



Girlguiding

Sir Morgannwg Ganol
Central Glamorgan county

April Newsletter 2024

Message from the County Commissioner

Doesn't it make a difference to be heading to the unit meeting and leaving in daylight. Growing Guiding has been fantastic. We have now gained 134 new young people since subscriptions, totalling 1669 – keep up the good work! I appreciate it takes time keeping your unit records up to date but it does help.

April has been a busy month for me both family wise and Guiding. What with Commissioner catch ups and meetings, Growing Together Commissioner Conference, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, First response training and getting Gorwelion campsite ready for the season this month has flown by.

I would like to thank the commissioners who attended Girlguiding Cymru Commissioners - Growing Together Event. It was lovely to meet up and have an event face to face. This allowed for learning, fact finding and discussion. We also used our time productively travelling and planning for our county events.

I am also excited to launch the Central Glamorgan Walk the World challenge. This will help raise funds for Gorwelion and improve the site – we have plans drawn for accessible toilets for the camp field and changes to be made to the little site. It's all exciting but we do need the support of the county for it to happen.





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Personally, I would like to thank Sarah Phillips - Queen's Guide Coordinator for her support in implementing the New Queen's Guide Award within the county. Sarah has stepped down from this role as her baby is due soon and I wish her well! I would also like to thank Sophie Gregory who has agreed to take on this role to support our members who have registered for the award.

On the subject of awards - just a reminder that you can now purchase Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards from your local trading Depot or directly through trading.

Can I also remind you to sign into GO as the system has changed. Information can be found in the March newsletter. Please could everyone check their GO record. Since we have moved over systems and the leadership qualification is now online, some members have contacted me indicating they have the qualification but they are not showing. If this has happened to you please contact me with evidence that you have completed the qualification so as I can pursue the matter for you. Evidence would be your certificate.

Also please keep a look out for the Girlguiding Cymru Newsletter which is packed full of information and events. I am really looking forward to meeting up with you over the coming weeks at different events.

If you have any information, events or some activity you wish to share please email to newsletter.girlguidingcgc@gmail.com. Please take time to read the newsletter and the opportunities available.

~Julie



County information

Dates for your diary

- 8 May** Cricket Wales challenge pack launch
- 8 June** Annual Review – Sker Division Venue to be confirmed afternoon
- 2 July** Young leaders on line meet ups
6:30pm
- 17 July** Young leaders on line meet ups
6:30pm
- 13 July** Brownie & Rainbow Fun Day Gorwelion
10:00 to 4:00pm
- 14 July** First Response Training Gorwelion
9:30 to 4:00pm
- 14 July** Open house & Cream Tea at Gorwelion
1:00 to 4:00pm
- 18 – 20 October** County weekend to Lorne, Belfast



County information

Gorwelion 80 challenge

Having submitted plans to build accessible outdoor toilets at Gorwelion and some changes on the little site we need to fundraise to support this alongside approaching sponsors and grant funding bodies.

Gorwelion turns 80 this year so it would be fantastic to celebrate by giving it a present!

To fundraise we are challenging you and your units to join us walking the number of steps to circumnavigate the World! This is equivalent to:

37,297 miles
60,023 kilometers
87,523,132 steps

We need your help to walk the 87 million steps around the world to raise money for Gorwelion. Individuals who raise over £10 will receive an Around the World challenge badge and individuals who raise over £50 will receive an Around the World teddy and challenge badge!

This challenge is taking place from the 1st May – 1st December 2024 and it would be great to see how far we have reached on our social media and newsletter so please send in how many steps your unit has walked monthly to donnajacka@hotmail.co.uk!

For more information and forms please follow the link in the email and on the newsletter page on the website.



County information

Olympics funday

Girlguiding Central Glamorgan

Fun day for Rainbow and Brownies

The Olympics



***on Saturday 13th July at
Gorwelion***



Don't delay and book today!

Price £5 per girl to include a badge

To find the booking form please follow the link in the email or in the newsletters section of the website.



