

Welcome back, it is my pleasure to take us into the next segment of the program in which we will honor Bronn Journey, but before we get there, I would like to tell you about our archives project.

Slide 1

I have been saving our archives on this web site which is hosted at National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth and is part of their Welsh Archive project.

I collected a considerable amount of stuff from several people, but particularly from the Jackie Cedarholm bequest, sorted it, threw about 75 % away as duplicates, scanned the rest and deposited.

Slide 2

Slide 3

If you bring up a search it will look like this:

Slide 4

All items will be displayed and will allow you to refine your search down to what you want.

As of yesterday: All paper documents that I have are deposited, along with some music of the Seattle Welsh Choir and from the Red Dragon Band. There is more music and photographs to archive.

I would like to make the plea that if anyone has any material from the Welsh of the region, old programs, photographs etc. now is the time to put them into the archives, so let me have them. I can return them if you want them back.

When finished, the originals are going to be stored at the Welsh Heritage Museum, Wymore, Nebraska and we will have to make a financial contribution to the museum for their safe keeping. I would like to make a plea that contributions to a fund to support the museum through our Association archive project would be very welcome, either today or by sending a check to the PSWA address in your program. This is a large archive and is for the first time a significant historical record of the Welsh of this region and well worth keeping.

Slide 5

If you search the online archive for Bronn Journey you will recover:

Slide 6

And this is only page 1

In organizing the archive I came across this program, dated 1956 which identifies Bronn as a contributor.

Slide 7

1956, hmm I thought, he does not look that old but perhaps? Then I remembered his mother telling me that Bronn first performed for the Welsh when he was 13, which would mean that he was born in 1943, which would make him one year younger than me. God he has aged well! But that well? Wow

So I wrote and asked him if he really was that old, to which I got the reply 'not quite! I was born in 1961.'

This is a problem sometimes with archives; errors can be made in document production. But being born in 1961 would make this program for 1974 not 1956, and as it turned out 1974 was the one program I was missing for that year.

So today is the 43rd anniversary of his support of the Welsh of the region, and he thoroughly deserves this long overdue recognition from the Puget Sound Welsh Association.

How did he look in those days:

3 Photos

Not changed much really?

So Bronn has played and entertained the Welsh in the area in style since 1974 and he is still doing it, a 42 year

service so far, will he make the 50 years? Can we book you now Bronn for 2021 please for that anniversary.

I believe he is long past due recognition for this service and am really pleased that the Society has thought to offer this honor. Warmest congratulations.

Please if Carol Jones, president of the Welsh Women's Club, and Mary Lynne Evans, president of the Puget Sound Welsh Association would come forward and make the presentation to Bronn.

Puget Sound Welsh Association Archives

Available on line at:

<https://www.peoplescollection.wales>

- Number of items: over 1000
- Number of pages: over 10,000
- Newsletters, Gymanfa and St. David's Day programs
- Some others programs go back to 1925.

- The Data base is searchable
- Every item has Seattle as a search term
 - Gymanfa, Seattle
 - St. David's , Seattle
- Most items have several pages - can examine each page
- Photographs and newspaper clippings.



Singing Festival at Wels...



Welsh Musical Festival, ...



Covers for Band y Ddrai...



Concerts by th...



Y Ddolen, socie...



Y Ddolen, socie...



Y Ddolen, socie...



A Celebration o...



Poster and flye...



Welsh Harp, Song and L...



Concert by Cus...



Documents rel...



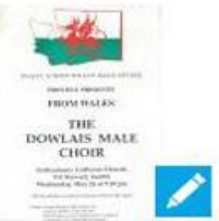
Robin Huw Bo...



Eilian Wyn con...



Seattle visit of...



Dowlais Male C...



David Ponting...



Welsh Weeken...



Llanelli Male C...



Llanelli Male C...

Today we are honoring Bronn and if you search the archives for Bronn Journey you find:



St. David's Day Program,

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



Y Llais, society newsletter

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



Y Llais, society newsletter

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



Y Ddolen, society

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



Y Ddolen, society

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program, Seattle,

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program,

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program,

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program, Seattle, 1981

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



Seattle St. David's Day,

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



Seattle St. David's Day 2013

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



Seattle St. David's Day

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day, Seattle 1993

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



Y Llais, society newsletter

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



Y Llais, society newsletter

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program, Seattle, 1986

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program, Seattle, 1989

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program, Seattle, 1990

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program, Seattle, 1991

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



Seattle St. David's Day 2005

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program, Seattle, 2001

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program, Seattle, 2000

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program, Seattle, 1982

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)



St. David's Day Program, Seattle, 1987

By [Puget Sound Wel...](#)

ST. DAVID'S DAY PROGRAM
Sunday, March 7th, 1956 2.30
First Christian Church, Seattle

Chairlady

Miss Jennie Edwards

Organist

Norma Jones (Mrs. H.Llewellyn)

Group singing in Welsh and English led by Mae Eland (Mrs. William)

Invocation

Rev. William F. Hughes, Burke Avenue Chapel.

My Country 'tis of Thee, p.1 - Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau, p/ 80

Miss Edwards - Remarks and introductions

Mrs. John Hughes. Pres of
Seattle Welsh Women's Club.

Mrs. Ann McDowall, wife of the British Vice-consul.

Mr. David J. Williams, President of Gymanfa Ganu Group.

Group singing: Diadem, p.15 - Bryn Calfaria, p.5.

