



Girlguiding

Sir Morgannwg Ganol
Central Glamorgan county

Summer Newsletter 2024

Message from the County Commissioner

June and July – months of non stop guiding. They have been ones of celebration, community action and enjoying the out of doors.

Starting with Volunteers week and I really appreciate all that everyone does for Girlguiding In Central Glamorgan. Without your dedicated commitment the movement would not continue to grow and thrive. Girlguiding UK launched the new Young Leaders program, please take some time and have a look its sectional and in line with our leadership program. Our annual review but more about that later. Lastly the out of doors so many oportunites our members have had this month.

I know it's a constant reminder but please ensure both you and your group are in complaince. Its upsetting when members are taken off Go and the work to get someone reinstated can be challenging. Please do your best not for this to happen.



Message from the County Commissioner

Also have you seen the activity where you can have a say in the new badges that Girlguiding are considering – what an opportunity to shape the future of our organisation. Please take some time to have a look...

Our number of young members has gone down to 1683. With waiting lists that need to be updated and enquiries coming in I anticipate this will increase in September. Also can I please ask that you contact new enquiries as I do get emails about this if they are not. This would be appreciated.

I hope you all have a lovely summer. The next newsletter will be September. If you have any information, events or activity you wish to share please email to newsletter.girlguidingcgc@gmail.com

Please take time to read the newsletter and the opportunities available.

Julie

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County information

Dates for your diary

11 October: Craft Evening – Llantwit Fardre Scout hall

7 to 9:30pm

18 – 20 October: County weekend to Lorne, Belfast

24 November: County Day Training – Pentre School Rhondda

9:30am to 3:00pm



Congratulations

Annual Review

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Annual Review – thank you to Sker Division for hosting this event! What an afternoon of celebration and acknowledging service and commitment. Congratulations to those who received Long Service awards, Guiding Hero awards, Thanks badges, Good Service awards, Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and Ranger Gold awards.

A big congratulations also has to go to those who received Chief Commissioner and Laurel Awards!



Congratulations

Bridgend Unsung Heroes Awards

Libby Phillips of Nottage and 2nd Kenfig Hill Brownies and Newton Rainbows – nominated for Volunteer of the Year for under 25s



Sharon Lima of Nottage and 2nd Kenfig Hill Brownies and Newton Rainbows – commended for Outstanding Volunteers award

Gold D of E expedition



Congratulations to these girls for completing their Gold D of E expedition

Congratulations

Volunteers at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show



Thank to those who volunteered at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show this year!



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 or contact your commissioner.

County information

Gorwelion 80 challenge

1st Nottage Guides have joined in with gusto and every step they take is counted towards the final total. If most units take part they only need walk a total of 583,488 steps per unit (a total of approx 250 miles). Not that far when you consider we have until the end of November to complete.

1st Nottage Guides, Sker Division, are well out in front of their needed target and their total steps, taken on 12th June stands at 2, 530,984 - about 4 times as much as they need to do, but the weekly total keeps going up. Is there anyone out there that can match or better this? Nottage has thrown down the gauntlet girls - can anyone beat this or catch them up!

Please let me know your totals so that we can keep a running total until the end of November

Please reach out to Donna for more information.

Donnajacka@hotmail.co.uk

Please see the link on the email and on the county website for sponsor forms and Unit records.



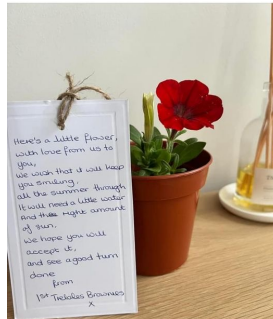
What have our members been up to?

Community action

Would you believe on the same week a number of units as part of their program went litter picking? 1st Abercynon are doing the Thrifty 50 Challenge pack. Other community action that took place included clearing and weeding, also giving a gift of kindness.



