

WALES FOOTBALL TEAM

| OVERVIEW |

Items from the National Library of Wales' collection relevant to the history of the men's Wales football team. The package includes a newspaper report of Wales' first game in 1876, film clips of the first filmed international game in 1906 and photographs of some of Wales' well-known players such as John Charles.

| KEY WORDS |

World Cup, Sport, Heroes, Celebrate

| AGE |

Adaptable for any age.

| LEARNING OBJECTIVES |

Learning about Welsh football history.



INFORMATION



EXPERIENCES



SKILLS



QUESTIONS



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper report: Wales' first game, 1876 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the report of the Wales men's football team's first game in 1876 and compare with a report today. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find information.• Collect information. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How have newspaper reports changed by today? |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video: Wales v Ireland, 1906• Video: Wales v England, 1912• Video: Wales v Belgium, 1949• Photographs: John Charles• Photographs: Wales v Scotland, 1954• Photographs: Wales v Ireland, 1956 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch Wales' football games from different eras.• Look at photographs of games from the 1950s. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find information.• Collect information. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How did the experience of watching football change from 1906 to 1949?• How has the Wales football kit changed?• How are the ball, badge, goalkeepers' gloves or boots different to those of today? |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Dictionary of Welsh Biography article: John Charles• Dictionary of Welsh Biography article: John Charles | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the John Charles article and then write or type an article about John Charles.• Write an article about one of the stars of today's Wales football team. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Record information• Write legibly and fluently.• Write a comprehensive description. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What makes a good article?• What information is important to include in an article about a footballer? |
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- [Video: Official unveiling of the Wales football kit, 1976](#)
 - Use the video as an inspiration to create a Wales football team kit, hat or badge design.
 - Develop creative ideas.
 - Exhibit creative work.
 - What colours are connected with the Wales football team?
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- [Wales football workshop in the National Library of Wales.](#)
 - See relevant items in the Library.
 - Find information.
 - Collect information.
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AREA OF LEARNING AND EXPERIENCE

Humanities

WHAT MATTERS

> Enquiring, exploration and investigation inspire curiosity about the world, its past, present and future.

Languages, Literacy and Communication

> Expressing ourselves through languages is key to communication.

Expressive Arts

> Creating combines skills and knowledge, drawing on the senses, inspiration and imagination.

CROSS-CURRICULAR SKILLS

ELEMENT

Literacy


> Developing vocabulary; Listening to understand; Understanding, response and analysis; Reading strategies; Planning and organising for different purposes, audiences and context; Proofreading, editing and improving

Digital Competency

> Sourcing, searching and planning digital content; Creating digital content; Evaluating and improving digital content

Children's Dictionary of Welsh Biography: John Charles

Adaptation of a [Dictionary of Welsh Biography article](#) by Professor Geraint H. Jenkins

Name:	John Charles
Date and place of birth:	27 December 1931, Swansea, South Wales
Date of death:	21 February 2004
Why is the person famous:	John Charles was a footballer who played for Leeds United, Juventus and Wales. According to some, he was one of the finest footballers raised in Wales in the twentieth century.
Highlights:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1931: Born John Charles at 19 Alice Street, Cwmbwrla, Swansea • 1945: Leaves school at 14 years of age and joins Swansea football club. • 1948: Joined Leeds United football club at 17 years of age. He scored 150 goals in 9 seasons. • 1950: Plays for Wales for the first time. • 1957: Joined Italian club Juventus for a British record fee of £65,000. • 1958: Reaches the quarter-finals of the World Cup with Wales. • 1959: Comes third in the Ballon d'Or. • 1962: Leaves Juventus as a hero after scoring 108 goals in 155 games. • 1962: Played for Leeds, Roma and Cardiff over 4 years. • 2004: Dies at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield.
Quotation:	<p>"John Charles was a remarkably gifted footballer. He was blessed with an extremely powerful body. He stood at 6' 2" and weighed 14 stone. He could kick a ball powerfully and accurately with both feet, dribble nimbly, leap like a salmon and tackle forcefully. Throughout his glittering career no referee ever had cause to caution him, let alone send him off, he is known by all as 'The Gentle Giant' (Il Buon Gigante)."</p> <p>Professor Geraint Jenkins</p>
Photographs:	 <p>Photograph: Geoff Charles</p>
Wikipedia:	John Charles - Wikipedia