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Supporting the development of young people in Wales*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF WALES

A happy New Year—albeit a somewhat belated one!! Now is the time for reflection and plans for the forthcoming months.

I know that I need not remind you that this is census time and the aim this year is to have all our figures logged by the end of February please.

Development remains the highest priority again for 2010, together with training, publicity, trusteeship and parental involvement. I hope you are all planning for the Big Adventure this year and as many outdoor events as possible. Do keep the ScoutsWales office and your local press busy with your press reports!

I am also delighted to announce the following appointments:

**RICHARD PERRY**—Commissioner Wales (International). If you want any information about expeditions and visits abroad you can contact Richard on [international@scoutswales.org.uk](mailto:international@scoutswales.org.uk) or ring on 07816 324406.

**RICHARD EDWARDS**—Area Commissioner for Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan.

**RICHARD FLOWERDEW**—Local Development Officer working in Glamorgan West, as part of the development project also working in Snowdonia & Anglesey and funded by BLF and the UK Scout Development Board.

All the best for 2010

*Jill*



## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CAMPSITE?

Readers may remember that back in the May 2009 issue of *Sgowtïaid* (a full archive from 2001 to present is available to download from the ScoutsWales website), we announced the availability of a new campsites directory, and challenged you to a quiz of lesser-known facts about the Scout campsites in Wales.

Since then, I have been contacted by a number of people, asking if their thoughts were correct. So it is time to print the answers. The questions were deliberately tricky, with most of the answers not on the website, but needing you to find the relevant sites on an OS map or consult other sources. Who said traditional basic skills were no longer needed in an internet age?

- A Scout arrowhead can be seen adjacent to the car park of **Botany Bay** in Gwent.
- The question about a building at Gilwell Park was a little sneaky in two ways! The building in question had been demolished by the time of publication, and the campsite it was from no longer exists. It was the Storm Hut, which taken apart and relocated from the **Brynbach** campsite in North Wales, at some time during the 1950s!
- **Gladstone** in Clwyd appeared on *People's Millions* on ITV Wales News in late 2007, where it eventually won funding for redevelopment.
- An ancient burial chamber can be found at **Parc-le-Breos** on the Gower.
- For the highest campsite, most people looked towards North Wales, with Cae Llwyd and Hafod being the most popular at 280m and 290m respectively. However, **Bryn Bach Parc** in the South Wales valleys is actually the highest at 360m, closely followed by Dolygaer at 350m. All are well within the "terrain zero" definition of 500m though.

- To find the site with the greatest difference in vertical height across the whole site, we return to **Botany Bay**, with over 100m (330ft) difference.
- **Yr Hafod**, ScoutsWales' mountain centre in Snowdonia, celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009.
- **Islwyn Scout Parc** has had parts opened by three Chief Scouts.
- If you don't need much sand, then **St Brides** in Pembrokeshire is just 150 metres from a beach. However, if you like your beaches sandy, then Parc-le-Breos is a 2.5km walk from Three Cliffs Bay.

If you want to find out more about the wonderful campsites and accommodation we have in Wales, visit the directory on [www.scoutswales.org.uk](http://www.scoutswales.org.uk)

*Please note:* The question about Harry Potter in the original article was written based on information from what turned out to be an unreliable internet source. The web team promise to check references better in future!

**Peter Sheppard, ScoutsWales Website Manager**



## THE HAARLEM JAMBORETTE 2011

From the 31st of July up until the 9th of August 2011, the Haarlem Jamborette will see its eleventh anniversary. This international scouting event (a small Jamboree) is held every four years.

With about 2.500 scouts from different nationalities you will put up camp for ten days in Spaarnwoude (between Haarlem and Amsterdam) in the Netherlands. We will offer you a great variety of excursions and sportive, creative and typical scouting activities. We will ensure a grand opening, campfire, a disco and a spectacular closing ceremony. Are you looking forward to it? Surf to [www.haarlemjamborette.nl](http://www.haarlemjamborette.nl)



Over 400 volunteers work to make the Jamborette a huge success and take good care of you for 10 days. The only thing you have to bring is your camping and cooking equipment and we will provide: food and drinks, good facilities, internet, a great café, and nice spacious areas to put up your tent.

The camp fee for the Jamborette amounts to 305 euro for 10 days (includes food and all activities). But, if you register your group before the 1st of April 2010, then the camp fee will be **only 290 euro** per participant. So do not wait too long since the offer is only valid until the 1st of April or when the total number of pre-booked participants reaches 1,500.

