

MALAD VALLEY WELSH SOCIETY

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THE 11TH ANNUAL MALAD VALLEY WELSH FESTIVAL

The 11th annual Malad Valley Welsh Festival will be held June 26-28, 2015. Be sure to tell all your friends and family about the Festival. Every year we hear people say, "I would have come, but I didn't know about it." We have a limited budget for publicity so we rely a lot on word of mouth from past attendees to attract new people.

The enclosed schedule tells the time and place for all the events. But we want to highlight some new events at this year's Festival.

One new event is a photography exhibit and competition. This event will be held in the newly remodelled Hotel Malad and is sure to attract some of the top photographers in Oneida County. Contact Lloyd Bush, Chair, for more information (lb3600@yahoo.com or 208-766-4466).

Another new event is a reunion for all missionaries who served in the British Isles and missionaries of Welsh descent who served missions anywhere in the world. It doesn't matter when a missionary served; just come and bring stories and souvenirs to share. Kathy Atkinson (kathy.atkinson@malad.us or 208-766-4469) is chair of this event and wants to start a scrapbook of missionary stories. Missionary "moms" are also invited to come to this event.

Dragon Fyre from Soda Springs will provide entertainment in the City Park

as their knights battle in medieval armor and their royalty circulate among the audience. Classes on medieval dancing, costumes, and storytelling will be offered for children. Dragon Fyre puts on several shows every year around Southeast Idaho, so come and see the entertainment (and mock life-and-death battles) our ancestors may have experienced.

The 8th graders of Malad Middle School who won the history project competition will be presenting what they learned about historic Malad Valley sites. Then the students will be available to sign copies of the 350-page book they have compiled about historic sites in Oneida County. Their teacher, Luke Waldron, has had the students in his 8th grade history classes for the past two years research and write about sites important to the history and heritage of Oneida County. You will want one of these books that tell stories about places that are important to our history.

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See www.welshfestival.com for more information.

Besides these new events, familiar activities will also be held during the Festival.

Want to learn something about Wales? Hear about the last true Prince of Wales, Dan Jones's adventures as a missionary to Wales, the harp in Welsh culture, and how to speak Welsh through folk songs. Then visit the displays about Welsh life, including music, food, and clothing.

Want to hear to-tapping music? Come to the choral concert, the youth concert, the piano duet concert, and the female vocalist concert or sit in the shade and listen to Celtic music groups performing on the outdoor amphitheatre in the Park.

Want goodies? Visit the food booths or go the Oneida Quilters' show or out to Samaria to the reincarnation of Aunt Mary Ann's Goodie Shop at the Jenkins/Osmond cabin. For great coffee, visit the Presbyterian Church and then tour this 135-year-old first church in Malad Valley.

Want to find long-lost relatives? See the displays featuring the pedigree charts and census records on 30 pioneer families that settled Malad Valley. Then go on a wagon ride to restored cabins or visit the Oneida Pioneer Museum.

What about kids? Kids of all ages will enjoy seeing Dragon Fyre and learning about medieval life at the classes they offer. The Malad Middle School MathCounts Team will again provide lots of games just like those the pioneers played as they came across the ocean and then the plains to Idaho.

So - there is something for everyone at the Welsh Festival. Invite all your friends to come with you to the Festival.

We hope to see all Welsh Society members at the Festival! Come by the "Taste of Wales" booth, sponsored by the Welsh Society, and say "hi."

**PLAN YOUR FAMILY REUNION
AT THE WELSH FESTIVAL!**
Contact Jean Thomas
(thomjea2@isu.edu or 208-766-5361) if you want to reserve meeting space, have your reunion advertised in Festival publicity, and receive coupons for the Festival food and craft booths for all of your Reunion attendees!

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**AUTHENTIC WELSH GOODIES
WILL BE AT THE "TASTE OF
WALES" BOOTH - FREE!
BE SURE TO STOP BY!**

JOIN THE NEW MALAD VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB! Details at the Welsh Festival Photo Exhibit in Hotel Malad.

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM

Have you become a FRIEND OF THE MUSEUM, yet? Donate to the Oneida Pioneer Museum and help the Museum expand its exhibit space through remodeling the former hotel rooms upstairs. Donors' names will be displayed on the plaque by the bear skin on the north wall of the Museum.

