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Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu,  
Association,  
51-47th Street,  
Lachine,  
Quebec,  
Canada,

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Dear Mr. Roberts,

Your letter of 20 May which arrived yesterday at The Wales Tourist Board has been most encouraging to me and I am very happy to hear that the visit of The Morryston Orpheus Choir to Canada was such a great success.

I am especially glad that you and Emyr had an opportunity to discuss Gymanfa matters and I should be looking forward to hearing his report of your conversation in full.

Please excuse me if, for the moment, I do not enter into any detailed proposals for the Gymanfa in general but I can assure you that your idea of a visit to St. Davids as a highlight of the second week at Swansea has been accepted here and we shall try to incorporate this into the schedule.

I had the opportunity on Monday of visiting the Dragon Hotel at Swansea and seeing some of the rooms allocated for the Gymanfa for myself. I am happy to tell you that one of the suites on the 2nd floor has been reserved for yourself and your niece. There will be a large sitting room/meeting room which will be useful to you for small meetings and on either side of this room there will be bedrooms for yourself and your niece. Also on the same floor The Billingsly Suite has been reserved throughout the Gymanfa weekend for the meetings which will take place in the period.

Another suite on exactly the same lines as the one reserved for yourself is adjacent and I should like your comments as to the allocation of this other suite between the officers of the WNGGA.

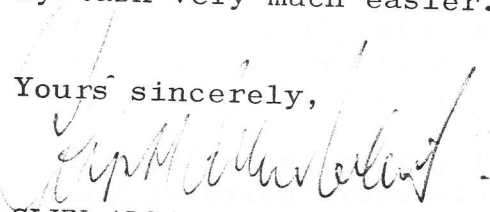
Another suite on a different floor has a small sitting room, bathroom and bedroom and has been reserved for the Gymanfa period throughout.

On the question of the Banquet prices, I have discussed this again this week with the local Executive Secretary, Mr. Cyril Rees, and have made it clear that we in The Wales Tourist Board regard the estimate as £5.00 as being very high, especially since this is computed at 1973 prices. I should very much endorse your idea of serving mead rather than wine and dispensing with expensive floral decorations. Since my job is specifically to emphasise the Welshness of Wales, I cannot agree with you more that the Banquet should have 'a very predominant Welsh atmosphere'. You may be assured that I will bring the points in your letter to the notice of the Executive Committee in Swansea at the next meeting on 11 June.

You may be interested to know that the Secretary of State for Wales, the Right Honourable Peter Thomas, has accepted the Presidency of the Gymanfa Ganu and that approaches have now been made to Buckingham Palace to invite the Prince of Wales to become its Patron.

May I thank you for your support and great interest in our work for the 1974 Festival. I can assure you that this continuing encouragement from the Officers in North America is making my task very much easier.

Yours sincerely,

  
GLYN ALBAN ROBERTS.  
Marketing Officer.

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(Come, Sing to the Lord)



Y DDRAIG GOCH

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Thursday, May 31st - 1973.

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

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TO: Mr. Glyn A. Roberts, Marketing Officer,  
The Wales Tourist Board, "Welcome House,"  
Llandaff, Cardiff, CF5 2ZX, Wales, G. B.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of May 24th, and no doubt by the time you receive this letter, Emyr will have brought you up to date re the successful North American tour of The Morryston Orpheus Choir, plus his conversations with me concerning the Swansea Gymanfa.

Thank you for arranging the accommodations at The Dragon Hotel, they sound very attractive. The other suite you mention, I think should be allotted to our Vice-President, Mr. Gwynn Parri and his wife, he is a most energetic person, and works very closely with me. The allocation of other rooms for the Officers, I think should be decided between our Secretary, Jack Meadows and yourself.

The acceptance of The Secretary of State for Wales as President of The Gymanfa Ganu is very gratifying, and if Charles Prince of Wales becomes the Patron, being a descendent of The House of Tudor, these prominent names of persons of Welsh heritage, should greatly benefit the Gymanfa.

Wales has recently made an impact in Canada, The Welsh Rugby Team have also made a great impression, I will be going to attend a reception at The Masonic Hall to-night, when they arrive in Montreal. For a change this will be a short letter, my regards to yourself and also to The Swansea Sponsoring Committee, I remain,

Yours cordially,

Owen C. Roberts, President.

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(of the United States and Canada)

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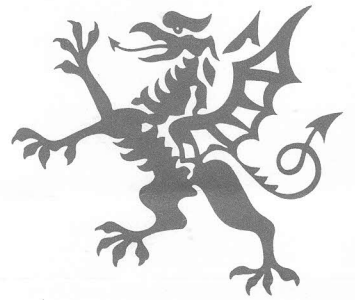
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**The 43rd North American Welsh  
National Gymanfa Ganu, Swansea,  
1974 - sponsored by the City of  
Swansea and The Wales Tourist  
Board.**

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Y DDRAIG GOCH  
A DDYRY CYCHWYN

30th. June 1973

Mr Jack Meadows  
Secretary  
The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Assocn. Inc.

Dear Mr Meadows.

Further to your letter of 21st. March last I am pleased to inform you that at our Executive Committee meeting on the 11th. June it was agreed, in principle, to accept responsibility for the payment of the Dragon Hotel account for accommodation, i.e. Bed & Breakfast only for the 5 Principal Officers, each accompanied by one person, for the 3 nights of activities, viz, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 2 3 & 4th 1974.

With regard to the last paragraph in your letter enquiring about the cost of rooms, I understand that Mr. Glyn Alban Roberts of the Wales Tourist Board has replied direct to you.

With kindest regards & best Wishes,

I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

Hon. Secretary  
Swansea '74 Gymanfa Committee.