

SSiW Oxford group in 2022

Through 2022 we continued our weekly face-to-face and virtual meetups via Zoom. We started the year meeting up in the open air outside the Slug & Lettuce in the Castle Quarter or outside the Head of the River by Folly Bridge, but in Feb we resumed indoor meetups in the [Weston Library Cafe](#). In March we enjoyed a St David's Day meal at [Cherwell Boathouse](#) and also the St David's Day service in Welsh in [Jesus College](#) Chapel. The following month we joined [Stanford Uni's Oxford Centre](#) summer cohort of students for a talk by local historian Mark Davies about '*Welsh Connections in Oxford*', going on with them afterwards for a pub meal in the Cape of Good Hope. In May, the [Weston Library](#) very kindly arranged for us to have a regular Friday midday slot for our meetups using the Library's 'Space for Reading' which proved an ideal venue. The next month Prof Bob Evans kindly invited us to his annual Welsh garden party. July saw the appearance of an article by Ruth in [Y Wennol](#), Rob Evans' newsletter for Welsh learners. At the end of November we had the opportunity to attend [Cymdeithas Dafydd ap Gwilym](#)'s annual Welsh carol service in Jesus College Chapel, and at the beginning of December we went back to Cherwell Boathouse for our Cinio Nadolig. The following week we enjoyed mince pies & mulled wine at the Stanford Uni Centre (with thanks to Stephanie Solywoda for allowing us use of the Garden Room).

During the year we also had a number of walks+*sgwrs* (a great way to practise Welsh in a relaxed way): in January to the Wildlife Trust reserve [Sydling's Copse](#) and, also that month to [Hinksey Nature Trail](#); in April to Islip from Water Eaton P&R; and a couple of times to [Wytham Woods](#) a few weeks later where the bluebells were in full bloom. A gap then until our final walk+*sgwrs* of the year after Xmas, again in Wytham Woods on a sunny-ish but chilly day warmed by a little *gwin poeth*. Hopefully in 2023 we'll have a walk+*sgwrs* at least monthly if not more frequently.