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10th April, 1969.

The 38th National Gymanfa Ganu, sponsored by the City of Cardiff Gymanfa Committee, will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 27, 28, 29, 1969.

Annwyl Gyfaill,

Further to our letter of 7th March, we are sending the details of the accommodation reserved for you over the Gymanfa weekend. They are as set out on the attached form.

We have done our utmost to meet everyone's accommodation requirements and hope you will be pleased with the arrangements made for you, even if in some cases they are not exactly what you requested.

We confirm that Registration will be effected at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff, which is the Headquarters Hotel, from 10.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. on Friday, June 27th and Saturday June 28th at 10 shillings sterling per person. At Registration you will be handed a lapel badge giving you preferential access to the Gymanfa Sessions, Garden Party and Noson Lawen, together with a souvenir programme of events. At the same time you will be able to collect any additional tickets which you may have ordered and paid for, e.g. banquet ticket, investiture ticket, train to Caernarvon ticket etc., on production of the appropriate receipt.

In addition to the brief summary of events which we included with our recent letter we can now give you further details. Arrangements for the Noson Lawen are well in hand and the programme will include, the Treorchy Male Voice Choir, Y Diliau, Ryan and Ronnie, Bryn Williams and Y Triban. At the banquet you will be entertained by two harpists and a "cerdd dant" party. The Sunday morning service arrangements include a solo recital by Elvira White. The Gymanfa Sessions will be conducted by Terry James and the organist will be Alun John. The two soloists will be Trevor Anthony and Beverley Humphries.

We are all looking forward to welcoming you. Croeso cynnes i chwi i gyd.

Yn gywir iawn,

Enid W. Jones.

Mrs Enid Wynne Jones
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5th March, 1969.

Dear Mr. Meadows,

Your annual Gymanfa Ganu which for the first time is being welcomed to the "Hen Wlad" - "The Old Country" - is rapidly approaching and we feel it is time for us to write to you again about the arrangements.

We understand that you are likely to receive a special invitation to the Investiture Ceremony itself within the walls of Caernarvon Castle. In that case the only financial obligation on you in respect of the Investiture Tour would be the return train fare from Cardiff to Caernarvon, and that is covered by the deposit of \$20.00 which you have already paid us.

The annual Gymanfa Banquet is being held at the Cardiff City Hall under the patronage of the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of the City, on Friday, June 27 at a cost of \$5.50 (U.S.) per person. Accommodation at the Banquet is limited and we, therefore, recommend early application which will be dealt with in strict rotation. If you wish to reserve a seat for this function please remit this amount as soon as possible.

For your information Registration will be effected at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff, which is the Headquarters Hotel, from 10.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. on Friday, June 27, at 10s. sterling per person.

We have pleasure in enclosing herewith a brief summary of the arrangements for the Gymanfa weekend. A full comprehensive programme will be handed to you on registration together with the usual lapel badge which will give you preferential access to the Gymanfa Sessions, the Garden Party and the Noson Lawen.

Details of the accommodation reserved in accordance with the requests made to us will be sent to those concerned by the end of this month.

We are all looking forward very much to having you with us on this historic occasion. Croeso cynnes i chwi i gyd.

Yn gywir iawn,

Enid Wynne Jones.
Enid Wynne Jones.
Secretary.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

10.00a.m.-4.30p.m. Registration at the Angel Hotel.
7.00p.m./7.30p.m. Banquet at Cardiff City Hall.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

3.00p.m. Lord Mayor's Garden Party in the
grounds of Cardiff Castle.
7.00p.m. Noson Lawen at Sophia Gardens.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

10.30a.m. Bilingual Service at Tabernacle
Welsh Baptist Chapel.
2.30p.m. First Gymanfa Session at Sophia
Gardens.
6.30p.m. Second Gymanfa Session at Sophia
Gardens.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Sightseeing tours in and around Cardiff.

7.00p.m. Grand Concert at Sophia Gardens.
Admission: 7s.6d.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

Approx. 7.00a.m. Train leaves Cardiff General
Station for excursion to Caernarvon
for the Investiture of H.R.H. the
Prince of Wales.

re Programme.

You may not have the draft programme to refer to but you will be able to recall the pages sufficiently to understand the following comments which I made when returning my copy to Cardiff. Of course there were many pages upon which no comment was necessary.

Page 4. Comment - "Slight change necessary in placing of names. Suggest that below National Officers and above Board of Trustees, the names of Hon: Presidents appear instead of in the middle of several other names, as follows.-

Honorary Presidents 1968 - 1969

Dr. John Hughes, Montreal.

