

# EVENTS

## Celebrate St. George's Day in Petaluma

Irish ex-pats and multi-generational Irish/Americans have indulged the community in decades of green beer, corned beef, and cabbage on annual Saint Patrick's Day, creating a party atmosphere here in the States unlike anything experienced traditionally in the Emerald Isle itself -- where true defenders of the faith would more likely be found in church than sporting "kiss me, I'm Irish" t-shirts down at the local

drinking hole (well, maybe after church).

So now that there has been quite enough water (and tea) under the bridge since the United States signed the Declaration of Independence, we're rethinking it's high time for the English within our international SoCo community to bring out the Shepherd's Pie and HP Sauce, a few pints of lukewarm ale, and a piano and roll out the barrel for the first annual Petaluma Saint

George's Day Celebration.

Although you don't have to hold a British passport to join in the fun this April 23 (a Thursday), the shindig down at Aqus Cafe in Foundry Wharf is gathering steam as English neighbors plan to make this knees-up a night to remember!

Think "Down at the Old Bull and Bush" and brush up your "p"s and "q"s for some good, old-fashioned English banter and a sing-a-long of all the songs we grew up with over on the other side of the pond.

Saint George's Day Celebrations kick off at 6.30 PM, but stop by anytime that evening for a pint and a bite of Lesley's special menu pub-grub.

Since the 14th Century, brave Saint George has been Patron Saint of England -- not Ireland, Scotland, or Wales. The red-on-white cross of the Saint George Flag represents England as a separate cultural entity to the United Kingdom of Great Britain (think Union Jack).

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## 2011 Butter & Egg Days Parade Theme Announced

The 2011 Butter & Egg Days Parade will celebrate "Petaluma Takes Flight: Celebrating 30 Years of Our Parade & The Centennial of The World's First Air Mail Flight From Petaluma" when it marches through historic downtown Petaluma on April 16.

The theme celebrates Petaluma's unique history of being the location of the first-ever airmail flight. Fred Wiseman took flight from Petaluma on February 17, 1911, headed to Santa Rosa with a mere 3 letters! In conjunction with this historic event and the parade, The Petaluma Museum will be having a special exhibit "Flight, A Tribute to Aviation." It will open February 2 and close April 24. We'll also be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Butter & Egg Days Parade. Since its reincarnation, this parade has been dedicated to celebrating Petaluma and it's quirky heritage. This 30th annual parade will ask entrants to design their parade entries around either the first air mail flight or around favorite historical parade memories

or themes.

The April 16 application date is one week earlier than usual due to the Easter holiday. This change will move many parade deadlines. Parade applications with all deadlines will be available soon. The initial entry deadline, for the lowest possible entry fees, will be Friday, February 25, at 5 PM. Contact the Petaluma Downtown Association at 707.762.9348 for more information. Applications are available online at petalumadowntown.org.



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