



# December



As 2021 closes it's been GREAT to see so many units return to face to face Guiding. A massive thank you for everything you have done this year! You have all gone the extra mile. It's been an exciting year! I like so many of you have enjoyed being back face to face, however I had forgotten how many pairs of hands I need and the noise level. It's been fantastic catching up with so many of you. I hope, along with the team that we can be out there visiting and networking in 2022. The County team is growing but we would love to see more of you join us on this adventure - it's an exciting journey and we are open to ideas. There is no I in TEAM. Let's make Central Glamorgan a Guiding County that we can be proud to be a member of. There is so much amazing news from all around the County in this edition and it's proof that Guiding is very much alive and active within our communities. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and let's make 2022 a year of opportunities.

*Julie - County Commissioner*

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# Tesco Community Grant

We have been successful in applying for Tesco Community Grants. This is part of the token voting scheme. Voting will commence from the first week of January 2022 until 31st March 2022.

Project 1 is for Girlguiding Central Glamorgan  
Project Title - Shelters for Girlguiding, Porthcawl.

You can vote for this in the following stores:

**Tesco Bridgend Superstore, CF31 4AP**  
**Bridgend Tesco Extra, CF31 3SQ**  
**Bridgend Tesco Express, CF31 5EJ**  
**North Cornelly Tesco Express, CF33 4LB**

Project 2 is for Girlguiding Central Glamorgan  
Project Title - Girlguiding Gorwelion House,  
camp storage facility

You can vote for this in the following stores:

**Pontypridd Tesco Extra, CF37 5SN**  
**Treforest Tesco Express, CF37 1BT**  
**Church Village Tesco Express, CF38 1PW**  
**Llantwit Fardre Tesco Express, CF38 2LT**

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within any of the above stores, of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. In the unlikely event that voting is suspended due to government guidelines the tokens will be counted and the grants awarded accordingly.

**Please vote for us and promote this within your units and community. It would be fantastic if we could get new shelters and complete our storage area with new racking. We need all the support we can get and it would be amazing to see Gorwelion continue to develop.**

# Happy 60th Birthday



1st Coity Brownies, Bridgend celebrated their 60th Anniversary on the 23rd of November. The Brownies enjoyed a SILENT DISCO All dressed in their party clothes and of course there was a celebration cake!!

Brownies in Newton celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in great style too at the beginning of December with a fundraising pyjama dance-a-thon and Christmas party.

Girls have been attending weekly Brownie meetings in Newton Schoolroom since the unit opened on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1961. Even in lockdown we continued to meet every week virtually and returned to face-to-face first outdoors and in September back in the schoolroom.

Over the last sixty years, the Brownies have enjoyed all sorts of special activities including Brownie weekends at Gorwelion, participating in Porthcawl Carnival, ice skating with Cardiff Devils Ice Hockey team and joining Brownies from all over Wales for a sleepover in the Principality Stadium to mark the Big Brownie birthday!

Brown Owl Helen Murdoch said, "It was lovely to celebrate our 60th with a party all together - last year we had a virtual sleepover! I've been a leader with the unit for over 20 years and helped out for many years before that when my Mum, Ann Browning, was Brown Owl. I've loved every minute of it. It's great to see the girls' confidence grow as they try out new things and have fun and adventures."

Sarah-Jane Burns, a former Brownie and now leader with the unit, helped the girls organise the event. "Being a Brownie was an important part of my growing up and now sharing everything that Girlguiding has to offer with new generations is fantastic. I was so proud of the girls raising money for Children in Need whilst they celebrated. It certainly was a fitting way to mark 60 years of Brownies in Newton."

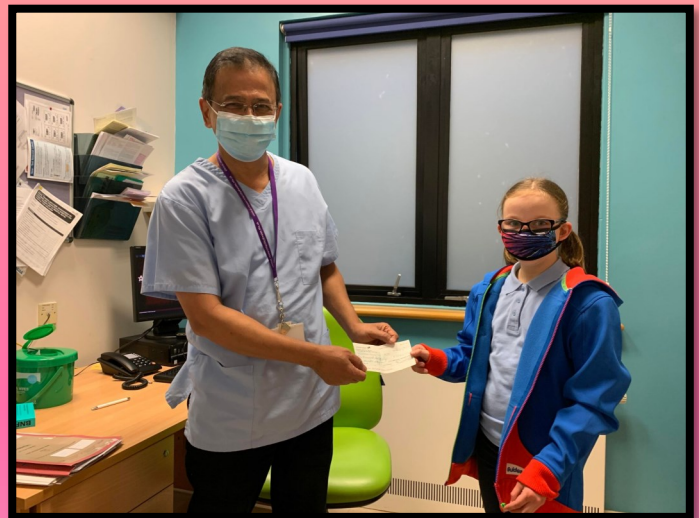


# Penblwydd Hapus

# Your news - Eich newyddion chi

## 12th Aberdare Hirwaun Guides

We at 12th Aberdare Hirwaun Guides, Brownies and Rainbows have raised £1066 for the Children's Renal Unit in the Heath through a sponsored walk. Cwmbach Guides also took part. We chose this as a worthy cause as it is where one of our very brave Guides goes for her check-ups following her kidney transplant earlier this year.



## 1st Llanharan Rainbows

Well done to 1st Llanharan Rainbows who raised £50 by doing kind and helpful things. They have donated half to Children in Need and half to Gorwelion. Well done, well done, well done!!



# 1st Ton Pentre Rainbows

1st Ton Pentre Rainbows have been busy this term learning all about Diwali. They also made beautiful Poppy wreaths to remember those who fought for their Countries.



