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Date 3 January 1972

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Ohio 44512,
USA

Dear Mr. Meadows,

Thank you very much for your letter, your suggestions are greatly appreciated.

It is very probable that we shall send out an information/news release this year to the families on the present mailing list. I would be very grateful, therefore, if you could forward it. We will, of course, work from the new list when we receive it in January 1973 - or sooner if at all possible.

Thank you for your very kind remarks. We shall certainly do all we can to make the 1974 Gymanfa a huge success. We are well aware that the earlier we get started the better.

Gan ddiolch i chi.

Yn gywir,

STELLA MAIR THOMAS
Promotions Officer

JANUARY 19th 1972.

MRS STELLA M. THOMAS.
WALES TOURIST BOARD
WELCOME HOUSE
HIGH ST
CARDIFF.

DEAR STELLA.

DURING THE PROCESS OF MAKING UP THE MAILING LIST WHICH YOU REQUESTED, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO INFORM THE WRITER OF THE TOWN SELECTED IN WHICH THE 1974 GYMANFA IS TO BE HELD.

I AM RECEIVING MANY REQUESTS FOR SUCH INFORMATION, REGARDING AIR FARES, HOTELS, TOURSETC, ALSO DATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL AT LLONGOLLEN- AND THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE EISTEDDFOD. MANY ARE EXPECTING TO ATTEND ALL THREE EVENTS.

PLEASE ADVISE AT Y OUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

DIOLCH YN FAWR A PHOB DYMUNIAD DA.

YN GYWIR.

JACK MEADOWS, SEC'Y
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Date 26 January 1972

Mr. Jack Meadows,
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Youngstown,
Ohio 44512,
USA

Dear Mr. Meadows,

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the 1974 Gymanfa. The Mayor of Swansea has now officially agreed that the venue for the Gymanfa should be Swansea.

The first committee meeting will be held early in February and at this meeting the dates of the Gymanfa will be finalised. The National Eisteddfod will probably be at Brecon in 1974 but this is provisional at the moment. It is envisaged that the Gymanfa will take place the weekend before the National Eisteddfod. I shall, of course, keep you fully informed of the decisions taken by the committee.

Pob dymuniad da.

Yn gywir,

STELLA MAIR THOMAS (Mrs.)
Promotions Officer

January 29, 1972

Mr. Lyn Howell,
Wales Tourist Board,
Llandaff, Cardiff,
Wales.

Dear Mr. Howell,

Your letter of October 26, 1971 indicates that the Wales Tourist Board would hold a Board meeting in late November, 1971.

A proposal that the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu be held in Wales in 1974 was to be a subject of discussion and consideration at the meeting.

We recognize that your verbal invitation presented at Salt Lake City was for 1976, and that the 1974 date is a counter proposal from The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, subject to acceptance and confirmation by the Wales Tourist Board.

Interest in a National Gymanfa to be held in Wales is very high over here, and requests for definite information are pouring in.

As we begin the publicity campaign for the 1972 National in Chicago, we would like to keep reminding our people that Wales is the goal for 1974. Before doing so, I think we should have from the Wales Tourist Board confirmation that 1974 is the year that the Gymanfa comes to Wales, and if possible the proposed location. The actual date and detail arrangements could come later.

If you are in agreement I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Kindest personal regards,

Emlyn Lloyd

Emlyn Lloyd, President

c. c. Jack Meadows ✓

C O P Y.

Gymanfa Ganu Meeting

GUILDHALL, SWANSEA - 4.00 p.m. 15 Feb:1972

Agenda

1. Introduction to the Meeting.
His Worship the Mayor of Swansea.
2. The Background to the Gymanfa
Mr. Lyn Howell, Board Member, Wales Tourist Board.
3. Mrs. Angharad Lloyd Roberts will speak on behalf of the
National Gymanfa Ganu Association of the United States
and Canada.
4. Mr. D. J. Evans, Chairman, South Wales Tourist Council,
will indicate some of the implications for Swansea and
South Wales.
5. Questions and Discussions.
6. Election of Working Committee.

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21st. Feb: 1972.

Mr. Jack Meadows,
Secretary,
W.N.G.G.A.
Youngstown. Ohio.

