

**FEBRUARY 2013**

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## Officers of the Society

### President

Ken Howells 2011-2013

### Vice President

Gillian Hartlen 2012-2013

### Treasurer

Tom Forrest 2012-2014

### Secretary (acting)

Trefor Reynoldson 2010-2012



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### St . Davids Day Lunch

*Saturday March 2nd*

*12.00-3.00pm*

*Ashburn Golf Club*



### 2013 AGM

*Saturday 11th May 2.00pm*

*George Wright House*

*989 Young Ave, Halifax*

### Harp Concert

*Saturday 11th May 2.00pm*

*George Wright House*

*989 Young Ave, Halifax*

### Under Milk Wood

*March 19-30th*

*Park Place Theatre*

## ST DAVID'S DAY LUNCH

This will again be held at the Old Ashburn Golf Club ([www.ashburngolfclub.com](http://www.ashburngolfclub.com)) starting at noon and finishing at 3.00pm. The cost will be \$35.00 per person for the same meal as last year, Leek Soup, Roast Lamb with Mint Sauce, and Trifle.

**All members and partners who are going to the St David's Day luncheon need to contact Ken Howells (434-4884) so he may tell the catering manager at Old Ashburn the total number of attendees prior to the event. The deadline is 22 February.**

Could you please pay either via the website and Pay Pal , very simple, or cheques to Tom Forrest (902 423 4840) made out to the Welsh Society of Nova Scotia.

## The Welsh Cultural Society of Nova Scotia

is pleased to announce

a

HARP CONCERT

featuring

Alys Howe

on

Saturday May 11th 2013 at 2.00 pm

at George Wright House

989 Young Avenue (corner of Inglis Street)

Tickets \$15.00 per person—you can pay through our website (to be purchased ahead of the performance - no tickets at the door)

## Alys Howe



Award-winning Canadian harp player **Alys Howe** divides her time between classical pedal harp, Celtic lever harp, and explorations into the developing field of electric harp. Alys has studied and performed on the harp throughout Scotland, Ireland, Vancouver, Toronto, and the East Coast of Canada.

A founding member of the Celtic band *Leum!* (“jump” in Scottish Gaelic), Alys has also performed in a duo with fellow harper and vocalist Seumas Gagné; in an electronic duo with DJ Brodevious; in cover-band *Ginger and Pimms*, has appeared in orchestras such as *Vancouver Symphony*, *Vancouver Opera*, *National Youth Orchestra of Canada*, *Vancouver Island Symphony* etc, and as accompanist for choirs such as *Persephone*, *Pandora’s Vox*, and *Jubilate Choir*. For more information on Alys go to her website <http://alyshowe.com/>

## THE AGM - MAY 11TH 2013



We are holding the AGM this year after the Harp Concert (to be confirmed) at the George Young House, 989 Young Avenue, Halifax.:

- The meeting will commence at 3.30pm
- An Agenda and the minutes of the 2012 AGM will be distributed by email and a few copies will be available at the meeting.
- The major topics for the AGM are:
  - New Officers
  - Vice President—we need nominees
  - Secretary—(confirmation)
- Need for Volunteers

Don’t forget membership dues are payable April 1st. This can also be done through the website—so simple

# Under Milk Wood

Rhys Bevan John directs

Jeremy Webb & Susan Stackhouse

in Dylan Thomas' *Under Milk Wood*.

March 19 – 30th, 2013

(8pm Nightly, with matinees on 24th & 30th at 2pm)

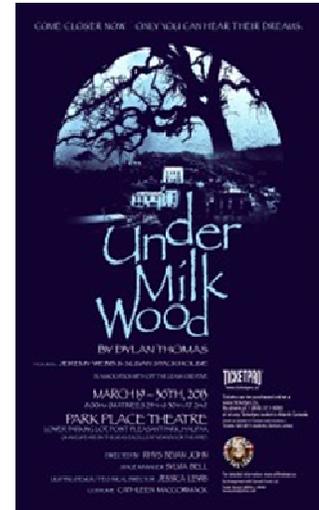
PARK PLACE THEATRE, Lwr Parking Lot, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax  
(Shakespeare By The Sea's excellent indoor theatre)

Ample parking!!

