

Dear Alan and Greta

What you two have done
for the Welsh in this corner
of the world is worth millions
but I don't have it, so this
is a small token of appreciation
for your super job

Love to both

Phyl Owens

& Ken joins me.

Many thanks to Alan, who
has the stamina of a
Welsh Boxer, with our
deep-seated admiration,

Peggy & Hugh Parry
5 November 1994

5 Sept. 1994

Dear Alan -

Many, many thanks for
your encouragement, support,
leadership, and example.

The National hymnfa
saru weekend here will live
in my memory as one of the
loveliest times of my life,
surrounded by so many
people who share my
deep love of music and
the Welsh language.

It never would have happened
without you, and I am
forever grateful.

Synhira

RR5, Llanfair
B.C. Conwy
Sept 6th

Dear Dr Upshall,

Please convey to your association
my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful
weekend I have just had in Bellova.

The result of all the hard work
done by you Alan, your committee, and
all the volunteers, was to fill my
heart with joy and, at times my
eyes with tears.

Thank you.

Ceri Newman

PS The enclosed \$20 is US \$ for
two tapes of the 3rd hymnfa.

Port Hueneme, CA 93041
September 29, 1994

Dr. Alan Upshall
c/o Puget Sound Welsh Assn.
Seattle, WA 98109

Annwyl Dr. Upshall,

Somewhat belatedly I want to thank you so very much for your kind courtesy and attention to detail in referring my request for a marketplace table to Gwynne Dodge! I must have been meant to have the space after all, for there it was. I did not sell a lot of needlework kits, but for various reasons one was very glad to be there. It was eminently worthwhile, and I have some more plans for the future.

I would like to commend Gwynne Dodge for the kind and efficient way she conducted the marketplace, but yourself most of all for what I agree was the best organized, best run National I have ever attended. I hope sincerely you will hold another in 1997.

One suggestion I would make is that train travel along the West Coast from San Diego on up could be mentioned in your announcements for the next time! I know you went to a lot of trouble to make special arrangements with the air line, but I was able to come by Amtrak's Coast Starlight for \$92.00 round trip from Oxnard (near Los Angeles) to Seattle, a distance of about 1,500 miles. It was a truly glorious ride; convenient, scenic (very), and altogether restful and fun. I would like to see a car full of Welsh starting in San Diego and picking up as we go along. We could carry food, sing, etc. Sitting up one night is a very small difficulty, all things considered.

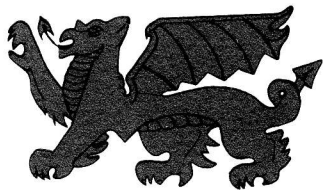
Arriving in Seattle, I didn't know how to get a bus to Bellevue, and so the cab cost \$26.00; but on the return I hopped a city bus nearby and got to the train station easily for \$1.10. I am sure that such lower costs might well encourage even better attendance!

Many thanks again for all your hospitality. I am beginning to discuss with some parties, in Wales especially, how we might be able to give a performance of my Welsh play for actor and choir at Utica, NY in 1996. In the meantime, I am looking forward to coming back to Seattle-Bellevue any time you may gear up again!

Hwyl fawr,



Mary L. Evans



CYMRU AM BYTH

My sincere thanks ... though those words don't sound deep or strong enough, for a gift of a weekend.

I'm not Welsh, or was not ... surely I must be so now ??? ... but don't know if I could possibly have

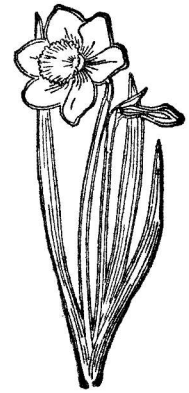
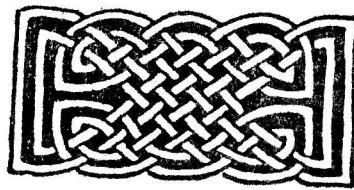
been more uplifted, blessed,
transported, transformed!