Annual:	\$20 (2 years - \$35)
Handcart:	\$50 (2 years - \$95)
Covered Wagon:	\$100 (2 years - \$190)
Stagecoach:	\$200 (2 years - \$390)

Just send your tax deductible donation to the Museum at P.O. Box 79, and you will immediately begin receiving information about upcoming Museum events.

HISTORIC LDS CHURCH BUILDING IN MALAD IS 150 YEARS OLD

The oldest LDS Church building still in existence in Malad is the former Tabernacle, now used by the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wards for church services. Built in 1925, the 2nd Ward building (as it is commonly referred to) has been remodeled several times but is famous for its stained glass windows and pipe organ. A celebration of its 150 years will be held in August, but a preview will be held during the Welsh Festival.

The 2nd Ward is the building used for displays, presentations, and concerts during the Welsh Festival. Pick up a short history of the building at the information desk in the 2nd Ward and take the opportunity to learn about its unique features.

A model of the original church building will be on display at the Oneida Pioneer

Museum during the Welsh Festival. Stop in and see the church building as it was before its last remodeling.

The historic Church of the Seven Spires and the old 1st Ward Building predated the 2nd Ward, but both of those buildings have been torn down. The 2nd Ward is on the National Register of Historic Places.

COMMUNITY MEALS DURING THE WELSH FESTIVAL PAVILION IN MALAD CITY PARK

**Cookout lunch on Friday, June 26, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the Malad Senior Citizens Center**

**Pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 27, 7-9 a.m.
Sponsored by the Samaria Community Foundation**

GREAT FOOD – SMALL PRICE!

MALAD STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN WELSH FESTIVAL

The Welsh Festival is an opportunity for Malad students of all ages to serve their community and learn something about its history along the way.

For the past two years, the 8th grade students, under the direction of their teacher, Mr. Luke Waldron, have spent time visiting, research, and writing essays about historic sites in Oneida County. Their 350-page book about the history of Oneida County will be for sale at the Festival or on Amazon.com afterwards. During the Festival, the winners of the best essay contest will present their research and be available to sign their books. Do you remember Miller's Jewelry? Phil's Spudnuts? The Oneida House? Come to the student presentations and learn about these and other sites.

The Malad Middle School MathCounts Team has organized and conducted the pioneer games during the

Festival for the past several years. Last year, the students themselves came up with the plan to teach kids of all ages about the games their ancestors would have played in Wales, on the ship as they emigrated to the United States, on the trek across the Plains, and finally in Malad Valley when they arrived in the 1860s. The MathCounts Team advisers are Tracy Ward and Kathy Atkinson.

Malad musicians from age 8 to 17 will perform in the Youth Concert on Friday afternoon. Talented pianists, vocalists, and instrumentalists will be featured in the concert.

The Malad High School Basketball Team, coached by Tyrell Neal, will be critical to the success of the Festival as they will be setting up and then taking down the awnings for vendors, shade, and performers. They will also set up the tables and chairs in the Church and then put everything back after the Festival.

Students go all over town to put up flyers and posters. In addition, many students work in the various food and craft booths during the Festival, helping their families or their organizations.

We appreciate all the students who help make the Festival a success!

LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE GIFT? Give a membership to the Malad Valley Welsh Society – just \$10. Contact Jean Thomas (208-766-4417).

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SEE WWW.WELSHFESTIVAL.COM.

Malad Valley Family History Books, Volumes 1-3, are available at Thomas Market, the Blue Goose, the Oneida Pioneer Museum, and Malad City Hall.

The Malad Valley Welsh Society Newsletter is published semi-annually. All members of the Malad Valley Welsh Society receive a copy as a benefit of membership. To put stories, ads, or information in the Newsletter, contact Jean Thomas (208-766-5361) or thomjea2@isu.edu.

Renew your membership in the Malad Valley Welsh Society now! The annual membership runs from Festival to Festival. Dues remain just \$10 per person per year, and \$7 of your dues go to support the Welsh Festival. A renewal application is enclosed, so send it in today to keep your membership in one of the largest Welsh societies in the U.S.

The Malad Valley Welsh Foundation is the nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds to support the Festival. All donations to the Festival and Society are tax deductible. To make charitable donations to benefit the Society and Festival, please send your donation to the Malad Valley Welsh Foundation, 59 Bannock Street, Malad, ID 83252.

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