

# WELSH CUP 2010/2011

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Round by 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>3rd Round by 15th March</b>	<b>Semi-Final by 30th April</b>	<b>Final by 31st May</b>
Jennifer Wardell, Binnie Job, Horia Maior, Adrian Micusan	Wardell (by 2)		
Alan Screen, George Novak, Diana Harris, Paul Gagne			
Bob Pitts, Pete Broster, Dave Keen, Jean Keen	Pitts		
Rod Sheard, Nigel Worthington, Suppiah Navaratnam, Martin Thomas	Pitts (by 83)		
Mike Best, Mark Roderick, Andrew Scott, Liam Sheridan	Best (by 34)		Penton (by 82)
George Ellis, Barbara Ellis, Keith Richards, Graham John, Bob Alderdice		Penton (by 11)	
Roger Penton, Rob Charlesworth, Julian Pottage, Tony Disley, Sue Ingham, Gwynn Davis	Penton (by 7)		
John Cox, Dave Melville, Val Kennewell, Steve Kennewell			
Paddy Murphy, David Stevenson, Chris Pope, Andrew Protheroe, Simon Edwards, Peter Kaufman	Murphy		
Jean Hand, Peter Hand, Sheila Shea, Wyn Williams		Jourdain (by 14)	
Patrick Jourdain, David McAndrew, John Salisbury, Mike Tedd, Gary & Dafydd Jones	Jourdain (by 40)		
David Birt, Geoff Evans, Simon Richards, Trevor Towers			Kurbalija (by 14)
Filip Kurbalija, Tony Ratcliff, Dan Macintosh, David Jones	Kurbalija (by 47)		
Steve Webb, Tim Barsby, Gordon Roxburgh, Simon Gottschalk			
Lavinia Thomas, Colin Thomas, Keith Davison, Rory Gibbons, Anne Davies	Thomas (by 11)	Kurbalija	
Mike Baker, Peter Milewski, Eric Hartland, Steve Jarvis, Ian Haston			

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The increased first round has put pressure on the timetable but I would like to retain a target that enables the winners to be included in the Journal.

So the quarter-final target date is by 15th March, semi-final by 30th April and final by 31st May. The draw is complete for the event: The first named team is at home in the quarter-finals. The first winner of the quarter-final list is at home to the winner of the second match for the semi-final. The winner of the third match is at home to the winner of the fourth match.

I will inform captains when I know their opponents.

## SECOND ROUND DRAW

Murphy v Hand  
Pitts beat Sheard  
Jourdain v Birt  
Kurbalija v Webb  
Best v Ellis  
L Thomas beat Baker  
Penton beat Cox  
Wardell v Screen

### MATCHES SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

As there is always someone who needs to know how that came about – it is determined by the original draw plus the speed with which teams arranged their matches.

As the teams lower in the list finished earliest, I facilitated their arrangements for their next match by giving early assignments from the bottom upwards: i.e, the lowest qualifier (in the list) in the bottom group plays the lowest qualifier in the group above, the next lowest plays the next lowest available and so on.

The regionalisation works quite well.

A commonly expressed opinion is that this draw should reflect results. That opinion is not easily reconciled with the absence of seeding and the random nature of all other rounds - the quarter-final has a random draw according to tradition and the journal – it does not reflect results to date and thereafter the lowest winner in the list plays the next lowest winner in the list in the semi-final.

Mike Best

## FIRST ROUND DRAW

MATCHES TO BE COMPLETED BY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Mike Clare , Morag Clare, Beth Wennell, Barry Wennell

Paddy Murphy, David Stevenson, Chris Pope, Andrew Protheroe, Simon Edwards, Peter Kaufman

Bob Pitts, Pete Broster, Dave Keen, Jean Keen

Pitts beat Clare by 1; Murphy beat Pitts by 2; Murphy beat Clare by 72

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Jean Hand, Peter Hand, Sheila Shea, Wyn Williams

Rod Sheard, Nigel Worthington, Suppiah Navaratnam, Martin Thomas

Pat Mullally, Cath Spalding, David Spalding, Mark Spalding

Sheard beat Hand by 10; Sheard beat Mullally by 4; Hand beat Mullally by 32

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Patrick Jourdain, David McAndrew, John Salisbury, Mike Tedd, Gary Jones

Roger Bowles, John Waller, Keith Shuttleworth, Brian Nicholls

Graham Jones, Irene Thomas, Vida Halford, Glyn Williams, David and Norma Newman

Jourdain beat Bowles by 36; Jourdain beat Jones by 82; Bowles-Jones will not be played