Thank you so for all each of
you did to make this possible.

It was truly wonder-full!

I so hope to be able to see you
all at another Gymanfa Gawn!

Marcie Bugni
Helena, MT



AMY L PERKINS

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Sep 12, 1994

Dear Alan, Gretta, and
The National Executive Committee!

Thank you, thank you, for the
wonderful experience of the National!
I had high expectations for the
weekend and they were all met
and then some.

I was able to feel a special
part of the events by volunteering
my few hours. For those of you
who spent hundreds of hours for
years to present such an event -
AMAZING!

I also am glad to have taken
part in the event through ~~of~~ our
choir singing at the three events -
I enjoyed being more than a spectator.
Thanks again for 4 great days!

Sincerely,
Amy Perkins

September 6, 1994

Dear Alan, Bob, Steve, Gretta, Tim, Liz, Wyn, Brian, Mary, & David,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for a wonderful National! It was the first one I'd ever been too, and I am thoroughly hooked- I'll go again as often as I can. But I know, from the committee work that I have done, that an event that goes that smoothly and is that rewarding doesn't just happen- it takes work, and lots of it! You all did a great job, and I just wanted to let you know that I thought so.

What follows are some of my favorite parts of the weekend, and I'm sure I'll miss a few! 1) The opening concert and Nosen Lawen Thursday night. It was fun to have that mix of local and national talent. I enjoyed it all. 2) The workshops by the Vancouver dancers. It was fun to dance, and fun to see them improve the workshops as they learned with us. The leader is marvelous, and I hope they do more workshops. 3) The Friday and Saturday night concerts, especially Plethyn and Cor Meibion Llanelli (you can tell I'm a singer rather than an instrumentalist!) 4) Last but not least, the high point of the whole weekend for me, which was the Sunday Evening Gymanfa with Eifion Thomas conducting. He really pulled music out of us, and I don't think I have ever sung so well and with such feeling. It was truly an ecstatic experience.

I want to thank you also for having an Eisteddfod. I hope it catches on, and is done again at the National. I also like Alan's idea of having regional eisteddfods. Although I was of course disappointed to not make the finals, it was more than made up for by the experience of participating and of receiving comments from such knowledgeable, positive judges as Mari and Eifion. Their comments about my singing were very helpful, and I am already working on the changes they suggested. Mari also recommended some Welsh composers to me so I can increase my repertoire of Welsh vocal music. I also feel she deserves an award for how well she handled the situation with Paul Kawabori. She is a truly compassionate professional.

So, thank you again, it was wonderful. And now you can all collapse!

Diolch yn fawr,

Lucy Simon

P.S. Thank you for the Eisteddfod certificate. It is hanging on my wall and I look at it and say, " I was there!"

Sept. 14, 1994

Dear Members:

Many thanks again for a really great time in WA! I think everyone had as wonderful an experience as those of us who manned the WABS desk at the Hyatt.

I'm enclosing a few membership applications for those who just might be interested in genealogy. They are under-represented in the Northwest and would value your input to our organization!

I'm also enclosing my United info for your survey.

Sincerely
Barbara Garrett

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Mr A Upshall

WA 98109
USA

22 September 1994

Dear Alan

Having now returned from a fairly hectic tour of the USA and Canada, I thought I should drop you a line to congratulate you and your committee for putting together such a magnificent Gymanfa Ganu.

Our party, which included some friends from my home town, Newport, thought the whole weekend was absolutely superb.

If you are in London at any time and would like to come and see us at Old Deer Park, please let me know as we would be delighted to see you. London Welsh have hopes of getting promotion this year on the long haul back to first division rugby so keep a look out for their progress!

I had quite a successful business tour, mainly on the East Coast of the USA and Canada, visiting various pharmaceutical companies (we sell silicone antifoams for controlling foam in fermentations and as antiflatulents). I may well be visiting Seattle next year so I will try and look you up if and when I come.

