

May Newsletter 2025

Message from the County Commissioner

Well, May seems to have disappeared! I'm sure you are all gearing up for a busy Summer period with your units! If you're heading outdoors away from your meeting place don't forget to inform your Division Commissioner and complete a risk assessment.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and helped out on our County stand at the VE day celebrations in Llanharan on the 10th of May. It was great to see leaders and young leaders from across the County supporting this event. We have a stand at the Big Bite festival in Pontypridd War Memorial park on August the 2nd and 3rd. We're looking for volunteers to help support this event so that we can promote the fantastic opportunities available to girls in Central Glamorgan and also encourage people to come and volunteer with us. Info and link to register to volunteer below.

We have the Summer skill sharing Saturday coming up on June the 14th at Litchard Primary School. Please come along and support this event. Booking info in the newsletter.



Message from the County Commissioner

We have also pushed the date of the County funday for Rainbows and Brownies forwards to give you all enough time to promote in your units before the Summer break. It's happening on Saturday 20th September and will be held in Bryncelog Comprehensive School, in Beddau. Bookings will open soon so it would be good to get your numbers together.

Enjoy the Summer term with your units! Don't forget to send in photos to the newsletter (newsletter email) so we can celebrate what is happening in your units and areas.

Julie

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Thank you!!

★ ★ **You're a star!** ★ ★



★ ★ **Rwy't ti'n Seren** ★ ★

To Central Glamorgan's amazing volunteers. Thank You!!! You make a big difference to the lives and journeys of so many people. From leading units, teams, behind the scene work your commitment and dedication is appreciated.

You're a star! – Rwy't ti'n Seren!!





EVENTS

2025

- 10th May - VE fun day, Llanharan Welfare ground 12-5. Families welcome, please promote to Units and pop along to our County stall, lots of free activities for all ages.
- 14th May - Sing song under the stars at Gorwelion, 6.30-9.00. Units welcome as well as families and individuals. £5 per person.
- 14th June - Skill sharing Saturday in Litchard Primary School. A variety of workshops available to give you ideas to take back to your units. Bookings will open week beginning 5th May. £5 per person
- 2nd July - Annual Review in Gorwelion, arrive from 6.30 for a 7pm start. All welcome along to celebrate the achievements and successes of our members.
- 9th August - Day trip for leaders to go to the National Scout and Guide Orchestra Concert in Birmingham Symphony Hall (provided there is enough interest to book a bus)
- 20th September - County Fun day for Rainbows and Brownies, location tbc, but will be central to the County. Booking will open in June, more info to follow.
- 8th October - County dinner, Rhondda - Location tbc, bookings open August
- 17th October - Camp out under the stars in Gorwelion for Guides and Rangers, you do not need a licence holder to attend this overnight camp. Bookings will open July.
- 7th November - Christmas craft evening, location and time tbc, bookings will open September



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Skill sharing Saturday

14th June

10am-3pm

Litchard Primary School

A variety of workshops giving you
fun, new ideas to take back to your units.

Drop in or stay all day.

£5 per leader

Booking opens soon.



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Booking link: <https://tinyurl.com/skillsharing-2025>



Annual Review



@ Gorwelion



Wednesday July 2nd

Arrive from 6.30 for a 7pm start

Light refreshments provided

All welcome along to celebrate
the successes and achievements
of our members



Day trip to enjoy the National Scout and Guide Orchestra Concert



**When? Saturday evening 9th
August**

**Where? Birmingham Symphony
Hall**

Who? Leaders

How much? £20 plus transport

**If there's enough interest we will book a
bus to go up for the day/evening**

**If you're interested please email
divcom.garthmaelwg@gmail.com**



NEW DATE



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FOR RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES

COUNTY FUNDAY



SATURDAY 20TH
SEPTEMBER

LOCATION TBC, BUT IT WILL BE
CENTRAL TO THE COUNTY



MORE INFO TO FOLLOW AND BOOKINGS OPEN JULY





Camp out under the stars in Gorwelion

Overnight camp for Guides and Rangers

October 17th

More info to follow but you do not need an outdoor licence to bring your Guides/Rangers along.





Christmas

CRAFT EVENING

7TH NOVEMBER



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Celebrating our members

Lottie Dunford

Lottie Dunford, a Guide at 4th Bridgend Guides and a Brownie Helper at 1st Brackla Brownies, recently ran an Easter egg decorating competition for her local Rainbow and Brownie units. Lottie has been selected to attend the Cymru ICE trip to Brownsea Island in August and this competition was part of her fundraising. She received over 70 entries and when she was choosing a winner, she said how creative all the entries were!



