

TIMELINE

Characters and Events in Wales

This timeline shows some of Wales' key characters and events ranging from Caradog and the Roman invasion of the Britons to World War II.

43 AD



Caradog

Caradog battles against the Roman Invasion of the Britons.

1223



Llywelyn ap Gruffydd

Llywelyn ap Gruffydd, also known as Llywelyn the Last (Llywelyn ein Llyw Olaf) is known as the last leader of a united Wales. In 1255, on the request of many leaders, he became known as the Prince of Wales. Killed by soldiers of Edward 1 in Cilmeri on 11th December 1282 where a memorial stands today.

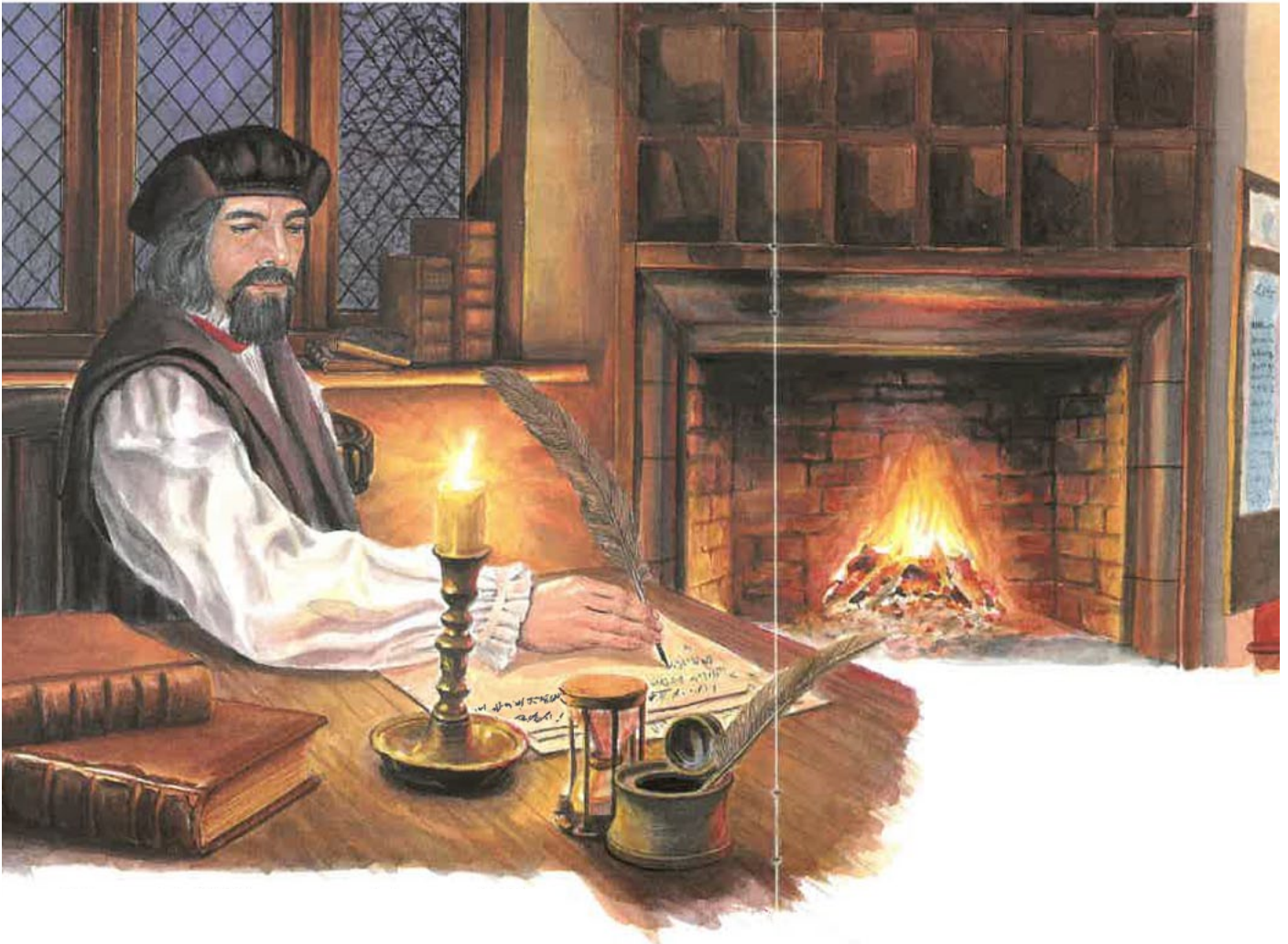
1349



The Black Death

The Black Death arrives in Wales.
Within a year it would kill a third of the population.

1588



William Morgan

Esgob William Morgan's Welsh translation of the Bible is published on the request of Elizabeth I. It is believed that this act saved the Welsh language from extinction.

1839



Rebecca Riots

On 1st May in this year, the toll house in Efailwen, Carmarthenshire was attacked by a group of men dressed as women who became known as the Rebecca Rioters. These were farmers protesting about the tolls charged by the Turnpike companies to travel along certain roads. Several other groups across south west Wales arose between then and 1843 attacking and setting fire to tollhouses until tolls were abolished.

