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CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF
WELSH HISTORY

2023

Monday 4th September -

Friday 27th October

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- The aim of the festival is to generate enthusiasm, mainly amongst children, for the history of Wales, providing unique opportunities to learn more about interesting characters and stories from the past; discover sites of historical importance, and celebrate the rich history and heritage of Wales.

- Visit the [Website](#)

*There are a wide range of virtual workshops, including:

VIRTUAL ROMAN BOOTCAMP

Virtual Workshop

Take part in a series of challenges to find out about the life of a Roman Soldier. Learn about the Romans that once lived in Caerleon and discover what skills the Romans looked for in a soldier. You will learn about Roman armour and be tested on your marching skills. You can also ask questions about a Roman soldier's life and some of the interesting objects they left behind.

Suitable for ages 8-11

The 1960s

Virtual Workshop

What was life like in Wales in the 1960s, and what was happening in the world at the time? Come and meet Huw in Number 1, Fron Haul, at the end of 1969 as he looks back at an exciting and turbulent decade. Huw will discuss some of the big news stories of the sixties and talk about his experience as a young person at this time. You will then have the opportunity to explore further with our facilitator, who will show you all kinds of interesting objects to learn more about everyday life at the time. You can also explore the 1969 house digitally by using 360Scan technology.

Suitable for ages 8-11

CELTS

Virtual Workshop

What was life in Wales like 2000 years ago? Meet our resident Celt for a virtual tour of Bryn Eryr, our Iron Age roundhouses. Discover why the fire was so important, what food was eaten, and how clothes were made. But how do we know so much about life in the past? Work with our facilitator to find out how to unlock secrets of the past and work together to solve the mysteries of an Iron Age grave.

Suitable for ages 8-11

WE'LL MEET AGAIN...LIFE ON THE HOMEFRONT IN WORLD WAR TWO

Virtual Workshop

What was life in Wales like during World War Two? It is 1943, watch Mary Jones as she sends a letter from Blaenwaun Post Office to her friend Minnie Owen owner of Emlyn Davies Drapers Shop in Dowlais. Through a short film, learn more about these people and places, and discover more about day-to-day life on the Homefront. Explore World War Two related objects with our facilitator, discover the stories behind them and be inspired to investigate how your local area contributed to the war effort.

Suitable for ages 8-11

... and many more!

*There are on location activities:

St CADFAN

by Manon Steffan Ros

What is a Saint? What is a Pilgrimage? Who was St Cadfan? In a brand new In Character show, St Cadfan (Llion Williams) will take the children on a pilgrimage from Tywyn to Bardsey island - where, as legend says, 20,000 saints have been buried. A fun filled show, on tour from Tywyn to Bardsey, calling at some ancient churches along the way.

This show is in Welsh only.

St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn - September 15th

St Pedrog's Church, Llanbedrog - September 16th

St Cyngar's Church, Borth y Gest - September 21st

St Mary's Church, Betws y Coed - September 22nd

St Cyngar's Church, Llangefni - September 27 and 28

St Deiniol's Cathedral, Bangor - October 3 and 5

Ynys Enlli - TBC

HEDD WYN

by Anni Llŷn

Over a hundred years since the death and Eisteddfod achievement of chief poet Hedd Wyn, this is an opportunity for the children of Wales to learn about his sad, but inspiring, story. This interactive, one man play, with actor Sion Emyr, will be performed at the poets' home in Trawsfynydd, Yr Ysgwrn.

Suitable for ages 7 - 11

(£5 entry to Yr Ysgwrn per child)

Dates: September 12, 13, 14, 15, 16



*There are a range of talks:

Anni Llŷn talks to Hedd Wyn

Poet interrogates poet. Join Anni Llŷn, the former Children's Poet Laureate of Wales as she chatted to the poet Hedd Wyn, who died in France during the First World War, before he discovered that he had fulfilled his dream of winning the Chair at the National Eisteddfod.