So register as soon as possible at [www.haarlemjamborette.nl](http://www.haarlemjamborette.nl)

# adult training

## - YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

First of all, may I wish you all a very happy New Year! Hopefully those of you who haven't yet gained your Wood Badge will have included it in your list of New Year's Resolutions!

We are certainly aiming to make TRAINING accessible to everyone and to this end we are currently putting every Area Training Calendar for 2010 on the WSC Website – [www.scoutswales.org.uk](http://www.scoutswales.org.uk) – and go to ... **for volunteers** – Training diary. Here's an opportunity not only to complete your training but also to make new friends by attending training in an Area other than your own! This could be because the dates in your own Area are not convenient or just that you fancy a change and a new challenge. Remember, the Adult Training Scheme is flexible and it doesn't matter where you complete your training, you can be assured that it will be the same wherever it takes place and that you will also receive a good Welsh welcome! So, no excuses now – every Module will be run at least 4 or 5 times somewhere in Wales during the year!

In addition to the above, don't forget that there will be an Adult Training Team present at every All Wales event in 2010. If you need to draw up a Personal Learning Plan, have some Modules validated or just want to chat about training in general, then come and see us! Details of where you can find us at each event will be well publicised.

The above is obviously in addition to what is going on in your Area so you really have no excuses not to have your Wood Badge by the end of 2010.

If you need any further information then please contact me either by telephoning me on 029 2065 3969 or by e mail at [adulttraining@scoutswales.org.uk](mailto:adulttraining@scoutswales.org.uk)

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**All Wales Beaver Scout Leaders' Conference**  
**Saturday 17 April 2010 at Llandrindod Wells High School**  
**From 9.45 a.m. till 4.30 p.m.**

**Title: Working Together**

**Cost : £10.00 to include hot lunch**

**Booking: Online at [www.scoutswales.org.uk](http://www.scoutswales.org.uk) (though there will be a postal option.)**

The theme was agreed to reflect the needs identified through Your Programme Your Voice for additional resources for the Global and Beliefs and Attitudes Programme Zones and will consider both local (within the District, Group and section) and more global issues.

The format will follow that of previous conferences, starting with coffee and registration at 9.45. During the morning we will have a keynote speaker (a representative from the Children's Commissioner's office), HQ input on the future of Beaver Scouting, and related discussion groups, with workshop sessions in the afternoon and a marketplace throughout the day.

We have already booked the WSC goodies, Merthyr Tydfil Scout Shop, and The Information Centre for the market place, and the Wales Training Team will be on hand all day to discuss or sign off any modules you need.

As for workshops, there will be the ever popular art and craft corner, ideas for Back to Basics for Beavers, the Beliefs and Attitudes Zone, the Global Zone, and Fair Trade for Beavers, and a presentation on the Young Leaders' Scheme, as well as some still to be booked.

Remember that you can expect the Colony or Group to pay your expenses for the day, and that attending will provide your ongoing training requirement for the year. It is an excellent way to refresh your enthusiasm for Scouting and a good place to meet and make friends. How about getting your Area or District to organise a minibus, so you cut the carbon footprint of the day as well.

For more information, contact your AAC Beaver Scouts, or email me at [beavers@scoutswales.org.uk](mailto:beavers@scoutswales.org.uk)

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**Commissioner (Wales) Beaver Scouts**  
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The last few months have been really busy, with the selection process for the **2011 Jamboree** and on-going preparations for the All-Wales Scout Camp in June. We've now selected the Scouts and Explorers for the four Wales Jamboree Units and they will all be starting their preparation and fundraising work in the next few months. We have asked all the participants to make the preparation days a priority, so apologies in advance if you have a Scout who's been selected and they can't make a camp or event that you're organising for your Troop.

As I was writing this, the temperatures were struggling to get above freezing so congratulations to all those who are working through their **Dragon Award** challenges at the moment. Over the Christmas and New Year holiday I managed to get my December and January camps in. On the 1<sup>st</sup> January when I was camping it reached -3°C in my back garden, so I can only hope that my next camp in February is a bit warmer. As it's our District Frostbite camp, I'm not very hopeful. I also think, after 25 years service, I might need to replace my faithful sleeping bag with one that's a bit warmer!

I'd still really like to hear from anyone who's achieved their Dragon Award or is working towards it. Please e-mail me at [scouts@scoutswales.org.uk](mailto:scouts@scoutswales.org.uk). I'm always pleased to hear about the adventures that people get up to as they work through the different challenges.

