

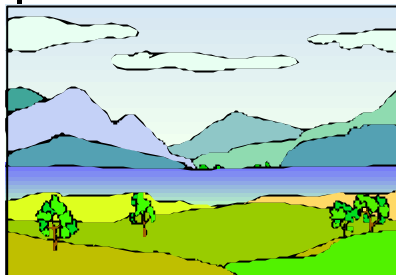
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Cyngor Sgowtiaid
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CORNEL? EVER THOUGHT OF USING IT?

The Welsh Scout Council base known as Cornel is available to you and your Section 365 days in the year. It is an old Welsh farmhouse, now very comfortably modified

to take up to 24 people in four bunkrooms. A modern kitchen, comfortable lounge, drying room, showers and good heating complete what is an ideal base on the shore of Llyn Crafnant in the hills above Trefriw in the Conwy Valley.

Some people, mistakenly, think of it only as a mountain centre and that is true if you look at the terrain to the West. There the Carneddau offer wonderful high level walking, but the building itself is in terrain Zero, as is all the ground to the South and East towards Betws-y-Coed and Llanrwst. Activities in Terrain Zero (see POR 9.26) do not require a mountain authorisation but do require your DCs approval, so have a word with him or her before you book up.

The woods, hills and paths to the East are wonderful Scouting country be it for Beaver Scouts looking for trees, Cub Scouts having a well-controlled wide game in a clearly defined area, Scouts practising their compass skills, Explorer Scouts wanting to get out in winter, or the Network and Fellowship just having a convivial weekend away with a little gentle exercise before indulging in a gourmet dinner back at Cornel. In the past Adult Leader Training courses have been run there well away from the sterile confines of a secondary school or similar.

To get a copy of the brochure or to make a booking ring 01492 642523 or e-mail: cornel.bookings@which.net Then go and enjoy the finest hideaway in North Wales.

JOHN MUSTON
MEMBER, CORNEL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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RSPCA YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER AWARDS 2003



Two age categories apply—under 12 years and 12 to 18 years. Just send in as many photographs as you like of an animal or animals—pet, farm or wild animals, the choice is yours and you may win a camera.

You can use a digital camera but must print your photos on good quality photographic paper. Keep your negatives or transparencies in a safe place as you must have them to win—and of course it must be all your own work!

The closing date is 15th September, 2003 and for more details contact the RSPCA, Wilberforce Way, Southwater, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 9RS.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

Are you lonely?
Working on your own?
Hate having to make decisions?
Rather talk about it than do it?
Then why not . . .



HOLD A MEETING

You get to see other people. Sleep in peace. Off-load decisions, learn to write volumes of meaningless notes, feel important and impress everyone—and you get free coffee and biscuits

SUMMER CAMPS AND EXPEDITIONS

Wearing the Welsh neckerchief is a good way of showing everyone that you are from Wales and if you want to order some for your summer camp or expedition don't leave it until the last minute.



There are two sizes—standard (£4.75) and XL (£5.75) plus post & packing of 80p. (If you have a large order get in touch with the Welsh Scout Council office).

It is also possible to order poloshirts and sweatshirts in all sizes, (including childrens) and a wide range of colours. These will be embroidered with the Sgowtïaid Cymru logo plus any special personalisation you need such as a name, Group name or Expedition or Camp title. Ring for prices for children sizes and special prices for large quantities.

The Welsh Scout Council has a range of garments that can be personalised and also don't forget the bi-lingual credit card style Promise & Law Cards for all Sections. Also available are a number of badges from events in past years that can be sewn onto camp blankets. If you want more details ring or e-mail the Welsh Scout Council office or look at the website: www.scoutbase.org.uk/wales.

CALLING ALL EXPLORER SCOUTS IN WALES

Another fantastic weekend has been arranged for those of you who are quick off the mark and able to make a booking NOW!!

An exclusive Rock Climbing and Hill Walking Weekend at Hafod Mountain Training Centre for the Explorer Scouts of Wales (12-14th September, 2003—arrive Friday evening, leave Sunday afternoon).



The cost for the weekend is just £20.00 which is inclusive of good food, equipment, lots of fun and excitement. If you want to bring your Scout Leader along, well, I guess that's OK too. Providing, of course, he/she is hard enough to climb the highest peaks in Wales. We'll leave it to you to check them out. Just one thought though, you'll probably need them to drive the minibus, so play it cool.

Book A.S.A.P., there is only a limited number of beds.

Contact: Geoff Morley, Hillcrest, Skirwith, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 1RH. Telephone: 01768 88709
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MISKIN MILL

The Annual General Meeting of the Miskin Mill Management Committee will take place at Miskin on Wednesday, 7th May, 2003 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

More details from Jim Denning
jim.denning@talk21.com

CANOE TRAINING & ASSESMENT WEEKEND

PENYFAN POND, ISLWYN CAMPSITE, NEWBRIDGE
7—8 JUNE 2003



This weekend is organised to enable Scouts obtain experience in kayak/canoe paddling under expert instructors, and be assessed for the BCU proficiency awards. It is an ideal opportunity for Scouts to improve their skills at a very reasonable cost. A great deal of effort has to be put into the organisation of this weekend and it is imperative that it is well attended.