Suitable for KS2

Supported by: Snowdonia Heritage Park Authority and In Character

Pedr ap Llwyd talks to Bishop William Morgan

What's the most important book ever published in Welsh? And what does it feel like to know that your work has had a huge impact on the Welsh language? Join Pedr ap Llwyd, Chief Librarian of the National Library of Wales as he converses with Bishop William Morgan, the man who first translated the complete Bible into Welsh, back in 1588.

Suitable for KS2

Jennifer Jones talks to Sir Ifan ab Owen Edwards


Urdd Gobaith Cymru was founded by Sir Ifan ab Owen Edwards in 1922. Since then over 4 million children and young people have been members of the Urdd, and have benefited from sporting, arts, residential, philanthropic, voluntary and apprenticeship experiences, all through the medium of Welsh. Almost a hundred years later, join Jennifer Jones, BBC Wales News Correspondent and BBC Radio Cymru Presenter as she questions the man behind one of Europe's largest youth organizations. Sir Ifan ab Owen Edwards will tour schools across Wales in a 'one-person show' In Character, starting January 2022.

Suitable for KS2

Arthur talks to Gwenhwyfar

A fun and comedy film that will be broadcast on S4C over the Christmas period this year which follows the trajectories of King Arthur and Gwenhwyfar. The film begins with Guinevere on fire wanting a place as a knight on King Arthur's Round Table but there is one problem, only men can compete for a place. Guinevere is a very determined woman, and persuades her maid Morwenna to join her in a competition where riders try to prove their courage and wisdom to Arthur ... Join Gwenhwyfawr with Arthur, in a specially recorded talk for the Wales Children's History Festival, for a taste of what's to come this Christmas.

*There are short films available as well. [Click here.](#)

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- Join in the festival by enjoying short films that tell stories of leading characters in Welsh history. From the Celts to the Tudors; the Welsh Princes to the First World War, there is something for everyone - with more than 20 videos available!

[Lady Llanover](#)
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[David Davies Llandinam](#)
[Dic Penderyn](#)
[Glenys Myfanwy](#)
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[Jennifer Jones yn Holi Syr Ifan Ap Owen Edwards](#)



However, there are a variety of short films available now on 'Children's Festival of Welsh History' You Tube channel. Click on the link below.

Children's Festival of Welsh History - English - YouTube

The films are available in English or Welsh, with many of them also available with British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation and captions.

The screenshot shows a YouTube playlist page. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation icons. The main content area features a large video player with a 'PLAY ALL' button. Below the player, the playlist title 'Children's Festival of Welsh History - English' is displayed, along with statistics: '20 videos • 699 views • Last updated on 5 Jan 2022'. The playlist is marked as 'Unlisted' and includes icons for playlist management. A description follows: 'The Children's Festival of Welsh History short films are now live! Enjoy short films that tell stories of leading characters in Welsh history. With more than 20 videos available, there is something for everyone!'. To the right, a list of six video thumbnails is shown, each with a title, channel name 'GwylHanesCymruBlant', and duration:

- 1 Llywelyn The Last Music Video (2:28)
- 2 Black Bart - Children's Festival of Welsh History (15:55)
- 3 Bishop William Morgan - Children's Festival of Welsh History (15:10)
- 4 Boudicca - Children's Festival of Welsh History (16:22)
- 5 Cymraeg, What a Journey! - Children's Festival of Welsh History (18:52)
- 6 Daf ap and the Mabinogion - Children's Festival of Welsh History

*Here are a selection of the films available on You Tube:



Owain Glyndŵr Day - Children's Festival of Welsh History
2.3K views • 1 year ago

Mewn Cymeriad

After years of oppression by the Marcher Lords and the English crown, one brave Welshman decided enough was enough.



Bishop William Morgan - Children's Festival of Welsh History
115 views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

When he died in 1604, Bishop William Morgan, was a poor man, who left in his will some pewter crockery, five flower pots, two peacocks and two swans. He also left the nation a priceless treasure – a Welsh translation of the Bible.



Owain Glyndŵr - Children's Festival of Welsh History
1.1K views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

After years of oppression by the Marcher Lords and the English crown, one brave Welshman decided enough was enough.



