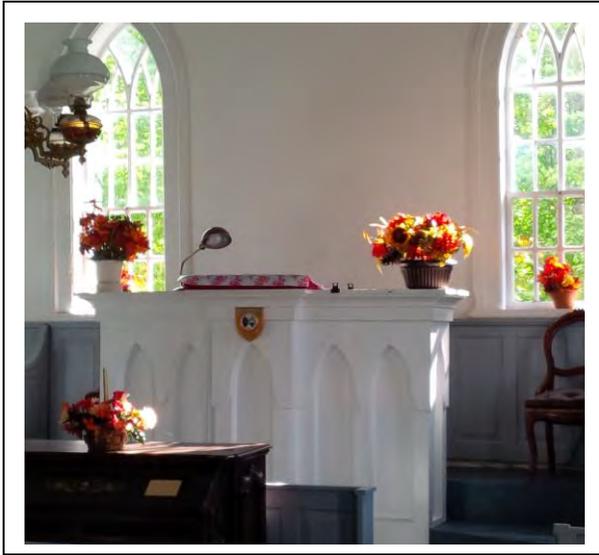




# CENTRAL NEW BRUNSWICK WELSH SOCIETY

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### FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE

**When: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, June 11, 2017**

***Please come to the church service and then join us for a light lunch afterwards.***

**Where: Welsh Chapel**  
**2900 Cardigan Road**  
**Route 620**

**Bring your friends, neighbours and family!**



Many hands make light work. We've had a very small crew the last few years, so please consider coming out to help giving us an hour of your time on Saturday, June 3rd at 9:00 at the Welsh Chapel.



## Save The Date

**May 29, 2017** – 7:00 p.m. Annual General Meeting, St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Main Street – *we desperately need new volunteers to keep the Society operational, this is a very small time commitment*

**June 3, 2017** – 9:00 a.m. spring clean-up at the Welsh Chapel, Rain date is June 10th

**June 11, 2017** – 7:00 p.m. Founder's Day Church Service, Welsh Chapel, Cardigan followed by shared light lunch. This is the 198<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Cardigan settlers who arrived on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1819

**October 1, 2017** – 3:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day Church Service, Welsh Chapel, Cardigan followed by shared potluck supper



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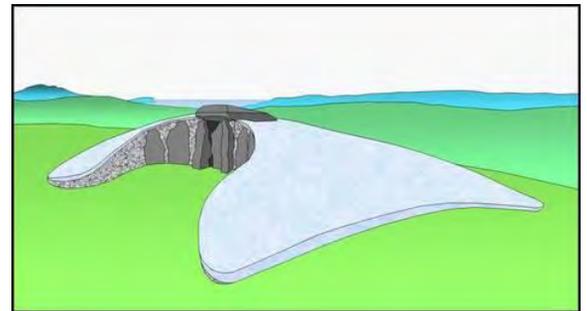
### PENTRE IFAN



Wales has been inhabited for thousands of years, beginning with the Neanderthals who lived there 230,000 years ago. Homo Sapiens are relative newcomers, arriving in 31,000 B.C. Many ancient remains have been found in Wales, including Pentre Ifan which is a Neolithic burial chamber constructed between 4,000 and 3,500 B.C.

Pentre Ifan, meaning Ivan's Village, overlooks the Nevern Valley. The monument has a 16 ton capstone balanced on three uprights. The slope of the capstone mimics the slope of the Carn Ingli, a sacred hilltop seen on the western horizon. It is aligned north-south, which is unusual since many ancient sites are aligned east-west towards the rising and setting of the sun.

Pentre Ifan has been studied by historians and archaeologists since as early as 1603. When it was excavated in 1936-37 and 1958-59, it was determined that the burial chamber originally lay in a shallow pit and that the mound of earth and stones covering it was 120 feet long. Although no traces of burials were found, it is believed that this was a communal burial site, perhaps used for burials even before the stones were erected. There are many large stones scattered around the site which were part of the original burial site.



Local lore is that it was once the site of a Druidic college. Some say that Pentre Ifan is a portal to the Otherworld, and that the Welsh fairies, the Tlwyth Teg, can be seen dancing around the monument on warm summer nights. The fairies resemble small children dressed as soldiers with red caps. We didn't see any fairies, just cows contentedly grazing in the surrounding fields, and of course, Canadians!



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**LEECHES AND BAY RUM.**  
THE subscriber has received a supply of Fresh  
Leeches, also 4 dozen bottles Bay Rum,—superior  
quality.  
A. H. COY.  
Fredericton, Sept. 13, 1848. Late J. F. Galé.

I'm not sure whether the 'superior quality' referred to the leeches or the rum, but I am sure that the rum would be needed if I was planning to utilize the leeches in any way!!!

The Headquarters, January 3, 1849



### GELERT'S GRAVE contributed by Kathleen Mitchell



In the 13<sup>th</sup> century Llywelyn, Prince of North Wales had a palace at Beddgelert. One day he went hunting without Gelert, his faithful hound who was unaccountably absent. On Llywelyn's return, the truant, stained and smeared with blood, joyfully sprang to meet his master. The Prince, alarmed, hastened to find his son and saw the infant's cot empty, the bedclothes and floor covered with blood. The frantic father plunged his sword into the hound's side, thinking

it had killed his heir. The dog's dying yell was answered by a child's cry. Llywelyn searched and discovered his boy unharmed, but nearby lay the body of a mighty wolf which Gelert had slain. The Prince, filled with remorse, is said to have never smiled again, he buried Gelert here. The spot is called Beddgelert.

The village of Beddgelert is located in north Wales in Snowdonia National Park.





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### THE ALBION



The *Albion*, owned by the Davies family of Cardigan, was built in 1815 in Milford Haven by William Roberts, brother-in-law to Captain Llewelyn Davies. The *Albion* was the first Davies ship built specifically for the high seas. It was the largest of the Davies ships, measuring 72 feet from end to end and 22 feet 3 ½ inches at its widest point.

The *Albion* was a brig, a sailing vessel with two square-rigged masts. Brigs were fast and maneuverable, which made them the ship of choice for naval warships and merchant vessels. Its shortcoming was its need for a large crew to handle the rigging, along with the need for a skilled captain to effectively manage sailing into the wind.

By the early 1800's the brig, was the standard cargo ship. The timing of the initial launch of the *Albion* in 1815 could not have been better for the Davies family, as the end of the Napoleonic Wars meant safer sailing that encouraged trade. The *Albion* became active in the lumber trade between British North America and Wales. In 1818, in response to an increasing demand for passage to North America, the *Albion* made its first passenger run to New Jersey where Captain Llewelyn dropped-off eighty Welsh immigrants and picked up lumber for the return trip to Wales.

In January and February, 1819 a land bill was circulated throughout south-west Wales advertising the April sailing of the *Albion* to Saint John. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Captain Llewelyn Davies set sail from Cardigan with a full load of 180 passengers, arriving in Saint John on June 11, 1819.

The *Albion* left Saint John on July 14<sup>th</sup> with a load of timber, arriving back in Cardigan on September 10<sup>th</sup>. It began plying trade in the waters around Wales and Ireland. In November, 1819, however, it was lost off the coast of Ireland during severe weather— all on board perished. Captain Llewelyn Davies was not yet 30 years old.

