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# HAPPY

# NEW

# YEAR!

## WELCOME TO 2003!!



What an exciting year is ahead of us! We have the new programmes and Sections in place and a new uniform, so it is now time to maximise these opportunities—and the New Year is an excellent time to ensure that we are reaching out to all the young people in our communities throughout Wales.

Perhaps we should ask ourselves:

Are all the young people in my community aware of Scouting?

Is the basic information of where we meet, the times we meet, at what age they can join the different Sections easily available?

Do all the young people in my community know what Scouting can offer them?

Do their parents know what Scouting can offer young people?

Do parents realise that they too can get involved in Scouting in a wide variety of roles?

Can people read regularly about what we do in Scouting in the local paper? Not just when someone gets an Award but a regular account of the best bits of the weekly programme.

Over the next year let us all take up the challenge to ensure that every young person in each of our communities knows about Scouting and how to get involved.

A very happy New Year to you all and we both thank you for taking up the challenge of Scouting.

ROY WHITTINGTON—CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF WALES

DAVID MARSH—CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WELSH SCOUT COUNCIL

## WINDSOR QUEEN'S SCOUT PARADE— SUNDAY, 27TH APRIL, 2003

If you have been awarded the Queen's Scout Award within the last year make sure you are aware of this event and contact your Leader or your Area Commissioner for full details.

However, are you also aware that if you have missed out on attending Windsor in previous years because of work or college commitments you can still attend. If you are in this category get in touch with your Leader or Area Commissioner as soon as possible.

The Windsor Queen's Scout Parade is a very special event and an excellent way of celebrating your achievement in gaining the Award.

## THE SCOUT HOLIDAY HOMES TRUST

The Scout Holiday Homes Trust is a registered charity which runs Holiday accommodation in various parts of the UK to enable disabled people to have a holiday with their families. It is supported by donations from Scouting and should be considered as a destination for collections from St George's Day Services, carol services etc etc

The Trust has two homes in Wales—one in Kidwelly, Carmarthenshire and one at Presthaven Sands, Prestatyn—and is looking for contacts in these areas to assist in welcoming guests when they arrive for their holiday stay.



The Scout Fellowships takes on this form of service in other areas but we do not have a Fellowship active near at hand. Could any Scout Group or District or a retired Leader help to undertake this task?

If so contact the Scout Holiday Homes Trust, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4 7QW. Telephone: 020 8433 7290.

Wales prides itself on its hospitality and the Trust needs help to continue the worthwhile task of providing these holidays.

**RON BURDEN**  
SCOUT FELLOWSHIP CO-ORDINATOR (WALES)

## HAFOD COURSES

Yr Hafod is the Welsh Scout Council Mountain Centre in the heart of Snowdonia. Courses during 2003 are as follows, please note that candidates for ML assessment need to complete both weekends (a & b) in consecutive months. Candidates for ML training need to complete three weekends (a, b, c) in consecutive months.

7/9 February—ML Training (1a)

7/9 March—ML Training (1b)

4/6 April—ML Training (1c)

9/11 May—ML Training (2a)

6/8 June—ML Training (2b)

4/6 July—ML Training (2c)

4/7 September—ML Assessment (1a)

5/7 September—Hillwalking Training and Scout Authorisation Assessment.

3/5 October—ML Assessment (1b)

31 Oct/2 November—Hillwalking Training and Scout Authorisation Assessment

5/7 December—First Aid

Fees: Hillwalking Training or Assessment—£40.00

Rockclimbing or scrambling—£40.00

First Aid—£55.00

MLA Training or Assessment—£150.00

SPA Training or Assessment—£80.00

General information from Geoffmorley: geoffmorley@supanet.com or visit the website www.yrhafod.org.uk

Leaflets and booking forms were sent to Leaders via District Commissioners some time ago, but if you have not yet received your copy contact the Welsh Scout Council office.

