

## Welsh Newspapers and Journals

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### Newspapers

Newspaper printing came late to Wales in comparison to England, with the establishment of the first printing press in Wales in 1718. The first newspaper *The Cambrian* was not published until 1804.

- *The Cambrian* est. 1804 - first weekly newspaper, circulated in South Wales, West of England, America, India and the British Colonies.
- *The North Wales Gazette* est. 1808 - first weekly newspaper in North Wales.
- *Seren Gomer* est. 1814 - first Welsh language weekly, only lasted 85 issues.
- *The Cambria Daily Leader* est. 1861 - first daily newspaper, circulated in South and West Wales.
- *Western Mail* est. 1869 - Wales' oldest daily newspaper continues to appear today, circulation the whole of Wales and the borders with England.
- Tax on adverts abolished in 1854 and stamp duty in 1865 saw a rise in the number of newspaper and periodicals published.
- In the 1880s there were 70 English language weekly newspapers and 25 Welsh language weekly newspapers.

### Welsh Newspapers Online (pre 1919)

- Totally free global resource by NLW having digitised over 1.1 million pages, from 120 titles from 1804 to 1919.
- Digital technology, including Optical Character Recognition software has enabled the images to be searched by any keyword to discover information that would be otherwise hidden within the covers of large volumes. Use of numerous Filters to help with searches.

### Newspapers after 1919

- Microfilm copies of titles up to 1950 as part of the Newsplan project are available at NLW, check website for further information.
- NLW holds a comprehensive collection of original Welsh newspapers up to the present day. These may be in original format and would need visiting to consult or use Enquiry Service.

- Some Welsh titles are also available on the British Library Newspaper Archive website.

### Welsh Journals Online

- A similar resource to the Welsh Newspapers website, free access to 450 journal titles dating from 1735 to 2007.
- Some gaps may occur due to copyright restrictions.
- Ability to download article or issue free of charge.

### Other printed collections

NLW, county archive offices and public libraries in Wales hold original copies of the following that are not available online -

- Welsh periodicals and journals (that may fill the gaps found in the online collection)
- Denominational journals
- Community newspapers (Papurau Bro, twentieth century)
- Periodicals and newspapers from America, Patagonia and Australia relating to Wales.

*Historical Research using British Newspapers* by Denise Bates (Pen & Sword, 2016)

Welsh Newspapers Online <http://newspapers.library.wales>

Welsh Journals Online <https://journals.library.wales>

NLW catalogue for other printed sources <http://discover.library.wales>

Printed sources at NLW [www.library.wales/collections/learn-more/printed-materials](http://www.library.wales/collections/learn-more/printed-materials)

Newsplan [www.library.wales/discover/other-resources/newsplan-cymru](http://www.library.wales/discover/other-resources/newsplan-cymru)

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