



Girlguiding

Sir Morgannwg Ganol
Central Glamorgan county

May Newsletter 2024

Message from the County Commissioner

Our Numbers continue to Grow with 1692 young people on GO – keep up the good work. I have been looking at our GO record and we have over 1000 young people wanting to join us which is fantastic – please can you ensure that you have kept your records up to date. I am also aware that there is a piece of work happening from Girlguiding Cymru to look at waiting lists and more information will follow.

This month Central Glamorgan took up opportunities which included the Cricket at Sophia Gardens, great to see those who attended and fantastic that one of our Guides and Brownies are now the cover page for promoting Girlguiding Cymru partnership with Cricket Wales.

I attended 1st Merthyr Brownies 80th Birthday Party. Thank you for the invite and good to see all sections there. I know there was excitement in the air also as the Brownies were getting ready for their Brownie Holiday. Also, I joined our Singing circle in Gorwelion for their weekend – it was great to hear them, and I did join in for a few songs before doing some work on the shelter. Please let me know of any up-and-coming events I would love to attend if I can or send one of the assistant county commissioners on my behalf.



Message from the County Commissioner

I have received several communications re compliance with vetting enquiries not completed, DBS and safe space, therefore the slot on compliance- this is really important, and I would appreciate your support.

I would also appreciate it if everyone could check their GO record. Since we have moved over systems and the leadership qualification is now online, some members have contacted me indicating they have the qualification but it is not showing. If this has happened to you please contact me with evidence that you have completed the qualification so as I can pursue the matter for you. Evidence would be your certificate.

I have also noticed that there are a number of surveys out from Girlguiding UK – please keep an eye out for them and spend the time filling them in or passing them onto the relevant members. It's your way of having your voice heard in Girlguiding.

I am really looking forward to meeting up with you over the coming weeks at different events – June and July are fun packed.

If you have any information, events or activity you wish to share please email to newsletter.girlguidingcgc@gmail.com

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

Julie

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County information

Dates for your diary

2 June – Training day – Penyfai Scout Guide hall
CF31 4NE 9:00 to 3:00 contact

annetestoneham@yahoo.com cost £5.00

8 June Annual Review – Sker Division Venue – See
invite in Newsletter

2 July Young leaders on line meet ups 6:30pm

13 July Brownie & Rainbow Fun Day Gorwelion 9:30
to 4:00pm

14 July First Response Training Gorwelion 9:30 to
4:00pm

14 July Open house & Cream Tea at Gorwelion 1:00
to 4:00pm

17 July Young leaders on line meet ups 6:30pm

18 – 20 October County weekend to Lorne, Belfast



County information

Join us for our Annual Review



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**Julie Thomas, County Commissioner for Girlguiding
Central Glamorgan invites you to the Annual Review 2024**

Saturday 8th June

North Cornelly Community Centre (CF33 4AS)

3pm-5pm

Light refreshments provided
RSVP: divcom.garthmaelwg@gmail.com
We look forward to welcoming you along



Would be fantastic to see you there. Members from all sections will be talking about their experiences and adventures. Also, we have a guest speaker Madeline Moon coming to join us.

Hope to see you there and celebrate Girlguiding Central Glamorgan! Please fill in this form to let us know if you are planning to attend:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Wv022RZpNm>



County information

Y Dderwen division training day



Training Day

for all Section leaders, Unit helpers and Young leaders
at



Penyfai Scout and Guide Hall. CF31 4NE
Sunday 2nd June 2024



The fun starts at 9.00am - 3.00am
Come for the whole or part of the day



Programme training, Risk assessing, Crafts,
Safeguarding, Singing Games, Outdoor cooking
and much more

Come and meet new friends, share your ideas or concerns,
learn something new!



Register with Annette Stoneham at
annetestoneham@yahoo.com



Cost to include teas and coffees £5 per person
(a legitimate expense from unit funds)

Please note the change in location to **Gorwelion**



County information

Gorwelion 80 challenge

Having submitted plans to build accessible outdoor toilets at Gorwelion and some changes on the little site we need to fundraise to support this alongside approaching sponsors and grant funding bodies.

Gorwelion turns 80 this year so it would be fantastic to celebrate by giving it a present!

To fundraise we are challenging you and your units to join us walking the number of steps to circumnavigate the World! This is equivalent to:

37,297 miles
60,023 kilometers
87,523,132 steps



We need your help to walk the 87 million steps around the world to raise money for Gorwelion. Individuals who raise over £10 will receive an Around the World challenge badge and individuals who raise over £50 will receive an Around the World teddy and challenge badge!

This challenge is taking place from the 1st May – 1st December 2024 and it would be great to see how far we have reached on our social media and newsletter so please send in how many steps your unit has walked monthly to donnajacka@hotmail.co.uk!

For more information and forms please follow the link in the email and on the newsletter page on the website or contact your commissioner.

County information

Olympics funday

Girlguiding Central Glamorgan

Fun day for Rainbow and Brownies

The Olympics



*on Saturday 13th July at
Gorwelion*



Don't delay and book today!

Price £5 per girl to include a badge

To find the booking form please follow the link in the email or in the newsletters section of the website.



What have our members been up to?

Rhondda Division



Representatives of Rhondda Division were able to celebrate their roles as volunteers with Bishop Mary at a Thanks Giving service for volunteers. She was very supportive and understanding of our work in our communities and even mentioned Girlguiding in her address.

Gold D of E celebrations



Anousha, Mali and Elena celebrated achieving their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award at Buckingham Palace on the 13th May – Congratulations!!



What have our members been up to?

May Day weekend camp



12th Aberdare Hirwaun Guides and Brownies, 7th Aberdare Cwmbach Guides, and Hirwaun Cubs had an amazing time at Gorwelion - our wonderful home by the sea!

Their annual joint Guide camp and Brownie pack holiday weekend made some fabulous memories to cherish. A visit to the beach and this year they made a Guide trefoil! Wonder if this will still be there next year?!

Hirwaun units stated "We are so lucky to have this place! Thank you to all who work hard behind the scenes keeping this place going and continuing to develop it. Such an asset and a jewel in our crown. Looking forward to many more visits in the future !"

What have our members been up to?

Cricket "Give it a Go" event



Girlguiding Cymru Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers enjoyed a taste of cricket at Sophia Gardens! Members from Central Glamorgan enjoyed the event and learnt new skills plus got to be on the news that evening. Two members made their promise – what an occasion to remember! Plus the cover picture for the activity pack has the brownie and Guide from Central Glamorgan.

Thanks to Cricket Wales and Sophia Gardens for hosting this brilliant "Give it a Go" event!



Supporting units and volunteers

Compliance



Just a reminder that it is the leaders' responsibility to ensure that they are up to date with safe space. Records can be checked via GO also an email via my communications is sent out. As a last resort a letter is sent by CHQ.

All units need to have a person with a current First Aid Qualification. Good practice would be that more than one member in the unit has this qualification so as to allow flexible Guiding and that the unit is always covered.

DBS – these must be current, and they are part of the recruitment check process. Please contact your Commissioner if a DBS is required for any member of a unit.



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