

Wales

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The flag of Wales



Its patron saint is St. David



The Symbols of Wales



The National Symbol of Wales



Wales has got two national symbols. These are **the daffodil** and **the leek**.

They are both connected to the Patron Saint of Wales. According to the legend, during a battle against the Saxons, St. David advised his soldiers to wear leeks in their hats so that they could easily be distinguished from their enemies.

Another link between the leek and St. David is the belief that he had to live on bread and wild leek for several years.

However, today each year on St. David's Day the leek is worn in the cap badges of every soldier in every Welsh regiment.

But outside the army, many other Welsh people have substituted the leek by the daffodil, perhaps because it looks more attractive and certainly smells a lot better.

The daffodil is also associated with St. David's Day, due to the fact that it breaks into blossom on that day. Interesting to note that one of the many Welsh names for a daffodil is "Cenhinen Bedr" which means "Peter's leek".

The History of Wales.





Llywelyn the Great

- The Welsh king, Llywelyn the Great, tried to unite his people against the English.
- His grandson, Llywelyn the Last, was finally defeated in 1282

Dolwyddelan



Harlech



Caerphilly Castle







Caernarfon



- The English built great castles at Harlech and Caernarfon to protect themselves from attacks from the west.

The Investiture of Prince of Wales

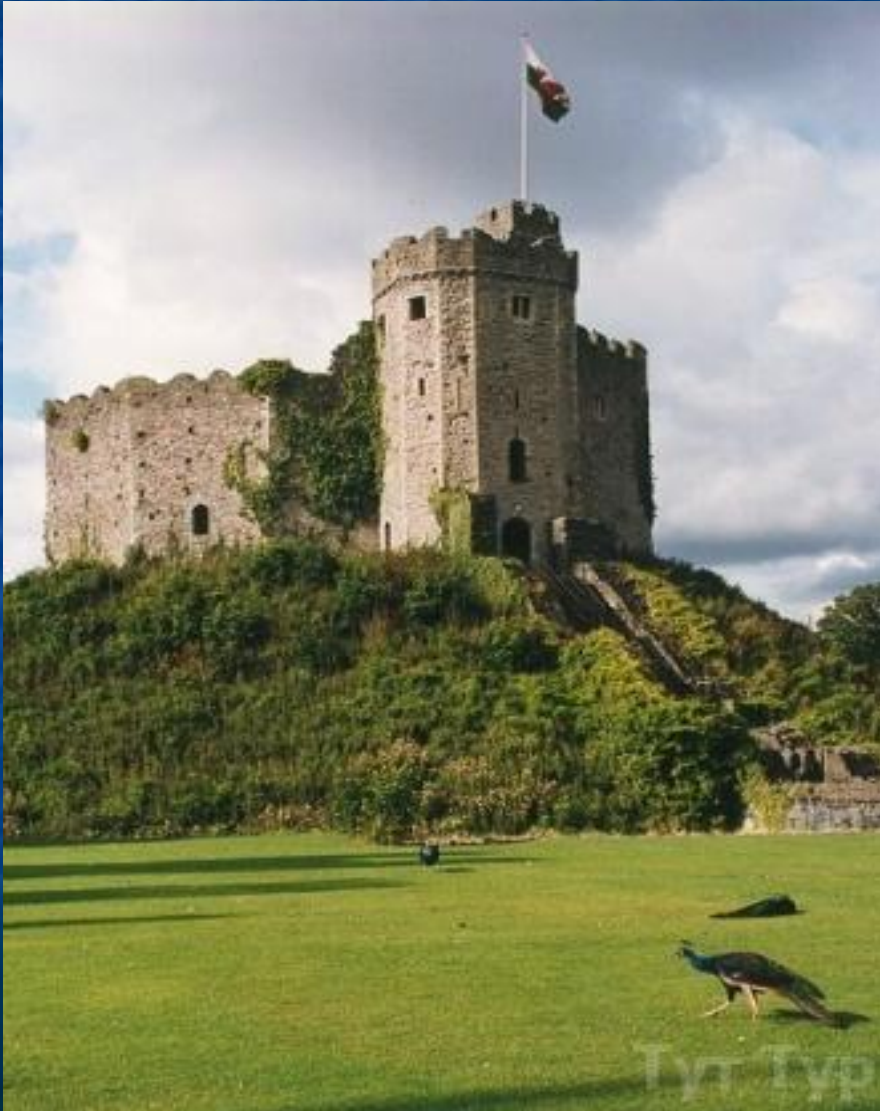


- The Investiture of Prince of Wales is the ceremony making the formal creation of the title of Prince of Wales, similar to a coronation.

National Assembly of Wales



Cardiff



Cardiff is an industrial city, which also has a castle, a cathedral, a university. It is the capital of Wales and its main port.





Newport





Swansea







The scenery of Wales



- The west coast, mid Wales and North Wales are wild and beautiful.







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Mount Snowdon

- Wales has high mountains, including Mount Snowdon, the second highest mountain in Britain.

The national dress of Wales.





Rugby

- Rugby is the national game of Wales. The rules of the game are quite difficult. A team consists of fifteen players. The game is played with egg-shaped ball.