If you got any book tokens for Christmas that haven't been used yet and you're in need of some inspiration or fresh ideas for your next camp, you could do a lot worse than one of the books from our very own Chief Scout. Bear Grylls' latest book 'Living Wild: The ultimate guide to Scouting and Fieldcraft' is a really useful compendium of information on everything from essential equipment to fire lighting and navigation. If you want to get fired up for your next expedition then 'Facing Up: A remarkable journey to the summit of Everest' will help put any problems on a wet hike in to perspective!

Finally, don't forget that it will very soon be time for the next **All-Wales Scout Camp**. Just in case you haven't seen any information on this yet, it will be taking place between the 18-20 June this year. We're aiming to increase the number of Scouts and the number of activities this year to make it the biggest ever. Every year that it has run it has been a sell-out camp and we don't expect this year to be any different. Make sure no-one's disappointed by booking as early as you can. The Welsh Scout Council web-site will go live with the booking details very shortly, so keep checking the site for more details. The web-site address is [www.scoutswales.org.uk/scouts/awsc](http://www.scoutswales.org.uk/scouts/awsc)

**Alan Davies**

**Commissioner Wales (Scouts)**

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## WAVING THE FLAG FOR SCOUTING AND WALES!!



This year's National Eisteddfod is in Blaenau Gwent and BG Scouts have a special partnership with the Eisteddfod Committee. As a result of this the following press release

has been issued by the Eisteddfod:

*"The Eisteddfod is also pleased to announce a special partnership with the Blaenau Gwent Scouts. The Scouts will be helping with the marketing campaign over the coming months by helping to distribute marketing brochures and posters across the region. This is the first time that the Eisteddfod has engaged in such a partnership with the Scouts and we sincerely hope that the relationship, which began in Blaenau Gwent, will continue in other areas over the coming years. The Scouts will also have a presence at the Eisteddfod site where there will be an opportunity for everyone to enjoy a taste of what Scouting has to offer."*

In Blaenau Gwent District, Leaders are taking up the offer of a few lessons in Welsh put on by the Eisteddfod Committee, and this will enable them to meet and greet, but they are looking for more Welsh speakers who can support their stand during the week.

This is a great opportunity for you to visit the Eisteddfod (for free!!!) and support Scouting at the same time. You need to reasonably fluent in the Welsh language and available during the week of 31st July to 7th August for a few hours, a day—or even the whole week!!! Age doesn't matter nor the appointment you hold in Scouting, whether young members or more mature, an Explorer Scout or the Area Chairman, your contribution will be very welcome!!

As the website says the Eisteddfod is the greatest festival in the world with culture, music, visual arts and all kinds of activities for people of all

ages, there's something for everyone on the Maes during the first week of August every year.

So, if you are Welsh speaking and would like to support Blaenau Gwent District at the Eisteddfod please contact Rita Anstee either by e-mail at: [rita.anstee@virgin.net](mailto:rita.anstee@virgin.net) or ring her 01495 292188, she'll be delighted to hear from you!!

## SAVE THE CHILDREN SPEAK OUT

Children struggle to be heard. We're helping to change that by speaking out on their behalf. Save the Children are offering **FREE** talks to a wide range of audiences.

- Have you heard of Save the Children?
- Do you know what we do?
- Would you like to know?

We offer insightful and inspiring talks on our work in health, education, protection, poverty and emergencies and can tailor our talks to suit your needs. Save the Children has a network of speakers all over Wales, it could not be easier! Our aim is to raise awareness and gain support for our work both in the UK and worldwide.

For more information contact Samantha Webb

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Phone: 029 2034 5224



## LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE?

**WHAT: Apex Overnight Challenge**

**WHERE: Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire**

**WHEN: April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Join the intense race against dozens of others teams as you spend the night completing a tough series of challenges in Sherwood Forest. From climbing to caving, mountain biking to inflatable assault courses, there'll be a whole host of adventure challenges to test your team to the limit. But watch out for the Apex Chasers who are trying to track you down and take your points away! There'll be more than 250 Explorers and Network members at this landmark event – make sure you're there! Full details [www.apexchallenge.co.uk](http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk).



