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Welcome you to St. Paul

For The 56th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu, September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1987

111 Pearson Way N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55432

January 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Llewellyn,

Four persons have written directly to me requesting information on the Gymanfa Ganu. Three of the four (Williams, Jones and Stephens) have indicated that they do plan to attend.

I am assuming that you are the proper person to whom to forward these requests so that you may be sure they receive the mailings which will be going out. They may already be on other lists you have, but I have no way of checking.

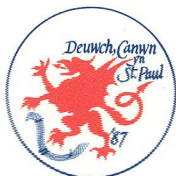
The only person with whom I am personally acquainted is Dr. Roy Stephens of the University of Wales at Aberystwyth. I attended the course the University and the National Library of Wales put on this past July in Aberystwyth, and I am sure that Dr. Stephens hopes to promote this course during his visit to the Gymanfa.

I have enclosed my responses to their letters, for your information.

If we should be sending literature directly to these persons, please let me know. Otherwise, I shall forward to you the names of persons making this type of request in the future.

Sincerely,

Marveen Minish
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Secretary



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January 5, 1987

Mr. Jay B. Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Please forgive the lapse of time between receipt of your note and my reply. The holidays seemed to be bursting with activities which kept me from my typewriter.

The first mailing of information on the Gymanfa in St. Paul is scheduled for the end of this month or the beginning of February. It is sent out directly from the National Association, and I will see that they receive your name and address to be sent all the information.

We are anticipating a joyful and rewarding time at the Gymanfa Ganu here, and look forward to seeing you and your wife at that time.

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Your description of our class and its experiences in Y Drych and Ninnau brought smiles and recognition of my classmates and myself. My husband had an Alaskan experience akin to my pork pies. Their breakfasts on the float trip were interesting, with items such as caribou sausage. Their dinners were elaborate, featuring both meat and freshly-caught fish. Their lunches consisted of a choice - a ham sandwich, a cheese sandwich, or a ham and cheese sandwich.. Their weather was worse than that often credited to Wales, but the fishing was good. While I would return to Wales at any time, he feels one raft trip in sub-freezing, rainy weather will last him for a while.

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It is good to hear that you are planning to attend the 1987 Gymanfa Ganu. The registration and hotel reservation information mailing is done by the National Association after we have provided them with all the information. I have placed your name on the list of those people who have contacted us directly to receive this mailing, and I will forward it to the proper persons. It is anticipated that this mailing will be done the latter part of this month or the first part of February.

I will look forward to seeing you again, and hope that others of the class might attend also, so we could share a few reminiscences.

Please give my best wishes to your wife; I hope she and the children are well and happy.

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Your work has certainly been interesting and varied in location. It is an interesting coincidence that you once resided in Caernarvon, Wales, for that is the area from which my ancestors came.

I look forward to meeting you and your wife in September and hearing more about your work and the newspaper articles you write. Do be sure to return the hotel reservation forms as soon as you receive them; I am sure you should have no trouble getting the accommodations you desire.

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January 5, 1987

The Rev. Mr. Lewis Jones

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