



Girlguiding
Morgannwg Ganol
Central Glamorgan

November

and December

Christmas is fast approaching; it seems busier than ever what with personal preparations and unit activities. I am sure there will be festive parties both within and out of the unit, trips to Pantomimes, going to the cinema to see Wish and Christmas craft evenings too. Thank you to everyone who has completed their e-learning, attended online trainings or webinars – it's a challenge but the good thing is you can at least have a cuppa when you want. Thank you, Garth Maelwg, for the warm welcome at your divisional meeting- it was great to be able to spend some time with you at your Divisional meeting and present some awards too.

Just a reminder - Adult Leaders Qualification (ALQ) is now only available on line and the PINK book is no more. Also, if you are wanting to work with another section there is more information on the Girlguiding UK web page. Please contact Bethan Hinks ALQ coordinator bethalq.girlguidingcg@gmail.com to sign up and ensure you have a mentor. Safe Space – I am getting several emails regarding members who need to update their safe space. Please remember you must keep all levels in compliance. Also, any member who is a leader or assistant leader will be required to do safe space level 3 in 2024 so please book ahead and carry out the training- there will be a significant demand next year. This is available online through the learning portal. You can participate in the webinar training from any country and region. Just a note CHQ will be closed over the Christmas period so please try and do any training you need soon.

Membership to date is 1665 young members this has increased overall but we did make over 1700 at one point this year. Please check and update your waiting lists it helps the organisation move forward.

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

Merry Christmas and let's hope 2024 is a good year!! Nadolig Llawen i chi gyd!!

Julie ~ julie.girlguidingcg@gmail.com

Christmas Card Appeal!



Last year our Christmas Card Appeal saw 1203 cards sent to older people living in residential care. A wonderful effort from all those who took time to write a card and the volunteers who distributed them.

Our 2023 campaign will open on November 1st, and we are hoping to get even more cards this year! Find out more...

[Age Connects Morgannwg | Christmas Card Appeal](#)

You could send your cards to your local residential home. I am sure they would really appreciate them.

Girlguiding Cymru- Civil Engineering Challenge badge

The Girlguiding Cymru Civil Engineering Pack is a great way for girls to develop their problem-solving skills, creativity, and teamwork skills. It is also a fantastic way to inspire girls to consider a career in civil engineering. Download the pack:

girlguidingcymru.org.uk/ice-civil-engineering-challenge

Thank you to Libby Hopkins, (Nottage and 2nd Kenfig Hill Brownies) and Anneka Thomas (1st Abercynon Rangers) who worked with the engineers developing this pack. Great to see members of Central Glamorgan involved at a Country Level!



Central Glamorgan

County Training Weekend

Fun!

Games!



Friendship!



Lorne - Northern Ireland

October 18th - 20th 2024

Adventure!

Explore!

Cost £160 to include food and accommodation
Travel is separate. Easyjet fly to Belfast City airport
from Bristol daily. Please book your own flights.
Too early to book flights yet but cost of flights
at the moment are about £70 return.

Places are limited and will be allocated
on a first come first served basis.

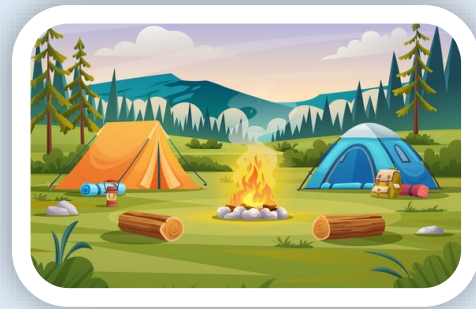
In order for us to place a booking with Lorne
Please pay £50 deposit payable ASAP

Don't delay and book today!!

For more information contact:
Annette Stoneham on annettestoneham@yahoo.com



Expedition D of E Gold



Next year Girlguiding Cymru are holding a DofE gold open expedition the cost will be approx £120. This is for training, practice and actual expedition.

It will be Brecon based. Participants need to be 16 years old to register by January 2024. Remember there are 4 other elements to do to gain the gold DofE award.

If you want to know more information please contact Nadine:
nadine.thomas@hotmail.co.uk by 20th December as numbers are required by Wales.



Tickets for Girlguiding exclusive **ODEON Cinemas** screenings of Wish will be available on 1st November from 12pm! Look out for the link to book on our social media feeds, the Girlguiding website and via email. Screenings on 9th and 10th of December!

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Megan Phillips

1st Kenfig Hill Rainbows

Megan walked Pen Y Fan and raised over £800 for the hall where her Rainbow unit meets. Well Done!!



Jo Hobbs

Garth Maelwg

Congratulations to Jo Hobbs from Garth Maelwg who was recently presented with her 40 years service award!!!! What an achievement!

She was also awarded a special thanks badge for her continued support and enthusiasm to grow Guiding locally.



Congratulations

Liz Dunford and Molly Jones

Liz Dunford and Molly Jones have been selected to represent Girlguiding Cymru in Sangam-India! We're looking forwards to hearing more about their fundraising ideas and preparation towards their trip.



Helen Murdock

Look who was on the Red carpet at Leister Square, London at Guiding Celebrates Event? Helen Murdock From Sker Division! Helen was invited to attend this event where she was presented her Laurel Award. Many congratulations Helen!!

Pax Lodge trip

Guides Trip to London 16th-17th February 2024

This trip is for Guides in Central Glamorgan. It's an exciting opportunity to visit Pax Lodge our World Centre in London plus do some sightseeing. Cost includes travel, evening meal, Bed and Breakfast, packed lunch next day, entrance to attractions (if applicable). Only 4 spaces left! Open to adult members who fancy coming along too. This trip is part of our 80 year celebrations.