**WHAT:** Apex Extreme

**WHERE: Peak District National Park**

**WHEN: October 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2010**

It's one of the toughest adventure competitions in the UK where your team will be tested to the limit. This year's Apex Extreme is heading to a brand new location in the South West Peak District for a full weekend of adventure challenges. It's open to all Explorers and Scout Network members from anywhere in the UK – make sure you're one of the 300 who get a place. You'll be tested with dozens of activities including rock climbing, assault courses, driving challenges and some brand new events for 2010. It all forms part of a weekend-long competition where your team is pitted against everyone else – speed, agility and teamwork will bring you success. For full details, check out the event's website at [www.apexchallenge.co.uk](http://www.apexchallenge.co.uk).

## WATER ACTIVITIES

Mr Geoff Powell now meets the requirements for a Narrow Boat Assessor and while appointed for the Area Snowdonia & Anglesey, Geoff is able to carry out Permit Assessments for any Area by arrangement.

Geoff is also happy to run suitable training courses for Leaders wanting to work towards gaining their Narrow Boat Permit. It should be appreciated, that due to costs (hire of the boat etc), the process will be expensive, therefore, small groups would be the best way forward.

Further enquiries to myself.

The sailing department has now moved back to Lynn Brenig for 2010, due to this change our dates for the weekend courses have had to be moved to May 29/30 and October 16/17.

All bookings must go to Barry Herring who has a backlog of bookings due the cancellation of September's course 2009 because of algae.



By arrangement a day's sailing could be possible on a Saturday, enquiries to me.

Happy New Year to all.

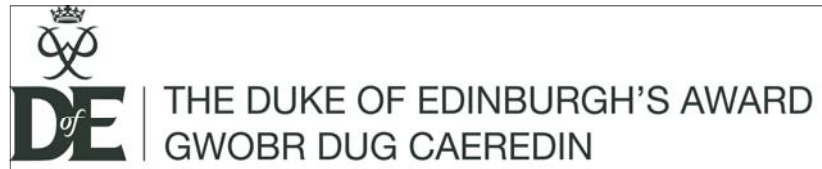
**Ron Cox**

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**FULL DETAILS OF SCOTSWALES WATER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME ON [www.scoutswales.org.uk](http://www.scoutswales.org.uk), ENCLOSED OR RING THE SCOTSWALES OFFICE!**



## **DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD GOLD EXPEDITION**

Are you looking for an opportunity to undertake a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition this year? ScoutsWales will be running an "open" gold expedition from it's centre at Hafod in Snowdonia this summer. This will be open to any members of Scouting who wish to complete either a final assessed expedition or undertake complete expedition training including a final practice expedition.

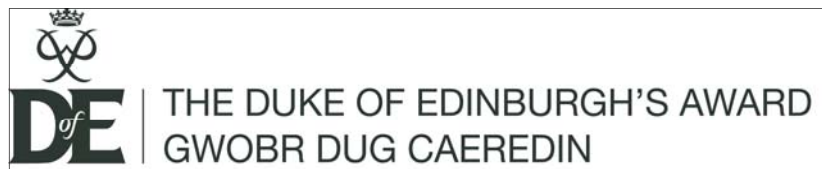
The event is intended as an opportunity for individuals or small numbers who are unable to form their own team to undertake an expedition. The event will run from 20<sup>th</sup> August to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009 and will be staffed by experienced expedition supervisors and assessors.

The cost will be £150 which includes all food, accommodation, camp fees and transport during the week.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from:-

Wyn Owen, Glynderi Farm, Foelgastell, Llanelli, SA14 7EL.

Tel - 01269-844029, e-mail - [wyn.owen@talktalk.net](mailto:wyn.owen@talktalk.net)



## **DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD EXPEDITION ASSESSOR ACCREDITATION COURSE**

Following recent changes in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme expedition assessors at all levels of the award (including Bronze & Silver) now have to be accredited following attendance at a one-day training course.

ScoutsWales ran two successful accreditation courses last year and plan to run a further course this year. The date and venue of the course has not yet been set.

If you would be interested in attending an accreditation course or would like further information please contact the course director Alison Owen-Yeates on 01269-844029 or e-mail [alisonowenyeates@talktalk.net](mailto:alisonowenyeates@talktalk.net)





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD EXPEDITIONS

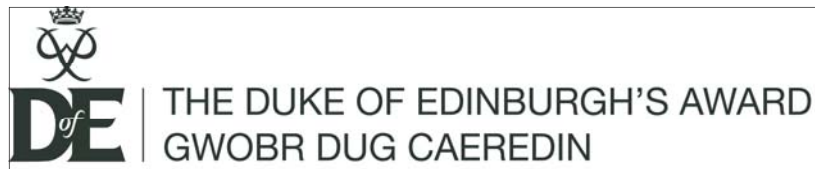
Now will be the time when most Explorer Scout and Network Unit will be planning their Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions. It is therefore perhaps time to remind you that qualifying expeditions for the Award can now only be assessed by Award Accredited Expedition Assessors.