The winners were Bethany from 1st Litchard Brownies in the 8-10 year old category, and Hallie from 1st Coity Rainbows in the 4-7 year category. Well done girls and congratulations to Lottie on her selection for Girlguiding Cymru ICE!



Bethan



Bethan (Bluebell) received her Discovering Leadership and Exploring Leadership Young Leader qualification this evening at Brynna Brownies meeting. Bethan is a fantastic young leader – well done!!

VE Day celebrations

2nd and 3rd Llantwit Major Brownies

2nd and 3rd Llantwit Major Brownies had wonderful meetings celebrating VE Day. They made beautiful table decorations using red white flowers, along with blue ribbons to tie little posies.

They helped make jam sandwiches, along with colourful fruit skewers and iced fairy cakes. They learnt 'we'll meet again' in Makaton and had a go at 'Lindy Hop' before sitting down to our wonderful street party!



Big Welsh Bite

Call for volunteers and parents

We have been lucky enough to secure a space at the Pontypridd Big Welsh Bite event. The county will share information to volunteers and parents on how they can become part of Girlguiding. We are looking for Leaders and Rangers to help the stall during the two-day event. These dates are 2nd and 3rd August 2025.

Diolch for your support, any questions please email us on pr.girlguidingcwg@gmail.com

Link to express interest in volunteering:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgiV70iFMwP_QH2gQ1kNGSQQJtbJyaxioYudhGb8NiGWX6yA/viewform



Girlguiding Cymru

South Wales 2025 challenge

We're thrilled to invite Girlguiding Cymru members to join us for an unforgettable day of adventure, discovery and challenge at the stunning National Botanic Garden of Wales!

Originally planned as a sleepover, our event has been adapted to a day-long celebration in light of the venue's response to the new safety requirements introduced by Martyn's Law. While the format may have changed, our excitement certainly hasn't—we're incredibly grateful to the National Botanic Garden of Wales for working with us to ensure we can still welcome our members for a memorable experience in such a unique and inspiring setting. Get ready for a day filled with fun, friendship, and fresh air as we explore the gardens and take on exciting challenges designed just for all sections. We can't wait to see you there!

Event information

Where: National Botanic Garden of Wales, Carmarthenshire

Date: Saturday 5 July 2025

Cost: £16 per Rainbow, Brownie, Guide, Ranger, and Young Leader

(Optional £3 extra a head payable on the day for birds of prey)

Food: All participants will need to bring a packed lunch. Refreshments are also available to purchase onsite.

<https://girlguidingcymru.org.uk/2025-south-wales-event>



**Our South Wales
2025 challenge
event**

Saturday 5 July 2025



Girlguiding Cymru

Mayday Challenge!



In 2024, the RNLI celebrates its 200th anniversary and as part of the lead up to this anniversary the lifesaving charity is launching this resource in collaboration with Girlguiding Cymru.

Girlguiding Cymru and the RNLI have partnered to create a water safety resource for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers with a focus on the 4 key safety messages which the RNLI has adopted as part of the Water Safety Code. If you wish to arrange a visit for your unit, contact the RNLI by email: Watersafety_west@rnli.org.uk

Porth Brownies at Gorwelion taking part in the challenge.



Girlguiding UK

Cityscapes Adventure

Cityscapes Adventure- Cardiff

Cityscapes Adventure is coming to Cardiff in 2026! Join us for an urban scavenger hunt around the city. Each day will be filled with missions and challenges, some volunteer led and some self led. Are you up for the challenge?

Key information:

- Saturday 21 March, 10am – 4pm and Sunday 22 March, 10am – 4pm
- Ticket price: £10 per person
- Location: Cardiff city centre
- For Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Leaders
- Leaders charged at the standard rate
- Please bring a packed lunch and water bottle
- You will need to ensure you have completed the required Girlguiding forms for this event e.g information and consent form

Follow the link for more information:

<https://girlguidingactivitycentres.cinolla.com/ICANDO/course/cityscapes-adventure-cardiff>

They are also taking place in 4 other cities across the UK: Portsmouth, Glasgow, Manchester and York

<https://girlguidingactivitycentres.cinolla.com/ICANDO/category/adventure-events>



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