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Chris Rochelle, Liz Atkinson, Ken Richardson, Aida Aris

David Birt, Geoff Evans, Simon Richards, Trevor Towers

Filip Kurbalija, Tony Ratcliff, Dan Macintosh, David Jones

Birt beat Kurbalija by 20; Kurbalija beat Rochelle by 97; Rochelle beat Birt by 30

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Adrian Thomas, Peter Goodman, Paul Denning, Jill Casey, Pat Shields, Diane Kurbalija

Steve Webb, Tim Barsby, Gordon Roxburgh, Simon Gottschalk

Mike Best, Mark Roderick, Andrew Scott, Liam Sheridan

Webb beat Thomas by 33; Best beat Webb by 40; Thomas beat Best by 1

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Lavinia Thomas, Colin Thomas, Keith Davison, Rory Gibbons, Anne Davies

Connie Warren, Byron Williams, Angela Bridges, Estelle Evans

Graham Fifield, Lloyd Lewis, Ifor Davies, John Evans, Colin Nash

Warren beat Fifield by 4; Thomas beat Warren by 75; Thomas beat Fifield by 10

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George Ellis, Barbara Ellis, Keith Richards, Graham John, Bob Alderdice

Martin Ley, Diana Panniers, Ian Grove, Bryn Gravenor

Mike Baker, Peter Milewski, Eric Hartland, Steve Jarvis, Ian Haston

Ellis beat Ley by 29; Baker beat Ley by 37; Ellis beat Baker by 6

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John Cox, Dave Melville, Val Kennewell, Steve Kennewell

Jennifer Wardell, Binnie Job, Horia Maior, Adrian Micusan

John Jamieson, Eleanor Price, Huw Jones, Denys Maddocks, Ray Curry

Cox beat Jamieson by 94; Cox beat Wardell by 20; Wardell beat Jamieson by 20

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Roger Penton, Rob Charlesworth, Julian Pottage, Tony Disley, Sue Ingham, Gwynn Davis

Mike Jones, Dewi Jones, Dai Hayes, Dylan Raw- Rees

Alan Screen, George Novak, Diana Harris, Paul Gagne

Penton beat Screen by 29; Penton beat Jones by 43; Screen beat Jones by 34

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*Notes on the format:*

Hi folks

Here is the draw for the first round of the Welsh Cup.

The viability of this event has been in doubt with indications of a reduction from the 16 teams that entered last season. In that season the West entered only 1.5 teams. Reasons offered included that it is unrewarding to pay entry fees for a round trip of 100 miles to be eliminated in the first round, and the difficulties of getting eight players together.

So please accept the urgent necessity to experiment with the best intentions to be helpful and fair, though it will NEVER be possible to reconcile all considerations.

So entry fees will be cancelled if a team does not reach the last 16 for both the Welsh Cup and the Cambria Cup (Income will actually increase from last season), overall travelling distances will be minimised in the first two rounds, and all teams will play at least two matches.

No, that changed format is not in the journal, and yes, that last provision does create problems, but with some give and take we can learn. At least we now have a competition, with 27 entries, and with the sterling efforts of John Cox the West are reinvolved.

Entries are divided into groups of three, each playing the others. The higher team is at home against the second, the second at home against the third, the third at home against the highest. Note the possibility of playing both matches consecutively at the same venue on the same day.

Teams winning twice will progress. Teams losing twice will be eliminated. Teams losing once will often progress except that, in order to reduce to 16 for the second round, the two (or more if any groups finish with three teams all losing once) lowest net imp scores will be eliminated. (Therefore consider strategy in an apparently losing match and remember to RECORD IMPS when sending results) This is a superior idea to a plate event with lower status and much more travelling.

In the round of 16 the competition resumes its normal format with the draw already complete (eg, highest remaining in the top group playing highest remaining in the next group) but, due to the adjustment necessitated in the previous paragraph, this may not be entirely ascertainable until the round is complete. So please get matches played and I will reissue the draw.

Results to myself ([mikebest773@btinternet.com](mailto:mikebest773@btinternet.com)) with copies to Mike Tedd ([mike.tedd@aber.ac.uk](mailto:mike.tedd@aber.ac.uk)) for the web and to Mark Roderick ([mark.roderick@ntlworld.com](mailto:mark.roderick@ntlworld.com)) for master points.

Constructive comments welcomed after recognition of above realities.

Incorrect or incomplete information is made much more probable when only one third of entrants actually fill in the form and send in a cheque, not to mention the extra work

Mike Best.