

February 2021

The month of February is a special time in the Guiding Calendar. On 22nd February, we think about our founders Lord and Lady Baden Powell and Guiding and Scouting throughout the World. This year's theme is Stand Together for Peace. Peace building is at the heart of Girlguiding and Girl Scouting and is as vital and relevant today as it has been over the last 100 years. With 152 member countries and over ten million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world, we have a voice to call for peace and together we can make it happen; in our lives and in the world. To celebrate, join me at Girlguiding Cymru's Thinking Day Celebration. Light a candle and let it shine bright for Girlguiding and Peace...why not have a piece of "birthday" cake too?



It's great to hear about the activities you are doing and how you are meeting. Please view our Facebook page to keep up to date with training opportunities and resources/activities for our members. Also if you have tried or know about an activity/resource please share it with us. I would love to join some of your online weekly meetings, along with my team to share in some of your experiences. Please invite us along and we will "Do Our Best" to join you and your girls.

Happy Thinking Day

Julie

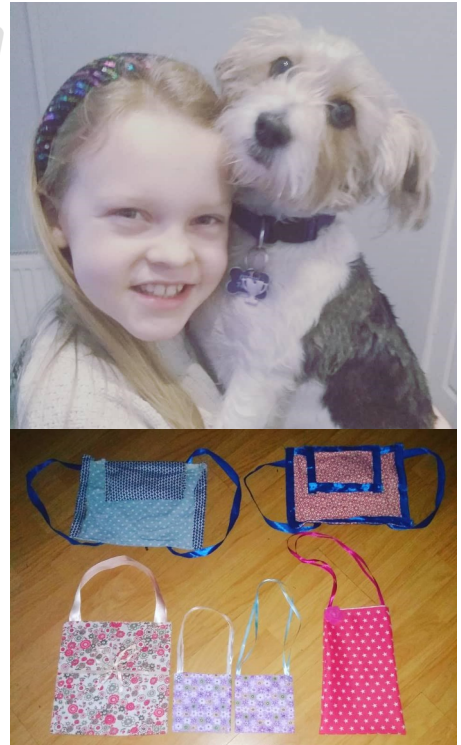
Email - julie.girlguidingcg@gmail.com

Your news!

Well done Grace!

Grace is a member of 1st Merthyr Brownies and she's been working really hard to raise money for Hope Rescue Wales (a charity that cares for abandoned dogs). She has set up a group with family and friends called 'Pet Family'. She's been really busy making and sewing bags and badges to sell, she's been baking cakes and making posters too. All monies raised so far have been donated to this deserving charity. Well done for helping others, getting creative and making a difference in your community!!

~ Cerys Parker ~



Looking forward to better times ahead

Bridgend Trefoil have compiled a beautiful 'Heart of Hopes' for 2021, to complement their previous 'Word Cloud Thoughts', that they completed during the first lockdown.

Well done ladies for staying positive and hopeful!



Your news!

Super effort Jasmine!!

A **HUGE** well done to Jasmine from 2nd Pontyclun Rainbows who has worked really hard on her interest badges during lockdown. She has just completed the last interest badge for Rainbows, her animal lovers badge! Jasmine is looking forward to starting Brownies soon too. Keep up the great work! Well done, well done, well done!!

~ Lisa Bryant ~



Interactive Royal Navy session

1st Abercynon Guides, 7th Aberdare Guides and 12th Aberdare Guides had a great Zoom night with the Royal Navy. It was very interactive with videos and members were sharing their experiences with the girls. The Guides were able to ask questions and it was a really enjoyable evening. If anyone would like them to join a Zoom meeting, you can email Emily to arrange.

~ Nadine Thomas ~

Emily.boycott@royalnavymail.mod.uk



Chief Commissioner visits Guides

2nd Pontyclun Guides welcomed Chief Commissioner Bev Martin along to their Zoom meeting. It was lovely to have Bev join the session, especially as we had a new Guide making her promise too. The girls were able to ask Bev about her role and what her favourite Guiding memories were too. If you'd like Bev to pop in to one of your online sessions you can contact her to arrange.

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~ Linda Edwards ~

Each month we'll be visiting a different division..
this month The Rhondda are in the spotlight!

