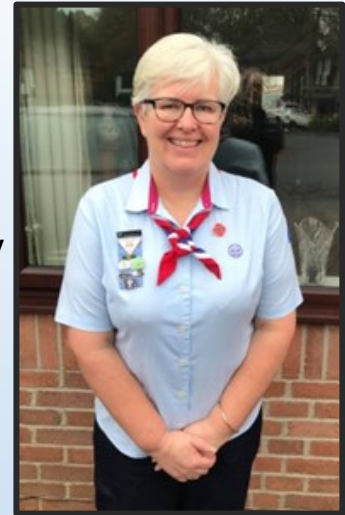


December 2020



Nadolig Llawen

As the Christmas Season approaches it's a time for families and friends. This year has been a challenging year for many of us in various different ways. We wish you all a Christmas that is peaceful - let your Guiding Light Shine during this time of year.



I would like to thank you all for your commitment to Guiding during this year. It really has been Guiding with a difference. We have joined together and met in ways we never thought would have happened before - shows how versatile we can all be. Who would have thought Zoom would be a word we would use so often?

I am looking forward to the festive activities and participating in events on the run up to Christmas from the Panto, quiz night, to my unit meetings with a Christmas theme and not forgetting to stand on my door at 6pm on Christmas Eve ringing my bell.

Thank You for all you do to support Girlguiding Central Glamorgan. Have a fantastic Christmas!! ~ Julie

Girls gaining awards

Have your girls gained a Bronze, Silver or Gold award? If so please order through our County badge secretary,

Dian Jones

Email: dianjones1000@gmail.com

Phone: 01656 660235



Happy Birthday

CENTRAL GLAMORGAN SINGING CIRCLE CELEBRATE 25 YEARS

Last month the singing circle celebrated 25 years. It was first set up in October 1995 and had its first meeting at Gorwelion.



Since then they have travelled to many different places and countries sharing their love of singing, fun and friendship.

A packed programme of celebration was postponed due to the Covid virus but instead they held a “celebration day” with three Zoom sessions where people joined from all over the UK, Canada and America



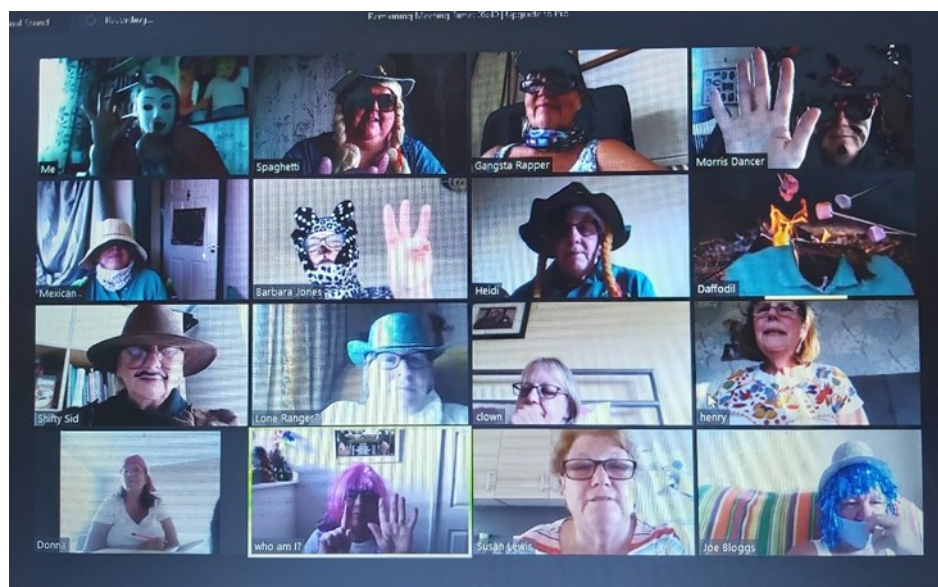
Over the years the singing circle have had many adventures, spent weekends at Gorwelion and hosted 15 Girl Scouts there back in 2018. They have travelled to all the training centres in the UK, London, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, New York, Stockholm, Washington, Boston, Vienna, Salzberg, Brugge and even spent the weekend on a narrow boat, sailing from Bristol to Bath and back!

While over the lockdown, they continued to sing over “Zoom” every week and had many hilarious evenings, they now meet every two weeks, but can’t wait until the time that they can meet and sing together again face to face when once again it will be the second Thursday of every month at Gilead Chapel hall in Coity, near Bridgend.

We hope that it continues to thrive and make many more happy memories.



The singing circle is open to everyone. All sorts of singers are encouraged! The only requirement is that you love singing; maybe you would like to learn songs and singing games to share with your unit!



If you fancy joining us on Zoom, our next session is on Thursday December 10th at 7pm when we will be singing carols for Christmas.

Please contact Annette Stoneham on annettestoneham@yahoo.com for the link, it would be lovely to see you!

Safe Space training

Time is ticking on for everyone to complete their Safe Space level 1 and 2 plus level 3 for each unit. We really do appreciate the time you give to volunteer with Girlguiding. We know it's a big ask but **PLEASE** could you give up 25 minutes (maximum) for each level on e-learning? For those in charge of units you'll need to book on to do the face to face part of level 3 on Zoom. **The last online level 3 will be on the 16th of December.** All Young Leaders also need to complete level 1 and 2. A leader who attending recently said;



"I wasn't looking forward to it, but I came away feeling much more confident and felt it was an informative, interesting session that was delivered in a clear concise way".