1847



‘Welsh Not’

A detrimental report into Welsh education is published known as ‘The Blue Books’ (Brad y Llyfrau Gleision). This report ultimately resulted in the ‘Welsh Not’ being implemented in schools across Wales. This was a method of punishment for school pupils who spoke Welsh to their friends. They would be forced to wear a wooden plaque around their necks with the words Welsh Not or the letters W.N. on it. They would pass this on to the next pupil they heard speaking Welsh.

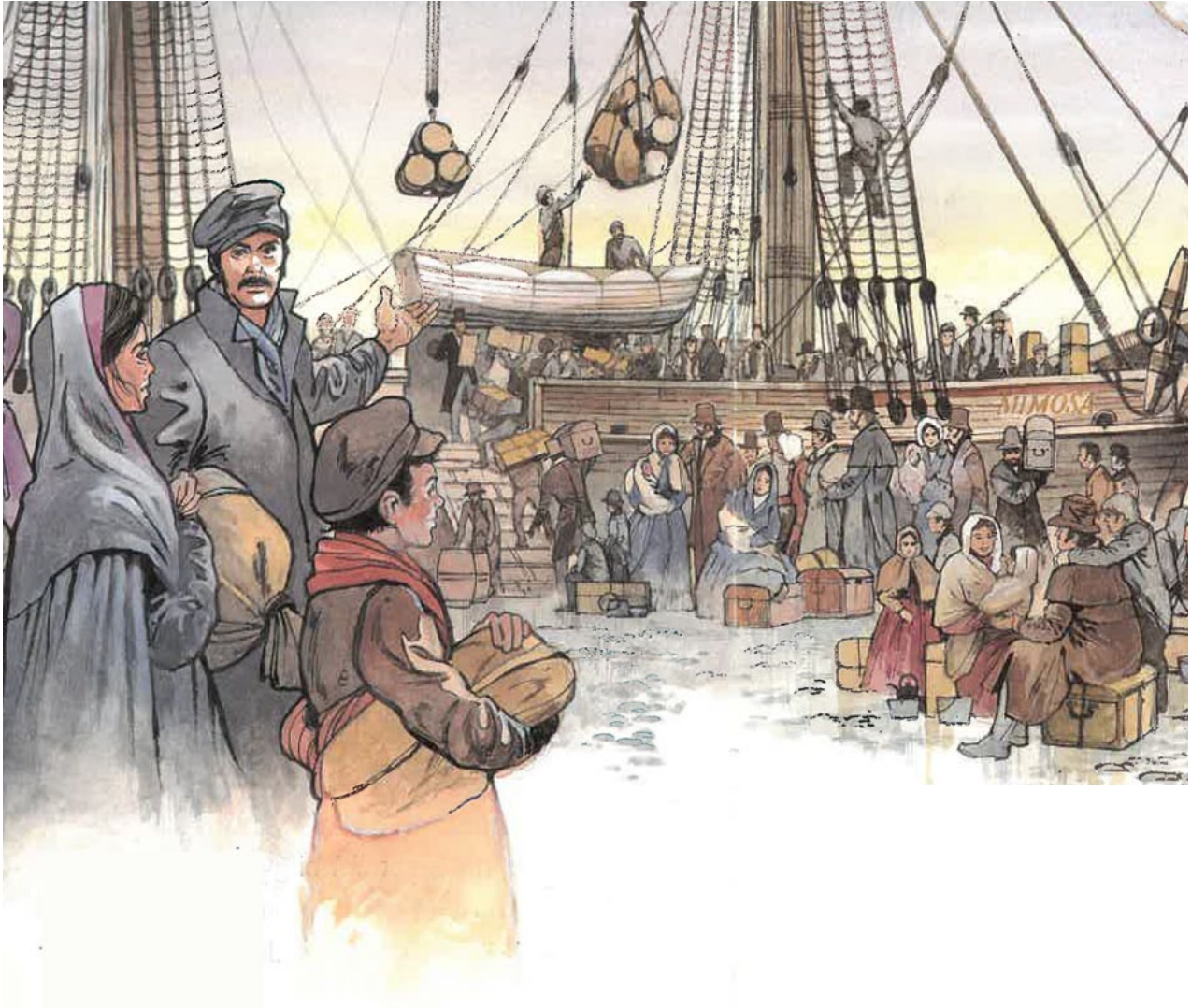
1854



Betsi Cadwaladr

Welsh nurse Betsi Cadwaladr, worked alongside Florence Nightingale caring for wounded soldiers in the Crimean War.

1865



Mimosa

On 28th May of this year the 'Mimosa' set sail from Liverpool on its long voyage to Patagonia with 160 Welsh passengers on board in search of a more prosperous life. They arrive in Port Madryn on 28th July. They established a Welsh community which still exists today.

1917



Hedd Wyn

The poet, Ellis Humphrey Evans better known by his bardic name, Hedd Wyn (1887-1917) wins the chair at the Birkenhead Eisteddfod (Penbedw in Welsh). Killed in Pilkem Ridge battle in France during World War I, the chair was covered with a black cloth in memory of his tragic death.

1939



World War II

On 1st September in this year Germany invade Poland and World War II is declared. The war would end on 2nd September 1945 when Japan finally signed a surrender document. During these six years there were between 50 – 70 million fatalities worldwide. Around 110,000 children were evacuated to Wales.