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April 8, 1974

Dear Jack,

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This letter will confirm my recent telephone conversation that most of our 1975 New York Gymanfa Committee will be available to meet with you over the Memorial Day Weekend.

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The New York Hilton would appreciate the exact reservation details for Owen Roberts, Gwynn Parri and yourself - presumably you all arrive on Saturday May 25. Do you wish to meet Saturday or Sunday afternoon? Also, let me have your agenda. I will ask for a meeting room so that we can all sit down together around a table.

Bill Leibert, the Hilton Account Executive, handling our affair may not be available over the weekend but, in this event, he will let me have the name of someone who can show to the Committee, the various facilities on the third floor available for our function.

The New York Hilton would like the WNGGA to indicate to them the space on the third floor that will not be required for the Gymanfa purposes so perhaps we can also finalize our space requirements during your visit to New York. We will also have to keep in mind participation by other affiliated Welsh groups such as W.A.Y., Wales Tourist Board, and the Development Corporation For Wales, all of whom have expressed a desire to be present.

Sincerely,

Bill
W. Greenway

cc: Mr. G. Parri
Mr. O. Roberts
Dr. I. Thomas
Rev. K. O. Jones
Dr. C. Jenkins
Mr. W. G. Griffiths
President W.C.W. James (for information)



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April 8, 1974

Mr. Jack Meadows
[REDACTED] Southern Blvd.
Youngstown, Ohio 44512

Dear Jack,

I am enclosing my formal letter regarding your visit to New York over the Memorial Day weekend. I leave it to you to make the wishes of the group known to us. I will do everything I can to make the visit worthwhile and productive for all.

I have a few requests to make of you:

1 - Please send me a copy of the last five Annual National Gymanfa Ganu financial reports. These will be helpful to pinpoint areas of revenue sources, also to highlight areas of expenditure. We will need to appoint a Treasurer shortly and I wish to set him up with as good a guide as possible.

2 - Please send a draft of the proposed NGGA letterhead for the New York Gymanfa. There may be need of two printings - one to take us up to the 1974 Gymanfa, with current officers and the other to include the 1975 officers. I will need to have my full Committee of five shown plus Secretary and Treasurer - also the President St. David's Society of the State of New York ex officio member. We can finalize at our meeting in May.

3 - You will recall your idea for Bill Griffiths to be made an Honorary President. Can this be included in the letterheads prepared for our use? Also, will it become effective for Swansea 1974 and include New York 1975?

4 - Can you let me have Mrs. M. Monkhouse's address and telephonenumber

yes

5 - Can you let me have details of the key people of the sponsoring organizations for the Philadelphia Gymanfa? I would like to have the Morryston Choir perform in Philadelphia after the 1975 Gymanfa in New York - I need to check with a key person.

6 - Since New York State has a 7% sales tax, I will need an Exempt Organization Certification (Form ST-119.1) which will include your certificate number. If you haven't been issued a certificate by New York State, may I suggest you apply for such a certificate (Form ST 119) to the Sales Tax Bureau, State Campus, Albany, N.Y. 12227. *OK needed letter*

in order
7 - When you come down in May, please bring along 300 membership applications and payment of dues forms so that we can mail one to each one of our St. David's Society members.

I would appreciate a fast answer, where this is possible, and we all look forward to seeing you again on May 25.

Sincerely,

W. Greenway
W. Greenway

/moc

*PS I am taking care of the
MAC but for the papers -
showed you get a 2nd bill
send it on to me - computers
have no brains! W*

Monday April 15th 1974

Mr W. Greenway
██████████, 43rd ave
Bayside, N.Y. 11361.

Dear Bill.

Thank you very much for confirming the week end of May 25th. As I had noted to Ken three singles would be OK.

If it meets with your committies approval Saturday after lunch would be ideal for the meeting, then if any thing was overlooked I could take it up with Ken after church on Sunday.

Since you have sent copies of your letter to O. Roberts and G. Parri they no doubt will notify of their time of arrival, as for myself I will be taking the Continental Trailway's bus and should arrive between 8:00 & 9:00 A.M. Saturday the 25th and would depart some time on Monday.

Now For Your Requests.

1. Bill, I am somewhat embarrassed to submit the financial reports due to the fact that they have been very disapointing to the National Body, as you might know we are very dependant on the annual event for our lifes blood enabling us to exist, but as will note we are slowly dying financially, our expenses far out weigh our income, speaking for myself I spend many dollars out of my own pocket as Im sure the President and Treasurer does. The best financial return we ever had was from Toronto in 1958, but we ~~xxxxxx~~ have been going down hill ever since.
2. The N.Y. letter head will be some what the same as above with some changes as to officers and trustee's.
3. Mr Griffiths name as ~~Kenneth Griffiths~~ Honorary President will appear on the 1974 stationery, but as it is only for one year maybe you would prefer it to be on 1975 stationery?