Level 1 and 2 e-learning

Click [HERE](#) to complete online

Level 3 Zoom training with Girlguiding Cymru

Click [HERE](#) to book on the Girlguiding Cymru website
Or you can email;
rachael.cluttonhaines@girlguidingcymru.org.uk

**Don't
delay...**



**book
today.**

Your news!

1st Kenfig Hill Rainbows



Congratulations Erin and Isabella

Although 1st Kenfig Hill Rainbows have not met virtually or face to face since last March, we have 2 girls that have achieved every possible Rainbow badge in the programme as well as completing a number of challenge badges!!

All this has been achieved through posting activities on our Facebook page. We are super proud of all of our girls but to continue with such enthusiasm in these times and to complete all the skills builders even though they had achieved their gold is outstanding. Huge congratulations to Erin and Isabella. ~ Sharon Lima

Well done, well done, well done!!



1st Brackla Brownies

1st Brackla Brownies have been meeting on zoom weekly since April - even through the summer holidays. We've completed 4 whole skills builders, including Camp stage 2 during our virtual pack holiday in July. We've also done lots of UMAs, plus a bring your pet evening and we've got a magician booked for our Christmas party. We've awarded 29 interest badges and 9 theme awards during lockdown too! We've had the pleasure of 7 new girls joining us and we've done 6 online enrolments so far with at least another 3 to do in the new year. We were also thrilled to award our first 2 Bronze awards (to Charlotte and Sophie) and our first Silver award (to Charlotte). We celebrated these awards by delivering the badge and certificate along with a personalised teddy and helium balloons! We are looking forward to a break over Christmas and will resume on zoom in January, with the hope of some face to face meetings in the spring.

~ Liz Dunford

11th November is a memorable day for all of us as we remember so many that gave so much for us to be free today. Now we have four Rainbows who will also remember the day they made their Rainbow Promise every time they wear a poppy or take part in a Remembrance day parade.

On 11th November this year we had our first virtual Promise ceremony when the girls very proudly made their Promises. We have been learning how to sign the Promise and two of the girls, without prompting, decided to show us how much they had learnt by signing the whole promise. So proud of them all as they had only been with us for six weeks before we went into lockdown and were so keen to get back to Rainbows. ~ Lynfa Hull

1st Trealaw Rainbows

2nd Pencoed Guides

2nd Pencoed Guides have been enjoying meeting on Zoom over the past few months. They have painted Remembrance Pebbles and the girls took them to their local cenotaph. They have also started the Broneirion bounce back challenge and last week they made the famous Mars Bar sauce!! Yum!!

~ Bridie Sedgebeer

Mars Bar
sauce!!



1st Ynysmaerdy Rangers have been busy! We have met online since March. We've enjoyed quiz nights, scavenger hunts, bake off evenings, Halloween crafts, pillowcase challenges and an origami night. The girls have also planned activities and run evenings too. The Rangers have embraced online Guiding and really enjoy getting together each week. We are proud of them for being so enthusiastic and committed too! They had great fun making and decorating their very own gingerbread houses on Zoom. Some were 3D...others a bit more 2D!! Fun was had by all and an evening full of laughter!

~ Rhian Edwards

1st Ynysmaerdy Rangers



Congratulations~Chief Commissioner Award

Huge congratulations to;

- **Margaret Scofield** of Llantwit Fardre Division - presented for her services to Archives both Wales and County.
- **Annette Stoneham** of Y Ddrewen Division - for helping to compile the Bounce Back Broneirion Pack
- **Lucy David** of Y Ddrewen Division - for helping to compile the Bounce Back Broneirion Pack



Thank you

A big thank you to Bridgend Trefoil Guild for painting these amazing gnome houses that will be put along the fairy trail down in Gorwelion. They are amazing ladies!! Well done!!



Christmas quiz nights

This year has been particularly difficult as we've not been able to get together in person. If you fancy taking part and want to join in on zoom, everyone is welcome. It's an opportunity to chat with old friends and have a laugh as well as meet new ones, that's what Guiding is all about! Bring your g&t, mulled wine or cuppa and join us from your sofa! Christmas jumpers and hats at the ready too!!

Friday December the 11th 7pm ~Quiz master, Julie

<https://zoom.us/j/94061750206?pwd=R3JqdzEyNjhmUjJzbGFZMDhaZHJCQT09>

Saturday December 12th 7.30pm ~Quiz master, Jayne

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78606098687?pwd=M0tWQUZUamJxNOVpbTJUQUxHbHIPdz09>

The quiz will last about an hour, but you're more than welcome to stay for a chat afterwards or if you can't join for the full hour, pop in when you can. It would be great to see lots of familiar faces from the County getting together, to enjoy some festive cheer!

Accounts and Census

- ⇒ **Just a reminder that unit accounts will need to be completed for 2020. Paperwork will be sent out by Division Commissioners soon, so please keep an eye out for this.**
- ⇒ **Also there is now a need for 3 signatories on all accounts, so please look at sorting this as soon as possible.**
- ⇒ **Annual Subscription (Census) will be £44.20, if you are concerned that your unit doesn't have enough money in the bank to pay, then please speak to your Division Commissioners for advice and support.**

Send us your news

This is your newsletter! Please send items in for us to include in January's edition. 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 in by December the 30th.

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