Harp selections

Bronn Journey

Welcome to the congregation - Areas represented: Portland, Tacoma, Vashon
Bremerton, Renton, Vancouver B.C., Snohomish, Enumclaw, Fall City etc

Threesome: Elise

Vocal solist

Diane Short

Tim

Tim Saldin

Pianoist

Tana Soldin

Contribution baskets

Group singing : Llef, p. 59 - Huddersfield p.21

The calling of the Bards: Mr. Jerome Journey

Group singing: Penpark, p. 28 - Gwa: Rhondda p. 42.

Benediction: Mrs. Jennie Corpman

"God be with you 'til We Meet Again!"

Tea and Welsh cakes served in the dinning room.

Ushers: Mr. John O. Jones, Mr. John Hughes, Mr. Henry L. Morris,
Mr. Emrys Williams

1980



-- PHOTO BY BOB MILLER

Karidwyn Bookter, 12, and Sharon Bookter wear traditional Welsh costumes for traditional holidays like St. David's Day and harpist Bron Journey provides the music.

1985



FESTIVITIES mark St. David's Day in Seattle. Pictured here are, from left, Ben Williams, director of group singing; Bob Matthews, M.C.; Jennie Edwards, president, Seattle Welsh Women's Society; Dic Jones, Welsh reader; Phyllis Jones, member Women's Society and Dosbarth Cymraeg; Bronn Journey, harpist; John Williams, tenor soloist, Vancouver Welsh Society; David Morgan, organizer, Dosbarth Cymraeg. (Photo by Cynthia Taylor)

Seattle Festivities Mark Day

NINNAU JUNE 1981

BY CYNTHIA TAYLOR

Nearly 300 people attended the 1981 St. David's Day program in Seattle, Washington. Held at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The program was sponsored by the Seattle Welsh Women's Club, founded more than 50 years ago, and Dosbarth Cymraeg, a new Seattle-based group of Welsh

language learners.

Guest artists included tenor John Williams of the Vancouver Welsh Society and Seattle harpist Bronn Journey. Dic Jones, a native of Llanberis and a member of Dosbarth Cymraeg, read the hymns and folk songs in Welsh prior to the group singing.

Te y bara brith was available following the program. Many of

the Seattle Welsh Women's Club members wore the national costume of Wales, and there were several Welsh flags and bunches of leeks in evidence.

Nearly 20 members of the audience later expressed an interest in learning Welsh and-or participating in the monthly Welsh song meetings held by Dosbarth Cymraeg.

Dosbarth Cymraeg, with an active membership of 15-20 people, has two native Welsh speakers as members—one from North Wales, the other from South Wales—and is using Living Welsh by T. J. Rhys Jones as a text.



PETHAU CYMREIG

Welsh Woolens in Tweed, Flannel, Tapestry
Books and Records Jewelry and Gifts

Send for our unique catalog
Visit our Seattle store at 1523 N.W. Ballard Way

David Morgan

Box 70190, Seattle, WA 98107

Welsh Sing a Song of St. David

by Stephanie Kalfayan
Cook
UW news intern

Another patron saint from the region of the British Isles, one enveloped in as many mysterious legends as St. Patrick, is also honored this month: Saint David, the patron saint of Wales, was the centerpiece of festivities March 3 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Seattle.

More than 300 Welsh and friends of the Welsh — about 50 from the Queen Anne/Magnolia area — took part in the singing and feasting. The program was sponsored by the Seattle Welsh Women's Club, whose program chairman is Olwen Jackson of Queen Anne. Jackie Cedarholm of Queen Anne is another familiar community figure who takes an active part in the club.

Saint David served as Bishop Abbot of Wales in the sixth century. That much is known. But he is an object of some mystery: No one knows who his parents were, where he was born or where he is buried. His God-given powers have been the source of many stories, part of the Welsh heritage. Saint David is as dear to the Welsh as Saint Patrick is the Irish.

The Welsh are famed for their musical voices, so singing and playing were part

WE'LL KEEP A WELCOME

*Far away a voice is calling.
Bells of memories chime.
Come home again, come home
again they call through the oceans of time.*

*We'll keep a welcome in the hillside,
we'll keep a welcome in the vales.
This land you knew will still be singing,
when you come home again to Wales.
This land of song will keep a welcome
and with a love that never fails.
We'll kiss away each hour of longing
when you come home again to Wales.
We'll kiss away each hour of longing
when you come home again to Wales.*

Welsh song shared by 300 gathered at Westminster Presbyterian.

of the program. Spokane conductor and soloist Haydn Morgan led the congregation in singing Welsh and English tunes. The Seattle Welsh Choir also provided harmonies and harpist Bronn Journey played traditional Welsh melodies.

The Welsh tea has also gathered many fans. Members of the Welsh Women's Club served cakes, Bara Brith (bread) and cheese for the tea, a favorite meal of the Welsh people, taken at

breakfast, lunch, teatime or just before bed.

The Welsh Women's Club offers fellowship for women of Welsh heritage in the Seattle area and provides a chance to share Welsh activities. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church downtown. Those who want more information on the group should call Lona Yates, 728-5449.

Welsh language classes, *Dosbarth Cymraeg*, are also offered; contact David Morgan at 282-3300. And a Welsh Choir also invites new voices; call Robert Matthews at 485-2796.



(Photo by Stephanie Kalfayan)
Famed harpist Bronn Journey strummed traditional Welsh tunes for David's Day.



2003