

April Newsletter 2025

Message from the County Commissioner

I hope you enjoyed the Easter Break and are ready for the Summer planning unit activities, day trip and nights away. I personally love the summer term where the nights feel longer, and we are able to use the out of doors. Please, don't forget to carry out risk assessments and inform your commissioner.

Its great to see that VE day is being celebrated. Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help Saturday 10th May at Llanharan Welfare Ground, if anyone else is interested please see the form on our Facebook page or contact your commissioner. Also THANK YOU to all who have downloaded the county VE celebration pack and those who have purchased the badge.

As communication and events appear to happen and the turn around can be quite tight on some. I use the face book group and commissioners to get the information to you. Please consider joining our facebook group Central Glamorgan Girlguiding.

Message from the County Commissioner

GO update we are now 1618 (up 73) young members which is great – we are growing. Did you know that we have over 1000 young member enquiries. Have you had a look at your waiting list recently? Is the capacity of your unit set on GO? Also we have over 100 potential volunteers awaiting to be contacted and placed in units or supported to open a new unit. This would be fantastic if we could make this happen but also update GO so as it is more realistic.

Just a reminder please start budgeting for next years subscriptions.

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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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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



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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>





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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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**





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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International opportunities

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Central Glamorgan International Opportunities 2026

It is time to start looking for Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders to join Delyth on a country team for an international adventure in 2026



This could be attending an international camp in the UK with Guides and Scouts from other counties OR
A chance for you to travel abroad with Girlguiding.

Eligibility

Young Members

If you will be between 14 yrs and under 18 years old by 1st July 2026 you can apply to join the Selection Event

Leaders

You need to be 18 yrs old, used to working with our older girls, have completed your Leadership Qualification and the relevant modules of the going away with scheme by 1st July 2026



Selection Event

7th June 2025

Gorwelion Camp site



Please read the flyer attached to learn more about International opportunities before completing the application form with the person who has parental responsibility for you.



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International opportunities

Call to Action Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders



We're part of a truly global movement, this allows girls and young women to have amazing international opportunities and adventures.

Every year Girlguiding Cymru looks for international opportunities for members to meet others in the world of Girlguiding and Girl Scouting; this can be a visit to a world centre, a world camp, a jamboree or a visit to a Guide or Scout centre in another country. Each year is different – dependant on availability.

- Will you be between 14 and 18 by 1 July 2026?
- Do you enjoy meeting other Guides and Rangers within your own location and beyond?
- Are you interested in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and want to know more about Guides/Scouts in other countries?
- Are you interested in applying for the selection process for an international opportunity?

If the answer to all of these is YES!! Please contact your County international adviser for more information on the process or contact international@girlguidingcymru.org.uk on availability.

Selection for Girlguiding Cymru will be 11-13 July 2025



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- Are you interested in the opportunities we can give our young members by being part of the World Association of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting (WAGGGS)?
- Are you a leader who is interested in being a team member or the leader of a group travelling abroad to represent Girlguiding Cymru?
- Are you a leader who is used to working with our older girls ?
- You need to be over 18 by 1 July 2026 and have completed your leadership qualification?
- You need to hold the relevant modules of the Going Away With scheme to lead a trip but you do not need these to be a member of the team?

If the answer to all of these is YES!! Please contact your County International Adviser for more information on the process or contact international@girlguidingcymru.org.uk

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Celebrating our members

Young Leaders Award



Well Done to Brooke of 1st Abercynon Rainbows on completing your Young Leaders Award!

Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze expedition

On a lovely April weekend 6 members of Central Glamorgan Girlguiding completed their Bronze Expedition in the Vale of Glamorgan. Their aim was Churches. All said how challenging the expedition was.

Central Glamorgan DofE team are proud of you all. You most definitely worked as a team. Well Done! Looking forward to you all completing the Award and presenting your badge and certificate.



Brownies Got Talent evening



I was invited to be a judge on the panel of the Final of BGT. (Brownies Got Talent) What talented Brownies there are in Y Dderwyn and Sker Division! I had a great time watching all the Brownies perform and grow in confidence during the evening, from singing, dancing, gymnastics and poetry to name but a few of the acts. It was difficult to choose a winner – they were all so good and a fantastic atmosphere of support. Also, it was a memorable evening for some Brownies from Litchard Brownie unit as they made their Brownie Promise.

Thank you to Soroptimist International Bridgend for sponsoring this event and to all who helped put on the evening. Well done all! I had a fantastic time!

Cadbury World trip



The Chocoholic's of Cynon Valley Division visited Cadbury World and had a great day out. Some Guides from 7th Aberdare unit made their Promise – we did not give them chocolate promise badges honest! and 2 Guides were awarded their Silver Award.

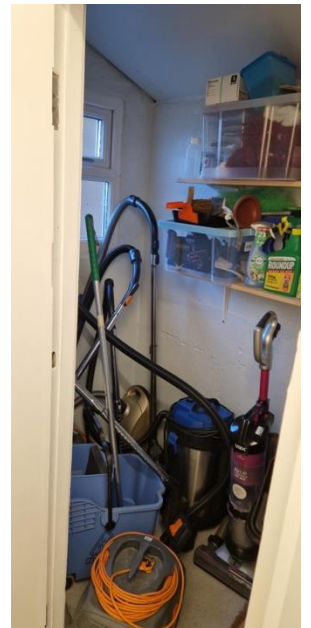
Gorwelion

Its been a busy few months at Gorwelion and what a difference it has made. Since January there has been a lot of work carried out. This includes:-

- Painting of all dormitories – Paint donated by Johnson.
- Making a cloak room
- Creating storage in the “old coal house”
- Deep cleaning the kitchen
- Cleaning both camp sites
- Changing the radiators
- New windows and doors throughout the site
- Upgrading the campsite toilet block

This is on top of the general maintenance and cleaning

Many thanks to everyone who has given up their time to maintain Gorwelion and keep it to the standard that it is.



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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.



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Royal Welsh Show

Are you doing Queens Guide or DofE GOLD and are Registered.

If you are looking for a residential opportunity the Royal Welsh Show may be for you! Dates 21-24 July 2025. There is no guarantee of a place but if you would like to put your name down on a waiting list and your reason why please email Nadine.thomas@hotmail.co.uk

Girlguiding Eco Awards

This award will help you to think about how you can be more sustainable. This means finding daily ways you can help look after your environment. This can be anywhere you choose - at home, in your unit, or a place in your local community.

You'll have fun, learn and help to protect the planet, while earning yourself a special badge and certificate!



Poacher 2026

International Jamboree

Poacher 2026 International Jamboree

Bookings have opened for the adventure of a lifetime in Lincolnshire! Your group can join 5,000 Scouts and Guides from across the world for a huge range of adventurous activities, exciting entertainments and lasting friendships, from 1st - 8th August 2026.

Participant fee: £300

Leader fee: £30

More details can be found at www.poacher.org.uk - bookings are open until 31st October 2025, or until the event is full - whichever comes sooner.



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