

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY JAPAN

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Monthly Newsletter

Hello to everyone I trust you are all enjoying the newcovid free social life do be careful though.

This newsletter begins with very sad news many of you will know and love Catherine and Koichi Nagashima vital founder and wonderful active members of our St David's Society. Catherine's husband Koichi Nagashima passed away this summer. Koichi and Catherine organised many events until this Covid era.. Catherine sent out this beautifully written announcement Sunday 24th July Koichi Nagashima passed away peacefully. In their beautiful beach-front home in Zushi

He was never actually bedridden, but needed help moving around in the last few days. He of course received the last sacraments. He and Catherine spent 57 years together, encountering each other at the Athens Center of Ekistics. Koichi san was a local activist in various networks, but also networked the world over. He stayed almost entirely in Zushi for the last three years, though still involved in local machizukuri activities, actually hosting a meeting two weeks before his death. He had a painful bout of shingles in March which had a severe effect on his appetite and was obliged to go through cycles of fasting, in the end he survived mainly on water. He was able to spend quality time with his six children during his last weeks, and the pride he felt in their accomplishments was a great comfort to him in his final weeks. Japan has lost a talented architect and Wales and the St David's society a Welsh Patriot. I am sure you will all join the committee in praying for Koichi to

Rest in Peace and for Catherine and the family to find solace.



I am sure many of you were touched by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Avril Chris and I represented you at the British Embassy when we signed the Condolence book on behalf of the St David's Society of Japan.

On November 13th Chris Barnet will represent us at the annual Remembrance Memorial Ceremony at Hodagaya a duty he performs for us every year- Diolch

SAYONARA to Robin Walker our Welsh government rep in Japan after 4 very successful years for Wales thanks to his leadership and his team. He and his partner are off to represent Wales in Paris we will miss him and look forward to getting to know his successor. The Society presented a Japanese woodblock print by Kaneko on your behalf.



We also say a grateful Diolch Yn Fawr to Bethany Cummings who was a marvellous Secretary for many years. Bethany has secured a fabulous new position and no longer has time to be so active. Bethany will of course join our events as a true Welsh lady.

Society News and events.

Past event.

Welsh rarebit event at the Footnik Pub complete with a human fruit machine was awesome with over 70 attending a big Diolch to Avril York our new Secretary.

Upcoming events.

.Lets revisit the fun of our Craic Welsh rugby night with an informal drinks and maybe some singing at our favourite Pub The Craic Thursday evening, 27th Of October this is a casual drop- in free event please join us for some Welsh
Hwyl

Check this link for info on directions to the Craic Pub.

<https://tabelog.com/en/tokyo/A1308/A130801/13223940/>

SPECIAL EVENT

AT THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB NR TOKYO STN.

Elizabeth 11's funeral aroused much interest among the Japanese to know about the history and relationship of Wales to the United Kingdom. That the FCCJ club invited me to give a talk on November 10th at a dinner talk event. I am attaching the flyer just in case any members are interested in joining.

Queen Elizabeth II the Crown and Wales Night

**Guest Speaker Ms. Ursula E. Bartlett Imadegawa
President St. David's Society Japan**

**Thursday, November 10, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Doors Open 6 p.m.)
(The talk will be in English with Japanese Translation)**

If you were fascinated by the pageantry of Queen Elizabeth II's funeral and are curious about the significance of the symbols used by Prince Charles as Prince of Wales and are interested in knowing more about the real history of the Monarchy's relationship with Wales and Wales' role within the United Kingdom join us on November 10th for a special event with videos.

65th CWAJ PRINT SHOW
Contemporary Japanese Prints
Exhibition & Sale

HILLSIDE FORUM (Main Venue)
Nov. 19 (Wed) - 23 (Sun)
10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Final day 5:00 pm.
Open to the public. Admission Free.

https://cwa-j.com
Nov. 25 (Sun) 6:00 am - 10:30 (Sun) 6:00 pm JST

The annual CWAJ Print Show, held since 1956, is a juried exhibition and sale of contemporary Japanese prints. These prints encompass a wide range of styles and techniques. This year, 221 prints by 252 well-established and up-and-coming artists will be displayed both in person and online.

**Special Exhibition:
Visualizing the Works of
Kawabata Yasunari
Through Prints:**



Shircho Library Book Covers Exhibition

Shircho Library has selected 14 prints from the past CWAJ Print Shows to honor the 50th anniversary of Nobel Prize winner Kawabata Yasunari's passing. In this show, 14 original cover prints will be displayed.

Hands-on Art for the Visually Impaired

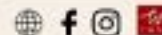
Guided tour videos:
Light and Shadow/Color, Creative Prints, Appreciating

All proceeds go to CWAJ Scholarships, including Pandemic Response Scholarships for Nursing Students.



College Women's Association of Japan (CWAJ) is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization with approximately 400 members from 25 countries. The more than 870 students who have been awarded scholarships by CWAJ are making an impact all over the world.