During 2009 the Welsh Scout Council ran two courses to provide accredited assessors, some of the course participants still require to finalise their accreditation by undertaking a supervised assessment.

I am asking Units who require to have their expeditions assessed to notify me on either 01495 758662 or dofe@scoutswales.org.uk so that we can provide the necessary assessment and get some more assessors qualified.

This will not apply to those wishing to undertake wild country gold qualifying expeditions if you are going via the Award Expedition Assessment Service (formerly known as expedition assessment panels).

Award record books showing expeditions undertaken in 2010 will only be authorised if the expedition assessor accreditation number is included.



## GOLD CONGRATULATIONS!!

Many congratulations to Annabel, Jonathan and Daniel who have achieved their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. As the Award website says — 'to have done this shows that you have the skills, determination and mentality to really succeed'. Well done!!

**Annabel Dale - CATVOG**  
**Jonathan Gibbons - Gwent**  
**Daniel Pearn - Pembrokeshire**



## HERITAGE

Did you realise that the history of Welsh Scouting gathered for our Centenary is now on the ScoutsWales website? Originally meant for a book, in its current format, it can now easily receive additional information and photographs and be expanded.

You will notice that not all of Wales is covered – some Areas/Counties have a great deal of information, others a little material while some are absent altogether!

There are several reasons for the omissions. Some Areas/Districts are being written up in great detail but the work is not yet finished, some have published their history as a book and some don't seem to have preserved their history at all or there is no-one there to find it and write it up!

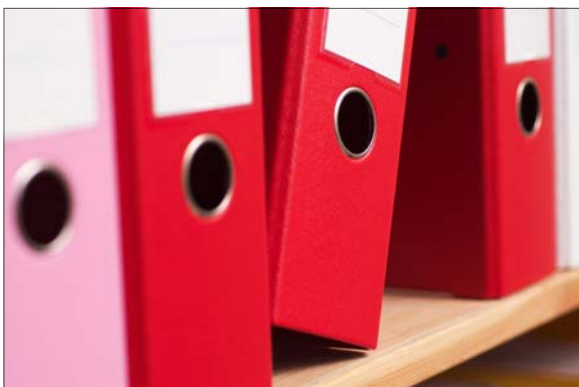
The Heritage Team is still functional and members are collecting material which will be added to the web as and when possible.

Please send items either to me at [delyth@stonescience.fsbusiness.co.uk](mailto:delyth@stonescience.fsbusiness.co.uk) or to David McPherson at [david@mcpherson8.com](mailto:david@mcpherson8.com)

We would welcome volunteers from the, as yet, unrepresented areas. Don't forget: Your Activities Today will be our Scouting History in the future.

Produce and Preserve your records!

Delyth Wilson, Chair, Heritage Committee for Wales.



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The UnLtd Sport Relief Awards Programme, Make It Happen, has now launched!



UnLtd Sport Relief Awards are funded by Comic Relief and provide opportunities for young people to bring communities together, to help promote understanding and solve problems through sport, arts and recreational activities.

The UK wide funding programme is for 11-21 year olds, who are prepared to go that extra mile and use their passion for sport and arts to bring respect and understanding to their communities by setting up their own projects.

If you know of anyone who is passionate about helping their community then UnLtd Sport Relief has the cash and support to make it happen!

- Try It. Aged 11 - 21? You can apply for up to £1,000 to try your idea.
- Shape It. Aged 11 -21? You can apply for up to £5,000 to develop your idea.
- Do It. Aged 18 - 21? You can apply for up to £10,000 to grow your project!

Check out our website

[www.UnLtdSportRelief.com](http://www.UnLtdSportRelief.com) <<http://www.UnLtdSportRelief.com>> where you can find more information and apply.

## OUTWARD BOUNDERS!!

Since 1941, The Outward Bound Trust has strived to take young people on a journey of personal discovery, impelling them to undertake challenging outdoor activities. In doing so we show young people what they are truly capable of, creating and harnessing the passion and self belief that can influence them to change their lives for the better.

Today The Outward Bound Trust has extraordi-

For nearly 70 years, generations of young people have been having the same intense Outward Bound experiences and we would like to hear about them. Over the decades the mountains have been just as daunting, the weather just as unpredictable and the water just as icy. At the same time, the trials, the triumphs, the highs, the lows and above all, the learning, have been equally powerful. There are a million stories of personal growth, adventure and fulfilment waiting to be told and shared.

