

# ST DAVID'S SOCIETY OF JAPAN

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



**Winter is here!** And so is the festive season of **Christmas** and **New year**.

Thank you to all of those who signed up for our **in-person** Christmas party which will be held at **Hobgoblin Roppongi** on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm**. Places are now **all filled up!** If you have signed up but have still not paid, please do so as soon as possible. All payments must be received by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. We look forward to seeing you!

We will also be holding an informal **online** coffee morning on **Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am** to chat and share childhood or Welsh memories of Christmas. Join using the link or the Meeting ID & Passcode below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8562546989?pwd=b2xtSFdha1BuVWR3aHk4MVLML3lEQQT09>

**Meeting ID: 856 254 6989**

**Passcode: 9ZkPFP**

## Society News

**1.** We sponsored the AIE conference on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

It was a great success in securing a bigger awareness in International Schools of the value of Welsh Education. Slideshows sent in by Cardiff Metropolitan University, the University of South Wales and Bangor, enhanced by an in-person presentation by Aberystwyth University, ensured Wales is becoming known as a great location for study. This is a personal ambition of mine since I realised as an international schoolteacher that Wales was not known as a choice for further study on the international School scene. In Japan fortunately it is known. Let's continue to make a deeper impression!



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AIE World Events

2. Our sponsorship of the trophy rugby cup in Kita-Kyushu was well received.

3. Chris Barnett, our treasurer, represented the Society at the annual Remembrance Memorial Service at Hodogaya - a whole day event. He also keeps a keen eye on our finances, which he says are in great shape. Don't forget to get in touch with him if you are interested in learning Welsh. Diolch, thank you, Arigoto Chris.

4. Annual Welsh Lamb Festival. Photographs from Yoko Kobori of the Welsh Government supported Annual Welsh Lamb Festival, another successful Welsh event. As you can see in the pictures, Penderyn Whiskey made a successful appearance also!



## Other Links

1. Learn some Christmas related welsh sayings:

<https://welearnwelsh.com/blog/welsh-christmas-greetings-vocabulary-sayings/>



2. Links for Welsh Hymns and Carols, sent in by Catherine Nagashima.

- Singing Tradition: Welsh Plygain Carol 5.54 minutes – <https://vimeo.com/55364933>  
This one is good because there is an English explanation, beginning and end, and actual singing in the middle part.
- Cyngerdd Carolau 2012 / Carol Concert 2012 34.16 minutes, at the Assembly - includes a Japanese singer - not especially Welsh but Christmas - <https://vimeo.com/55364933>
- Cyngerdd Nadolig Côrddydd - a bit more familiarly Christmas

### 3. “Plygain” - Carol singing, a Welsh Tradition?



### 4. Events during the festive season in Tokyo

- Best Christmas Events in Tokyo 2021 – <https://jw-webmagazine.com/best-christmas-events-in-tokyo-2018-ba959deca015/>
- New Year Events 2022 not to miss in Tokyo - <https://tokyocheapo.com/events/january/>
- Travelling for New year in Japan? try to catch some of these festivals! - <https://japancheapo.com/events/january/>

5. Lastly, for those of us who will miss Christmas in Wales, here’s a reminder of a welsh Christmas market. Plus, check out Christmas at Bute Park Cardiff:

[https://www.walesonline.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/gallery/first-look-christmas-bute-park-22258646?utm\\_source=linkCopy&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=sharebar](https://www.walesonline.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/gallery/first-look-christmas-bute-park-22258646?utm_source=linkCopy&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=sharebar)

### *Seasonal images from Wales*



**Looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas events and in 2022!**

Merry Christmas - Nadolig Llawen - メリークリスマス  
Merīkurisumasu - Happy New Tiger Year - Akemashite omedetō

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