I would ask you to make sure Scouts in your Troops, Explorer Scout Units and Scout Networks who are interested in canoeing are made aware of this weekend and to please encourage them to attend. Should there be a poor response to this year's event then it is likely that it will not be arranged next year, and thereby lost to any keen canoeists of the future.

Please held to give Scouts the opportunity of enjoying water activities by supporting this weekend. If you have Scouts interested please complete the application form to be found in the Welsh Scout Council's leaflet 'Canoeing with the Scouts of Wales', which you should have received from your District Commissioner. Otherwise contact either Barry Herring on 01766 512159 or Steve Lewis 029 208 66218 for full details.

WANTED TRANSPORT MANAGER

We are looking for a Transport Manager to support the Welsh Scout Council Water Activities events, mainly the Canoe Cruises.

The task entails the movement of Leaders to and from various locations, launch and exit sites along the River, plus safety back-up as and if required. The task would generate revenue to any Group owning a reliable 15-seater vehicle plus driver, alternatively we would hire in and, therefore, need a Manager/Driver, this could even help a Group get to the event, but any Driver must be free to operate as directed by the Event Organiser.

RON COX
WATER ACTIVITIES ADVISER (WALES)

WHAT TO DO THIS SUMMER

Various leaflets have been dropping through the letter box relating to places to go, things to do this summer so here are some suggestions:



Auchengillan Jamboree 2-9 August: an International camp for members of the Scout and Guide movement in Stirlingshire. E-mail: aj2003@glasgowscouts.org.uk

West Midland Safari & Leisure Park: group rate of £3.75 includes the 4 mile safari drive-through and other attractions to explore on foot. Multi-ride wristbands for the Leisure Park are £6.50 for Groups. More details see: www.wmsp.co.uk

SeaQuarium—Weston-super-Mare: described as a unique experience and voyage of discovery into the amazing world of marine life. For groups of 12 or more £3.95 for adults and £2.95 for children. There is also the possibility of arranging a free presentation prior to your visit which covers vital issues from effects of pollution to the awesome world of the shark! More details see: www.seaquarium.co.uk, e-mail: weston@seaquarium.co.uk



OLDER BEAVER SCOUT/ YOUNGER CUB SCOUT EVENT 25 SEPTEMBER 2004

The Beaver Scout and Cub Scout Teams for Wales have agreed to promote a joint event with the intention of reducing the dropout rate at age eight and encouraging retention in Cub Scouts. The objective of the day will be to encourage Beaver Scouts to start/continue as Cub Scouts. It is hoped it will also develop links for Colonies and Packs with no complementary sections in their Groups and emphasise the continuity in the programme.

Unlike Cub Scout Fun Day, this All-Wales occasion will take the form of a string of events to be held on the same date with the same theme, but with venues and activities appropriate to participating Colonies/Packs/Districts/Areas.

The theme for the day, agreed by the Teams, is:
FUN OLYMPICS

BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION

It was decided to have a circular badge of the usual size to be worn by participants for the remainder of 2004. The badge will take the usual style of three colours plus a background colour. A competition to design the badge is open to all Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts, with a closing date of 30th September, 2003. Entries (which do not have to be to scale) should be sent to your AAC (Beaver Scouts) and the final design will be chosen by the Beaver Scout and Cub Scout Teams for Wales at their October 2003 meeting.

A joint Project Team has been set up and further information and guidelines for arranging the event will be available nearer time. In the meantime, if you have any thoughts or opinions, do let your AAC or Commissioner hear them.

BARBARA TURTON
COMMISSIONER FOR BEAVER SCOUTS (WALES)
JAN LLOYD
COMMISSIONER FOR CUB SCOUTS (WALES)



Spring is here and those Pack Holidays are looming, we hope you got some ideas from the Workshop. I am sure there will be some brilliant songs around the campfires at camp this year!

The Workshop was very well attended and Leaders felt that March was a good time to hold this type of event. The Swap Shop ideas were a success with some fantastic items which will be on the website with space to add more if you wish. The Welsh Scout Council and the Cub Scout Team for Wales are grateful for your comments on the Cub Scout Award for Wales. This will help us compile, adjust and add items from your suggestions for the final draft. We are aware of how eager you are to receive and get going on the Award. We are doing everything as quickly as possible and hope to have it in publication for you soon. All delegates who attended the Workshop will receive a copy, it will also be available on the Welsh Scout Council website.

Over the past couple of weeks I have received a number of e-mails from Leaders in America. They would like information about Scouting in Wales, setting up pen-pal links etc. If anyone is interested in contacting them please let me know as I have e-mail addresses. I feel it may be a good idea to keep up links with them because of the International Theme for the next Cub Fun Day.

With the success of the Workshop we are now looking forward to the next event which is the Beaver Scout/Cub Scout link Day. Details of the event are available in the Beaver Scout article. The Sub-committee will be meeting shortly and if you have any questions or ideas for this event please contact myself or Barbara so that we can get moving on the event. If you have any information or items you would like to see on the website please contact me. Have a good Easter and enjoy your Pack Holidays.