Dear Jack,

Undoubtedly you will have heard from the Wales Tourist Board that a meeting was held at Guildhall, Swansea, last Tuesday 15th Feb. at 4 p.m. presided by The Mayor of Swansea, Alderman A.K.T.Hare. Also present were several members of the Swansea Council, Representatives of Wales Tourist Board; Registrar, Swansea University also the Senior Lecturer^{of Music} and the Information Officer of the University; Director of Music, Swansea; B.B.C. Representative for West Wales; and several Ministers of Swansea Churches. We represented the N.G.G.A.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether those present were willing to commit the City to hold in Swansea the National G.G. of 1974. Several people spoke favourably and it was unanimously agreed to invite the N.G.G.A. in 1974.

Then came the question of dates for the Gymanfa and it is urgent to decide this as soon as possible because Swansea is in great demand as a Conference City. Hotels and University Hostels have to be booked long in advance. A decision should be made very soon as it would be too long to wait until the Trustees meet in Chicago. An official announcement could then be made at the Chicago National to enable those anxious to attend to plan their leave or holiday in advance.

There was a strong feeling in the Committee that the following dates would be suitable as these will tie in with the Royal National Eisteddfod to be held in South Wales that year.

43rd. National Gymanfa Ganu 1974. July 26th. 27th. 28th.
i.e. Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
Royal National Eisteddfod 1974. August 5th. to 10th.
i.e. Monday to Saturday.

The official Welcome Ceremony to the Overseas Welsh at the National Eisteddfod always takes place on the Friday afternoon followed by a "welcome home" tea.

I should mention the fact that there is only one place in Swansea where the Gymanfa could be held and that is the Brangwyn Hall; not that there is anything wrong with it, it is a beautiful place with a fine organ, but it only holds 1600 people. Do you think that is large enough?

I do not think there is anything else I can tell you at present; the next step is to arrange a working committee and I think a meeting will be arranged early in April for this purpose. This of course is a matter for the Swansea people.

Pob hwyl.

Cofion cynnes,

Angharad.

Copy to Mr. Emlyn Lloyd.
" Mr. Owen C. Roberts.
" Mr. D. M. Edwards.

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Dear Bro Meadows,

You will be pleased to hear that an official invitation will be forwarded to your association to hold the Gynanfa Gana in Swansea in 1974. The Mayor of Swansea & myself met Mr D J Evans (Chairman) of the Tourist Board & Mr L yn Howells at the Dragon Hotel to a private dinner a few weeks ago.

The matter under discussion was the probability of holding the Gynanfa in Swansea. Following a discussion as to the pros & cons the Mayor agreed to invite prominent & likely interested people to a meeting at our Guildhall.

That meeting took place (as per report enclosed) & it was unanimously decided that a warm invitation be extended. The probable date will be July 1974 - the week prior to holding the National Eisteddfod - Brecon seems to be the likely place. The Tourist Board will get in touch with you & has promised generous financial support & publicity your side in U.S.A.

A steering committee together with local officials will be elected at the next meeting.

The enthusiasm displayed at the meeting indicates that its success is assured.

It will be an occasion at which we will be glad to greet you all good friends. I'm writing to our mutual friend J P Danks & Mrs Danks & I'm sure the news will please them.

P.T.O.

Am sincerely you & the family are keeping well & your association is thriving. You will have noticed that Mr & Mrs Angharad Roberts was present at the Meeting.

Also that the Swansea City Council is officially acknowledging the responsibility of holding the event in Swansea.

Pob hendiath ym ^{awr} gan hyderu y bydd yr amfychiad pan y daw yn dilyn llawen ydd. Mwyddianta hendiath i chwsi dydd ar waspar dros y cwt a'ch serch môt ddwyn ac y bydd ein cyfylltiadau yn dymnack rai erioed. Mae'n strygu ym effeithio yn drwm y dyddiau hyn o golau yn cael ei dorri allan o awr. ar nos dydd - serch hyn da yw fod cyfundeledi meddi ei fael.

Pob lwyfa Mwyddiant i chwsi yn personol a phawb arall o deulu y dydd.

Pob dymuniadau da

Bless you for now and the same applies when you cross the ocean to visit us.

At the moment, we are experiencing a strike in this country. We are hoping for the best.

My personal "Good Luck" to you and all inquiring friends and of course, your Family.

Kind thoughts,

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FEBRUARY 29th 1972.

**MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOC, INC.**

DEAR MEMBER.

SINCE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT
THAT YOUR SECRETARY KNOW YOUR FEELINGS REGARDING THE LETTER WRITTEN
TO US BY MRS TREVOR L. ROBERTS, MORE ESPECIALLY THE THIRD AND FOURTH
PARAGRAPHS WHICH RELATES TO THE DATES OF THE 1974 NATIONAL GYMANFA,
ALSO THE BOOKING OF RESERVATIONS AT THE PLACES MENTIONED.

