

Dear Chris,

Herewith a rallying cry to  
make the valleys resound!

Hope it's OK. - prune if it's  
too long.

Cheers

Humph

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Dear Chris,  
Hope this is O.K.  
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Humph.

Dear Members,  
As one who has enjoyed  
many great sessions in Wales  
and who looks forward to regular  
appearances in the Welsh Jazz  
Festival, I am delighted to see  
the Welsh Jazz Society established  
- and very honoured to have  
been asked to be its President.  
It is not an altogether inappropriate  
appointment - some of my earliest  
public appearances were, after all,  
at Saturday night "free-and-easies"  
at the Velindre Working Mens' Club,  
Port Talbot nearly 40 years ago, when  
my version of 'Georgia' left few dry eyes  
in the room!  
Here's to a successful & expanding  
future for the W.J.S.  
Humph Lyttelton

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Dear Members,

One of the nice things about being an Honorary President, with no hand in the running of an organisation, is that one can proclaim how well it has done and how splendid it is without sounding immodest or egotistical.

The Welsh Jazz Society's achievements in a miraculously short time are not abstract -- they are there to be seen. The Welsh Jazz Festival is firmly established as one of the major international festivals in Britain, unrivalled for the range of jazz which it presents. More important still, the W.J.S. has done much to put Wales back on the map as a key part of the British jazz circuit, a position that it has not enjoyed in any consistent way since the old days of the mammoth concert tours twenty-odd years ago. Indeed, the present situation is much better, since the revival of jazz in Wales is not confined to the big centres like Cardiff and Swansea, important as these are. Jazz is busting out all over !

All of this is a tribute to the immense work put in by those those running the Society. But their strength is in the membership. No arts organisation can exist today in a vacuum -- help and co-operation must come from a great range of long-established organisations. With substantial membership behind them, the officers of the Society have not had to go, in the words of a great Welshman in another context, 'naked into the council-chamber'.

But the law of diminishing returns does not apply in this situation. With twice the number of members, twice as much can be done. With ten times the number, miracles can be performed. So let that be the immediate objective, to make sure that

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everyone who enjoys and takes part in the healthy activity on the Welsh jazz scene today becomes directly involved through membership of the Welsh Jazz Society --- not only for the personal advantages, but as a stake in an even more fruitful future. And if you think I am beginning to sound like a politician, let me put it more succinctly. Join now, and if you are already a member, start recruiting now ! Good luck.

Humphrey Lyttelton

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