Guiding Trip to London

This is a trip for Guides to visit Pax Lodge, based in London. An exciting opportunity to join in the Guiding experience by staying in one of Girlguiding's five world centres and the chance to explore London along the way.



Dates: Friday 16th to Saturday 17th February 2024

If over subscribe potential date late on in year .
Leader girl ratio will apply for all units as limited leader spaces

Cost: £120 full amount by 15th January 2023

Deposit: £40 due by 3rd October 2023

Please note, this is a trip for Guides only.



Cardiff Devils ice extravaganza 2024

Girlguiding Cymru

Saturday, 20th January 2024
2.15pm-9.30pm

Age	Skate and game	Game only
3-15	£16	
16-21		
21+		£15

Event full

- Watch ice hockey
- Ice skating
- Meet new guiding friends

by Sport Wales.
per unit.
a free place when you bring 12 or more.

Closing date for bookings is 5pm on 30 November 2023 or when full.
Book early to avoid disappointment.

Hopefully those who did get a place will enjoy their day. If you did not you should have had an email asking if you are interested in going in March.



It has been brought to our attention that people wish to leave a legacy to Girlguiding. However when the estate has been sorted the legacy has not gone to the correct place within the organisation. For this to happen you need to be very specific as to your wishes. For example; your unit (1st Abercynon Guides), Gorwelion or for a specific purpose – International travel.

Resources

Useful Resources

Bridgend Astronomical Society – they will carry out an evening including slide show, a quiz, and making a solar system (and they don't charge!).

The Royal Navy – evening of team building, communication skills and Q&A on being in the Navy. If interested contact Emily.Boycott100@mod.gov.uk

Our social media:

Facebook page:- Central Glamorgan Girlguiding

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If you have used any organisations, groups or companies that have come in to your unit to run an evening please share.

Useful County email addresses

International Adviser – Sharon Rees-Williams

sreeswilliams@hotmail.com

Young Leaders Adviser – Elli Bufton

yladviser.cynonvalley@outlook.com

PR Adviser – Emily- Jo Davey

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Queens Guide Adviser – Sarah Phillips

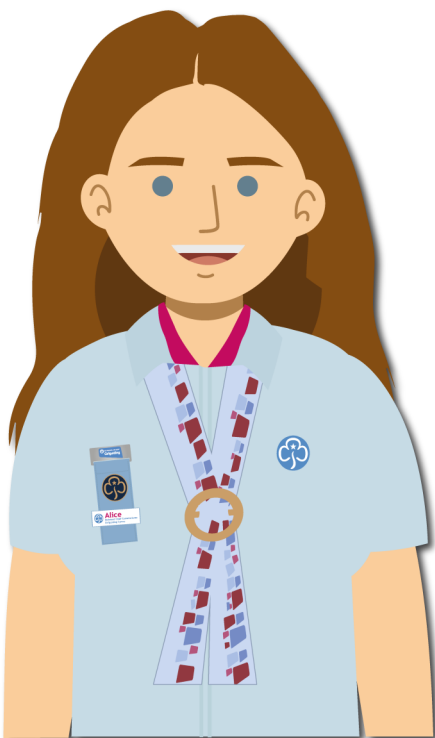
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Booking sec Gorwelion – Sharon Lima

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County Badge Sec – Dian Jones

Dianjones80@gmail.com



Save the date!

First Aid training dates 2024

- ⇒ 27th January: Gilead Chapel Hall-Coity
- ⇒ 20th April: Abercynon Community Centre
- ⇒ 14th July: Ynysmaerdy Community Centre, Llantrisant
- ⇒ 17th November: Porthcawl Guide Hall

More information to follow in the new year!

Census/subscriptions

Our yearly subscription is due Feb 2024. 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 £57.00 per person which is made up of GGUK £31.00 (increase of £3) GGCymru £18.00 (no increase) GGCentral Glam £8.00 (no increase). Your Subscription allows Girlguiding to continue to work as an organisation.

Accounts 2023

Please take time to gather everything you need to submit Unit accounts. These will be due on the 31st of December 2023. If you need help please contact your Division Commissioner. Unit accounts need to be submitted to your Division Commissioners.

Gorwelion

There has been a huge amount of work happening at Gorwelion recently. Thanks to Hansons, Equans, Comic Relief Grant and our own members. Here's what has been achieved:-

- ⇒ Little field shelter painted inside and out
- ⇒ Back area cleared on the small site and all old wood that can't be burnt is alongside the garage
- ⇒ Guttering cleaned in small site
- ⇒ Path and ramp to small site shelter completed and railings in place
- ⇒ Rainwater barrel donated
- ⇒ Vegetation at bottom of small field cut back
- ⇒ Area all around large field cut back and trees lopped
- ⇒ Trees over hanging toilet block lopped
- ⇒ Main house painted outside
- ⇒ Kitchen – cooker and filters cleaned, cupboards cleaned, kitchen reorganised
- ⇒ Cleaning store- cleaned and revamped

Just a note, bookings for Gorwelion for 2024 are coming in thick and fast which is fantastic, please contact Sharon to book:
bookings.gorwelion22@gmail.com

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What's left to do :-

- ⇒ Little site shelter – needs another coat of paint outside (materials are there)
- ⇒ House- back end of house needs painting (materials are there)
- ⇒ Trees that have been chopped– wood needs to be chopped further and placed in the wood shed – by toilet block and far end of large field.
- ⇒ Ferns that have been cut back need to be burnt and the area cleaned – its amazing what you find- Shoes, cutlery etc
- ⇒ Gutters and drains of house need cleaning

To name but a few that are needed to ensure Our House by the Sea is maintained. If you are able to support please email:

julie.girlguidingcg@gmail.com

January we are closed as this will be our working month. We need your support, just a few hours are very much appreciated!

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.

newsletter.girlguidingcg@gmail.com