Mary Jones - Children's Festival of Welsh History
69 views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

She was a poor school girl, who wanted something important – one of the first Welsh language books available for ordinary folk – The Bible. Sometimes a little girl can make big things happen. Come and meet this brave and determined 16 year old – Mary Jones.



Hedd Wyn - Children's Festival of Welsh History
434 views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

Over a hundred years since the death and Eisteddfod achievement of chief poet Hedd Wyn in 1917, learn the heartbreaking but inspiring story of the bard of the Black Chair.



Cymraeg, What a Journey! - Children's Festival of Welsh History
Discover the history of the Welsh language in the company of the expert, Mr R. Ben Igwr.



Robert Recorde - Children's Festival of Welsh History

70 views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

A Welshman with a problem and he's here to set the record straight. An adaptation of In Character's theatre production.

20:10



Lord Rhys - Children's Festival of Welsh History

111 views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

A man of firsts. Who was the warrior Lord Rhys, the first Welshman to build a stone castle in Wales and the man who held the first Eisteddfod?

14:17



Henry Tudor - Children's Festival of Welsh History

92 views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

Meet Henry Tudor (VII) and learn more about the Welshman who became King of England and started a very important period in history – The Tudors.

15:13



David Davies - Children's Festival of Welsh History

61 views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

Meet one of the most important figures in the history of the Industrial Revolution as well as one of Wales' greatest entrepreneurs.

12:41



Llywelyn The Last Prince of Wales - Children's Festival of Welsh History

750 views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, the grandson of Llywelyn the Great, Prince of Gwynedd, Lord of Snowdon, Prince of Powys

Subtitles



Family Tree | The Treaty of Trivalduin | The Treaty of Abercromwe | The History of Wales

21:21



Black Bart - Children's Festival of Welsh History

168 views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

Come and meet the most successful and flamboyant real-life pirate of them all – Black Bart! An adaptation of In Character's theatre production.

15:55



Dic Penderyn - Children's Festival of Welsh History

277 views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

We'll take you back to Victorian times at Merthyr Tudful, 1831, in the company of Dic Penderyn, the people's hero.

11:09



Boudicca - Children's Festival of Welsh History

114 views • 9 months ago

GwylHanesCymruBlant

Wife. Mother. Queen. Guardian of her people. Or... A crazy warmongering woman with a taste for Roman blood?

16:22



Glenys Myfanwy, Living through the Blitz - Children's Festival of Welsh History

Over 75 years ago, during the Second World War, the Luftwaffe attacked the city of Swansea for three consecutive nights, known infamously today as 'The Three Nights' Blitz': a unique event in Wales' history during WWII.



Lady Llanover - Children's Festival of Welsh History

Have you ever worn a traditional Welsh outfit for St David's Day? Discover how this tradition first came about.



Daf ap and the Mabinogion - Children's Festival of Welsh History

Join the bard and rapper, Dafydd ap, as he tries to find his way from Aberystwyth to Gwent to meet his generous sponsor, Ifor. On his way, he's slowed down by a Seagull, by the Wind, and by a Magpie. They share some of the stories found in the Mabinogion.



Roald Dahl, Imagine That! - Children's Festival of Welsh History

Meet Alf – a colourful, intriguing character who LOVES to read. In his unique multicolour coat, covered with pockets for his books, he will share with the children his love of reading, and will reveal the adventures that happen to him when he starts to read.



On Board the Mimosa - Children's Festival of Welsh History

Over a hundred and fifty years ago a brave band of Welsh men, women and children sailed on the Mimosa to the other side of the world in search of a better life.



Thomas Telford - Children's Festival of Welsh History

Join Thomas Telford as he returns to Wales once again after hearing that his masterpiece – the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct – has won a World Heritage Site award.

LEARN



A festival about our past -
to entertain and inspire
future generations

DISCOVER



Celts; Romans; War and Peace;
60's; Protest and Revolts; The
history of art; Industry; Heroes
and Heroines ...whatever theme
you will be studying during the
Autumn term, there's
something for everyone!

CELEBRATE



Register your interest in any of
the available sessions, and we
will be in contact to organise a
time and date. All sessions are
FREE OF CHARGE!

- Visit the [Website](#)