

Nelson: This is where we are headed. I believe I will have meal cost data soon. I'll call you.

John

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61st Annual

**WELSH NATIONAL  
GYMANFA GANU  
(Music Festival)**

**September 3-6, 1992**

**"DEWCH I DDINAS  
KANSAS I GANU!"  
("Come to  
Kansas City and Sing!")**

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and Nininu's mid-February  
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are the issues we want to  
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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Hyatt Regency Hotel  
at Crown Center  
Kansas City, Missouri**

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

11:45 a.m. Kansas City Club  
**Downtown Rotary Club Luncheon (Welsh Program featured)** Visiting Rotarians invited. Pay at Door.

**Tour (2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)**

**#1 Kansas City Highlights**  
Enjoy a look at Kansas City, beginning with the River Market area, the first settlement in 1826. Continue into Downtown, pass the point where Lewis and Clark camped in 1804, and see Crown Center. Pass through historic Westport, now one of the city's hottest night spots, and drive along lovely Ward Parkway with its impressive homes. No tour would be complete without a trip through the famous Country Club Plaza with its 150 elegant shops and boutiques. Cost: \$16.

7:00 p.m. Ballroom  
**Opening Ceremonies, Noson Lawen and Te Bach**

A truly "merry evening" of Welsh hwyl with Arweinydd Geraint Wilkes of Milwaukee. Te Bach will follow the merriment. Cost: \$6.00

9:30 p.m.  
**WAY Mixer**

10:00 p.m. (approx)  
**Informal Hymn Singing**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

8:00 a.m.  
**Welsh Roundtable Breakfast**  
Annual social gathering of representatives of the Welsh Societies and organizations throughout Canada and the United States. All are welcome.

Cost: \$

**Tours**

8:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.  
**#2 Historic Weston**  
Step back into time with a visit to Weston, Missouri - a town officially on the National Register of Historic Places. Founded in 1837, Weston grew to prominence in the 1850's and then settled back into a quiet existence when the Missouri River changed courses. You will visit the museum, McCormick Distillery, two of the 100 antebellum homes, quaint shops and

cafes, and the only tobacco auction barn west of the Mississippi River. Cost: \$21.

9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**#3 Kansas City Highlights** (See Thursday's Tour #1 for details)  
Cost: \$16

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**#4 Independence and Truman Library and Gravesite.**

Drive by the home of President Harry S. Truman. Visit Truman Library and grave, see exhibits on the American Presidency and the Truman Era, and get a "feel" for the historic town where an American President grew up. Cost: \$18.

**Seminars/Workshops** Cost: \$3 Each

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (choose one)

A. **Famous Welshmen, Eminent Welshmen, Notable Welshmen: Whatever Became of Welsh Women?** Connie Holt's seminar will feature stories of Welsh women in Wales and America whose contributions have been overlooked by history.

B. **The Mabinogi.** Poet and writer **Beth Phillips Brown** will assist participants in creating their own answers to the burning question: how does a modern Welsh-American find meaning and relevance in the classic cycle of Welsh stories in The Mabinogi?

C. **Welsh Folk Singing.** Jan Jones Hartford and Lincoln Jones Hartford will present songs of the Welsh folk, ancient and modern, performed in solo, duet, and group singing with reference to recorded music. A booklet of folk songs will be provided.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (choose one)

D. **American Welsh Labor Leaders.** Having grown up in Lucas, Iowa, the birthplace of John L. Lewis, **Dr. Ron Roberts** acquired an interest in this labor leader, the result of which is an interesting presentation on Lewis, William Green, and other important "movers and shakers" of the American labor movement.

E. **Traditional Welsh Cooking.** How much oatmeal do you put in when great-grandmother's recipe calls for 3 basinfuls? What would one serve at a real Welsh tea? **Audrey Collins,**

the "O Gornel y Gegin" columnist in Y Drych will share her basinful of helpful cooking hints and recipes. An actual cooking demonstration will take place.

F. **The Where and Why of Welsh Emigration, 1795-1850.** Certain places in Wales experienced heavy emigration before 1850, while other areas were virtually untouched by "American Fever." Using maps and photographs to illustrate, **Anne Knowles** will explore the geographical and historical reasons behind the uneven pattern, with special focus on the contrasting stories of emigration from rural Mid-Wales and the industrial valleys of South Wales.