IN OUR BY-LAWS IT STATES THAT, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SHALL CARE FOR THE BUISNESS OF THE ASSOCIATION THAT ARISES BETWEEN
MEETINGS, AND GENTLEMEN, AS MRS ROBERTS HAS STATED THIS IS SOMETHING
THAT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL WE MEET IN CHICAGO.

ANTICIPATING YOUR EARLY REPLY.

YOURS SINCERELY

**JACK MEADOWS, SECRETARY
W.N.G.G.A.**

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Mr. Emlyn Lloyd,
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Michigan 48219,
USA

Dear Mr. Lloyd,

You will remember that you wrote to Mr. Lyn Howell on January 29 requesting that the Wales Tourist Board now confirms the invitation, conveyed verbally by Mr. Howell at the Salt Lake City Gymanfa last year, to the National Gymanfa Ganu to visit Wales in 1974. It is extremely encouraging to note in your letter that interest in the 1974 event is high and that this interest is already being converted into actual enquiries for information.

Enthusiasm in Wales for the 1974 Gymanfa is also building up. An informal meeting of the principal sponsors involved was held in Swansea on January 24. Represented there were the Board, the Regional Tourism Council for South Wales, Swansea Corporation, and Swansea hoteliers. At this meeting a comprehensive list of more than 25 potential members of a local sponsoring committee was drawn up, and these persons invited to attend a further meeting in Swansea on February 15. On this occasion complete unanimity and - need I say it - great enthusiasm was shown for inviting the 1974 Gymanfa to the City, from all sectors of public life in Swansea. Therefore, the local Sponsoring Committee is already in operation with Mrs. Stella Mair Thomas (known to most Gymanfa followers in the USA and Canada) and our South Wales Tourism Manager, Mr. Bryan Ladd acting as conveners and secretaries until the appointment of a permanent secretary to the Committee. Stella has already received the NNGA mailing list and is sorting through this at present ready for the first mail shot to prospective 1974 visitors.

Subsequently, the same degree of goodwill and commitments co-operation to the event have been expressed at meetings of the

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Wales Tourist Board and the South Wales Tourism Council, so that our invitation to hold the Gymanfa in Swansea is, in effect, a tripartite one, involving the Swansea Sponsoring Committee, the Board and its Regional Councils.

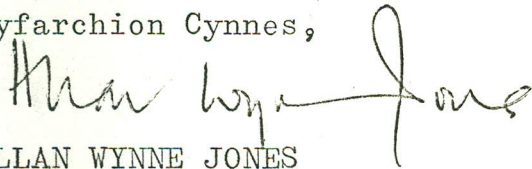
Undeb y Cymry ar Wasgar have also given indications of support and co-operation.

As you state in your letter, the question of the date can be resolved later, but you will be interested to know that the present thinking is that it should be near that of the National Eisteddfod (first full week in August) which is to be held in South Wales in 1974, though the actual venue will not be known until this summer. The idea is that we can then offer visitors to the Gymanfa a "package deal" including the Gymanfa and associated celebrations in Swansea, the Eisteddfod, sightseeing tours and optional opportunities of visiting friends and relatives.

We will be writing to you again soon regarding detailed arrangements for the visit and in particular publicising the Gymanfa. At present we are discussing this aspect of the operation with BTA and expect that their North American offices can be of considerable assistance to us here.

In the meantime, if there are any pressing matters which you need an early decision on, please let me know.

Cyfarchion Cynnes,



ALLAN WYNNE JONES
Marketing Director

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Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary,
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Dear Jack,

This will reply to your letter of February 29, 1972
regarding Mrs. Trefor Lloyd Robert's letter dated February 21,
1972.

The dates suggested for the 1974 Gymanfa in Swansea
are July 26, 27, and 28, 1974. This will tie in with the Royal
National Eisteddfod to be held the week of August 5, 1974.

With respect to Brangwyn Hall, seating 1,600 people,
it is my understanding that it is the only suitable place
available in Swansea. I also understand that it compares
favorably with Sophia Gardens in Cardiff as far as seating
capacity is concerned.

Brangwyn Hall will probably be filled to capacity
and overflowing. This will be good. A crowd of 1,600 singers
will generate a good Gymanfa.

It is my thought that the W. N. G. G. A. will
co-operate fully with the committee in Wales, and will probably
accept reasonable suggestions proposed by them.

