



January 2021

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

2020 has been a year we will never forget! It has been one where we have had time to reflect and be thankful. We have got to know our community and have been resourceful. We have seen community action taking place - helping others, supporting food banks and clapping for our key workers. For Guiding it's been a challenging one. Leadership teams have drawn on their resources, pulled together and ensured that our Guiding light does not go out. A massive THANK YOU!



Looking back it's been fantastic to reflect on what you have achieved. Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards presented, virtual camps, pack holidays and overnights. Weekly meetings via Zoom, face to face (when permitted), communicating on Facebook and WhatsApp, delivering parcels for meetings and Duke of Edinburgh Awards gained too!! You have been Brilliant! Your commitment to Guiding has not gone unrecognised. It was lovely to hear from one parent who said, "Thank you for carrying on Guiding, it has really helped my daughters well being. Being an only child can be difficult. It's lovely to hear her talking and laughing on a Monday night with all her Guiding friends".

This time has also provided an opportunity to carry out works in Gorwelion. Thanks to Anna and the team, along with support from the Ford company, they have put in hundreds of hours developing the site and carrying out maintenance work. There is still more work to be done so keep your eyes peeled.

This year we have also said goodbye to some members of Girlguiding Central Glamorgan. I would like to thank them and wish them all the very best. I hope the memories you have made with us are ones you can reflect upon and cherish.

As we move forward into 2021 there will still be challenges for us; but there will also be opportunities. Guiding is ever changing, we need to look forward and stay positive.

Take care and be safe

Julie



Meet the team...

My name is Donna Jacka and Julie has asked me to join her team as one of 3 Assistant County Commissioners. I have been married to Ian for 39 years and have two grown up daughters and two grandchildren. Both my daughters were Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and my granddaughter has just recently joined my Guide Unit. I started my 'Guiding Career' as a Brownie in Kenfig Hill back in 1968. I didn't enjoy Guides and went just the once - flower arranging was not an activity for me!!



I came back into Guiding in 1990 when my daughter became a Brownie and still feel really privileged that we were able to make our promise together. I work for a Local Authority as an eProcurement Business Improvement Officer. If you need to know what this is, just ask my Grandson. He will tell you I make sure that people can shop on line-it's a bit more than that but it's not a bad description! I love to cross stitch, knit, play the piano and am currently learning the guitar and flute although I am struggling with the latter. I believe that Guiding is primarily about the girls. To see young girls developing into confident young women with many life skills they gained through guiding still amazes me. I love being part of our Guide and Ranger Units here in Porthcawl and like many Leaders, I miss the weekly unit face to face meetings.

However, it's also about being part of a team. With each new generation comes a new challenge. Whether this is in the form of a programme change, new technology or what we are facing now -the Covid 19 pandemic, there is always a constant - a great Team.

Through each of these changes the support of my personal family and the Guiding family has always been there. Teamwork is important and can guide us through these unprecedented times.

I am really looking forward meeting many of you that I don't know (as soon as covid permits) and being part of Julie's new County Team. Take care and stay safe,
Donna

Meet the team continued...

My name is Kelly Dixon it was a honour to have been asked to be one of the Assistance County Commissioner. I have been in guiding as a Brownie and a Guide myself and returned as a leader in Rainbows when my two girls Skye and Crystal started. Most of you might know me from being a previous County International Advisor and Pontypridd Division commissioner. Over the last 18 years as a leader, Guiding has given me the opportunities to experience adventures abroad and in the UK really pushing me out of my comfort zone, I have enjoyed every minute of it and have made life long friends.



Hi, I'm Jayne Rogers and I have been involved in Guiding since I was a Brownie. I met my husband, Marc through SSAGO (Student Scout and Guide Organisation) whilst we were at University. We have a little boy, Osian who is 14 months old. I work at Garth Olwg Lifelong Learning Centre as the Events Co-ordinator. I enjoy playing the piano, sewing, climbing mountains and being outdoors too! I have been so lucky to have had such amazing opportunities through Girlguiding and I feel that the experiences I have gained have shaped me as a person. I feel passionate about giving our girls the same fantastic opportunities I was offered. I was fortunate to travel to Finland as a Guide and I went on to lead International trips as a leader. I have been Queen's Guide Adviser for Wales and enjoyed every minute of encouraging and supporting girls along their Queen's Guide journey. I was a member of the Friends of Gornwelion Committee for a number of years, and it was great to help raise funds for our wonderful home by the sea. I am looking forward to supporting Julie and I'm excited and ready for the new challenges this role will bring. I'm looking forward to meeting you all, when we can get together in person. Take care and stay safe everyone ~ Jayne 😊



Your news!

Garth Maelwg Zooms

Garth Maelwg Rainbows and Brownies have teamed up and are meeting together online at the moment. They really enjoyed the Christmas themed evening in the run up to the holidays this year. They did Christmas bingo, a snowman drive a quiz and also made edible angels during their last zoom session. The girls have been really enthusiastic each week, and we've had lots of laughs and it's been great to see them joining in with the online activities. They love to share their stories and just have a chat too, it's been wonderful to see them grown in confidence each week, as meeting online is very different to meeting face to face. They have adapted really well and helped each other out too.

Laura Evans



Christmas quiz nights

Lots of fun was had by those who joined in and lots of laughs too. It was good to get together and catch up online as it's not been possible to meet in person for a number of months. Let's hope it won't be too much longer until we can get back together again.

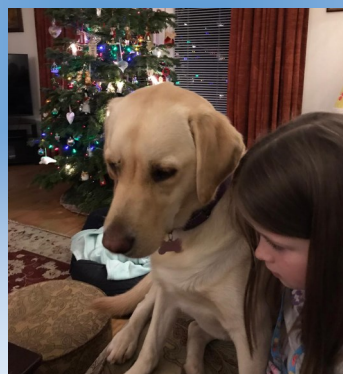
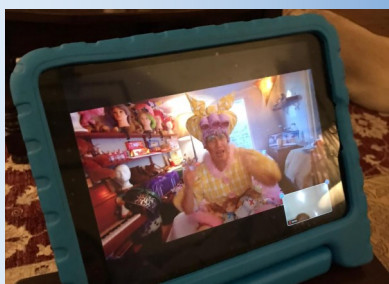
Big Broneirion Bounce-Back Challenge



Are you looking for a fantastic challenge pack to get stuck into with your unit? This is a great pack full of fun activities that can be done online with your units. It's suitable for all sections and it's linked in to the Guiding programme too. Click [HERE](#) to download the pack and read more about it!

Panto fun!

Many units across the County enjoyed watching the Jack and the Beanstalk Panto before Christmas. Lots of laughs were had by all. Louise from 1st Coity Brownies enjoyed watching, I think her dog enjoyed it just as much as she did!



External Facebook page

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Are you aware that we now have an external County Facebook page? "Girlguiding Central Glamorgan". Why not head over and like our page [HERE](#) We will be using this page to promote what Girlguiding has to offer to our wider community. Each month one Division in the county will be posting info and news on what has been going on in their area, so keep a look out for this.



Accounts and Census

- ⇒ It's that time of year again. Please can you get your accounts together and sent over to your Division Commissioners by then end of January. If you require help and support to get them in order then please ask your Division Commissioner who will be able to give you help and guidance.
- ⇒ Census is £44.70 this year, please ensure your register on GO is up to date over the coming weeks. If you are worried about not having enough money to pay please chat with your Division Commissioner who is there to help and support you.

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 January the 29th.

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