JAN LLOYD
COMMISSIONER FOR CUB SCOUTS (WALES)



First of all dates:

Explorer Scout Conversion Course—17th May, 2003 Gladstone Centre, Hawarden, Flintshire—book via Moz.

District Explorer Scout Commissioner Course—12/14th September, 1003—book via Moz.

North Wales Water Activity Weekend—12/14th September, 2003 Llyn Gwynant, Snowdonia.

ATTENTION SCOUT LEADERS!!

It's been raised that lots of Scout Leaders across Wales are unsure of how Explorer Scouting works in their Districts and don't know what to do with their older Scouts when they reach the age of 14. First of all the important message I'd like to get across is that the most important thing to do at the moment is to keep the young people in Scouting! Whether this means keeping them in the Scout Troop maybe in a senior Patrol, letting them become Young Leaders or sending them to an active Explorer Scout or Venture Scout Unit—it doesn't matter as long as they don't leave and are still enjoying their Scouting! There are new structures out there, and in some Districts these are more developed than in others, but if by religiously adhering to these structures you're losing kids—they maybe you should look at the situation again?

We are in a period of transition at the moment. Eventually we will need to adopt the new way of doing things, but at the moment flexibility and retention are the two key words! The second thing to remember is to make sure that the District knows the details of all your Scouts just before they get to the age of 13 years. If your District has a DESA (District Explorer Scout Administrator) then this is the person who you should contact. If not, your District may have a DESC (District Explorer Scout Commissioner), if so give the details to them. If neither of these posts exist—or if you don't know who they are—contact your District Commissioner.

This way, if Explorer Scouting is operating, your Scouts will be able to be contacted by the District when they get to 13 years and then 14 to let them know about their options. If it's not operating, the District will be able to get in touch as soon as it is. Please make sure that you have the parent/carer's consent before passing on information. If you want to know more about Explorer Scouting, contact your DESC or DC—or your AAC Explorer Scouts. If you can't get in touch with any of these I will be willing to give you any advice you need. Some Districts and Areas may be running evenings on what Explorer Scouting's about—keep an eye out for these, and if they aren't running one, ask them why!

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OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN WALES

If you want any information about articles in this Bulletin or about Scouting in Wales, please contact Shirley Myall at the Welsh Scout Council office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2003

Area Commissioners' Management Committee—Saturday, 12th April

20th River Wye Canoe Cruise—
2nd/5th May

Committee of the Welsh Scout Council—Saturday, 10th May

Scout NetworkSHOP—Sunday, 18th
May

Islwyn Canoe Training—7/8 June

**WE'RE ON THE WEB—
www.scoutbase.org.
uk/wales**

Deadline for next Edition:
30TH JUNE, 2003



**WORLD SCOUT MOOT
TAIWAN 2004**

In 2004, the 12th World Scout Moot will be held in Taiwan from 30th July to 10th August. If you're a member of the Scout Network or an Explorer Scout who will be 18 at the time of the Moot then this is the event for you. The UK Scout Association is hoping to take 500 participants to Taiwan, where they will experience traditional Taiwanese hospitality, trekking in Taiwan's beautiful national parks and white water rafting down the Takamina Gorge.

Application forms to join the UK Contingent have just been released, so now is the time to sign up for what promises to be an adventure of a lifetime. Unlike a Jamboree there is no selection procedure to join the UK Contingent—your entire Network could join us in Taiwan! You can find out more about the Moot at www.moot2004.org.uk or by e-mailing moot2004@scoutbase.org.uk. But hurry! The deadline for applications to join the Contingent is the 30th June 2003.



BUGS Alive!!

Bangor University Guides and Scouts (BUGS!) is once again up and running. With around 30 members signed up, this year has been extremely fun and successful. We have carried out several activities including a trip to the Caernarfon Fun Centre and a weekend camp at Felin Bach. This weekend away was attended by 22 BUGS and was open to local Network members. We had lots of fun including a water slide, tug of war and a fancy dress disco. In addition to planning our own activities we also help out in the local Scout and Guide Units. James Dent (Jimbo) our Chairman is also the Network Chairman and since the beginning of the year we have 7 BUGS working in Guide Units in the Area and 8 working as part of the Scout Association. We plan to arrange more combined activities with Network and Senior Section. We have recently become affiliated with SSAGO and plan to join them on National Events. If you would like more information e-mail: bugs@undeb.bangor.ac.uk



CLAIRE HALL—GUIDE REPRESENTATIVE

P.S. Hoping to go to university in Bangor this year? Why not contact BUGS before you go?

WELSH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION

There has been some discussion over the past few months about the correct translation into the Welsh language of the word 'Cub' as relating to the Cub Scout Section of Scouting. The Welsh Medium Sub-committee would suggest that anyone with concerns about the use of the translation 'Cwb' refer to the Academic Welsh Dictionary, where this word is shown specifically relating to Scouting. The Sub-committee have agreed that this confirms the accuracy of the word for use in Scouting and there will be no further discussion regarding the accuracy of the translation or the spelling of the word.