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## DEUWCH, CANWN I'R ARGLWYDD

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Y DDRAIG GOCH

A DDYRY CYCHWYN

Saturday, September 8, 1973.

The 42nd Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu, sponsored by Ontario Gymanfa Ganu Association. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 1973, Toronto, Canada.

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TO: Jack Meadows, Secretary,  
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Dear Jack:

Just a few lines to thank you very much for all the help you gave me during the four hectic days and nights in Toronto. I hope that the financial aspect will offset some of the rough spots. Now that the Toronto Gymanfa Ganu is in the book of memory, I feel that we can now concentrate all our energies towards ensuring a good attendance for the Swansea Gymanfa Ganu. In my mind I don't think that we have too much to worry about re the actual programme, as I am very sure that will have a very Welsh type of programme.

Needless to say, I am very happy that The Cleveland Welsh Society will be the sponsors for the official 1974 Gymanfa Ganu, that has been a chronic worry in <sup>my</sup> mind for a long time. When you get the New York date arranged to suit yourself, myself and Gwynn Parri, plus the New York sponsors, I feel sure that we can more fully discuss Swansea as well as Cleveland, also by that time, we might have an idea about the true registration figures at Toronto. I have been busy since my return home, writing the many necessary letters, have written to the sick trustees Messrs. Jones and Haddock, also to the newly elected trustees, thanks to Bill Blanch and his committee, plus other personal letters also to Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Roberts. I am happy about the Ottawa group for 1977, your personal visit to Ottawa was very helpful. Regards and again many thanks for all your help,

Yours cordially,

  
Owen C. Roberts, President.

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Y DDRAIG GOCH

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July 27th - 1973.

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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TO: Jack Meadows, Secretary,  
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Southern Boulevard, Ohio, U.S.A. 44512.

Dear Jack:

I have had a very busy two days, prior to my departure to-morrow for Bermuda. Had long distance telephone calls and mail to answer, just spoke to H.B. Breese the Editor of Y Drych, in which I told him to run a final advertisement re the Toronto Gymanfa, as there was no advertising in the July issue. Also had a call from Dr. Clive James, the new President of the Ottawa Welsh Society, I made an appointment to visit with him in Ottawa on Sunday, August 19th, in which they wish to discuss a future sponsorship. As mentioned, I have written a fairly long letter to Lewis Edwards about the proposed programme, and I am enclosing you a copy. Enjoyed very much our long talk last night on the telephone. Regards to you from,

August 15 - 1973.

TO: Mr. B.H. Haddock, Trustee,  
[REDACTED] Illinois Street,  
San Diego, California, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Haddock:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 31st, and I thank you for your greetings and good wishes. I have been away in Bermuda, and just come home recently, and during my absence much mail had accumulated, hence my lateness in replying to your letter.

Over the years, each locale of the various sponsoring groups have their own distinctive features when being hosts to the National Gymanfa Ganu festival, and I think that is a very good feature. Also over the years the pre-social amenities prior to the actual Gymanfa Ganu have also increased, and these contribute to the good fellowship and general friendliness, that makes these Gymanfa Ganu gatherings so appealing. Some locales are fortunate enough to have the facilities to hold Garden Parties in beautiful grounds, others feature historic tours of their particular city, some feature outdoor Bar-B-que. This year the host city will be featuring as well as a Banquet, a Ball, which I think is something very special, as it will have a particular appeal to the young, I hope the young at heart, as well as the young marrieds, and in this day and age it is very necessary to capture and attract the interest of the younger generation. I think Mr. Haddock that you will find a strong

of Canadianis  
flavour combined with Welsh culture and traditions, in this year's  
Cymenfa Genu being held for the third time in Canada.  
Next year when we meet in Wales, I think that you as well as all  
the attending delegates will be very pleasantly surprised at the  
proposed programme, which I understand will feature a very distinct  
Welsh flavour of the modern day Welshness. I know that once again  
Toronto will be the hosts to another great Cymenfa Genu. Accept my  
best regards to yourself, I remain,

Yours cordially,

Owen C. Roberts, President.

C.C. to Vice-President Gwyn Parri,  
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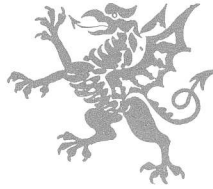
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TO: Jack Meadows, Secretary,  
The W.N. G. A. Inc.,  
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Youngstown, Ohio, U.S.A.

Dear Jack:

I am still receiving letters re Toronto, most of them Complimentary. I am enclsoing you a copy of a letter received from Rev. Williams, and also my reply to him, hope that you agree.

