

Welcome to the August issue of **ForumWales** Newsletter – the newsletter of ‘*The Welsh Forum*’. The purpose of this newsletter is to bring all members up-to-date with what’s going on at **ForumWales** and also provide you with a small insight into what’s Welsh on the Web.

The Site

The next big milestone has been reached as our membership count hit 100 with the arrival of **Cymrulamb**. As our numbers continue to grow, conversation is flowing well throughout the Forum and increasingly so in Welsh.

With the use of the Welsh language on the rise and more and more members looking for help with their Welsh, **ForumWales** is pleased to welcome member **Sioni** to the team as Welsh Forum Moderator.



Sioni has already shown himself to be a valued member of the community by helping numerous members with their written Welsh and the pronunciation of some of the trickier words within our language.

As Welsh Moderator, **Sioni** will moderate the following sections: *Lle I Siarad Cymraeg Yn Unig*, *Translations/Cyfieithiadau* and *Welsh Language*.

Please visit the Site Help section of the Forum for further information on the role of Moderators within **FW**.

You may have noticed a slight cosmetic change to the site. The main **ForumWales** logo has been slightly “blinged” with the ‘FW’ gaining a bit of a sheen. Also, the Live Support button from the top-right of each page has been removed. You can still find the Live Support button in the *About*

pages if you wish to contact us via that method.

Replacing the Live Support button is our new Keeping The Dragon Alive logo.



Keeping the dragon alive

Don’t forget that ‘Keeping the dragon alive’ is also the address of the **FW** shop: www.KeepingTheDragonAlive.com.

At The Forum

More members means more discussion and that’s what’s happening in the Forum!

There’s a bit of an animal theme running in the *Just Chat* area at the moment with topics involving Hedgehogs, cows, and sheep dogs.

One ‘hot’ topic is titled [Swansea Small Animal Rescue](#). New member **Cymrulamb** has posted some great photos here and also in the FW Gallery. Take a look.

As the use of Welsh within the Forum increases, discussion has touched upon the subject of how to enter ‘special’ characters. **Sioni** started a good topic within

the *Welsh Language* section called [How to type a 'to bach' \(^\)](#). Use your keyboard as discussed by [Sioni](#) or try the suggested free program download.

[Ice794](#) raised an interesting point in the *Site Discussion* area: [Welsh Forum - International Members](#). [Ice794](#) points out that a lot of members are based outside of Wales – a quick look at the Membership Maps confirms this!

Membership Maps are going to be updated this month so if you've moved or have yet to enter your location in your Profile, do it soon or you won't get on the map!

Welsh On The Web

This month's look at a few of the Welsh sites out on the Internet begins with the Wales Millennium Centre at Cardiff (<http://www.wmc.org.uk>).



If you're thinking about getting a loved one a gift, how about adopting a Slate – at the same time, you'll be supporting the arts in Wales. Visit the 'Supporting Us' section of the site.

The site also provides full listings of what's showing now and in the near future at the Centre. You can also book your tickets online.

Here's one for our International members: The Official Website of the Wales Tourist Board (www.visitwales.com). If you tell the site which country you're in, it will tailor the site content for you.



Even if you live in Wales, this is a great site to visit. It's got some great images of our country and lists of things to do here and an events calendar to help get you out of the house!

Another one for the traveller, is Lonely Planet's section on Wales, click here to jump to the section: www.lonelyplanet.com. It's quite interesting and gives the international traveller information on the country, the history, places to visit and more.



That's It For Now

With over 100 members now with us, the past month has been good at [ForumWales](#) and things can only get better.

The site is continually evolving so keep your comments and suggestions coming. Whether you're suggesting a major change, a minor tweak or correcting a spelling mistake, we want to hear from

you. There's a list, here at **FW** HQ, of things to do in the future, some might be completed, some might just get deleted, who knows...

To increase our membership further, please spread the word about **ForumWales**. Link to us if you can – there are link images available in the *About* pages of the site. Word of mouth also works! If they're interested in Wales, let your friends and family know and get them involved in our growing community.

In next month's edition: more Forum news, more Welsh on the Web reviews and other bits and pieces. If you want to submit an article or website review to the Newsletter, drop me an email.



Submit your pictures to the **FW** Gallery! Share your photographs of Wales or let people see where you come from. Adding photos to the predefined albums or your own personal albums is easy. If you need help on how to do this, visit the *Site Help* section of the Forum for a step-by-step guide.

This month's closing picture from the **FW** Gallery is of an unnamed location within Wales. The photo was submitted to the Gallery by **FW** member, **Twmgoch**.

Thanks for reading!

Until next time!

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