Inquiry: printshow@cwa-j.org



This event will explore the topic of how the Queen's funeral showcased the bonds that form the United Kingdom of Great Britain. As a Welsh woman brought up in Cardiff the capital city of Wales, Ms. Ursula Bartlett Imadegawa will spotlight the unique connection between Wales and the Crown of England.

The imagery of the Royal Standard, the Welsh colour red, the Welsh dragon flag, the Welsh regiment as used in the actual funeral and the reasons for their presence or not. Our new chef Matsuura will prepare a real Welsh Dinner.

Please call the front desk 03-3211-3161 for reservations.
Tickets for members and non-members are 8,500 yen per person.
Cancellation after 6 p.m., Monday, November 7 will be charged in full.
Reservation limits 3 tickets per person until October 21.

The Special Projects Committee

エリザベス2世女王陛下とウエールズ ナイト

2022年11月10日(木) 午後6時半-8時半(開場 午後6時)

講師 Ursula E. Bartlett 今出川

President of St. David's Society Japan (日本ウェールズ協会 会長) 「英国」といえば自動的に「England」と思い込んでいませんか? 実はUnited Kingdom (UK) には England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland の4つの国があります

エリザベス2世女王陛下の御逝去とチャールズ3世国王 (前Prince of Wales) の即位の機会に、ウエールズ人のUrsula E. Bartlett-今出川さんがビデオ鑑賞をしながら王室との関わりやイギリス国王とウエールズの興味深い関係について語って下さる事になりました。

晚餐は松浦総料理長によるウエールズ料理、ラム・チョップ、ウエールズ式野菜の盛り付け、デザートはスノウドンプリンに決まりました。

会費は会員、非会員共に8,500円です。御予約はフロント・デスク 03-3211-3161 までお願いいた

します。

尚、11月7日(月)午後6時以降のキャンセルはフルチャージとなります。

10月21日(金)まで1会員につき3名までの予約制限がございます

You must [Log in](#) to confirm your attendance.

ART EVENT

The society is invited to enjoy the CWAJ Print show. 19th-25th October.

Along with Wales my passion is Art why not visit the CWAJ print show an annual charity event. It's free and a great opportunity to view contemporary prints in a gorgeous gallery and maybe you will fall in love with a print and buy one CWAJ link for online videoS URL: <https://cwaj-gallery.jp>

I am offering in-person English guided tours so please sign up if you are interested my tours **TIMES** 19th Oct Wed. 4:30 5:30. & 21st Fri. 2:30. 3:30 4:30 5:30

email to book a time. at ursula.e.bartlett@gmail.com

WELSH NEWS.

FOOTBALL OR ANY IMPORTANT WELSH EVENT.!

The beautiful Micheal Sheen poem for Welsh football just in case you missed it.

Yma o hyd. Yma o hyd. [We are still here, we are still here].

I hear the voices singing, speed your journey, bois, bois bach.

A nation singing with one voice.

A song of hope, a song of defiance, a victory song that floats through the valleys like a red mist, that rolls over the mountain tops like crimson thunder.

A storm, a red storm, is coming to the gates of Qatar. It sparkles and crackles with the spirit of '58 and Jimmy Murphy's boys.

It turns the pages of the history books, and finds Rob's page, there, waiting to be written.

Still waiting to be written.

What will you write there, boys?

Dare you write your names on that page?

Sixty-four years, and far from home. Far from the old land of our fathers.

Hen wlad fy nhadau [land of my fathers].

When you are standing there, listening to that song of songs start up, shoulder to shoulder with the lads in this room.

Teammates, friends, brothers, princes all, selected by the divine.

When you're standing there, side by side, and that holy song begins, close your eyes and feel the breath on the back of your necks.

Because that's every man, woman and child in this old land, standing there with you, at your back. That's the people of Wales. Your people.

Feel their breath quickening with yours.

Hear their blood drumming in your ears, pounding through your heart, bursting in your chest, that's the blood of Wales.

That's your blood, red as the ancient book of dreams.

Red as the rising flag of Merthyr. Red as the great wall of Gwalia.

Because that's what you carry with you, boys.

Across 64 years, across half the span of the world, it's there, on your chest.

It's there, at your back. It's there, at your side.

Because they'll always say we're too small, too slow, too weak, too full of fear, but yma o hyd, you sons of [Gary] Speed, with that red wall around us.

We are still here.

Come on, Wales. Come on.

LINKS TO ASSORTED WELSH NEWS

1. Our new Prince and Princess of Wales visit for the first time..

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-63035829>

2, <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-63170249>

3. Covid: Wales' restrictions led to less infections than England.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-63170249>

4. Cardiff Castle animal wall comes alive in children's book

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-63231357>

5. Robert Buckland remains secretary of state for Wales, Buckland, who has twin children, was born in

Llanelli and says his interests

include music, wine, political history and watching rugby and

cricket <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-62819058>

6. Welsh secretary backs St David's Day as a bank holiday



7. This summer I crossed the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct (Traphont Ddŵr Pontcysyllte) in my brother's narrowboat with all the family; quite an experience

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pontcysyllte_Aqueduct



Cheers from Avril York
Chris Barnett and Ursula
Bartlett Imadeagawa

Remember to join us on the 27th at the Craic.