Received a long letter from our Vice-President, in which he stated that he was not clear as to as when the appointment of William G. Griffiths of New York as an honorary President took effect and also about the exact status of the honorary President. Apparently Mr. Griffiths asked him about this matter during conversations when they met in the hotel lobby. If might be a good idea to get this question clarified, so if it comes up when we visit New York, we would be prepared. I also received a long distance telephone call to-day from Ann Thomas of Salt Lake City, asking me about the condition of Mary Samuels. I have tried by telephone to her Florida home to see how she was, but no reply, however, I will keep on trying. I also heard that the 18 year old son of the Rev. E. Hughes of Toronto died, recetnly, so sent him a card and a letter of condolence. This is about all my news, hope you are well, and regards to you both from

Owen C. Roberts, President.

OR/ C. encl.

October 5th 1973

Mr. C. Roberts, President  
W.N.G.G.A.  
[REDACTED] Ave  
Lachine, Montreal, Que, Canada.

Dear Owen.

You are quite right when you said four hectic day's and nights, I don't think I would want to go through the same thing again, in fact I will never attend another Gymanfa as long as the big three has anything to do with.

If I should go to Niagara Falls any time it would not be to attend the Gymanfa, but to meet friends.

The re-action I got from a number of people who attended the annual meeting, was, why did we let them carry on the way they did, in fact I think it did some harm, it was quite obvious what Lew E, was trying to do. No doubt you recieved a letter from B. Haddock the same as I, his son whom I understand was at the meeting gave him a full report, I'm sorry that I did not get to meet him.

Nothing concrete on the Cleveland date as of this writing but I understand they have set a meeting with the hotel people, speaking of hotels I think May 25th 1974 would be a good date to visit the N.Y. hotel the weather should be good by then what do you think?

Regarding the Hon. President Emlyn Lloyd Moved seconded by Rev. K. Jones that Mr. Griffiths of Rye N.Y. be the Hon President but did not state what year, my thought on that would be 1975 since we would be in N.Y.C. that year, and by the same token some one from Philadelphia in 1976.

I was very surprised and shocked when I heard about Mary Samuels it must have been kept very quiet, Eluned Thomas wrote and told me, but I did hear about the Hughes boy by Rev. Gwyn Walters who is very close friend with Rev. Hughes I did send him a card also get well cards to B. Haddock and Dr. John R. Jones.

Owen, as secretary I have to say that its about time that the executive committee through the B.O.T. stand up and be counted as to who is going to control the National, as you know it was not a National that was held in Toronto it was purely ~~xxx~~ an Ontario Gymanfa. The absense of National officers on the platform was refered to by many people was an insult to the National body, I think the time has come for the National to take over the entire Sunday program and possibly the registrstion if we are to survive financally, we are gradually slipping away from the original idea of the Gymanfa Ganu when it was first concieved in 1929- so Mr-President I am passing this along to you as it is you as President that the leadership comes from, I can only tell you of what I see and hear.

Enclosed is copy of a letter sent by the V. President to the Youngstown Auto Club of which Mr Wm Hughes a good friend of the National and who is handling all the details for our trip to Wales, if he is going to act this way as V.P. what will he be like if and when he ever becomes President of which I think he will have a difficult time attaining, due the fact that many people do not like his attitude since becoming V.P.

It might be well if you if you slowed him down a little because threats like that is not very becoming from the V.P. and what does he mean we intend to action who does he mean by WE,

Our plane is about three fourths full and should be filled by Xmas, so he can go jump in the lake as far as I am concerned, I dont think any one from the Chicago or Milwaulee area would come to Cleveland so what's he crying about, so be it.

sincerely

Jack Meadows

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December 1<sup>st</sup> 1972

Anwyl Jack,

Sorry I was not home the other night when you phoned. However, Jean, as she recounted to me, gave you an accurate picture. Between you and I it has been a minor fiasco but the final solution is at hand.

I will take the books off your hands at any time it is convenient for you to ship them to me, via Continental Railways, so that the charges are payable at this end!

Jean tells me that you paid the charges from Chicago to <sup>Youngstown</sup> ~~Pittsburgh~~. When you drop me a note saying the books have been shipped will you also include your bill or receipt, if you have one, in order that I can get a check mailed off to you.

Thanks to your addressed envelopes I have been filling orders at the rate of 120 a week for the past five weeks. As can only be expected, quite a few of the addressees have changed addresses and in a week or so I shall forward them to you so that you can keep your mailing list up to date.

So much for now Jack, take care of yourselves.  
All best wishes and many thanks,

Norman