

The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.
2002 Basic Membership Survey Results

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What is your age?			
	Freque	Valid Percent	Cum. Percent
Under 10	4	0.3	0.3
10-19	8	0.6	1.0
20-29	12	1.0	1.9
30-39	30	2.4	4.3
40-49	88	7.1	11.4
50-59	199	16.0	27.4
60-69	271	21.7	49.1
70-79	398	31.9	81.1
80-89	213	17.1	98.2
90-plus	23	1.8	100.0
Total	1246	100.0	
Missing	16		
Mean= 62.5yrs			

What is your marital status?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Single	479	39.1
Married	746	60.9
Total	1225	100.0
Missing	37	

Were you born in Wales?		
	Freq.	Valid Percent
Yes	150	12.0
No	1097	88.0
Total	1247	100.0
Missing	15	

Are you of Welsh descent?		
	Freq.	Valid Percent
Yes	1116	91.0
No	111	9.0
Total	1227	100.0
Missing	35	

If your answer to No. 4 was "Yes," what percentage are you of Welsh descent?			
	Freq.	Valid Percent	Cum. Percent
Less than 25	101	9.1	9.1
25	168	15.1	24.2
50	403	36.3	60.5
75	101	9.1	69.6
100	338	30.4	100.0
Total	1111	100.0	
Missing	151		
Mean= 60			

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Do you speak Welsh?		
	Freq.	Valid Percent
Yes	183	15.2
No	1024	84.8
Total	1207	100.0
Missing	55	

Can you sing the Welsh words in hymns?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Yes	691	57.6
No	509	42.4
Total	1200	100.0
Missing	62	

Have you ever traveled to Wales?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Yes	954	76.8
No	288	23.2
Total	1242	100.0
Missing	20	

Do you subscribe to a Welsh-American newspaper?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Yes	640	52.0
No	591	48.0
Total	1231	100.0
Missing	31	

	Freq.	% of Welsh-American Newspaper Subscribers who subscribe to the newspaper(s)	% of All Respondents who subscribe to the newspaper(s)
Ninnau	463	70.2	37.6
Y Drych	443	67.1	36.0
Other	12	1.8	1.0
Ninnau and Y Drych	241	36.5	19.6
Ninnau, Y Drych and Other	8	1.2	0.6

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Do you belong to a local Welsh organization?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Yes	756	61.0
No	484	39.0
Total	1240	100.0
Missing	22	

Did you attend a special St. David's Day event around March 1?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Yes	628	51.8
No	584	48.2
Total	1212	100.0
Missing	50	

Have you ever attended the National Gymanfa Ganu?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Yes	1041	83.7
No	202	16.3
Total	1243	100.0
Missing	19	

If your answer to No. 14 was "Yes," how many Nationals have you attended?			
	Freque	Valid Percent	Cum Percent
1	214	21.0	21.0
2	153	15.0	35.9
3	118	11.6	47.5
4	96	9.4	56.9
5	89	8.7	65.6
6+	351	34.4	100.0
Total	1021	100.0	
Missing	241		

Do you use a computer?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Yes	829	67.1
No	407	32.9
Total	1236	100.0
Missing	26	

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Do you have an email address?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Yes	786	63.4
No	454	36.6
Total	1240	100.0
Missing	22	

Have you seen the WNGGA website?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Yes	255	21.1
No	956	78.9
Total	1211	100.0
Missing	51	

Should WNGGA have regional Gymanfa Ganu events in addition to the National?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Yes	696	71.3
No	280	28.7
Total	976	100.0
Missing	286	

The annual National Gymanfa Ganu is on Labor Day Weekend. Should it be changed to another date?		
	Freque	Valid Percent
Yes	321	31.3
No	705	68.7
Total	1026	100.0
Missing	236	

321 25.4 %
705 55.9 %
236 18.7 %

100.0

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Most-favorite Welsh hymns:

