

# The Welsh Society of Victoria

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Mr. Nelson L. Llewellyn,  
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Dear Mr. Llewellyn,

I am writing to you at the request of the Board of Directors of the Victoria Welsh Society regarding their concerns over the local venue committee of the 59<sup>th</sup> Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu held in Victoria last year.

In spite of repeated requests to Yvonne Evans dating back to September 1990, the Board has been thwarted in its efforts to obtain even an interim financial statement. Mrs. Evans refuses to provide any information to the Society, giving as her reason the fact that she is answerable only to the W.N.G.G.A.

In addition she has refused to consider refunding the \$10,000 loaned to the committee as seed money to finance the Gymanfa, despite the fact that the minutes of the Society indicate clearly that it was indeed seed money and not a gift. She has, however, indicated verbally to several people that there may not be any money available with which to make the repayment.

The Board would appreciate receiving clarification on its status regarding to whom the local venue committee is answerable, and also regarding repayment of the above monies. It would be appreciated if we could get a response to the above concerns by April 27<sup>th</sup> 1991, when we hope to discuss this matter at a general meeting of the Society.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Lloyd,  
Secretary.

Ann Evans

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August 19, 1991

Dear Mr. Llewellyn;

Enclosed you will find our drafts of cash receipts and cash expenditure journals as well as a cheque for \$2,028 payable to the WNGGA against the printing invoice. The final auditor signed financials will be forwarded to you shortly.

All in all I have found the 1990 Victoria Gymanfa to be a very successful one and am sure that if it had been held in the U.S. it would have been a very profitable one. What you must understand is; in Victoria we must pay top dollar for conventions and do not get complimentary rooms and facilities as you do in the United States.

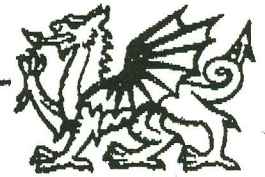
Unfortunately we are unable to pay your printing cost of \$3,244 in full as we only have a balance of \$ 2,028 left. It was suggested by Yvonne that she put in the difference out of her own personal funds to cover this debt but as financial officer to the 1990 gymanfa I did not find this to be fair or necessary. She was after all the chairman of the gymanfa and is not responsible for its debts. She has worked very hard over the past few years and is equally entitled to some support from the WNGGA. Excluding yourself Nelson support was something hard to come by.

Also to be noted is that Yvonne herself has approximately \$700 due to her in expenses incurred by her for the gymanfa. This outstanding balance to date has not been paid to Yvonne and it does not look as if she will ever receive it. I'm sure the WNGGA is not about to pay it themselves either.

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Dear Nelson,

Enclosed is more bad news, I'm afraid. I have contacted Ann Roberts, and the story, as I understand it, follows in point form:

Yvonne pre-booked rooms at several hotels in the city for the Gymanfa, and arranged for the registrants to pay discounted prices. At this point a contract (or perhaps a letter of agreement?) was signed.

Some time later Yvonne again visited Ann Roberts with the request that registrants pay full price for the rooms and that the difference between this price and the discounted price be forwarded to her (Yvonne). The Executive Hotel agreed and the contract was amended.

During the period leading up to the Gymanfa the Executive Hotel realised that they were not getting the numbers registering that they had been led to believe they could expect. At this point they became aware that other hotels (including the Chateau Victoria across the street) were charging the discounted rate. The hotel thought that they appeared to be unduly overpriced compared to the other hotels.

Ms Roberts immediately reduced their rates to the discounted figure and requested that Yvonne include the new rates and an explanation in the next newsletter. It is not known whether she complied with this request.

The figure the hotel is claiming is \$1,200.00 Canadian. Apparently Yvonne refuses to pay on the grounds that she is owed money in what one might describe as a "kick-back" deal.

I will be writing to Yvonne to ask her to kindly pay a bill that has been charged to the Society, although I am not too optimistic it will be paid.

The Executive Hotel will not take any further action until they hear from us; however, they will be expecting some response in the near future.

With apologies for always being the bearer of bad news,

Sincerely,

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## EXECUTIVE HOUSE HOTEL

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September 11, 1991

Mr. Stephen Lloyd

Secretary

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Dear Mr. Lloyd:

In 1990, the Welsh Society booked rooms at the Executive House Hotel for the conference held in September of that year.

To date, we have not been paid for some of the rooms that were billed, and as over a year has passed, we would like to meet with you to resolve this issue as we have been unable to come to a satisfactory arrangement with Yvonne Evans.

I would appreciate your cooperation in this matter and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely

Ann Roberts  
Director of Sales and Marketing  
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