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. (choose one)

G. **Welsh Family History.** How does one go about finding those ancestors we did not want to know about when Nain was alive to tell us? The person to clue you in is **Donelle Meyer**, who has been teaching genealogy classes for ten years as well as researching her Welsh relatives at the Welsh Family Historical Society level.

H. **Vacations in Wales.** Always a popular seminar, a visit to our homeland comes to life with ideas and suggestions given by **Jonathan Jones**, Marking Director of the Wales Tourist Board in Cardiff.

2:00 p.m.

**WNGGA Trustees Meeting**

**Seminars/Workshops** Cost: \$3 each

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. (choose one)

I. **Part Singing -- Sopranos and Altos.** A little practice never hurt anyone and we all want to sound our best at the Gymanfa on Sunday. **Ruth Thomas**, wife of Cymanfa Conductor Hywel Thomas and a qualified musician in her own right, will sharpen our pronunciation and help us tune up for the Sunday afternoon hymns.

J. **Part Singing -- Tenors and Basses.** Not to be outdone by the ladies, part singing practice for the men will be led by Gymanfa Conductor **Hywel Thomas**. The men will also work on the Sunday afternoon hymns.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

K. **Clog Dancing Workshop.** Beginning instruction in Welsh Clog Dancing by **Jane Rideout**, a member of

the Welsh folk group **Hin Deg**.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

L. **Advanced Welsh Folk Dancing Workshop.**

Brush up your Welsh folk dancing skills. **Hywel Thomas** will give "pointers" on technique and skills. Individuals as well as organized folk dancing groups are encouraged to attend.

5:00 p.m.

Ballroom

**Social Hour/Cash Bar**

Gather early and visit with your old friends and make new acquaintances.

6:00 p.m.

Ballroom

**Annual Banquet**

Enjoy a feast with delicious food, elegantly presented, and a warm evening of fellowship around the dinner table.

Cost: \$

9:00 p.m. - Midnight

Ballroom

**Welsh Folk Music Event.**

A new feature of the Welsh National this year. The new **Welsh Folk Songbook**, produced by the WNGGA, will be introduced. The Welsh folk group **Hin Deg** will be present to perform, lead in group singing, and play for those who care to try a little Welsh folk dancing. Seating will be at tables, cabaret style. So gather your friends and enjoy. Truly an fun-filled informal evening for all ages!

Cost: \$6

9:30 p.m. (approx)

**Informal Hymn Singing**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

9:00 a.m.

**WNGGA Annual Meeting**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Children's Activities: Welsh School**  
A new feature of the Welsh National this year. Children ages 4-10 are invited to participate. **Gail Baker**, a native Welsh speaker who formerly taught in a Welsh School in Gwent, will direct the "school." Included will be musical activities (songs, dances, and action poems), arts and crafts, and action games. Free to children registered for the Welsh National.

12 Noon

**WAY Luncheon and Laura Ashley, Ltd. Fashion Show.** A new approach to the traditional Saturday luncheon event. Enjoy lunch while viewing the newest apparel made by Laura Ashley, Ltd. in Wales. Open to all -- not just WAY members and those who wear Laura Ashley fashions. Cost: \$

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Children's Activities: Welsh School**  
Continuation of Saturday's 9 a.m. Welsh School activities.

#### Tours

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

##### #6 Powell Gardens

A 835 acre botanical garden, with 12 acre lake, dedicated to the promotion of horticulture and the preservation of our environment. Forty-five minutes east of Kansas City. Each season brings exciting, new displays of seasonal beauties. Guided tour includes the formal gardens, home idea and international vegetable gardens, rock gardens and various flower beds. Guests will then be free for a nature walk and/or visit to the unusual gift shop. Cost: \$18

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#7 **Independence and Truman Library and Gravesite** (See Friday's Tour #3 for details). Cost: \$16.

