

MONDAY MARCH 29th 1971

MR JOHN E.ROSSER.
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DEAR JOHN .

SINCE BIG THINGS ARE PLANNED FOR PHILADELPHIA IN 1976
RE; THE TWO HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDANCE,ALSO THE WORLDS FAIR TO BE HELD AT THAT TIME,I WAS WONDERING
IF YOUR WELSH SOCIETY WOULD CONSIDER HOSTING THE NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU
AT THAT TIME?

I UNDERSTAND THAT SPECIAL EVENTS ARE BEING PLANNED IN WALES
TO CO-INCIDE WITH THE ONES HERE. THE REASON FOR THIS LETTER IS,THAT I
HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY SOME HOTELS, SAYING,THAT THEY ARE ALREADY
RECIEVING RESERVATIONS,ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOUR FEELINGS TO THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S AT THE CONVENTION IN SALT LAKE CITY THIS YEAR.

I PERSONNALLY FEEL IT COULD BE A TREMENDOUS YEAR FOR THE WELSH
SINCE THER WERE ABOUT THIRTY ONE SIGNERS OF WELSH EXTRACTION TO THE
DOCUMENT,ALSO WITH THE FAIR IT WOULD BE A GREAT INCENTIVE FOR PEOPLE TO
COME TO PHILADELPHIA AT THAT TIME. AWAITING WITH GREAT ANTICIPATION
YOUR REPLY.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS

JACK MEADOWS,SEC'Y N.G.G.A.

JULY 29th 1971

MR. JAMES DAVIS
NORWINDEN DR
SPRINGFIELD, PA. 19064.

DEAR MR DAVIS.

Thank you for your letter of July 23rd.

I'm sure as time goes on the enthusiasm will increase. As for the amount of finances needed to start, the National has come forward many times and made a loan to the sponsoring committee to get them started.

With it being the Bi-Centennial and the Worlds Fair to be held at that time I'm sure the attraction would be tremendous. If the need be the President of N.G.G.A. and myself would be happy to meet with your society, or, at the time of your hymn sing. If you should be in Salt-Lake City we could discuss it then.

Very sincerely

Jack Meadows, Sec'y
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Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary
National Gymanfa Ganu Association
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July 23rd, 1971

Dear Jack;

In a telephone conversation with our mutual friend, Bill Pritchard I understand that you are naturally interested in whether the Welsh Society-Philadelphia would like to cooperate in having the National Gymanfa Ganu held in Philadelphia during the coming Bi-Centennial period.

I brought the matter up at our recent membership meeting on June 25th and observed no great wave of enthusiasm. The financial requirements seemed to be the chief concern since I understand at least five thousand dollars would be needed to get the project off the ground. We are having another meeting in September and the subject may be discussed again. We hope to have some sort of local area general type of Welsh Hymn sing in the Fall which may attract a large number of Welsh folks and this may prove to be an appropriate spring-board. Only time will tell.

Sincerely;

Jim Davis
President, The Welsh Society-Philadelphia

(Gwyn eich byd a dymunaf I chwi lawenydd bob amser)

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ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR WELSH SOCIETY-PHILADELPHIA MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 25th, 1971 at the Union League---8 p.m.

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1. Reading of minutes of the last Regular Meeting and of any Special meetings held subsequent thereto. (Secretary)
2. Receiving Communications.
3. Report of Acting Committee.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. Presentation of nominations of candidates for membership.
7. Election of members.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business. (Nat. Gymanfa Ganu)
10. Adjournment.

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NOTE--- It is hoped that any member present will be sure to speak up for the good of the Society during the meeting. Your participation is essential.

1976 - Philadelphia

called 8/25/72
Phils will invite the
National in 1976.
Letter will be in
Chicago by Sept-2

August 19, 1972

Dr. Francis Davis,
██████████ Avon Brook Road,
Wallingford, Pa.

Dear Dr. Davis,

As I prepare for the business meetings to be held at the 41st Annual National Gymanfa Ganu in Chicago over the Labor Day week-end I have in mind the possible venue for the 1976 Gymanfa.

You probably know that the venues through 1975 have been established as follows:

- 1973 - Toronto, Canada - Sponsor - Ontario Gymanfa Ganu Association.
- 1974 - Swansea, Wales - Wales Tourist Board & City of Swansea.
- 1974 - U. S. - Still open (Will be filled in Chicago)
- 1975 - New York City - St. David's Society of the State of New York.

The original invitation from Wales asked for 1976 as they wanted to tie in with the American celebrations on the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We discouraged them on this because we felt that the 1976 Gymanfa should be held in the United States, and if at all possible in Philadelphia, and as a part of the celebrations that will be held all over the country that year. They changed to 1974.

Our Welsh Religious and Cultural Heritage as symbolized by the Gymanfa is very much alive and is the largest single "Welsh" event of the year.

The General Secretary of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association is hospitalized at this time and will not be able to attend the Chicago Gymanfa. Without knowing any of the details I do understand that there is interest in Philadelphia to hold the 1976 Gymanfa in that city.

My purpose in writing you at this time is to assure you that the National Organization would be very happy to be invited to Philadelphia for 1976 and will do everything possible to be of service to the Sponsoring Committee.

