

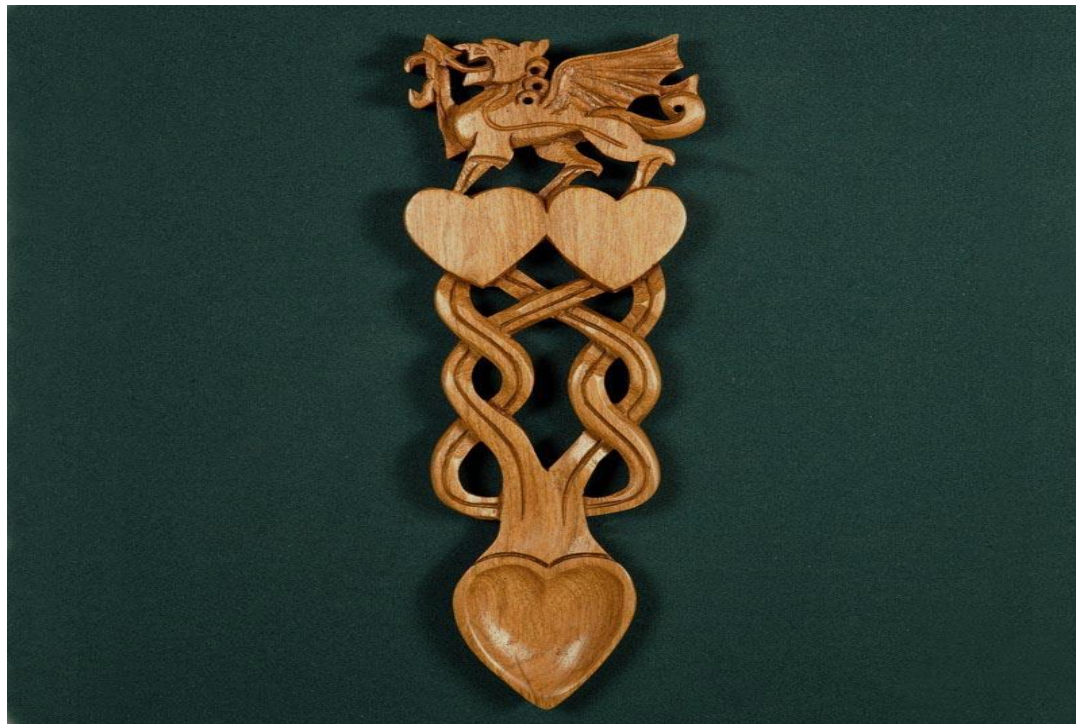
The Welsh Love Spoons



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History

- ▶ Welsh lovespoons -are hand made wooden spoons that are made from one piece of wood and designed and decorated according to the carver's imagination.



- ▶ Originally made by young men during the long winter nights or by young men on long sea voyages, they were carved to express that young man's intentions towards a particular girl.



Symbols

Certain symbols came to have specific meanings:

a horseshoe-for luck

a cross-for faith



▶ Bells-for marriage

hearts-for love



- ▶ a wheel supporting a loved one and a lock for security



Wedding spoons

Often the spoons and chain were made from a single piece of wood, emphasizing wood-carving craftsmanship.



The material

Lovespoons have been made from timbers most readily available and from those that are easily worked; softwoods such as sycamore and lime.



Welsh Love Spoons Today

Today lovespoons are given as wedding and anniversary gifts, as well as birthday, baby gifts, Christmas or Valentine's Day gifts. They are now mostly seen as a folk craft.



Thank you for attention!

