

MEMO

TO: Alf Reese ([REDACTED])
FROM: Ellis Jones ([REDACTED])
DATE: May 31, 2000
SUBJECT: FYI

Yesterday Geraint Wilkes sent me an e-mail and this morning I have replied.

Attached are copies of what he sent and what I said in reply.

In honour of the Welsh Affairs Committee
of the British House of Commons



The British Consul-General
and Mrs. Robert Culshaw
request the pleasure of the company of
Mr Geraint Wilkes
at a reception
on Thursday 15 June at 6:00-8:00pm

161 Chicago Avenue East #61 P1
Chicago, Illinois 60611

P.S.V.P.
Tel. [REDACTED]

Amwyd Elin,

I don't know the purpose of their
reception, however, I've been asked what
Welsh American groups I'll be representing,
if any. I am a life member of the W.N.G.A.,
If you wish I can enter the nomination in
the voter. If you don't wish me to, let
me know.

Tel:- [REDACTED]

Fax:- [REDACTED]

Geraint Geraint

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TO: Geraint Wilkes (██████████)
Ellis J.

FROM: Ellis Jones (██████████)

DATE: May 31, 2000

SUBJECT: Invitation to British Counsul General Reception

Geraint, thanks for the e-mail. Having a little experience with protocol situations here at Gustavus Adolphus College when they have entertained the King and Queen of Sweden and other notable politicians and church officials over the years, I think it would probably not be appropriate to represent the WNGGA unless WNGGA received an invitation. As far as I know, none has been received. Sorry about this. It would certainly be a fine opportunity.

COL. ALFRED J. REESE, JR., USA RET.

P.O. BOX [REDACTED]

LEHIGHTON, PA, 18235, USA

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e-mail AFREES [REDACTED]

1 June 2000

FAX to Ellis Jones at [REDACTED]

Dear Ellis,

Thank you for your message of 31 May 2000. Your reply was reasoned. I think as a matter of policy no one should be authorized to represent the WNGGA unless as an officer or trustee. Let's get this approved as policy at the annual meeting.

Working on the minutes and will have a reply soon.

Sincerely,

Alf



29 June 1999

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I am the Information Assistant at the British Consulate General in Chicago and am taking this opportunity to introduce myself to you and to discuss a number of issues.

Firstly, I receive calls on a regular basis, both from British and American citizens enquiring about organisations with a British focus. We currently include your organisation on the list that we send out to these enquirers. I have become aware that some of the information contained on our list is out-of-date or inaccurate and am, therefore, writing to confirm your details. I should be grateful if you would contact me if you wish to remain on this list and provide me with:

- the full name of your organisation
- a contact name and title (i.e. President, Chairman etc.)
- your mailing address, including telephone, fax and e-mail/website if appropriate
- a brief description of the aims and activities of your organisation
- times of regular meetings or opening hours
- any other information you feel might benefit our enquirers.

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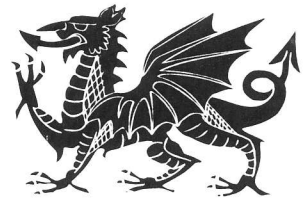
I look forward to hearing from you and working with you in the future.

*Yours Sincerely
Emily Smith*

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Information Assistant

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(Founded 1929)



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July 10, 1999

M. Emily Smith, Information Assistant
British Consulate-General
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100 North Michigan Avenue
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Dear Ms. Smith:

Your June 29 letter requesting information about our organization has been forwarded to our International Headquarters. The information you requested in your letter is as follows:

1. Name of Organization: The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.
2. Contact Persons:

International President: Col. Alfred J. Reese Jr. (address at left)
Executive Director: Dr. Ellis Jones (address at lower left)
3. Contact Numbers: (See lower left under International Headquarters)
4. Aims of organization: (from Association's Constitution, Article II Purpose: "To preserve, develop and promote our Welsh religious and cultural heritage, including but not limited to the Gymanfa Ganu, and our religious and cultural traditions, and to do all things necessary and proper to accomplish and enhance the same.")
5. Meetings: The 25-member Board of Trustees meets two times a year--spring and early in September. The major event for the organization is the National Gymanfa Ganu held in various venue locations on the first weekend in September. Locations have been in 1997--Milwaukee, Wisconsin; 1998--Columbus, Ohio; 1999--Minneapolis, Minnesota; 2000--Ottawa, Canada.

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Côr Cymry Gogledd America—The North American Welsh Choir

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6. Other information: In addition to a membership of over 2,000 persons, we have over 70 "local" organizations through the United States and Canada which hold organizational membership in our Association. We publish a newsletter three times a year and are the world's source for our official Welsh-English hymnal in two versions as well as a folk song book.

A set of materials describing the events scheduled for this year's National Gymanfa Ganu in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is enclosed. Almost 500 persons have already registered and we are expecting another 700 by the time the event starts. It is the largest such event in North America each year.

Thank you again for contacting us. We hope that you will be able to help us publicize our existence and our goals.

Sincerely,



Ellis J. Jones
Executive Director

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