County information

Support Girlguiding Central Glamorgan at Tesco

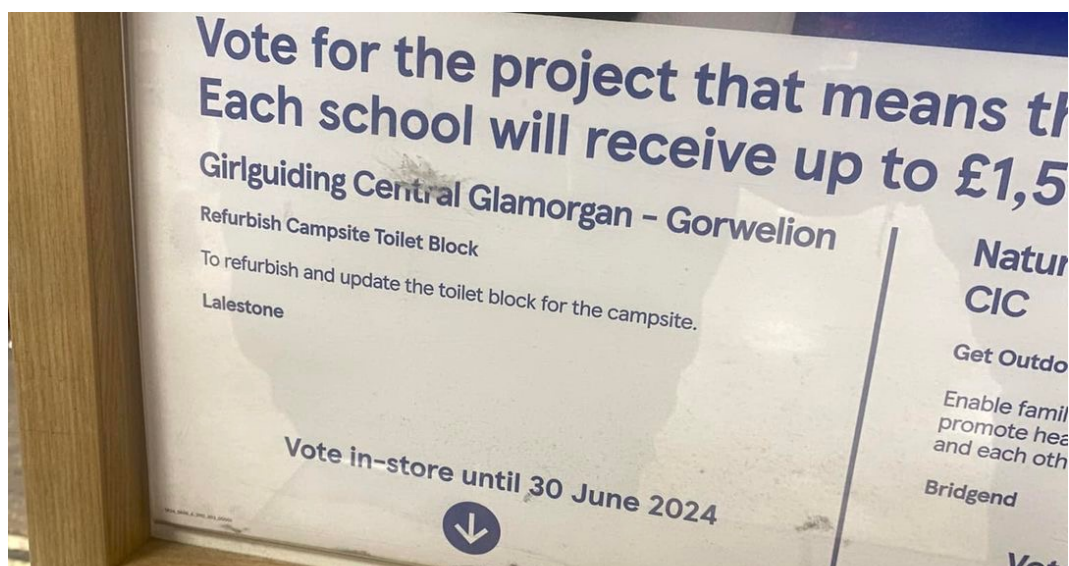
Organisation Name – Girlguiding Central Glamorgan – Gorwelion

Project Title – Refurbish Campsite Toilet Block

Please can you circulate this information. Voting will commence in store from the first week in April 2024 until the end of June 2024.

The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500. Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on your project.

2154	Bridgend Extra Large unit	CF31 3SQ
2130	Bridgend 1 Large unit	CF31 4AP
2604	Gentle Way Brdgd Exp Small unit	CF31 5EJ
4801	North Cornelly Exp Small unit	CF33 4LN
6218	Pencoed Exp Small unit	CF35 5NG



Celebrating our members



Some of our fantastic commissioner at the Growing Together conference!



Congratulations to those girls who have completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award and to those working towards their Silver and Gold expeditions.



Celebrating our members

Beach Academy



The Beach Academy visited 2nd Kenfig Hill Brownies and Kenfig Hill Guides.

Claim a free outreach day with Beach Academy this summer term. If you are a school or community group in Bridgend, Vale of Glamorgan or Neath Port Talbot we can come to your premises at no cost to you. Email Em on beachacademywales@gmail.com and hurry. Dates filling up fast.

[Bridgend County Borough Council](#)
[Vale of Glamorgan Council](#)



Upcoming opportunities

Leaders wanted for Royal Welsh Service team

Service team wanted



Royal Welsh Show 2024

Girlguiding Cymru are looking for Guides in Year 7 and above and Rangers to be part of a team from Ceredigion to support the Royal Welsh Show. They also require 6 Leaders.

The cost for the week is £80 which includes food, accommodation at Plas Pencelli and travel to and from the showground during your stay. Service may be used for DofE and Queens Guide.



**Sunday, 21st July –
Thursday, 25th July 2024**

Girlguiding Cymru are looking for leaders for the Royal Welsh Service team this summer. Applications will close when leader roles have been filled so if you are interested visit the website for more information: <https://girlguidingcymru.org.uk/training-events/2024/rwas>.



Opportunities for young members

Apply for Amplify

Calling all Girlguiding members aged 12 to 18 Join us for our third year of Amplify! Amplify is a team of 30 young members from across Girlguiding who meet virtually once a month. They work with staff and volunteers to help shape our organisation and make sure that girls, and their voices, are represented

As part of Amplify, you'll get to: have your say on what's important to you; gain leadership skills and develop your confidence; take part in some amazing opportunities and meet young people from guiding units across the UK.

To apply, email us at programme@girlguiding.org.uk with the answers to these questions:

What is your favourite memory of Girlguiding?

Why would you like to be a part of Amplify?

What is your date of birth?

What is your membership number?

There's no minimum word limit, as long as we can see your thoughts and personality, that's all that matters! Writing not your thing? Feel free to send us a video application or voice note instead.

You have until 12 May to apply – good luck!



Opportunities for Young Members

Girlguiding Cymru ICE project

International Community Experience (ICE) is for Guides aged 11-13. **To meet the criteria of the ICE, the Guides will need to be aged 11 by 1 September 2024 and 13 or under by 1 August 2025.**

The purpose of an ICE weekend/trip is to give girls a taste of community action, increase their global awareness and prepare them for international experiences.

Girlguiding Cymru Ice Project

Our ICE 2024/25 adventure begins with a residential weekend of community action and international experiences. We will explore what a community is and how we can make a difference, no matter how small. This will be achieved by taking part in a community project, such as environmental work/research at each of our locations. The Guides will also learn about global issues, have lots of fun and meet new friends!

Our ICE experience comes together at the final project during the **Summer Holidays 2025**, where the Guides will apply and develop their new skills through a community action project/research on Brownsea Island.

For more information please follow the link on the newsletter email.



Opportunities for Young Members

Virtual Inspire Sleepover



31st May - 2nd June on Zoom

Open to all members aged 14-30 from all regions! Midlands has launched our Inspire challenge badge online through a series of Zoom sessions across the weekend on a virtual sleepover, exploring each of the 7 Inspire pathways. There will also be some whole weekend challenges and chances to earn one or two of our new badges! Open to all Girlguiding members aged 14-30 for the chance to connect with members from across the region or country.

