

Message from the County Commissioner

February has been one full of fun and friendship. It was fantastic to see and hear about all the events happening for World Thinking Day. I really enjoyed spending time with my own unit and division, Cynon Valley, and some visiting units for our Thinking Day Fun Day. More to follow.

It was a first for me at a silent disco! Over 100 guides and rangers joined together for a night of dancing and singing along to the music. New friendships were made and all had a fabulous time.

I also attended a unit 80th Birthday party where past and present leaders joined the unit to celebrate and supported the Duke of Edinburgh training for our Bronze group.

Trainings are being offered in the county which include First Response which is well attended – Thank you to our trainers. Also, county training days, evenings trainings are being organised these are opportunities not only to formally learn but to network.

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This month I received information from CHQ with reference to compliance on Safer Guiding eLearning. This is mandatory for all members of Girlguiding and I would appreciate your support in ensuring you are compliant. Check your Go record for more information re compliance, also you are informed through My Communications and email.

Thank You to all units who have paid subscriptions we do however have a few stragglers. Please can we complete this year's payment ASAP it would be appreciated. On 22 February we had 1545 members. To date 1577 can we break the barrier of 1600 this year and sustain it? We can break the 1600 barrier, on Nov 2024 we had 1673 members. I know it sounds very premature but please start budgeting for next years subscriptions.

Julie

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County Calendar

March – June 2025

Wednesday 12th March - Duke of Edinburgh Zoom Catch Up

Thursday 13th March – Singing Circle

Tuesday 18th March – Queen’s Guide Zoom session

Saturday 22nd March – Welsh Trefoil AGM (Herenstone Hotel)

10th April – Fun, Songs and laughter (annetestoneham@yahoo.com)

26th April – Going Away Information Day

10th May – VE Celebration Llanharan

14th May – Sing at Sunset Gorwelion

7th June – International Opportunities for Selection

14th June – County training day (Litchard)



County information

New International advisor

Welcome Jolene Howells as our new International Adviser. Jolene is from Upper Rhondda and I am sure we will hear more from her soon.

We are excited to offer Central Glamorgan International Opportunities 2026 where Guides aged 12 to 16 and leaders have an opportunity to come forward and learn more about Girlguiding Cymru International Selection and potentially have an opportunity to represent Central Glamorgan at this event.

As a county our selection date is 6 June 10:00 to 4:00 at Gorwelion. The Divisional/ District Commissioners will have the information and forms as to what is required for this event.



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

VE DAY 80

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
JOIN US FOR VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

LIVE MUSIC, DISPLAYS, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, FAIRGROUND RIDES, FOOD & DRINK

12 noon - 5pm - SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025 - LLANHARAN WELFARE GROUND

FREE ENTRY

www.llanharan-cc-events.co.uk



We are looking for leaders, Rangers and Young Leaders to help out at this event!!

If you can help, please complete this form or scan the QR code.



<https://tinyurl.com/VEdayEvent>

Exciting news!!! Our brand-new VE day activity pack will be launched soon to celebrate 80 years since VE day!! With a fantastic limited-edition badge! Keep your eye out!!

We're also taking part in this VE day celebration in Llanharan, where we'll have a County stall with activities too. We're looking for volunteers on the day to help on the stall and also to help as stewards during the event. Please complete the form below if you can come along for a couple of hours.

<https://tinyurl.com/VEdayEvent>



World Thinking Day

Pyjama Party



World Thinking Day

Hirwuan Rainbows and Brownies Pyjama Party



PIC•COLLAGE



Having fun!

Silent Disco



Get involved

Duke of Edinburgh

Training was held for the Bronze Group 8-9 February. This included learning about appropriate Kit, weather, map reading, route planning, menu planning, cooking and walking a route. The weather was kind and the group which was made of 2 units worked together.

If you have guides aged 13 plus are interested, please contact Nadine Thomas – Nadine.thomas@hotmail.co.uk



Girlguiding Cymru Activity Pack

Central Glamorgan Guide Unit involved in developing challenge pack

Girlguiding Cymru is proud to launch the WeCare.wales challenge pack, designed to introduce you to the rewarding world of social care.

The pack was developed by the Introduction to social care team with support from Julie Thomas and Jen Denham from Girlguiding Central Glamorgan, this pack is your gateway to exploring the rewarding world of social care.

Plus, you'll earn a free badge! WeCare.wales is an initiative from Social Care Wales, helping to recruit and retain dedicated individuals in this vital sector.

Download yours today!

<https://girlguidingcymru.org.uk/wecarewales-challenge>



Local news

Having a train named after you!



Gill Clay granddaughter of Baden Powell, has been honoured with a GWR train named after her. Celebrating 100 years of Scouting in Wales and ahead of Founders Day / World Thinking Day. Gill Supports both Scouts, Guides and Trefoil within the Vale area.

BAVO



Do you know a volunteer who's gone above and beyond!?
Nominate them for the Bridgend Unsung Heroes Awards 2025 today!

The awards celebrate the very best of volunteering in Bridgend County, giving thanks to those individual volunteers who go above and beyond for our community. Find out more information & make your nomination in the link below

<https://www.bavo.org.uk/volunteering/volunteer-awards/>

Please note: nominations close on the 28th of March at 5pm!



Calling all Girlguiding Cymru bakers

Apply for Junior Bake Off!

Love Productions, the team behind The Great British Bake Off, is looking for talented young bakers aged 9-15 for the 11th series of Junior Bake Off on Channel 4!

If you love whipping up delicious treats, this is your chance to shine!

Filming takes place from July 2025, but applications close on Sunday, 23rd March 2025, so don't delay!

Apply online now at:

www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk



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