

Family of Islyn Thomas,
[REDACTED] Kings Road,
Madison,
NJ 07940.

29 May, 2002

Dear Friends

On behalf of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, and also personally from myself, I sincerely extend my condolences to the Thomas family upon the passing of Dr. Islyn Thomas

Islyn was a well known and well respected figure not only within the Welsh community in North America but also through his contacts within the WNGGA and also the National Welsh American Foundation, in his homeland of Wales.

His commitment and contributions to the development of the Welsh community in North America are exemplified by his book describing Welsh history and prominent Welsh Americans, an essential companion for the Welsh in North America to have as an primer on the contribution of the Welsh to the development and growth of America.

As a scientist myself, I also understand the value of his significant contributions to the scientific community and to the plastics industry. Certainly a man ahead of his times in his field.

The awarding of the OBE for both his scientific, industrial and Welsh activities was undoubtedly thoroughly deserved.

He will be missed by all who knew him and who interacted with him throughout the years. Certainly the North American Welsh community has lost a great supporter and member.

Sincerely and with best regards

Dr. Alan Upshall
President.

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Thanks Ellis, this is fine. I can write a short letter on this.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ellis Jones [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2002 8:01 AM
To: Alan Upshall
Subject: Islyn Thomas

Alan:

Yes a note from you as president of WNGGA would be very appropriate to send to the Family of Islyn Thomas, 286 Kings Road, Madison, NJ 07940.

Islyn was a major world person in the field of plastics and is one of the few persons in WNGGA who received the Order of the British Empire. Over the years he has also been a strong supporter of the Welsh Community. Some years ago he wrote a booklet which provided a condensed description of "things Welsh" (EJJ descriptor). In recent years he has been most involved with the National Welsh American Foundation.

He was not a past president of WNGGA but I think he was on the Board of Trustees; however, I haven't had time to dig out the list of past BOT members and Ron Green is now recovering from his latest diagnosis (tumor on pituitary) but he does expect to be back at work within the next week or so.

Is this info enough?

Ellis J.