

April 27, 1981

Miss Gwenfyl E. Jones,
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Dear Gwenfyl:

Thank you so much for your letter and check for \$4951.82 together with the financial report covering the National Gymanfa in Vancouver. I am especially delighted with the result, it was beyond anything I had expected. You really worked very very hard and it was a very good Gymanfa and a very pleasant session and weekend. Diolch yn fawr am pob beth.

Chris wanted me to say hello for her and thank you for being so nice. We are going home to Wales the end of June, we fly to Toronto and from there direct to Cardiff, which is only about twenty miles from Aberdare.

We had a very good St. David's Day dinner and program, with a Welsh harpist, beautiful pictures of Wales and of course a good singsong. We have a Gymanfa on the East side next month and another in our Welsh Home for the aged in August.

I am sorry to say our good friend Jack Meadows is not doing so good but is out of the hospital.

Diolch eto a pob hwyl.

Cofion cyness

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THE VANCOUVER GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION
welcomes you to the 49th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
on August 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1980.

Utica

To: The President, Officers, Trustees and Members of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association.

It gives me great pleasure to be with you at the Utica Gymanfa Ganu and further pleasure to present this report to you.

I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the Chairman for the 1980 Vancouver Gymanfa Ganu. The preparations for the Gymanfa entailed a tremendous amount of work on the part of everyone who was involved. However, all the hard work was worth-while for its success was beyond our expectations - culturally, socially and financially. The profit was \$9,903.64, of which 50% goes to the National Association and 50% is retained by the Vancouver Welsh Society.

Response to all our activities was magnificent. The Gymanfa weekend commenced with a presentation of Welsh costumes "Ddoe a Heddiw" - "Yesterday and Today". The traditional costumes dating from the 17th century had been made by the Vancouver Welsh Society Women's Auxiliary. It was a wonderful and worth-while project; we were made aware of the traditional costumes, their history and fashion.

The Friday night Noson Lawen was a delight of humour, talent and laughter. The "Te Bach" with 3,000 Welsh cakes which had been contributed by our friends along the West Coast, was an enjoyable occasion and well attended.

At Saturday's official luncheon, Lord Gordon Parry introduced the Guest of Honour, Lord Elwyn-Jones of Llanelli and Newham. Fluent both in English and Welsh, Lord Elwyn-Jones thanked the W.N.G.G.A. for keeping alive the Welsh cultural traditions and for their contribution of Welsh influence to the progress of North America.

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We all appreciated the contribution of talent given at the Awr Y Plant on Saturday afternoon.

The Saturday night concert by the Cor Meibion Llanelli, under the direction of Eifion Thomas and organist, Clive Phillips, was a triumphant performance. Nansi Richards and David Tuck added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The W.A.Y. breakfast was most successful. I had wondered whether there was going to be a W.A.Y. breakfast, for there was a breakdown of communication on the part of the W.A.Y. officers. It is thanks to Mair Monkhouse and Gwyn Parri, who contacted me at the end of June that the result was such a successful gathering at the 8:00 a.m. breakfast.

The Church Service was well attended. The congregation was inspired and spiritually rewarded with the scripture readings by the Rev. Berwyn Roberts and the sermon given by the Rev. Alun Richards.

Both sessions of the Gymanfa attracted the attendance of young and old. With the inspiring leadership of Eifion Thomas and with Clive Phillips at the organ, and the supportive role given by the Cor Meibion Llanelli, both sessions produced a high quality of hymn singing. Nansi Richards was our soloist for both sessions but unfortunately she was indisposed for the evening session. Eifion Thomas ably stepped into the breach and became the evening soloist. All who attended the Gymanfa agreed it was truly a great Gymanfa.

The Vancouver Committee decided not to invite a choir over from Wales especially for the Gymanfa, but ascertained if there was going to be a choir on tour in Western Canada during the period the Gymanfa Ganu and if so, we would invite them. We received a telephone call from Roland Thomas of the Calgary Welsh Society informing us that the Llanelli Male Voice Choir was coming to Calgary during the latter part of August. It was therefore decided to invite the Llanelli Male Voice Choir to give a concert on the Saturday night. Our invitation was accepted and arrangements made regarding billeting the choir members in Vancouver homes to cut down costs.

As President of the Vancouver Welsh Society I was contacted by telephone regarding the attendance of Lord Gordon Parry and Lord Elwyn-Jones of Llanelli and Newham. The committee discussed the prospect and were delighted to accept these special guests. All their expenses were borne by the British Tourist Board. Both 'Lords' contributed much to the success of the weekend.

Applications for grants were made from the Canadian Federal Government, the Provincial Government of British Columbia and the Municipal Government of Vancouver, and they all proved successful.

The Provincial Government and Municipal grants were made in the form of printing of menus for the luncheon, subsidizing the luncheon and the payment of our first mailing.

SECOND

The Federal Government grant of \$7,000 was a conditional grant, which could not be used if there was a profit. Thus the grant was returned to Ottawa.

I wish to thank Eluned Thomas and Jack Meadows for their help and advice, the Vancouver Committee for their hard work, and many others who gave of their time or talents to make the Vancouver Gymanfa a great experience. It was truly a weekend of "Deuwch Canwn i'r Arglwydd".

Attendances at the various events were:

Registration	1,570
Concert	1,640
Luncheon	400
W.A.Y. Breakfast	300

The number of rooms taken at the Hotel Vancouver was 274 and 294 in other hotels/motels.

I personally received 72 letters of congratulation on the Vancouver Gymanfa organization, events and the actual Gymanfa.

Respectfully submitted

Gwenfyl E. Jones

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Vancouver
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INCOME

Registration	5,877.77
Noson Lawen	2,667.05
Luncheon	5,163.24
Concert	13,054.01
Contributions & Donations	6,037.50
Memorials	3,016.04
Bank Interest	1,260.12
Advertising	2,690.00
Sale of Western Mail	92.55
Miscellaneous Income	8.85
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	39,867.13

EXPENDITURE

Printing & Stationery	5,725.52	
Advertising & Public Relations	2,786.37	
Postage	229.94	
Telephone	162.63	
Hospitality	1,544.93	
Travel Expenses (Choir & Soloist)	11,067.22	
Honorariums (Artistes)	1,010.00	
Freight (Organ)	200.00	
Luncheon (Hotel Vancouver)	4,272.22	
Travel Expenses	1,413.10	
Typing Expenses	200.00	
Hotel Accommodation	825.58	
Photographs	94.00	
P.A. System Rental	20.00	
Purchase of Western Mail	411.98	29,963.49
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Surplus for Distribution		9,903.64
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Note 1 The proceeds from the W.A.Y. Breakfast amounted to \$1,539.66 and the amount charged by the Hotel Vancouver was \$1,260.00. A cheque for \$279.66 has been forwarded to the W.A.Y. organization.

Note 11 The offering at the Sunday morning service was \$747.26 and this amount was transferred to the account of the Vancouver Welsh Society.

SUBMITTED BY

H. Jones
Treasurer