bring Your Own Picnic Event

Date & Time: August 6, 20224:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Rain date: August 7)

Location: The home of Christopher and Gina Smart at 75 Kenilworth St, in the area of the Civic Hospital, parking on the area streets.

What to bring:

- Your own dishes and cutlery
- Your own food, including something to barbecue, if you wish. It is the intention of the Executive that we NOT share food at this event, this year.
- Chair*
- Mask**

R.S.V.P. as soon as possible, indicating the number of people in your party, as we may have to limit numbers. Call Marilyn at 613-820-6687, or email at marilyn.e.jenkins@sympatico.ca

*Optional, there are some chairs available.

- **The Executive encourages people to have their masks handy and use them judiciously. Please see the excerpt from the Ottawa Public Health website, below.
- "Although masking is no longer mandatory in Ontario, we strongly recommend that individuals wear masks in indoor settings, particularly in situations where physical distancing may be difficult or impossible.
 - When using a mask, select the best quality one available to you.
 - Some individuals may choose to keep wearing masks in places where they are not required; please be kind and respectful of others' choices.
 - When attending a gathering, always bring your mask with you. There may be times when others will not be comfortable being around maskless people, or they could be at high-risk, and they may ask you to mask-up.
 - It's important to remember that wearing a mask is something we can all do to help to protect those who remain at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19."