This event is free. Badges will be for sale via the Girlguiding Midlands website. Bookings are open: <https://www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk/whats-on/events/inspire-virtual-sleepover/>



Support for Young Leaders

Young leader workshops

Join our Young Leader's advisor Elli for some great advice on being a Young Leader!

Planning and Roles in guiding

02/07 at 6:30 (1hr 30)

Aim:

- Understand the programme, examples of planning and activities to take back to the unit.
- Understand the promise and law.
- Understanding other opportunities available to young leaders.

Working with the girls

17/07 At 6:30 (1hr 30)

Aim:

- Gain an understanding of inclusion
- Gain an understanding of how to support our young members

Young Leaders can fill out the form below to attend:

https://docs.google.com/.../12kSedsIdJ_5bb.../edit

Elli is happy to answer any questions via YLadviser.cynonvalley@outlook.com



Try something new

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Well Done to this year's Duke of Edinburgh's groups. The Bronze group successfully completed their expedition with their aim being Churches in the Vale of Glamorgan. Whilst Silver group completed their practice. All groups worked together as a team and their navigation and observation had improved since the training. Camping was a bit cold and their menus in general good. Thank you team Central Glamorgan for your continued support.

If you have girls who are in year 9 or above and are interested in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme please contact Nadine.Thomas@hotmail.co.uk



Try something new

NSGSO and NSGCB concert

**The National Scout & Guide
Symphony Orchestra and
Concert band**

**TICKETS ON
SALE NOW**

**Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd
August 3pm and 7:30pm**

tickets.nsgso-nsgcb.com



NSGSO and NSGCB are performing three concerts at The Elgar Concert Hall, Bramall Music Building at the University of Birmingham:

Friday 2nd August 7:30pm - NSGSO performing with a guest appearance from the NSGCB

Saturday 3rd August 3pm - NSGCB performing with guest appearances from the Big Band and String Ensemble

Saturday 3rd August 7:30pm - NSGSO performing with a guest appearance from the NSGCB

Tickets are available now from tickets.nsgso-nsgcb.com

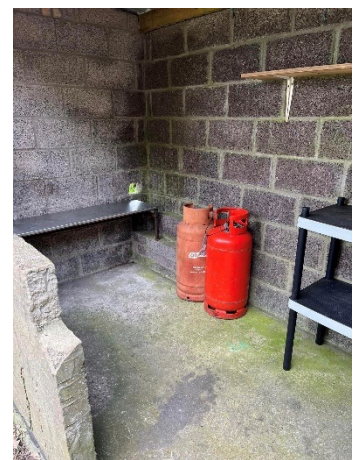


Gorwelion

Work at Gorwelion

It may not feel warm, but Summer is on its way. Thank you to those who give up their time to support Gorwelion. Thank you those who ensured our camp sites are ready for this season – your time is much appreciated. April saw our first camp – visitors from Holland. Although it was cold they have a great time exploring Wales, plus visited Windsor on their way to Wales. It was lovely to have positive feedback on what developments have happened on the site since their last visit.

The house bookings have been exceptional for the house. Also, the camp sites have been booked up. Thank you for your support in booking and let's hope this season is one that makes more memories, fun and friendship!



Gorwelion

Give a Gift to Gorwelion appeal 2024



We are launching this appeal with the aim of raising £5000 in order to continue to improve the facilities at Gorwelion, our wonderful home by the sea. We are looking at making both campsites more accessible for all to be able to enjoy. We would love as much support as possible to achieve this, so that generations of young people and adults can continue to enjoy Gorwelion and all it has to offer too.

Please share with your units/leaders/parents, and also with friends and family too!!

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/give-a-gift-to-gorwelion-2024>



Supporting units and volunteers

Managing unit accounts training



Introduction to managing unit accounts virtual training

Girlguiding Cymru

New date for May 2024

May

Tuesday 7th 7.30pm

Aims

The aim of the training is to give leaders confidence and ensure they are aware of their responsibilities concerning keeping accounts.

Book now via **Girlguiding Learning platform**

girlguidingcymru.org.uk/training-events

The poster features a central illustration of a woman with dark curly hair wearing a white polo shirt, sitting at a desk with a laptop. Surrounding her are icons representing financial management: a calculator, a gold coin, and a building with a circular arrow. The background is dark blue with white and light blue accents.

Safe space training



Safe space L3 virtual training

Girlguiding Cymru

New dates for Spring-Summer 2024

April

Tuesday 30th 6.30pm

May

Saturday 11th 10.00am

June

Wednesday 5th 6.30pm
Thursday 27th 6.30pm

Each session: 2 hours long

Book now via the **Girlguiding Learning platform**

learning.girlguiding.org.uk

The poster features a central illustration of a woman with long dark hair wearing a white polo shirt, sitting at a desk with a laptop. Surrounding her are icons representing safety and communication: a green shield with a checkmark, a clipboard with a checklist, a hand holding a pink heart, and speech bubbles. The background is dark blue with white and light blue accents.



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