It is our experience that hotel accommodations, especially in hotels with rooms large enough to accommodate all the Gymanfa Sessions (approx. seating capacity (2000 - 2200 persons) are in short supply and must be committed for 3 or 4 years in advance. I understand that the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia has such accommodations available.

It is also the desire of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association to schedule venues four or five years ahead primarily because such a lead time is necessary to permit Sponsoring Committees to arrange suitable Hotel commitments.

May I respectfully suggest that if you would like to invite the 1976 Gymanfa to Philadelphia, that the invitation be submitted to the Annual Meeting in Chicago on Saturday, September 2, 1972. This should be in writing and preferably submitted by a member of your organization at the meeting. It should of course include the name of the Sponsoring Organizations. An acceptance of the invitation by the National will then permit you to negotiate hotel accommodations, which in our opinion must be done almost at once.

Many people have very fond memories of the excellent Gymanfas held in Philadelphia in 1954 and 1964. As our nation celebrates in 1976, the historic significance of the City of Philadelphia would make it an ideal place to hold the largest single "Welsh" event of the year.

I ask your pardon for writing you on such short notice and hope that you will understand how important this matter is to the W. N. G. G. A.

It is my hope that the 1976 Gymanfa will be held in Philadelphia, and pledge you the full cooperation of the National Board at all times. May I hear from you soon?

Respectfully yours,

EL/1

Emlyn Lloyd, President

College of Science



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August 28, 1972

Mr. Emlyn Lloyd
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Detroit, Michigan 48219

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

As I recently told you by phone in response to your letter of August 19th, the Welsh Society of Philadelphia voted at the last meeting to invite The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association to hold the 45th Annual National Gymanfa Ganu in Philadelphia over the Labor Day weekend in 1976. I wish you would consider this letter an official invitation and present it to the National Board at the annual meeting in Chicago on Saturday, September 1, 1972. One or more representatives of the Welsh Society of Philadelphia will be on hand in Chicago to tender the invitation personally if this is desirable.

The Women's Welsh Club of Philadelphia will be co-sponsors of the event. They have already set up a committee for this purpose. The Welsh Society of Philadelphia will do likewise on notification by the National Board of their acceptance of our invitation, and we can begin to make definite plans for hosting the event.

Sincerely yours,

Francis K. Davis
Dean, College of Science
President, Welsh Society
of Philadelphia

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cc: John Watkins ✓
Daniel Williams
Elizabeth Griffith ✓

Mr R. Charles Davies

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10/17/72

September 8, 1972

Dr. Francis K. Davis, President,
Welsh Society of Philadelphia,
Drexel University,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Davis,

The purpose of this letter is to officially confirm the acceptance by the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc. of your kind invitation to hold the 45th Annual National Gymanfa Ganu in Philadelphia over the Labor Day week-end in 1976.

The Officers and Board of Trustees of the W. N. G. G. A. were unanimous and enthusiastic in accepting the invitation.

We congratulate Mr. John Watkins and Mrs. Elizabeth Griffiths for the very able presentation of the invitation to the Annual Meeting. Mr. R. Charles Davies was also present at the meeting.

Under the very able sponsorship of the Welsh Club of Philadelphia and the Womens Welsh Club of Philadelphia we feel that success is assured.

This confirmation of acceptance puts you in position to begin making definite plans to host the event. Experience at other locations would indicate that a commitment for a suitable Headquarters Hotel is of primary importance and should have immediate attention.

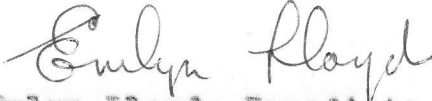
My term of office as President terminated with the Chicago Gymanfa. Mr. Owen C. Roberts of Lachine, Quebec is the new President. Mr. Jack Meadows of Youngstown, Ohio continues as Secretary.

I am sure you will be hearing from Mr. Meadows quite soon.

Any further communications regarding this matter should now be directed to Mr. Roberts or Mr. Meadows. Their home address appears on this letterhead.

The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association stand ready to serve and assist you at all times.

Sincerely Yours,



Emlyn Lloyd, Immediate Past President

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c. c. Owen C. Roberts
Jack Meadows ✓

OCTOBER 17th 1972

DR. FRANCIS K. DAVIS, PRESIDENT
WELSH SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA
DREXEL UNIVERSITY
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Dear Dr. Davis.

As a follow up of Mr Emlyn Lloyd's letter of Sept 8th, I too would like to thank you very much for your acceptance to sponsor the 1976 National Gymanfa Ganu.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Sheraton Hotel has all the facilities to hold such an event, that is provided that you have decided to make it your headquarters.

As in the past it is customary that an inspection be made of the hotel by one or more of the executive board of the W.N.G.G.A. and since 1976 will be a very busy year hotel wise it would be well if such an inspection be had at the earliest possible time, I would suggest before the end of this year.

Im sure Mr Taluski would welcome such a visit as he pretty much knows what we need, he was on the sales staff of the Pittsburgh Hilton when we convened there in 1965, so Mr Davis Im sure the President Mr Owen-C. Roberts and myself would be happy to oblige you and your committee almost any week end that would be most convenient for you.

Sincerely Yours

Jack Meadows, Sec'y
W.N.G.G.A.