Rhondda report!

Rhondda division have been keeping busy and having lots of fun with virtual Guiding. Many units are meeting weekly on zoom and others are sending out activities to girls through unit Facebook pages.

1st Porth Rainbows, 1st Porth Brownies, 1st Ynyshir Brownies and 4th Porth Guides took part in a festive sleepover. All the girls made dens to sleep in, made Christmas crafts and decorations and ended the day with a Zoom session with a Christmas quiz and a story.

2nd Williamstown Brownies held their first virtual promise ceremony last week. Ruby made her promise on Zoom and has already started earning her Brownie interest badges and hopes to earn every badge like she did in Rainbows.



1st Porth Brownies's Emily Bevan from 1st Porth Brownies in her sleepover den!



Well done Ruby!
Welcome, welcome, welcome!

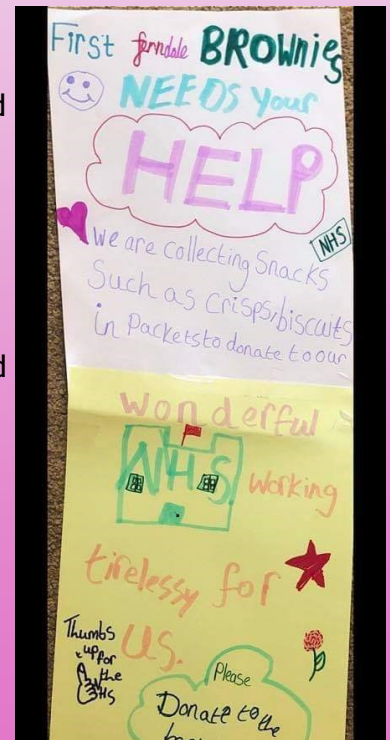
1st Ferndale Brownies have been working hard to achieve interest badges and help others in their community. They collected snacks for NHS workers in the summer and more recently with their families walked a mile with a smile around the lake and collected food donations as sponsorship for the Rhondda food bank.

A big well done to the first Rainbows from 1st Porth Rainbows to achieve their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Ava-Mai achieved her Bronze and Silver awards and Ruby, Kami, Madison and Amelia gained their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. The

girls all worked very hard to finish their badges at home and completed skills builders and unit meeting activities during Zoom sessions.

Happy retirement

Rhondda division would like to wish a very happy retirement to Rosemary Williams and Marilyn Emmanuel from 2nd Llwynypia Brownies and Sue Price from Treorchy Guides. All ladies have given many years to Girlguiding in the division for which we are very grateful and we will miss them all dearly.



Poppy Jones put this poster in her window to collect snacks for NHS workers.

Online Thinking Day event

Girlguiding Cymru have been busy putting together an exciting programme of online activities for World Thinking Day 2021. Why not encourage your girls to be part of this special celebration? There is something for all sections. It will be possible to join the session either through Facebook or Girlguiding Cymru's Youtube channel. So everyone can get involved and have fun, travelling together!!

**RYDYM YN DARGANFOD,
RYDYM YN TFFU
WE DISCOVER, WE GROW**
Girlguiding
Cymru

WORLD THINKING DAY 2021

Travelling Together

Saturday 20th February

11am:
Renew your promise
In English & Welsh

12-5pm:
Explore the world centres
Every hour, hear real experiences
from girls and leaders

5pm:
Virtual Campfire
Get your campfire blankets
ready & sing your favourite
songs!

8pm:
Bedtime story
with Tori James

Facebook YouTube

Click [HERE](#) for Girlguiding Cymru's Facebook page
Click [HERE](#) for Girlguiding Cymru's YouTube channel

Each month we'll be getting to know Advisors who are part of the County Team

Elaine Healy

ALQ/Mentor Co-ordinator and Queen's Guide Advisor

Elaine here...I've been married for 33 years to Mark, who like all Guiding Leaders partners just rolls his eyes when a cupboard at home springs open to reveal dozens of egg boxes and jam jars, "just because" they will be useful one day for "the girls". I am a Guide and Rangers leader in Pontypridd, having been a dress and beret wearing Brownie in the 1970's. I love to explore and travel, read, cook and crochet. Monday to Fridays finds me at The Heath Hospital where I am a secretary to a couple of liver consultants.