## The Vale

Members of The Vale division recently went to Tesco to have a promotional photograph taken receiving their grant. They applied earlier this year and we were in local stores for people to vote over the last few months. They were awarded £500, which was third place. *"This is fantastic for our units, we are going to purchase some amazing items to enhance girls experiences with us, fire building equipment and other outdoor bits".* - Hannah Palmer, Division Commissioner

They also had a stall at their local Christmas Fayre. They had a chocolate tombola, where parents donated items. They also had a teddy tombola prize every time. They raised almost £250 which will be split between their three units, 2nd/3rd Llantwit Major Brownies, and 1st Llantwit Major Rainbows. Fantastic effort!!



# Llongyfarchiadau Mali

A big congratulations to Mali Stevenson from 1st Ynysmaerdy Rangers, who has completed her Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. Here's what she had to say about her experience; *"I learnt a lot whilst doing my Silver Duke of Edinburgh, and made long lasting friendships with my team mates. I enjoyed doing things I'd never done before, and being places I would never have gone if it weren't for Duke of Edinburgh. I'm very excited to complete Gold and to see where that will take me"*.

Well done Mali, keep up with the good work and good luck with your Gold!



## Congratulations

1st Brackla Brownies were delighted to have an awards evening in November. Julie came to present 3 Gold awards to Charlotte, Sophie and Lucy. A Bronze award was also presented to Emily, and a personalised frame awarded to Indi after she completed all 18 interest badges. The Gold Girls created an "Insta-frame" for use by new Brownies saying 'Officially a Brownie', and also did a lovely presentation about the opportunities they'll have at Guides. They have been a real credit to the unit and we wish them well at Guides! - Liz (Brown Owl)



# Palindrome Activity Pack 2022

Who doesn't love a challenge pack? So to kick start 2022 we have put together an activity pack for you to do with your units!

A palindrome is a word, number, phrase, or other sequence of characters which reads the same backward as forward, such as madam or racecar.

There are also numeric palindromes, including date/time.

**Thinking Day 2022 is a palindrome!**

**22.02.2022**

To celebrate this, we have put this pack together to give you some ideas of what you can do with your units. It's jam packed full of suggestions, feel free to adapt, change slightly to suit your section. Choose 6 activities from this pack to complete with your unit, in order to get the badge!!

The pack is **FREE** to download [HERE](#), please place orders for badges early as we have limited stock so they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

# Wellies and Wristbands

## 2022

## County trip

Wellies and Wristbands is a festival-style event for Guides, Rangers and their leaders. The event will take place over August Bank Holiday weekend, from Friday 26 to Monday 29 August 2022 and Girlguiding Central Glamorgan is going to the Foxlease event. Leaders do not require a licence to bring girls to this event but it is a great opportunity to gain experience for or begin working towards the Going Away With Licence. For more information, speak to your local Commissioner about the Going Away With Scheme. Standard Girlguiding ratios should be maintained during Wellies and Wristbands.

Girlguiding Central Glamorgan is charging £170.00. This includes ticket price, which is campsite fees, full catering from Friday night until Monday lunchtime (including Friday dinner, Saturday and Sunday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Monday breakfast and lunch; snacks not included). It also includes transport and a t-shirt. It covers entertainment, wristbands and all the fun of the festival - bands, adventurous activities, relaxation sessions, creative arts and much more! All activities are open to leaders, and there will be a number of leader-only activities available, so you'll be able to join in with the fun too.

Click [Here](#)

for all the latest news on what will be happening.

In April 2022 we will receive further information about the event, as well as a request for travel information, dietary requirements, additional information and event forms. Units will be expected to provide their own tents for participants.

Please note: if necessary, leader's children are able to attend Wellies and Wristbands, but they will not be able to participate in the main activities of the event. Provisions for suitable activities will be made where possible. The cost for children is £80, and a deposit of £40 non refundable will need to be paid to confirm this space.

Click [HERE](#)

To download the booking form. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



# Watch this space

We had planned a 'Training for life as a Leader, powered by friendship, laughter and cake!' at the end of January in Garth Olwg Centre. Due to the current situation with the new variant this has been postponed and we will keep you posted with regards to a new date. If you are looking for training modules to complete there is loads available on the Girlguiding Cymru website. You can also contact your Division Commissioner who will be able to help you access the e-modules available on GO.

## CENSUS/SUBSCRIPTIONS

Our yearly subscription is due Feb 2022. I am sure you have been planning ahead for this, having received notice and communication from CHQ earlier in the year. Trail invoices will be out the end of January. Please ensure your unit numbers are up to date - don't leave it to last minute. It's been great that our numbers have been growing during this year. The cost this year is £48.00 per person which is made up of GGUK £21.00 (increase) GGCymru £18.00 (same as last year) GGCentral Glam £9.00 (same as last year). Your Subscription allows Girlguiding to continue to work as an organisation.

## Accounts 2021

Please take time to gather everything you need to submit Unit accounts. These will be due on the 31st of December 2021. If you need help please contact your Division Commissioner. Unit accounts need to be submitted to your Division Commissioners.

# HSBC Community Accounts

Please sign the petition regarding the Community accounts with HSBC bank - this is going to cost units to run their accounts through this bank and will have an impact upon financing the unit.

Click [HERE](#) to sign

## DBS's, Safe Space and First Response

Please can you ensure these are kept up to date. GGUK are tightening up on compliance with these. Please check your emails and GO record to note your status. If you are not receiving emails from GGUK they are communicating with you just through GO. To change this go into your profile and request an email be sent when a message is put on Go For you.

## Send us your news

This is your newsletter. Please send items in for us to share. If you'd like to send photos too that would be great! Central Glamorgan is a fantastic County so let's shout about it!!! Please send to the email address below by January the 15th.

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