I vote to accept the dates suggested, and Brangwyn
Hall as a suitable place to hold the 1974 Gymanfa Ganu in Wales.

Sincerely,

Emlyn Lloyd, President

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Dear Jack:

Confirming our telephone conversation,
I approve of the W.N.G.G.A. accepting the
invitation to hold a Gymanfa Ganu in Swansea
in the year 1974. Swansea is an ideal place
for one and they have the facilities with the
hotels and the University hostels. Brangwyn
Hall is a fine place and large enough to hold
it in.

In order not to break the continuity
some arrangements will have to be made to
hold a Gymanfa somewhere in the U.S.A. at the
regular time. This can be discussed at our
meeting in Niagara Falls. The dates of the end
of July and attending the National will not
allow much time in between the two. We should
give this some thought.

Regards.

W.N.G.G.A.

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D.M. Edwards
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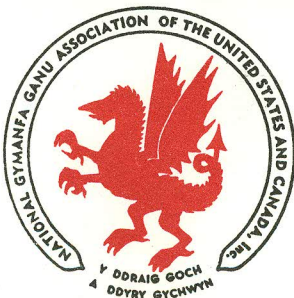
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March 17th, 1972.

TO: Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary,
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Dear Jack:

Received your urgent memo to-day, sorry about my slowness in replying, as I had put the letter from Mrs. Trevor Lloyd Roberts aside, and it must have slipped my memory. I am in complete agreement with all the suggestions that she mentioned in her letter, and also for the

securing of The Brangwyn Hall, which although mentioned as holding only 1,600 people, I think that it would be better to have it overfilled than a hall too large, being underfilled.

In your next memo to me, would you write your telephone number, and area code, and if a prompt reply is requested to any future request, I would be most happy to telephone my agreement. I have made and received my reservations to Niagara Falls next May, and will be looking forward to seeing you there. Tonight, I will be attending the Saint Patrick's Ball, at the Sheraton Mount Royal Hotel, it is ten years since I was at an Irish do, so will be looking forward to it. Our Saint David's Ball went very good, had 200 attendants, hope yours was a success.

Regards to you and Catherine, from

APRIL 3rd 1972

Mrs Trevor L. Roberts.
Wrexham, Denbs.
Wales, U.K.

Dear Mrs Roberts.

Thank you very much for your very welcome letter, the tidings it brought made me very happy, happy in knowing that I will be returning to the 'Hen Wlad' once again.

The executive Board Of the W.N.G.G.A. concur in every respect and will be guided by your committee's actions. We are sure the dates that you have chosen, also the menu are well taken.

The hotels along with the University College of Wales Swansea will be ample and make splendid accommodations for those who attend, many of which no doubt will be staying with relatives while there.

Brangwyn Hall seems to be the ideal place with good acoustics and a fine organ and being filled to capacity what more could one ask.

Mr Emlyn Lloyd received notice of the meeting from Mr Allan W. Jones, saying that Stella Thomas had received our mailing list and was in the process of preparing a mailing for overseas people, which no doubt will bring great response, in fact I think will surpass 1969.

On behalf of the N.E.C. and the B.O.T. let me say a big thanks to both you and Mr Roberts. hoping you are keeping well.

So, until we meet again.

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Jack Meadows, Secretary.
W.N.G.G.A.

US Gymanfa for Swansea in 1974

THE North American Gymanfa Ganu Association of the United States and Canada are to be invited to stage their annual Gymanfa in Swansea in 1974.

This was decided at a special meeting convened by the Mayor of Swansea, Councillor Ken Hare.

Those at the meeting, representing the professions, the arts and musical interests in the Swansea district, were told that the American Gymanfa had only ever once visited Wales before and that was in 1969 in Cardiff as part of the Croeso '69 investiture celebrations.

OBVIOUS VENUE

This had been such an outstanding success that the members of the Gymanfa Association wanted to return to Wales, and it was felt that Swansea, with its long musical tradition, was an obvious venue.

Up to 1,000 Americans and Canadians are expected to attend the five-day session, which includes two Gymanfas, a Noson Lawen, a banquet and a morning service.

In order to plan for the event, a steering committee was formed which includes Mr. Lyn Howell, a Wales Tourist Board member and himself an honorary member of the Gymanfa; Mrs. Angharad Roberts, formerly of Vancouver and the Gymanfa's Welsh representative, and Mr. D. J. Evans, chairman of the South Wales Tourism Council.