868 Respondents listed valid hymn titles (68.8%)

Respondents were asked to pick their five most-favorite hymns

Freq= number of respondents (out of 868) who chose the hymn as one of their top 5

%= the percent of respondents who chose the hymn as one of their top 5

	Freq.	%
1 Cwm Rhondda	602	69.35%
2 Calon Lan	334	38.48%
3 Diadem	294	33.87%
4 Rachie	271	31.22%
5 Aberystwyth	222	25.58%
6 Penpark	211	24.31%
7 Blodwern	161	18.55%
8 Sanctus	131	15.09%
9 Arglwydd, Dyma	121	13.94%
10 Bryn Calfaria	117	13.48%
11 Hyfrydol	100	11.52%
12 Crimond	91	10.48%
13 Ebenezer	82	9.45%
14 Llef	61	7.03%
15 Huddersfield	60	6.91%
16 Pantyfedwen	58	6.68%
17 Mae D'Eisiau Di	57	6.57%
18 Rhys	54	6.22%
19 Sandon	52	5.99%
20 Blaenwern	51	5.88%
21 Deemster	44	5.07%
22 Morte Christe	34	3.92%
23 Tydi A Roddaist	34	3.92%
24 Llanfair	33	3.80%
25 I Sing as a Bird	31	3.57%
26 God Be with You	29	3.34%
27 In Memoriam	29	3.34%
28 Dring i Fyny	28	3.23%
29 Crugybar	27	3.11%
30 Milwaukee	26	3.00%
31 Mawlgan	23	2.65%
32 Maesgwyn	21	2.42%
33 Ryhdygroes	21	2.42%
34 Groeswen	19	2.19%
35 Joanna	14	1.61%
36 Llangloffan	14	1.61%
37 Pen y Bryn	14	1.61%
38 Sarah	14	1.61%
39 Gwylfa	13	1.50%
40 Rhosymedre	13	1.50%
41 Y Delyn Aur	13	1.50%
42 Arwelfa	12	1.38%
43 Lily of the Valley	9	1.04%
44 Bryn Myrddin	8	0.92%

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45	Bryniau Cassia	8	0.92%
46	Rhondda	8	0.92%
47	Ar Ei Ben Bo'r G	7	0.81%
48	Nes i Dre	7	0.81%
49	Bydd Canu yn y	6	0.69%
50	Godre'r Coed	6	0.69%
51	Hiraeth	6	0.69%
52	O Fy Iesu	6	0.69%
53	Pennant	6	0.69%
54	Babel	5	0.58%
55	Cor Caersalem	5	0.58%
56	Price	5	0.58%
57	Trewen	5	0.58%
58	Dies Irae	4	0.46%
59	Moab	4	0.46%
60	Pen yr Yrfa	4	0.46%
61	Penlan	4	0.46%
62	Blaen y Coed	3	0.35%
63	Builth	3	0.35%
64	Caersalem	3	0.35%
65	Dim Ond Iesu	3	0.35%
66	Frances	3	0.35%
67	My Redeemer	3	0.35%
68	Rheidol	3	0.35%
69	Aberteifi	2	0.23%
70	Awake! Arise!	2	0.23%
71	Buddugoliaeth	2	0.23%
72	Cymond	2	0.23%
73	Llan Baglan	2	0.23%
74	Malvern	2	0.23%
75	Nasareth	2	0.23%
76	Tanymarian	2	0.23%
77	Tre Salem	2	0.23%
78	Tyddyn Llwyn	2	0.23%
79	Y Milwr Bach	2	0.23%
80	Yr Hyfryd Wlad	2	0.23%
81	Andalusia	1	0.12%
82	Arfon	1	0.12%
83	Brwynog	1	0.12%
84	Cleveland	1	0.12%
85	Dyddiau Dyn	1	0.12%
86	Etifeddiaeth Pla	1	0.12%
87	Intercession	1	0.12%
88	Lausanne	1	0.12%
89	Liverpool	1	0.12%
90	Llysfaen	1	0.12%
91	Moriah	1	0.12%
92	Pen Ucha	1	0.12%

