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Mr. Arturo Roberts - Editor
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Would you kindly place this news information regarding the upcoming 58th Annual National Gymanfa Ganu to be held in the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel - Pgh., PA - August 31 - Sept. 3, '89.

The following is pertinent input which the St. David's Society of Pgh. Committee Members for the N.G.G.A. would like to have published in the next earliest publication of the Ninnau. It is in regard to the Marketplace, an important segment of the events planned for the weekend. Time is of the essence to get the reservations for this area resolved. We are certain of approximately ten "regular" exhibitors at this point in time. However, we have room for a few more interested exhibitors in this area.

The St. David's Society of Pgh., PA, who are hosting the upcoming 58th Annual Welsh Natl. Gymanfa Ganu of the U.S. & Canada - at the Pgh. Hilton Hotel - Aug. 31 - Sept. 3, '89 - are requesting the following: All exhibitors who have not yet reserved booth spaces to display their "Welsh Wares" and items of interest in the Marketplace for this annual event - may still do so by contacting the following address and phone number. Reservations are limited but still available; and security is guaranteed.

St. David's Society of Pgh., PA.
W.N.G.G. Committee for '89
c/o Mrs. G. C. Kondrat
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Thank you for your prompt assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Gloria C. Kondrat
W.N.G.G. Committee
St. David's Society of Pgh.

Talked with Earl F. Williams, Jr. - Ninnau Welsh Talent Agency, 10 Hemingway Road, North Haven, Ct. 06473-3737; Telephone 203/239-1410. - Today - March 21, '89. He is in charge of the Ninnau Welsh Talent Agency - Has the best connections available for the talent as well as the general format of the previous well-known exhibitors for the Market Place at the National G.G.'s.

Earl F. Williams, Jr. has reserved four (4) booth places for the Market Place for his own wares, etc. He does not wish to be placed next to another highly competitive Exhibitor such as Anne Habermehl or Mark Slater. He wants to be placed next to "Ninnau". He is very closely connected to the "Ninnau". Also, he has strongly requested that the Exhibitors have the opportunity to "close up shop" and pack their wares on Monday morning - rather than on Sunday afternoon - as they were requested to do in Baltimore - because this gives none of them time and opportunity to attend the two Gymanfa sessions on Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening - (actually - the most important events of the Gymanfa weekend).

Other Market Place Exhibitors who are "regulars" at the Nationals are: Anne Habermehl, Proprietor - "The Harp and Dragon" - 25 Madison Street - Cortland, N. Y. - 1305, USA Tel. (607) 756-7372. She has assured me that she will be here in Pgh. for the Nat'l., also. She has been on a buying trip to Wales during Jan. & Feb. She is reserving at least two - possibly three booths, also.

Kathy Evans Taylor - "Ifan's Dragon" - 4851 Brott - Toledo, Ohio 43513 - Tel. (419) - 472-7298. She will be in touch with me regarding number of booths.

Mark Slater - "The Welsh Dragon" 211 Main Street - Annapolis, Maryland 21401 - Tel. (301) 267-8491. He will need approx. 2-3 booths. He is to return my call (after two attempts to reach him in the past two days).

Mr. E. F. Williams also informed me that other "regulars" are as follows: - Welsh-American Foundation - Y Drych, P.O. Box 369, De Pere, Wisconsin 54115 - The Welsh Tourist Board - WinVest - Jane Hughes, 329 Queenston St., St. Catherine's - Ontario, -Canada - L-2-P - 2X8.

I have also been in touch with Betty Ermer and her daughter, Barbara Morgan - in Baltimore - to get the mailing list from last year's Natl. for the Marketplace. I am waiting for their reply.

E. F. Williams also suggested that we "book" Mabsant - Folk Trio since they will be available and in the area late Sug. - Sept. '89. They work well with Mr. Robin James Jones - who is a harpist and will also be available. -- "Mabsant" will perform the entire weekend, including "Noson Lawen" for \$500.00 with accommodations. Mr. Robin James Jones will perform the entire weekend for \$150.00 with accommodations. They work very well together and could entertain spontaneously throughout the mezzanine and lobby areas. They do folk-type music and appeal - not only to the younger and middle-aged and older attendants - but to all groups. One member - Susan Sain - could entertain at Children's Hour - with Spoons, etc. - all included in their fees. - Jack Owen has heard and seen them perform. This gives an uplifting, ongoing atmosphere to the entire weekend events. (I must inform Mr. E. F. Williams asap if we wish to have this group perform). - Mr. Dafyd Iwan, who is already booked works with this group as his backup.