**Seminars/Workshops** Cost: \$3 each

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. (choose one)

M. **The Where and Why of Welsh Emigration, 1795-1850.** See Friday's Seminar F for a description.

N. **Vacations in Wales.** See Friday's Seminar H for a description.

O. **The Mabinogi.** See Friday's Seminar B for a description.

12:10 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. (choose one)

P. **Welsh Family History.** See Friday's Seminar G for a description.

Q. **Welsh Folk Singing.** See Friday's Seminar C for a description.

1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. (choose one)

R. **American Welsh Labor Leaders.** See Friday's Seminar D for a description.

S. **Traditional Welsh Cooking.** See Friday's Seminar E for a description.

T. **Famous Welshmen, Eminent Welshmen, Notable Welshmen: Whatever Became of Welsh Women?** See Friday's Seminar A for a description.

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (choose one)

U. **Part Singing -- Sopranos and Altos.** Same as Friday's Seminar I, except the hymns to be practiced are those chosen for Sunday's evening session.

V. **Part Singing -- Tenors and Basses.** Same as Friday's Seminar J, except the hymns to be practiced are those chosen for Sunday's evening session.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

##### **Awr Y Plant (Children's Hour)**

Children will perform. Parents should contact Gail Baker (13616 Polk St., Omaha NE 68137) with descriptions of proposed acts. All are welcome to watch.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

W. **Clog Dancing Workshop.** See Friday's Workshop K for a description.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

X. **Advanced Welsh Folk Dance Workshop.** See Friday's Workshop L for a description.

7:30 p.m.

Ballroom

##### **Gala Concert**

**The Ardwyn Singers** from Cardiff in Concert! Under the direction of **Helena Braithwaite**, this acclaimed Welsh mixed voice choir will present an outstanding evening of music with a strong emphasis on modern and classical Welsh music. Cost: \$15

##### **Choir Reception**

Immediately following the Concert, a reception for the Choir will be held.

10:00 p.m. (approx)

##### **Informal Hymn Singing**

10:00 p.m.

##### **WAY Pool Party**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:30 a.m.

##### **WNGGA Trustees Meeting**

~~9:45~~ 10:00

9:45 a.m.

Ballroom

##### **Welsh/English Chapel Service**

2:00 p.m.

Ballroom

##### **Gymanfa Ganu -- Afternoon Session**

The **Gymanfa Ganu** will be conducted by **Hywel Thomas** of Fort Worth, Texas (formerly of the Swansea Valley in South Wales).

**Buffet Supper**

A buffet supper will be served immediately following the afternoon session. Admission by ticket.

Cost: \$

6:30 p.m. Ballroom

**Gymanfa Ganu -- Evening Session**

Conductor **Hywel Thomas** continues to lead our hymn singing session.

**Te Bach**

Follows the evening session in the ballroom.

9:30 p.m. (approx) Ballroom

**Informal Hymn Singing**

Meet new conductors along with the old favorites. We have invited some "new" faces to display their conducting skills at this final gathering of the 1992 Welsh National.

11:00 p.m. (approx) Lobby

**Ardwyn Singers Send-off**

The choir boards a chartered bus for the first leg of the homeward journey to Cardiff. Come and show them how much you appreciated their participation in the 61st Annual Welsh National!

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WNGG Registration Desk Hours** Lobby  
 Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Friday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Welsh Marketplace Hours** Empire Room  
 Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Headquarters Hotel**

Hyatt Regency at Crown Center  
 2345 McGee Street  
 Kansas City MO 64108, USA  
 Telephone: 1-800-233-1234  
 (816) 421-1234

Welsh National Room Rates:  
 \$69, single or double  
 Plus applicable tax

To register in advance of arrival (must be received by August 31), write to:

1992 WNGG Registrar  
 P. O. Box 547  
 Shawnee Mission KS 66201, USA

Questions and suggestions for the dancing workshops should be directed to:

Ann McFerrin  
~~One West 69th Street~~  
 Kansas City MO 64113

**General Information:**

Jack Nesbitt, Chairperson  
 1992 WNGG Venue Committee  
 7904 Wildwood Drive  
 Kansas City MO 64113, USA  
 (816) 356-7272

**PLEASE NOTE: A SOUVENIR 1992 WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU TEA/COFFEE MUG WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FIRST 500 INDIVIDUALS WHO REGISTER IN ADVANCE! Send your registration form in now!!**