



**HEART OF AMERICA
PLANNING COMMITTEE
61st WELSH NATIONAL
GYMANFA GANU**

Kansas City, Missouri

September 2-6, 1992
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MEMO FOR 1992 WNGG VENUE COMMITTEE

From Jack Nesbitt

Saturday, November 23, 1:00 p.m., is the date selected for the next meeting of our four-state committee. Nelson Llewellyn, National Secretary of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, will be on hand to see how things are progressing.

The site will be Meeting Room B, Kansas City Public Library's South Branch, 201 East 75th, between Oak and Main. Please notify Secretary Grace Lewelling as to whether you will attend or not (913/262-2398 or 6321 Mackey Road, Shawnee Mission KS 66202).

Agenda items are enclosed. Let me know if you wish to have anything added.

Highlights of our October 19 meeting are also enclosed.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 23 -- Venue Committee meeting with Nelson Llewellyn,
Executive Secretary, WNGGA, 1:00 p.m.

November 26 -- Working session at Mag Center, 7 p.m.

December 15 -- Our marketing and registration materials are due to
Nelson Llewellyn for printing (January 1992 WNGGA
mailing).

December 16 -- Working session at the Mag Center, 7 p.m.

January 25 -- Venue Committee meeting with Dr. Ellis Jones, Vice
President, WNGGA.

September 3-6 -- Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu!!!

1992 WNGG Venue Committee Meeting Highlights

October 19, 1991

1. Hywel Thomas, who recently moved to Fort Worth TX, accepted our invitation to lead the Sunday afternoon and evening Gymanfa Ganu sessions. His accompanist is yet to be chosen.
2. The Ardwyn Singers from Cardiff, a mixed Welsh choral group, have accepted our invitation to perform a concert on Saturday evening and join in the Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday. We did not yet decide on their Sunday morning involvement.
3. Geraint Wilkes, Milwaukee WI, accepted our invitation to lead the Thursday evening Noson Lawen which follows the official opening ceremonies for the 1992 Welsh National. An accompanist for the session is yet to be chosen. Geraint will be asked to sing and the Kansas City Welsh Folk Dance group has been asked to perform at the Noson Lawen. Paula Evans envisions no more than six additional performers/groups - and perhaps less than six.
4. Gail Baker, Omaha NE, accepted our invitation to organize some childrens' activities with Welsh themes. Gail was a teacher of the Welsh language in Gwent (she actually taught in Abersychan where Jack Nesbitt's maternal grandparents lived before coming to the US). We should consider organizing a committee around her -- perhaps this is something the Nebraska folks would want to handle as part of their involvement in the overall program of events. We can explore what "Camp Hyatt" offers for children as well as the Hallmark "Kaleidoscope."
5. Ann McFerrin is working with some folk groups in Wales in the hope that we can invite one to participate. We could schedule a Welsh Folk Music evening with Welsh folk dancing and singing. This could be done on Friday evening after the banquet. If this falls into place, we would make an effort to inform and invite Welsh folk dancing groups around the continent to participate.
6. Ann will ask Hywel Thomas about how he wishes to handle the **Ysgolian Gan** (singing practice sessions) on Friday (Sunday afternoon hymns) and Saturday (Sunday evening hymns). Cincinnati held separate sessions for men and women on both days.
7. The Missouri Secretary of State has issued a not-for-profit organization charter to our group under the name "Heart of American Welsh Societies Association, Inc."
8. Elaine James has a bank account established with at Merchants Bank in Kansas City. Initial contributions total \$1,200.

9 Nelson Llewellyn is having the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association's insurance company send us a duplicate of their liability policy. We want to review it for possible gaps under Missouri's not-for-profit corporation law.

10. Nelson Llewellyn has volunteered to print and mail a fund solicitation letter for us. Jack Nesbitt drafted the letter which will go to individuals who are listed as financial contributors and memorial contributors in the program booklets for the last four WNGGs (Cincinnati, Victoria, Pittsburgh and Baltimore). Nelson will cross-reference his computerized address list of WNGGA members and past Welsh National attendees. He can mail at not-for-profit bulk rates. We will pay for the printing and postal costs out of the fees we collect from donations received.

11. Nelson Llewellyn has also agreed to incorporate into his computerized address list the names and addresses of members of regional Welsh groups. They will receive all publicity mailings on the 1992 Welsh National. Jack Nesbitt has written to the presidents of the following groups: St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska, Iowa Welsh Society, St. Louis Welsh Society, Celtic League of the Ozarks (Springfield MO), and Lyon County Welsh Society (Emporia KS). The list for the St. David's Welsh Society of Greater Kansas City has been sent in already. These will total in excess of 700 new addresses!

12. The following officials of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association have offered many good suggestions and have been in frequent telephone communication with Jack Nesbitt: Dr. Don Mills, President; Dr. Ellis Johns, Vice President; Nelson Llewellyn, Executive Secretary; and Patricia Powell Viets, WNGGA Newsletter Editor.

13. John O. Morgans, **Ninnau** Contributing Editor, and Mary Morris Mergenthal, **Y Drych** Editor, have shown considerable willingness to assist with national publicity.

14. Paul Loveluck, Chief Executive of the Wales Tourist Board, has been in frequent touch with both Jack Nesbitt and Ann McFerrin about plans for the event. He and two other officials of the WTB plan to be in Kansas City this September. In addition, the WTB will underwrite the airfare, hotel, and incidental expenses of three persons of our choice to participate in the 1992 Welsh National (possibly a Welsh folk music group, if that is our desire). For Cincinnati, they underwrote the trips of the Sunday Gymanfa director, the Anglican vicar who spoke at banquet and moderated the noson lawen, and the young female singer and her business manager.