

Persons possible for contribution to the National.

Suggested by Gwenfyl Jones, Vancouver.

Dafydd Wigley, MP. Leader of the Welsh Nationalists but not an extreme politician. Is a trained lawyer. Always objective in outlook. Is first class speaker. Has a good and happy personality.

Wife: Elinor Bennet. One of the best harpists in Europe and certainly the best in Wales. Also a beautiful folk singer. Teaches Harp at UCW Bangor. Possible artist at concert or play at banquet, or seminar/workshop, or special music.

Address: Henefail, Bontnewydd, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, N. Wales.

Gerald Morgan, retired headmaster of a comprehensive (high) school. Known for his public speaking. Visited Simon Fraser University Vancouver. Spoke on the state of Wales. Great speech delivery. Speech at Vancouver Cambrian Hall on Welsh Names, also good. Possible seminar or dinner speaker.

Reverend G Morgan's wife. Recently ordained minister in Church of Wales. Suggested as first woman minister to Gymanfa.

Address: The vicarage, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY2 3AX.

From Kansas City: Reverend Lawrence Lewis, _____ street,
Maryville, MD 64468. Tel F 777 5555

Did not contribute to Kansas City but was introduced as a direct descendent of the Lewis family of Lewis and Clark fame. Has traced his genealogy back. Was interested in perhaps talking about the family and Merryweather Lewis. Would be a good link to the Northwest.

From Eric Bowen: David Greenslade. Author of Welsh Fever. Lives in Pencoed South Wales. Founder of Y monitor Gymraeg. Thinks that he might be able to get funding from the British council. David is political and a socialist. Letter admits that he is not a good speaker to large groups, but would be comfortable in small groups. (letter on file).

From Wyn Morgan: Leslie Norris a poet currently living in Utah, English Dept. Brigham Young. ex UW. Originally from Merthyr, South Wales.

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March 21, 1994

Ms. Audrey Collins
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Dear Audrey:

I hope you received the fax I sent on February 6th.

Enclosed is a copy of the program of seminars for the '94 Gymanfa showing your seminar scheduled for 10:30 am on Friday and Saturday. This gives you one and a half hours per session as you requested. The room you will be using (in the Hyatt) will not be used before your seminar, so you will have plenty of time to set up.

We can provide a hot plate, frying pan, saucepans etc. but not an oven. We could also get any ingredients you need, to save you the trouble of carrying them over with you.

Please send me a list of what you would like us to provide.

Dymuniadau goreu,



Phil Humphries

Replied

7 Ionawr 1994

Alan Upshall
Seattle Gymfanfa Ganu Planning
Seattle, WA

Annwyl Alan

You will probably recall me from previous gymanfaoedd. In thinking about the Seattle meeting, my wife Martha and I have had some ideas about a seminar there if you need one and/or are interested in our idea. I have given such presentations at Victoria and St. Paul.

We could give a presentation (talk and slides) about the various Eisteddfodau that have been held in connection with U. S. World's Fairs, particularly the one in Chicago in 1893 (about which there is a recent book in Welsh). Since you have revived the competition, I think it would be very appropriate.

Secondly, we have discovered that there had been an Eisteddfod--complete with meeting of the Gorsedd--at the Seattle fair in 1909, and since researching it would be much easier in your area than it is here, we feel strongly that we would in a sense rather have someone there develop the idea.

Please pass these ideas on to the relevant committee or respond them yourself. Best wishes for the new year.

Cofion cynnes iawn

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Martha and Phillips G. Davies

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7 March 1994

Annwyl Alan

Semina on Eisteddfodau

We respond to your note of 25 February - slowly, because we have been out of town -

The times are fine. We would like to have a cassette tape player available because we wish to play two selections, probably, by The ~~Penrhyn~~ Penrhyn choir which was in the U.S. last year in memory of their group that had been in Chicago in 1893 at the Fair.

We are pleased to see that we are already on the mailing and the advert in Y Drych. Fast work!

Cofioi Cynnes iawn

Martha & Phil Davies

16 January, 1994

Mr. Patrick Hannan

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Cardiff

Dear Patrick

At a meeting last week in Cardiff, Paul Loveluck informed me of the very good news that you had agreed to come to present seminars at the North American Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Festival to be held in Bellevue September 1-4. As president of the Puget Sound Welsh Association and Chairman of the National '94 organizing committee, I and the members of the Puget Sound Welsh Association are absolutely delighted with this news. Perhaps I should give you a breakdown of the plans for the weekend and where your contributions fit in.

The festival is an annual event which travels around America and Canada. It runs from Thursday afternoon to Sunday, always at the end of August or beginning of September, traditionally American Labor day. In our program:

Thursday: Registration in the afternoon and in the evening, a concert by artists from the Puget Sound Welsh Association followed by a Noson Lawen.

Friday: Tours and Seminars through the day and in the evening a banquet followed by a folk concert featuring Plethyn from Wales.