## WATERFRONT ADVENTURE GEAR— JANUARY SALES FOR SCOUTS!!

**FOR SALE:** Canoes/kayaks with optional equipment, used or will part exchange for new if required.

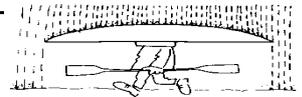
Several canoes available at special rates for Scouts and Guides.

Full range of Duke of Edinburgh Award equipment now available.

Also available small trailer, holds 6 kayaks

Ring Donna or Steve on 029 20 692108 after 5.00 p.m.

## SPLASH!



I guess by now most of you will know that after many years of serving the Welsh Scout Council Canoe Cruise organiser Bob Colling has decided to hang up his canoe. He has seen through 20 Wye Canoe Cruises and 6 Severn Canoe Cruises almost single handed, and many Leaders, Scouts and Venture Scouts have gained valuable experience through Bob giving his time, experience and devotion. Many will recall his organising ability together with his eye for detail and I know that we will all miss him and that you will join me in a big thank you for his efforts.

Bob has expressed his hope that the events will continue and we hope that he will join us along with Cliff, his crew member, on cruises in the future.

The 2003 Water Activities programme will be with you by the end of February and if it does not arrive via your District Commissioner give the Welsh Scout Council a ring to obtain a copy.

From 2003 the following people have formed an Organising Team:

Barry Herring—Booking Secretary

Steve Lewis—Sites & Services, captain of the heads (somebody has to do it).

Dave Chapman—general backup and support.

Ron Cox—Site bookings and warning people that we are coming!

I would like to bring one or two points to your attention: safety is paramount in everything we do, DC authorisation plays a major part in planning, which goes hand in hand with Water Classifications. For instance do we have enough qualified personnel operating within their Authorisations for the youngsters afloat at any one time. How many realise Symonds Yat is B2, this is what I call the fine tuning; many Groups are able to come with their own qualified staff to meet the rules, this simplifies matters as you can guess and should be wherever possible the intention of partaking Groups. We are lucky enough to have a pool of well qualified Leaders who will cover the Groups without qualifications, but they are limited. Which brings me to my next point—early booking is an absolute must so the Booking Secretary can measure demand. The events are capped at 120 maximum.

In the meantime if you want any quick answers ring:

Barry Herring—01766 512159

Ron Cox 01407 730592

**RON COX—WATER ACTIVITIES ADVISER FOR WALES**



I can now confirm some projects that are moving as a result of the Wales Explorer Scout Team, and funding from the Welsh Scout Council...

### **WALKING GROUP LEADER**

From 1st January 2005 anyone applying for Authorisation for Terrain One (basically between 500m and 800m) must have completed at least the training course of the Walking Group Leader Award, or have been formally exempted by a Mountain Training Board.

This means that unless ESLs have completed this training, there will be a severe limit on the amount of activities Explorer Scouts can do over 500m.

It is our aim that at least one ESL in each District will have completed this training in time for 2005. To this end we are encouraging Areas to arrange WGL training for each of their Districts, we are subsidising this training by £25 per District – roughly half of the cost.

Your AACs(ES) and AACs(Activities) will have details soon.

### **ESL WORKSHOPS**

New Programme, new Section – do we all know what we're doing? It seems not, so Wales will be putting on two ESL workshops in April; one for the north (date & location tbc) and one for the south (in Swansea on April 6th).

They will cover all aspects of running an ESU, but will assume that you have completed your woodbadge – though it doesn't matter if you haven't. The workshops will be for ESLs, AESLs, ESLs(YL) and DCs – contact your DESC or AAC(ES) if you'd like to attend.

### **WALES DESC COURSE**

We will be holding a Wales DESC course sometime this year, probably in September – but earlier if we can manage it. The cost of the course will be £50 (Gilwell are charging £99) and will be a full weekend. Contact me if you are interested.

### **WEBSITE**

The Explorer pages of the website are now online – please tell everyone involved in Explorer Scouting about them, including Explorer Scouts.

