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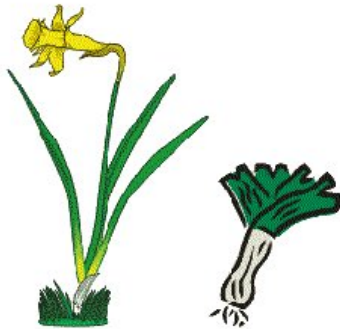
## MARCH 1ST - SAINT DAVID'S DAY!

Posted by Dave Hughes on February 25, 2011 at 8:45am in Old Colorado City

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Everyone local knows about St. Patrick's Day. And others even have a Parade for that day, while everyone wears green as if they are Irish.

But for a handful of true Celts in Colorado Springs, they remember March 1st - St David's day for the Patron Saint of all we who have Welsh blood in us. That is the day that there are Daffodils for the Girls and Leeks for the Boys.



Leeks? Sure for back in the dim days of knights and yeomen when the Welsh King was marching his rag-tag Army without splendid uniforms to do battle with the haughty Germanic Saxons along the border of Offa's Dike, that today divides England from Wales, they marched through a field of Leeks. The King - he could have been Henry Tudor 1st - later King of England - told his men 'Wear Leeks in your caps that we may know Friend from Foe' And they did. With their same long bows that defeated the French Knights at Agincourt in 1415, they defeated that day the hated Saxons.

And so I, David Hughes XI, (while my son is David Hughes XII, and my grandson is David Hughes XIII) who am eleven generations descended from Dafydd Ap Hugh - David, Son of Hugh - who lived in 1598 and passed on to me my Welsh warrior's rebelliousness, my Bard's tongue and quill, and my soaring Celtic imagination, will get Leeks for the boys in our family and deliver Daffodils for the girls. On St David's Day, March 1st.

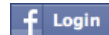


And I will drink some Mead in tribute to the fierce Welsh Dragon, and will be buried with a Celtic Cross on my Tombstone in Fairview Cemetery. Mourned by my granddaughters each of whom have Celtic Crosses tattooed on their backs, and named our great grand children Caitlyn and Brin - good Welsh names.

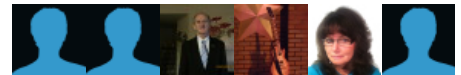
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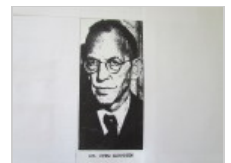
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So you can have your St. Patrick’s day while I carry a sign at that parade that says “Don’t forget. St. Patrick was born in Wales!” Look it up.

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REPLIES TO THIS STORY



Reply by [Katy Booth](#) on February 25, 2011 at 2:38pm

Great history lesson, Dave -- thanks for posting!



Reply by [Dave Hughes](#) on February 25, 2011 at 3:45pm

Its too bad Fresh Ink will only be printed on Wed March 2d, instead of right on St David's Day!



Reply by [Katy Booth](#) on February 25, 2011 at 3:52pm

Yes, that's exactly what I was thinking when I read this!

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