AGE RANGE

WNGGA AGE RANGES SHOW LITTLE CHANGE

The first question on the 2002 Membership Survey form was identical to the first question on the 1989 Membership Survey form--"Please circle the age range in which you are located." The comparative figures for the two surveys showed the following--the 1989 percentages are given first followed by the 2002 percentages: Under 10 (.4%, .3%), 10-19 (.4%, .6%), 20-29 (1.0%; 1.0%), 30-39 (3.7%, 2.4%), 40-49 (10.5%, 7.1%), 50-59 (13.8%, 16.0%), 60-69 (25.9%, 21.7%), 70-79 (31.6%, 31.9%), 80-89 (11.5%, 17.1%), 90 plus (.8%, 1.8%).

The 1989 percentages were based on 482 responses; the 2002 percentages were based upon 1,246 responses. No responses were given on 16 of the 2002 Survey forms

DATECHNG

MEMBERS OPPOSE CHANGING DATE

"Should the date of the National Gymanfa Ganu be changed from Labor Day weekend" was asked on both the 1989 and the 2002 Membership Surveys. In 1989, the responses were: Yes--34.3%, No--46.2%, No response--19.5%.

The responses to the 2002 Survey showed an increase in the opposition: Yes--25.4%, No--55.9%, and No response--18.7%.

DESCENT

WELSH BACKGROUND PERCENTAGES SHOW CHANGE

Question No. 4 of the 1989 and the 2002 Membership Survey forms asked "Are You of Welsh descent?" The responses showed that in 1989, 87.3 percent answered Yes whereas in 2002, 91.0 percent said Yes.

The third question on both Membership Surveys showed a decrease in the percentage of persons who were "born in Wales." In 1989, the percentage was 19.1 but in 2002, it had declined to 12.0.

To: Keith Davies Jones <kjones@ [REDACTED]>
From: Ellis Jones <ellis [REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Membership Survey
Cc:
Bcc:
Attached:

Keith:

Many thanks for your note. Excellent comments on the hymn situation!

Ellis J.

At 09:28 PM 3/19/03 -0600, you wrote:

>Annwyl Ellis

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>The membership survey results have been interesting reading for me, and
>I'm impressed that so many of the older members have computers - (I mean
>the over-eighties, and even the over nineties).

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>I'm particularly interested, of course, in the list of favourite hymns,
>noting that amongst the top-20 are no fewer than 6 that are not Welsh
>hymns at all. I'm very disappointed that only 1 person likes Pen Ucha.
>It's one of our very finest tunes, but unfortunately it's been set to
>unsuitable words in the Cymanfa Ganu hymnal.

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>I think the 26 hymns that no-one seems to like probably should be
>removed from the hymnal at the next opportunity. Some of them are quite
>poor, and there are so many much much better hymns that should replace
>them. In fact, I don't think I've ever sung any of these unfortunate
>selections, except 'Diolch i Ti' which I included in one of my informal
>sessions in Harrisburg last year. It's a favourite in Wales, and
>reminds me of my student days in Cardiff, when we used to sing it a
>lot. However, it wasn't well received in Harrisburg, presumably because
>'we don't know it'. Perhaps about 20% of content that's never known and
>never sung is about par for any hymnal anyway.

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>The trouble with putting in any new hymns is that people want to sing
>'what they know'. Obviously, when only 15% claim knowledge of the Welsh
>language and fewer than 40% are comfortable singing the Welsh words of
>even the hymns they "know", they will have a big problem with anything
>they don't know. Nevertheless, it's some encouragement to see that
>Pant-y-fedwen made it all the way up to the number 16 spot only 34 years
>after it was written.

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>My father's lovely tune 'Dirgelion', written just 20 years ago, was
>very well-received at our St David's Day Cymanfa Ganu this year, and
>will be back another day for sure.

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>Best Wishes

>Keith

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