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Dia dhaoibh, hello and croeso!

Welcome to our May 2022 Newsletter. In this edition, we are bringing you a great short video and photos of the St Patrick's Day reception held in Cardiff City Hall, including many guests from the Irish Community in Wales and Welsh public life.

Also featured are a GAA update; news from the thriving online Irish language "Ciorcal Comhrá Cymru"; and a request for your ideas for a possible Irish Family Fun Day.

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St Patrick's Day 2022 in Cardiff City Hall



The Consulate hosted our St Patrick's Day Reception in Cardiff City Hall, a welcome opportunity to re-connect with many of the people and organisations who create the vibrant connections between Ireland and Wales. It was an honour to host representatives of the Irish and Ukrainian communities, and our many valued partners across all spheres of Welsh life on a truly memorable evening.

Cardiff City Hall was lit up in the blue and yellow colours of the Ukrainian flag to affirm Ireland's solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

First Minister Mark Drakeford was our guest of honour, and his message to all Irish people and those celebrating in Wales and around the world, was about the importance to Wales of the long-standing relationship between our nations.

All of the local GAA clubs attended, and the young people of the O'Donnell Maguire School of Irish Dancing - gave an outstanding display. There was a beautiful performance of traditional Irish and Welsh tunes by Ceri Rhys Matthews and piper Rick Lines of the South Wales Pipers; and the Comhaltas Cardiff Irish Session Club created a warm Irish welcome with their playing as guests were arriving. The best of Irish food was served to guests.

[Watch highlights from the reception here!](#)



GAA Championships 2022



The GAA championships in Ireland are now in full swing, with April 16 marking the opening weekend for the hurling and men's football. This year's Championship schedule will see the All-Ireland Hurling Final take place on July 17 with the All-Ireland Football Final one week later on July 24th, which is the 30th Sunday of the Year. The ladies' championships will begin on May 25 and June 11 for camogie and football respectively, with finals are scheduled to take place on July 31 and August 7. See <https://www.gaa.ie/fixtures-results/> for all fixtures and results, and how to watch from anywhere in the world.

Closer to home, the local clubs are springing back to life and competition and are actively seeking new members! On Saturday last in Bristol, the second annual Conor Ó Dubháin Invitational involved several Welsh clubs as 15 teams from across Ireland and Britain took to the field raising money for Pieta House mental health charity. Congratulations to all involved, especially Cardiff Colmcilles Ladies who beat Naomh Ana in the final.

An Cailín Ciúin - The Quiet Girl



Irish language films are in the spotlight.

An Cailín Ciúin (The Quiet Girl) has been receiving critical acclaim and causing waves on the film festival circuit.

It has been proclaimed "the best Irish language movie ever made" by Independent.ie and "a jewel" that "already feels like a classic" by The Guardian.

Director Colm Bairread's adaptation of Foster by Claire Keegan is showing at Chapter in Cardiff until this Thursday, 19th May.

The film trailer and screening timings are [HERE](#).

Ciorcal Comhra Cymru - Pop Up Gaeltacht



Gaeilgeoirí an Bhreatain Bheag! An bhfuil sibh ag éirí bhur Gaeilge a cleachtadh? Bígí linn, dé Céadaoin, 25/5/22 ag a 7i.n. ar Zoom chun caint agus craic a fháil.

Ní gá duit a bheith líofa, tá sé seo oscailte le gach duine!

Gaeilgeoirí of Wales! Are you looking for a chance to practice your cúpla focal? Then join us on the 25th May at 7pm for our regular Ciorcal Comhra Cymru on Zoom! You don't have to be fluent, just join in. We'd love to see you there!

Byw yng Nghymru? Siarad Gwyddeleg? Yn dysgu Gwyddeleg? Wel, dyma newyddion da - allwch ymuno a'r cylch sgwrsio Gwyddeleg arlein am clonc a craic . Does dim rhaid fod yn rhugl - croeso i bawb.

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Irish Community Family Fun Day



We were delighted that the St Patrick's Day reception allowed the Consulate to bring together many of the Irish community as individuals and representatives of GAA clubs, pipers, dancing and Comhaltas.

There is interest in a potential 'Irish Family Fun Day' this summer. Would you or your club or organisation be interested in joining a small group to make this happen?

We would love to hear your ideas. The proposed event would be a partnership and team effort.

The goal would be to celebrate and promote Irish culture and have an opportunity for people to get together and have a good day out. The basic concept is to have a range of performances/ taster sessions/matches/Irish language appealing across generations, most likely on a weekend.

Ideally, both organising and enjoying such an event will serve as a focal point for people in Wales with Irish connections, and ideas from all involved will be welcome.

A suitable venue would be required for the Fun Day. Community members will likely have a good network of potential venues - we would be delighted to hear suggestions. Ideally, the venue should have both indoor and outdoor facilities.

We have organised an initial hybrid get together **tomorrow (17th May)** at 4pm or 7pm for an hour for people to get to know each other and see how much enthusiasm there is and what timeframe/resources will be needed.

Please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing EventsCardiff@dfa.ie and we will send you Zoom and/or parking details.

