

# SWVP BULLETIN



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## *Message from the Chair*

Welcome to the first SWVP Bulletin meant to update you on SWVP activities and plans. To date, since SWVP was established in the fall of 2011, the Organizing Committee has met monthly, a Research Plan is being developed, and a bank account is in place.

SWVP is an historical research organization with several inter-related goals and objectives (see [www.swvp.ca/purpgoal.html](http://www.swvp.ca/purpgoal.html)) with the main purpose being to discover, or perhaps more aptly, re-discover, Sir William Vaughan and his connections to 17<sup>th</sup> century Newfoundland. That very little evidence is now available makes the search even more interesting.

I ask for your continued support over the next few months. Support can be your participation in the International Virtual Symposium; contributing to the Research Fund, every little bit helps; or just following the Bulletins and promoting SWVP with friends and colleagues. Please visit [www.swvp.ca](http://www.swvp.ca).

Cabot Martin



## **Sir William Vaughan Project Activities**

A **St. David's Day Reception** was held 1 March 2012 in the Spirit of Newfoundland small meeting room on Cathedral Street. Twenty-five people attended for a bowl of traditional lamb stew and biscuits. See [www.swvp.ca/DDevent.pdf](http://www.swvp.ca/DDevent.pdf) for details and photos.

Chair Cabot Martin and Treasurer Tor Fosnaes presented to the **Early Modern Network** bi-weekly meeting 24 February. About 25 people attended. SWVP goals and objectives were outlined as was a brief biography of Sir William Vaughan. Check [www.earlymodern.ca](http://www.earlymodern.ca) for other topics of interest.



## **Research Program**

The Organizing Committee met with Dr. Peter Pope, chair of the SWVP Research Committee, 23 March 2012, to firm up the **Research Plan**. Now in draft, it sets out a series of desired research topics and activities in several academic fields (see [www.swvp.ca/researchtopics.pdf](http://www.swvp.ca/researchtopics.pdf) for details). The plan identifies possible resources and ways to liaise with these institutions and people; **Memoranda of Understanding** will be developed to share information and research data.

The research plan now requires funding to implement and support its research projects. Private and public sources will be sought.



## **International Virtual Symposium on Early Modern Wales and Newfoundland 2012**

The first **Call for Papers and Presentations** was released at the St. David's Day Reception. It is available at [www.swvp.ca/IVS%20EMWN%202012.pdf](http://www.swvp.ca/IVS%20EMWN%202012.pdf) .

Studies of *Welsh family names in Newfoundland* and *17<sup>th</sup> century Vaughan family connections* are two possible contributions to IVS EMWN 2012; the OC anticipates further interest in weeks to come.

Please review the **Call for Papers and Presentations** to see how you can participate and, please forward the link to others that might be interested. SWVP relies on this growing, informal network of academics and individuals to spread the word.



## **Recent Readings**

*The Verneys: A True Story of Love, War, and Madness in Seventeenth-Century England* by Adrian Tinniswood, Riverhead Books, 2007.

*A History of Wales* by John Davies, Allen Lane The Penguin Press, 1990, 1993.

*The Battle of the Frogs and Fairford's Flies: Miracles and the Pulp Press During the English Revolution* by Jerome Friedman, Palgrave Macmillan, 1993.

*Early Modern Wales, c.1525 –1640* by J. Gwynfor Jones, Palgrave Macmillan, 1994.

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