Cont'd

4. Address & phone of Mrs Monkhouse: Mrs Mair Monkhouse, 291 Highland Ave
Hamburg, N.Y. 14075. Ph, 716-649-6557. she would be the one to contact
regarding the activities of W.A.Y.
5. The key people for the Philadelphia meeting,
 Dr. Francis K. Davis Mr John Watkins
 [redacted] Avonbrook Rd Philadelphia Convention Bureau
 Wallingford, Pa. 19086. [redacted] J.F. Kennedy Blvd
 Philadelphia, Pa. 19102
 Also at
 Drexel University.
- Mr R, Charles Davies Miss Elizabeth Davis
 [redacted] Gladstone Rd [redacted] Curtis Rd
 Lansdowne, Pa. 19050 Abington, Pa. 19001.
6. Since we have Federal tax exemption do we need one for N.Y. State,
I have mailed a to Albany as you suggested just in case?
7. Life membership cards will be brought when I come in May, in fact I
am having some new ones printed at the present time.

Now Bill, for your information I am enclosing a set of directives
which we have found very helpful in organising a Gymanfa, and as you
note the sources of income, plus the sale of hymnals from the secretary's
office, and continually trying for life memberships, in fact the latter
two has kept us alive the last couple of years, due to our charter flight
to Wales this year I have signed up well over one hundred new members,
and the sale of hymnals has been exceptionally good, so Bill without those
two I'm sure we have been bankrupt.

I hope I have not bored you with some of our problems but, if people
are not aware of these things they are apt to believe every thing is OK.

Very sincerely

Jack Meadows
 Jack Meadows, secretary
 W.N.G.G.A.

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Many thanks for your letter of April 15th, with enclosures. I have summarised the reports and I think you will have a most revealing insight into the reason why the WNGGA has done so poorly. The bulk of the money 'donated' has been used to bail out the Sunday sessions, the Program and subsidise the 'Attractions' - which includes the Noson Lawen. How the WNGGA has existed over the years is a mystery to me. However, it is indeed fortunate to have the services of the 'few' dedicated individuals like yourself. The Salt Lake affair was a disaster financially and my figures show why this was so. The receipt of your statements was timely. Incidentally, Toronto didn't show their Banquet on their report! Who paid for the Noson Lawen?

One thing these reports have highlighted is the need for a budget to be prepared prior to acceptance at the National level of an offer to hold an Annual. The other area of vital interest to the National is closer control - or guidance - over the solicitation of 'Donations'. You will notice an average of \$5000 plus when the National is held in the USA but Toronto only realised \$1331. Why is this so?

To help boost this vital source of funds for the future could you do some 'digging' and let me have a list of the Donations for Milwaukee, Salt Lake City and Chicago. I will also need the Toronto 1973 list too. Hopefully, I will be able to spot the reason for the lack of financial support. My goal for New York is \$10,000 in the donations column. Although the donors are listed in the program I believe we should study this activity as a separate source from the printing costs etc.

I look forward to seeing you May 25 - I will be returning from Wales on the 24th - hopefully BOAC willing!

Sincerely,

Bill
W.Greenway

*PS
Buffalo '68
was an out
file so
I included it
to*

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Dear Jack:

This letter is to reply to the points listed in your letter of April 15th:

1. I have written separately on the problem of funds. I need to make copies and this I will do tomorrow and send them off to you.
2. We should plan to finalise the draft of the letterhead at the May 25 meeting. How soon afterwards can we get delivery of the letterheads? Also costs? We will not need envelopes since we can use St. David's Soc.
3. Let's have William G Griffiths on the 1974 letterhead. This will give him the necessary elevation to do a good job for us all in Swansea 1974 - in advance of our 1975 Gymanfa.
4. We will discuss W.A.Y. on May 25 with Gwynn Parri in New York. Let him carry this ball for us all.
5. Dr. Francis Davis is also the Host of the Bargoed Choir when they visit Philadelphia on Sept. 9. I will follow up with him for the Morryston Choir in 1975.
6. Federal Exemptions do not apply and Sales Tax will cost us 7% - maybe 8% by 1975 unless you get this one. If you need help here please phone me since the St. David's Society is not tax exempt for Sales Tax under the existing law.
7. Good. We must have a drive on the Welsh Societies to drum up members. The charters are an excellent way but keep this quiet officially. I am enclosing a check for \$10 from Mrs. Margaret Williams. Please issue a card and it is OK for you to endorse for John Macree. I hope to get you some more too!

I am enclosing the latest details about our Charter Groups.

Sincerely,

W. Greenway
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