Laleston Village Hub
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Just had the most incredible little group of brownies knock the door to give me a gift. It really has made my week! Will definitely pay the kindness forward. Thank you 1st Trelales Brownies



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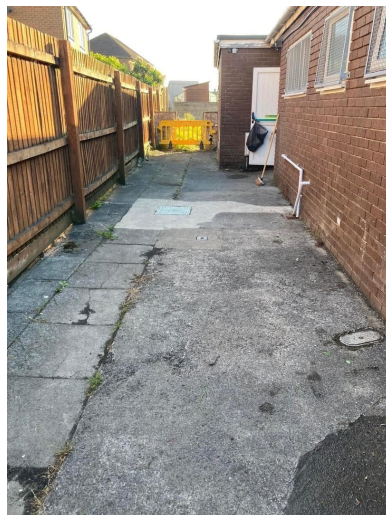
1st Abercynon Brownies – community action



1st Abercynon Brownies are doing thrifty Fifty challenge which includes recycling and litter picking.

Nottage Brownies – community action

Nottage brownies weeded all the paving and carpark of south road hall.



What have our members been up to?

3rd Newton Brownies

3rd Newton Brownies took part in the Churches Unlocked Festival at the beginning of June with a private tour of St John the Baptist church in Newton, Porthcawl.

The church, built in the 11th century, is on Newton Green, right opposite our meeting place. The Brownies enjoyed finding out about the church, exploring inside and completing a quiz. They were particularly fascinated by the stained-glass windows and the amazing bell tower with 8 bells. Each Brownie also went up into the pulpit through a staircase in the wall and offered their best piece of advice – there were some very thoughtful responses! Thank you to everyone in the church – it was a very different and interesting evening.



What have our members been up to?

2nd Kenfig Hill Brownies

2nd Kenfig Hill Brownies visited RNLI Aberavon



2nd Kenfig Hill Brownies



1st Abercynon Brownies visited their parish Church as part of their local history badge. They found out some interesting facts about the church and donated dried and tinned food to the church's food bank.

What have our members been up to?

1st Abercynon Guides camp

A fab weekend was had by all at Gorwelion. We camped with a Cardiff Guide Group and activities included a walk to the beach, sand art, Energise badge, and I'm a camp survivor get me out of here...! The weather was very kind even though it rained Friday night when pitching tents.

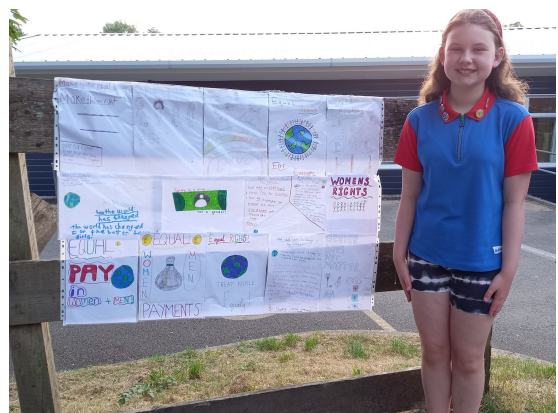


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1st Efail Isaf Guide camp

1st Efail Isaf Guides camped at Gorwelion this June – it really fun and enjoyable camp and their programme included activities to earn the County Let's Build Badge and also the Girlguiding Cymru Energise badge!

Gwenno presented with her poster for her Campaigning badge - now displayed outside our meeting hall. She gave us all a very interesting talk about womens' contributions to society having done a lot of research into their lives and achievements and the other Guides made posters to be incorporated into the one shown. Great work Gwenno!



What have our members been up to?

Girlguiding Cymru Energise badge

Don't forget the Girlguiding Cymru Energise badge-
12th Aberdare Girlguiding sections had fun doing it!



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Silver Expedition

This years silver groups visited the Gower for final their expedition. The two groups were well prepared and their navigation and camp skills were praised by their assessors. The aims chosen by the groups were smuggling and myths and legends. Well Done both groups!

Thank you to the supervisors and assessors for your time in making this happen – its much appreciated.



Gorwelion

Outdoor shelter

We are now able to use the shelter which also has picnic benches in it. Thanks to a grant from Comic relief and a kind donation.



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