

Monday, August 20 - 1973.

TO: Mrs. Robert J. Williams, Gen'l Chairman,
Chicago National Gymnastics Club for 1972,
North Fox Hill Drive, Apartment
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, U.S.A. 48013.

My dear Mrs. Williams:

Many thanks for your letter of August 13th, and accept my thanks for your message of condolence. I am very sorry to hear that you are not well, and therefore will not be able to be present in Toronto. Over the years, you have always been a regular attendant, and your enthusiasm was always so pleasant, I and I know the other trustees will miss not seeing and hearing you this coming Labour Day week end.

I thank you for sending along your financial report, do not reproach yourself, Chicago put on an excellent National Gymnastics Club, however, unfortunately costs are going up very drastically, and this in turn does have a bearing such as diminishing attendance, which in turn diminished the revenues. I will ask our National Secretary Jack Meadows to present this report on your behalf. The Chicago 1972 National will always be remembered by myself with pleasure and also affection for the good fellowship which we all enjoyed. Accept my best regards to yourself and also to your committee. I remain,

Yours cordially,

Owen C. Roberts, President.

The First Congregational Church
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1 Monument Avenue

September 1, 1972

Mr. Emlyn Lloyd, President
Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.
Annual Meeting
THE PALMER HOUSE (hotel)
State and Monroe Streets
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

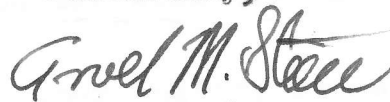
Greetings to you and all our fellow members on the occasion of the 41st Annual Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu in Chicago Sept. 1-3/72.

I regret I cannot be present in person to enjoy the fellowship and the singing. However, I shall be thinking of the event and perhaps play my Welsh Hymn recordings Sunday evening. Incidentally, is there any plan to make LP recordings from tapes of the 1971 meeting in Salt Lake City with the acoustics of the Mormon Tabernacle the singing must have been extra special. When and if such recordings are available I should like to purchase a set.

Here in Old Bennington, Vermont, we plan our annual Gymanfa Ganu for Sunday, October 8th at 4 p.m. and extend a cordial invitation to Welsh friends from other parts of the country who may be making the foliage tour of New England to join us in an afternoon of song.

Best wishes,

Faithfully,



Arvel M. Steece
Minister



September 18, 1972

Arvel M. Steece, Ph. D.,
The First Congregational Church of Bennington,
Old Bennington, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Steece,

Thank you for your letter of September 1, 1972
sending greetings to the 41st Annual Welsh National Gymanfa
Ganu in Chicago.

The Chicago Gymanfa was very well attended and
will be remembered for the wonderful congregational singing,
and the dignified religious atmosphere prevailing throughout
the entire Gymanfa sessions. It was indeed in the best
tradition of this great Welsh event.

I read your letter to the Annual Meeting assembled
on Saturday morning. It probably came as quite a surprise to
many people that a Gymanfa Ganu is held in Old Bennington,
Vermont each year. You may well find some of them in attend-
ance on October 8, at 4:00 P. M.

In reply to your inquiry it is not planned to make
L. P. recordings of the 1971 Salt Lake Gymanfa.

As a matter of interest future venues for the
National Gymanfa already committed for are: 1973 - Toronto,
Canada, 1974 - Swansea, Wales, 1975 - New York, N. Y. and
for the Bi-Centennial year 1976 - Philadelphia, Pa.

Sincerely,

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Emlyn Lloyd, President

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(Come, Sing to the Lord)



Y DDRAIG GOCH

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September 16 - 1972.

The 41st Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu, sponsored by The Hebron Welsh United Presbyterian Church of Chicago. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 1972.

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Dear Jack and Catherine:

We all missed you both very much at Chicago. The trustees meetings were not quite the same without you to keep us in check. I will try and give you some impressions of the 1972 Chicago Gymanfa Ganu. The hotel was very elegant, well located, especially in regards to walking to Orchestra Hall. Chicago being mid west, I noticed more delegates from the west, however, on the other hand, I think that the higher prices no doubt kept many people away. The entertainment programmes were very good, although I myself missed the traditional banquet and nosen Lawen. Frances Williams was a very gracious and dignified directress, and I really liked Orchestra Hall very much, not being too large a hall. Our trustees meetings went off well, although I found them to be a little too long, also the annual meeting was far too long. Next year with your co-operation would like very much to speed up these trustees meetings so that they will finish at a reasonable time. I suppose that Catherine Dodd has brought you up to date on the new officers and trustees, myself as President, and I am very happy to have Gwyn Parri from Milwaukee as our Vice-President. We have not had much luck in finding western trustees, Ben Haddock was elected in a dual capacity, as Hon. President and also as a western trustee. Mrs. Mair Monkhouse from Hamberg and Rev. Kenneth Jones from New York City were the new American Trustees, while Gwyn Price from

Oshawa, and Lewis Edwards of Niagara Falls, Canada came in as a new trustee. I am happy that Toronto will be the 1973 locale especially as I am the first Canadian born person of Welsh descent to be elected as President. Mr. D.J. Evans brought the brochures from Swansea outlining the plans for Swansea 1974. New York City officially requested the year 1975, and also Philadelphia requested 1976 to tie in with bicentennial celebrations of that year. Our problem is to find a locale for 1974 in the U.S.A. after the 1974 Swansea Gymanfa. I believe that John Roberts has some tentative plans or thoughts on that matter.

One matter brought up in the trustees meeting after I was installed, was the perennial matter of revising the Gymanfa Gany Hymnal book. Ann Davies Thomas has been appointed in charge of suggested changes, and has been given a dead line date of before January next year. I think that some sort of compromise will very likely have to be made, such as adding a couple of pages to the new wire bound type of book. I also received a letter from Mr. Horace B. Powell editor of Y DRYCH, in which he hopes that the same type of advertising co-operation that existed in the past year, would be continued. I think that this paid advertising fee should be continued, as it helpful both ways, for the Drych, which we all know is having a very hard struggle to survive, and also makes pleasant readable material about our Gymanfa Ganus. He informed me that his wife is gravely ill, which prevented him from being in Chicago. Sorry to say that Mother is not at well, being now confined to bed, so neither myself or my sister are too free.

Concerning yourself, Judge Jenkins told us in the committee meeting that you have been very restless, do look after yourself, and don't try to rush your actions too much until you are stronger. If you wish to telephone me, feel free to do so and reverse the charges, my number is area code 514 637-4977, a good time to call would be around 7 P.M., also let me know your area code and telephone number. Best regards to you both from