Dr. M. D. Thomas, Riverside, California. "

Page 7. Banquet entertainment item appeared on programme as follows.-

Parti Cerdd Dant. Mrs G. E. Jones.

I felt that this did not give sufficient status to such a well known group and I suggested that it should appear as follows.-

Parti Cerdd Dant, Caerdydd - Mrs. Gwyn Erfyl Jones.
(Folk song group)

I suggested also that the name of the Harpist or outstanding soloist should appear.

Toast List. You will have noticed - Canada and Wales - My comment on this was "Presumably this is not a combined Toast, therefore "Canada" and "Wales" should be separated as they will sing their own National Anthems"

Page 8. Tê Bach. Suggested an insertion to read as follows.-

"At the conclusion of the Noson Lawen tea will be served to registered guests in the Banquet Room, Angel Hotel. Members of the Ladies Committee will be the hostesses." (see Toronto programme page 9.)

The same will apply after the Sunday evening session and a similar insertion should be made.

Page 9. Eryn 39. - Onward march etc. (Moriah)

Comment - "I do not recall an English hymn ever being sung at the Sunday a.m. service even though bi-lingual and in any case the Welsh words are much more familiar.-
Marchog Iesu yn llwyddianus."

Pages 10 and 11. "I think the beginning of these pages should read as follows.-

2.30 p.m. Afternoon Gymanfa Session at Sophia Gardens Pavilion.

President of Session..... Gwyndaf - Archdruid of Wales,
 Rev: E. Gwyndaf Evans.
 Chairman..... Mr. Lewis Edwards, National President.
 Conductor..... Terry James.
 Organist..... Alun John.
 Order of Service.
 Call to Order. Mr. Lewis Edwards.
 Invocation. Gwyndaf, The Archdruid of Wales.
 1. Gymanfa Anthem (Hymns and Melodies 1.)
 etc. etc. etc.

6.30 p.m. Evening Gymanfa Session at Sophia Gardens Pavilion.

President of Session.... Secretary of State for Wales,
 The Right Honourable George Thomas M.P.
 Chairman..... Mr. Jack Meadows, National Secretary.
 Conductor..... Terry James.
 Organist..... Alun John.
 Order of Service.
 Call to Order. Mr. Jack Meadows.
 Invocation. The Right Honourable George Thomas,
 1. Gymanfa Anthem (Hymns and Melodies 1.)
 etc. etc. etc.

I made another note on both of these pages as follows.-

"please change the word - Speech - to-Greetings-and only a few sentences are necessary because it is a strict rule of the N.G.G.A. that there are to be no speeches during the Gymanfa Sessions." I had told them this before but quite understandably they do not register everything. I explained the reason for the foregoing alterations namely, that according to the Official Directives the Nat President calls to Order in the afternoon session and the Nat. Sec: in the evening, whereas they had the Presidents of the Sessions performing this duty.

Lastly, they had listed the amounts given by each of the donors and I suggested these be deleted as also the mailing addresses of the donors. Only the name of the City, State or Province should appear.

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Wrexham, Denbs.
Wales U.K.
April 15th 1969.

Dear Jack,

Thank you very much for your telephone call the other morning! It was remarkably clear and I think that we understood each other.

I was very sorry indeed to hear that Mr. John G. Roberts is in hospital following a heart attack. Tomorrow I hope to write to Mr. John G. Roberts. Since returning from Aberystwyth we have had relatives and friends visiting daily. But the evening we returned I telephoned Mr. Wyn Howell to let him know definitely your decision to be Chairman on Sunday evening. He mentioned that he had sent a copy of the Programme for the quick perusal of N.E.C. as the Printers' dead-line was really last Thursday! I don't know whether he sent more than one copy. It is so awkward when you are so far apart and they in Cardiff expect it back almost by return!

They are working under great pressure in Cardiff.

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I am writing rather hurriedly today and catch this evening's mail.

All the best and always remember us warmly to our good friends over there.

Yours very sincerely
Fushanad.

P.S.

I attended the first Ladies Committee — in Cardiff — a very fine and efficient group of women.

They cannot carry out the tea arrangements as was done so marvellously at Pittsburgh and Los Angeles as these smaller Hotels have not the spare space. But they are planning to serve tea ^{in Ballroom Angel Hotel} to Registered members after the Nelson Service and after the Sunday Evening Service. — in ~~Ballroom~~ There will be a Piano in the Ballroom. This is the best that they can do and we are grateful for this.

But women will be on duty in turns at the Train Hotels and Hostels to welcome Overseas Guests and to give helpful advice if needed ^{from time to time} Publicity. During the last few months we have read paragraphs in Western Mail, South Wales Echo and Liverpool Daily Post with items of news re these activities.