Tickets \$20 /\$15 – can be purchased online at [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca),

By Phone at 1 (888) 311-9090

Or at any Ticketpro outlet in Atlantic Canada.



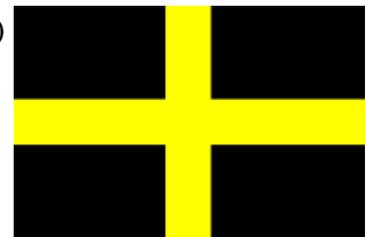
*In Under Milk Wood* an omniscient narrator invites the audience to listen to the dreams and innermost thoughts of the inhabitants of a fictional small Welsh fishing village Llareggub ("bugger\_all" backwards). They include Mrs Ogmore-Pritchard, relentlessly nagging her two dead husbands; Captain Cat, reliving his seafaring times; the two Mrs Dai Breads; Organ Morgan, obsessed with his music; and Polly Garter, pining for her dead lover. Later, the town awakens and, aware now of how their feelings affect

## THE WELSH CONNECTION - ST DAVID

St. David (*Dewi Sant*) was born towards the end of the fifth century at Glyn Rhosyn (The Vale of Roses) on the western headland of Pembrokeshire (Sir Benfro), at the spot where St David's Cathedral stands today. David's fame as a teacher and ascetic spread throughout the Celtic world and his foundation at Glyn Rhosyn became an important Christian shrine, and the most important centre in Wales. The date of Dewi Sant's death is recorded as 1 March, but the year is uncertain – possibly 588.

For centuries, 1 March has been a national festival and St David was recognised as a national patron saint at the height of Welsh resistance to the Normans. Saint David's Day is not a national holiday in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland but it is invariably celebrated by Welsh societies throughout the world with dinners, parties, eisteddfodau (recitals and concerts).

In the poem *Armes Prydain*, composed in the early to mid-tenth century AD, the anonymous author prophesises that the Cymry (the Welsh people) will unite and join an alliance of fellow-Celts to repel the Anglo-Saxons, under the banner of St David which is a golden cross on a black background, and incidentally the only national flag not part of the Union Flag, primarily because it was not part of Henry Tudor's (Henry VII) heraldic device, but do we believe that to be the reason!!!

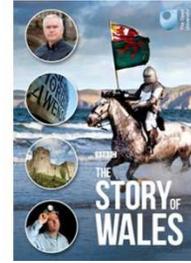


For more information go to [www.stdavidsday.org](http://www.stdavidsday.org)

# WELSH LITERATURE & FILM

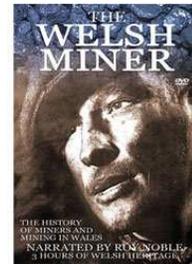
We have just purchased two DVDs :

**The Story of Wales:** BBC News at Ten presenter Huw Edwards tells the story of Wales from prehistoric times to the emergence of a modern nation. Beginning with the earliest known human burial in Western Europe, the Red Lady of Paviland, and ending with Wales own government, this is an authoritative popular history of Wales. On 3 DVDs



**The Welsh Miner:** The rich history of Western mining could never be complete without a study of mining in Wales, where the discovery of coal in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century struck a fatal blow to England's own coal industry.

This comprehensive documentary explores the Welsh coal industry, from the evolution of its labor unions to the plague of strikes during the 1970s and more, in easy-to-digest segments enlivened by riveting interviews with actual miners



## *Website*

### **Trips and Photos**

We are looking for input to the website. If you have photos or narratives of trips to Wales and want to share them among friends please submit them to the secretary (Trefor) or Treasurer (Tom). Or any other announcements you wish to make or circulate.

## *Newsletter*

We are looking for input. If you would like a short piece on your hometown in Wales please send it to me (trefor.reynoldson@gmail.com), famous people from there, your recollections, places to visit, etc. If I get no input I will start with my home town of Bangor in the next newsletter.

## *Volunteers*

**Your Society needs you. We need volunteers to organize events and be officers of the society. Unfortunately the same people always step forward, they need a break.**

**Please step forward and volunteer for :**

## **Officers**

## **Event Captains for the Summer BBQ, Xmas Party.**



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