Saturday: A repeat of the tours and seminars. In the afternoon an Eisteddfod (solo voice or choral or instrumental). In the evening, the Grand concert with the Llanelli Male Voice Choir.

Sunday: In the morning, a church service; in the afternoon, gymanfa session 1 and gymanfa session 2 in the evening.

Your contribution, as explained by Paul, is in the seminars where the topic has been loosely titled Wales Today. We would like a one hour discussion of the current state of Wales, be it politics, society etc. The choice is yours. The audience will be North Americans with Welsh heritage but little first hand experience of Wales (i.e. they think of Wales as it used to be not as it is now). The seminar would be given twice, once on Friday and once on Saturday, in the mornings. The schedule has not yet been arranged but they start at 9:00 am.

At the time of writing this letter we have decided not to have an after banquet speaker. Our schedule is going to be very closely timed (last year there was much overrunning of activities which led to problems). However, it has crossed my mind that you could provide some light Welsh humor after the dinner and we have about 10 minutes to spare here. Would you be interested? My committee has yet to consider this (they may not agree with me) but I do not want to raise a topic for discussion if there is no need.

My understanding from Paul is that the Wales Tourist Board will sponsor your visit with an air fare and accommodation which will be at the Hyatt hotel in Bellevue, WA. There remains the issue of honorarium, which Paul will also discuss with you. My comments here are that we are running a very close budget, anticipating an attendance of 1000 people, but not creating much profit from the whole event. Our standard agreements with other speakers is that we offer \$50 for each seminar (i.e. \$100 total). We also appreciate that most of our other speakers are not professional. It is difficult for me to be precise and I would greatly appreciate your input here.

Towards the end of this month we shall have our complete program, registration and travel information ready for circulation. I shall send a copy as soon as available.

I look forward very much to your attendance and contribution to our Welsh Festival. As you can imagine, the volunteer board is working hard to create a special event. The plans are virtually fixed, including the arrangements for a supply of Felinfoel Welsh Beer and Ty Nant water. You are assured of a warm welcome.

Best regards

Alan Upshall
President and Chairman.

Photos (Thumbnails)

19 March, 1994

Mr. Patrick Hannan

100, Sand Road

Whitford

Cardiff

Dear Patrick

Thank you for your confirming letter and photograph. Interesting to see that we overlapped at Aber by one year, though I was up on Penglais in Agric. Botany.

Seminars will last one hour ^{with} ~~and we~~ 30 minutes grace between each. My only comment as to content and style is to present in a way that you feel comfortable. Probably, the more informally the better. Our ethos for the weekend is to give our attendees, ~~with~~ an assessment of what Wales is like now. Obviously, the whole topic cannot be covered, but a reality check can do no harm. Perhaps the changing face of Wales, industrially and socially is the best way that I can summarise our ideas, but I would rather leave the choice of emphasis to you.

I am very pleased to see that you will be accompanied by your wife and I hope you are extending your stay to a vacation. This is a region full of interest.

But, Menna's occupation piqued our interest. We have been discussing whether we could entice someone to work with us to film and develop a television program of the weekend, especially since we are, for the first time introducing an eisteddfod to support our other events. This has been done for previous festivals, and as well as TV programmes videos have been made for sale to the attendees.

Our testing the waters by mounting an eisteddfod has received support from the URDD who are presenting a trophy, and Paul Loveluck is currently negotiating with the Welsh National Eisteddfod also for a trophy. The Wales Tourist Board will be providing one, to make the trio. Perhaps this new feature of our festival coupled with the support from Wales would make a strong theme for a TV presentation backed by the other planned activities.

I hope that you do not regard this suggestion as an intrusion, but nothing ventured, nothing gained. I do not remember if I included eisteddfod information in my last letter so just in case, I include information here.

If ^{you} ~~there~~ want any help or information at any time please let me know.

Best wishes,

Alan Upshall, President.

Patrick Hannan

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Alan Upshall Esq.,
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National Gymnafa Ganu.

Dear Alan

Many thanks for your letter. I'm sorry it's taken me a while to answer it, but I have been away for a time.

I am delighted that I have been asked to conduct the seminars and I am happy to accept your suggested fee.

This letter is just an acknowledgement to yours and shortly I'll send you some biographical notes and a photograph. I'll be in touch very soon.

Yours
Patrick

Patrick Hannan

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Dear Alan

Many thanks for your letter.

I am glad to be able to say that I won't need any audio-visual equipment for the seminar, but I'd be grateful for any guidance you can give me on the form you think appropriate (how much talking, how much time for questions and so on) for it.

I am enclosing my CV, which gives an outline of my career. As you will see my main work now is in radio both for the UK national networks and for Radio Wales although I continue to write regularly for the Western Mail, the Welsh morning newspaper, and for various other publications.

I should also tell you that my wife, Menna, will be with me. A Welsh-speaker from Maesteg she is Director of Programmes at HTV Wales, the Welsh independent television company.

We are both looking forward very much to coming to Seattle and no doubt we'll have further communications before the time arrives.

Best wishes
Patrick