If I can be of help at any time in getting international tickets, please let me know and in case any of your members would like to become country members of London Welsh RFC, I have taken the liberty of enclosing some membership application forms with this letter. If you want any more, please let me know.

Best regards

Yours sincerely
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Dr Alan Upshall
Puget Sound Welsh Association
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Seattle WA 98109

20 September 1994.

Dear Alan,

WNGG BELLEVUE

I arrived home at the weekend having gone on from the Gymanfa for a fortnight's holiday to California. Now that the jet lag is beginning to wear off I am writing to thank you and your colleagues for the wonderful welcome you gave us in Bellevue. This was our first visit to the Gymanfa and to the States and it was a memorable one.

My wife and I were quite overcome by the welcome we were given and our stay in Bellevue and the Gymanfa was an experience we will never forget. The friendliness of everybody concerned with the Gymanfa was something both of us will treasure for a very long time.

May I also take this opportunity on behalf of CYMRU A'R BYD to thank you for every kindness to us. You allocated us an excellent position in the Hyatt Market Place and we very much appreciated your generosity in providing the space free of charge. As far as we were concerned our visit was a very successful one. We signed up 33 new members from the States and Canada and made countless new friends. It was also an opportunity for us to meet some long standing members of Cymru a'r Byd such as our newly elected three Vice Presidents - Nelson Llewellyn, Col. Alfred Reese and Myra Thomas Lawrence.

I will be recommending the next meeting of our Council that we should attend every Gymanfa from now on! We shall look forward to meeting you in Harrisburg next year.

Regards and best wishes,

Gerwyn Morgan

September 8, 1994

MEYDENBAUER CENTER

Mr. Alan Upshal
The National Gymanfa Ganu Association

Seattle, WA 98109

Dear Alan:

Congratulations to you and all your hard working volunteers for a very successful convention!! Your attendees were "singing" praises about the event and I even heard several say it was the best conference yet!

By now I hope that the dust has settled and you have an opportunity to catch up on some well-deserved rest. Perhaps you are even able to take a little vacation.

The final invoice for the National Gymanfa Ganu Association will be sent to you under separate cover. If you have any questions at all concerning the billing, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

It was a real pleasure working with you and all your committee members and I hope that we will have another opportunity to work together again.

On behalf of Meydenbauer Center, thank you for coming to our facility.

Sincerely yours,



Patrice A. Savery
Event Coordinator

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steen people staying at my
house of which 10 of us
went to the Beauvoir
Summer School in 1938. Everyone
us enjoyed every minute
all the events we attended
Greta - I particularly want to
thank you for your kindness
and patience when we talked
you about table reservations
the Banquet, you were so
comodating.

As a matter of interest Alan,
of my classmates who now
es in San Diego, designed and
pl the Escape Hatch or Senator
the Glennis first mission into
ce. Another, Edwal Crook from
Wanto, has been selected five
es to represent Canada in
World Yachting Championships. My
Pal Bill Williams, who, together
his wife Bethan, flew out
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Sept 14th

Dear Greta and Alan.

Well done indeed!! What a
wonderfull success the National
was. I tell you Alan, I was
not only proud to be a
Welshman but I was proud
to be a Seattleite and
all due to you both and
your wonderful Committee and
Volunteers.

As one who has been
on six major Mountaineering
and Polar Expeditions I know
something about Organisation and
leadership so I know what
a difficult and hard working
challenge this had to be. You
all did so well and you
have my undying respect. I had

...invested
Seattle

③ Most distinguished Career as the
Head Librarian at the University
of Aberystwyth which I believe
you attended. Bill was there for
30 years.

These words seem so
inadequate in praising your
great efforts and organisation
but I hope you get my
sincere meanings. Thank you, thank
you, so very much, for a
most memorable and unforgettable
Labour Day weekend. It was
TERRIFIC!!!

All The Best,

Ted & Lill.