I'm excited to be part of the three women team of ALQ advisors for the County, (my area covers Pontypridd, Cynon Valley and Merthyr). I would love to catch up with any leaders in training in my areas to touch base with where you are up to and what your plans are for the coming months. You can contact me on email elainealq.girlguidingcg@gmail.com - it would simply be lovely to get acquainted even if your qualification is on hold at the moment, please drop me an email to say hi.

I am also Queen's Guide Award Advisor for the County, and thought it would be a good opportunity at this time to join virtual meetings to introduce the award to your members. Please contact me through my email address elainehealyuk@gmail.com to arrange this.

What a privilege we have to lead Guiding through these unprecedented times!

New PR posters

Have you seen our new posters to promote Guiding in your area? You can share these on social media and in your Unit Facebook groups too. Take a look below. If you haven't been sent copies ask your Division Commissioner about them or contact Emily-Jo, our PR Adviser - pr.girlguidingcgc@gmail.com



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Unit Logo

Rainbows

Are you age 5 to 7?
Do you want to make new friends?
Do you want to try new exciting activities indoors and outdoors?
Do you want to have lots of fun?
Then Rainbows is for you!

Rainbows is for girls aged 5-7.
There are spaces available for your daughter to join!
Through weekly meetings and special events they develop self-confidence, build friendships, learn new things and have fun.
They get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts and play games
Find out more about Rainbows at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/rainbows-5-7/>



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BROWNIES

Are you age 7 to 10?
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Guides

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Rangers

Are you age 14-18?
Do you want to make new friends?
Do you want to try new exciting activities indoors and outdoors?
Do you want to have lots of fun?
Then Rangers is for you!

Rangers is for girls aged 14-18.
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Leaders

No matter how much time you have to give, there's an opportunity for you
Find your place in our team of inspirational women, sharing their skills and passions with girls in a local unit - all while benefiting from the adventure and opportunities guiding has to offer.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
If volunteering at Girlguiding is for you then get started by registering your interest.
Be an inspiration for girls and young women. Help girls to realise their full potential and share some unforgettable moments along the way.
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/>



Annual Subscriptions

Dates to make a note of...

- ⇒ 9 February, a reminder email will be sent to the main contact of Units that have not checked their trial invoice.
- ⇒ Monday 22 February @ 7pm, no more changes can be made to the trial invoices.
- ⇒ Tuesday 23 February @ midday, official and payable invoices will be available to download from GO.
- ⇒ 16 March, a reminder email will be sent to the main contact of Units that have not paid their official invoice.
- ⇒ 1 April by midday, all subscription payments must be received in full by this date.

GO and Join us training dates

GO Membership System

Would you like to know your way around GO a little better and also receive some hints and tips about Join us? If so, there are informal training sessions that are happening over the next few months. They are being run by our very own GO guru, Sarah Lee! The Zoom links will be sent out via your Division Commissioners and also shared on our closed County Facebook page.

Sunday 21st February ~ 3pm

Sunday 21st March ~ 3pm

Sunday 18th April ~ 3pm

Safe Space

Please check your GO record to ensure your Safe Space is up to date. Don't forget that all levels need to be in compliance. For example if you have completed your level 3, you still need to ensure that your level 1 and 2 have been completed and are up to date. The different levels need to be completed every 3 years. Level 1 and 2 can be done online via the e-learning modules. You can complete level 3 by attending a webinar run by Safe Space trainers. Head over to the Girlguiding Cymru website for more info.

To complete level 1 click [HERE](#)

To complete level 2 click [HERE](#)

Open Facebook page

⇒ Facebook

Are you aware that we now have an open County Facebook page? "Girlguiding Central Glamorgan". Why not head over, like our page [HERE](#) and invite others to like and follow us too. Please promote this to friends and family so they can see what we are about. We can share and shout about the good work Guiding is doing and the positive impact it's having on our communities.



When you search on Facebook, this is the picture for the open Facebook Page

Send us your news

This is your newsletter. Please send items in for us to share. If you'd like to send photos too that would be great! Central Glamorgan is a fantastic County so lets shout about it!!! Please send to the email address below by February the 27th.

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