*Moz*

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Hello and welcome to the Cub Scout Team for Wales. Well, where did 2002 go, we've been so busy it flew by, what with local launches and the new Programme to implement into our Packs. We also had the long awaited All-Wales Cub Scout Fun Day which was a great success and we all had a chance to catch up on some camping with our Packs.

Now to the future in 2003, and we are looking forward to the:

### **CUB LEADERS' WORKSHOP SUNDAY, 16TH MARCH, 2003 AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS**

For details please contact your AAC (Cub Scouts) or the Commissioner for Cub Scouts (Wales).

Also in 2003 we will see the launch of the Cub Scout Award for Wales, which is very exciting.

Very soon there will be a Cub Scout Section on the Welsh Scout Council webpages, more information about that in due course. In the meantime why not visit the website at [www.scoutbase.org.uk/wales](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/wales)

Finally may I wish you all the very best for 2003.

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### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**

We have received details of the following courses:

**Walking Group Leader Training Course**—14/16 March, 2003 19/21 September with Assessment weekends on 4/6 April and 7/9 November. No indication of cost is given. Contact: 01874 623086 or e-mail@: [rhian.lewis@theaward.org](mailto:rhian.lewis@theaward.org)

**National Botanical Gardens Residential**—6-12 July & 27/2 August. Cost £65.00 opportunities for pond dipping with young children and holidaymakers, general hosts in the Garden, working in the souvenir shop, fence erecting, tree planting, weeding and wheelchair pushing. Contact: 01874 623086. E-mail: [beverley.williams@theaward.org](mailto:beverley.williams@theaward.org)

**5 day Open Gold Expedition in North Wales:** 27/31 October. Cost £100 excluding food. Telephone: 01874 623086. E-mail: [rhian.lewis@theaward.org](mailto:rhian.lewis@theaward.org)

**Welsh for Fun Gold Residential:** August. Cost £75 includes sports, outdoor activities, fun sessions and a taste for learning Welsh. Telephone: 01874 623086. E-mail: [rhian.lewis@theaward.org](mailto:rhian.lewis@theaward.org)

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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

TEAM MEETINGS—SATURDAY,  
**1ST FEBRUARY**

NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE:  
**LLANDRINDOD WELLS HIGH  
 SCHOOL**

CUB LEADERS' WORKSHOP—  
**SUNDAY, 16TH MARCH, 2003**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB—**  
**[www.scoutbase.org.uk/wales](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/wales)**

Deadline for next Edition:

29th MARCH, 2003



## **EXPLORER SCOUT FORUM FOR WALES**

### **WHAT IS THE EXPLORER SCOUT FORUM FOR WALES?**

It's a meeting held twice every year, in the Autumn and the Spring. We go there and discuss important issues about Explorer Scouting in Wales, these can range from uniform and image to whether or not we want to have a giant, great, big camp and invite everybody.

### **HOW CAN I GO AND WHY WOULD I WANT TO?**

Every Area in Wales can send two Explorer Scouts to the meeting. All you need is a lift to Llandrindod Wells. But don't worry there are lots of Leaders who go to meetings at the same time, I feel sure that you can get a lift. As for why you want to go, it's not just because you care about Explorer Scouting in Wales and what happens to it (as I feel sure you do) but because you get a free lunch!!

### **IS IT ALL BORING TALKING?**

Far from it, unlike some of the other meetings which pretend to be funny—ours actually is. We have many on-going jokes in the Forum and everything is done with a relaxed attitude.

### **WHERE DO I FIND OUT MORE?**

You can find out more about the meeting by e-mailing the Chairman—Adam Gardner (AdGard007@aol.com) or the Secretary Ben Ranson (Stalin82@hotmail.com)

You can get further information about how to get to the meeting from your Explorer Scout Leader or District Explorer Scout Commissioner.

### **I CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING BUT WOULD LIKE AN INPUT!**

If you would like to have an input into what we discuss, we'd be glad to hear from you—just e-mail us!