The Trust has invested in creating a unique space [www.outwardboundgenerations.org.uk](http://www.outwardboundgenerations.org.uk) for all the generations of Outward Bounders to share their stories.

The Outward Bound Trust believes that 'Generations' will create a new community of shared experiences that reach across the generations. The work of Outward Bound crosses some seven generations and those memories from long ago are as fresh today as ever.

The person who participated in an Outward Bound course in, say 1952, had the same powerful experience as the person taking a course this week. For 68 years Outward Bound has been helping young people fulfil their potential and for all that time the mountains have always been just as daunting; the weather just as unpredictable; and the water just as icy.

Over a million people have attended Outward Bound. This is the time to connect and share your story. All Outward Bounders need to do is visit [www.outwardboundgenerations.org.uk](http://www.outwardboundgenerations.org.uk) and tell it how it was!

## **MOUNTAIN TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

If you want training to lead groups in the mountains, want to brush up your skills, gain a first aid certificate for outdoor activities or anything else linked to 'mountains' - then look no further. The ScoutsWales Mountain Centre, Yr Hafod in Snowdonia can provide all you need. Visit the website: [www.yr-hafod.org.uk](http://www.yr-hafod.org.uk)



## **DO YOU COME INTO CARDIFF ON A SATURDAY TO VISIT OUR SHOPPING CENTRE?**

If yes, you may like to take advantage of the CATVOG Area Scout Shop which opens every Saturday from 10 am until 12 noon. It is based in The Hub, Maitland Street (off Whitchurch road - not far from Gabalfa Roundabout), Cardiff, CF14 3JU.

We hold a good stock of all uniforms, certificates, record cards and more - and we will give Groups a 10% commission payable at the end of the year. More information can be found on our website [www.catvog.org](http://www.catvog.org) or by telephoning 07982560801 or e mail us at [scoutshop@catvog.org](mailto:scoutshop@catvog.org).

Please contact us if you would like to order in advance and we can explain the procedures. We look forward to being of service to you.

**Sue Ryan**  
**Scout Shop Manager**



**You can contact the ScoutsWales office by:**

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**Writing to:** The Old School, Wine Street,  
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**Don't forget:**

- Deadline for next edition: 31 March 2010
- If your Area, District or Group would like to share an idea or an event please send in details by this date.
- If you receive this copy 'Sgowtiaid' but are no longer in Scouting, make sure your name is removed from the database and hand on your copy to someone else.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**12/13/14 February**—Area Commissioners' Management Meeting.

**21 February**—Board of Trustees Meeting.

**28 February**—Founders' Day.

**6 March** – Team Day, HQ Development, Advice & Support Day. Llandrindod Wells.

**17 April**—Beaver Scout Leaders' Conference, Llandrindod Wells.

**1/2/3 May** – River Wye Canoe Cruise.



To most people the arrival of the Olympics means enjoying hours spent in front of the TV, sharing the glory of those who win a medal, commiserating with those who just miss out, and willing on the ones at the back, without whom there wouldn't be a race. For some of the athletes it will be their one and only time to strive to achieve the seemingly impossible – standing on the

podium to be awarded a medal.

As a memento of their participation in this event, we are undertaking a project to make a Textile Pennant (or 'mini' quilt) for each athlete of the Olympics, Paralympics and Special Olympics. The project gives quilters, felt makers, embroiderers, textile artists, in fact anyone who sews (or not!), the opportunity to express their support, through the medium of fabric, fibre and stitch, and become part of the whole Olympic event in London 2012.

The Pennants can be as simple or elaborate as you require, and they can be made by anyone regardless of their level of ability or age. They can be made using any textile media - felt, fabric, cross stitch, embroidery, painted fabric, beaded - in fact anything. They need to be A3 sized (42cm x 30cm) overall and suggestions and instructions can be found on our website [www.quilts4london.org.uk](http://www.quilts4london.org.uk).

The Pennant project was originally started by Irene Heathcote and Catherine Hill, both based in Hemel Hempstead, but has now developed into an ever expanding team of very dedicated Coordinators - in the UK and Australia. We would like schools to participate in making Pennants for Quilts4london in addition to creating Pennants to keep and display in their own schools. It's a wonderful way to showcase the creativity of children and to get them involved in the lead up to the Olympics.

For further information contact Irene Heathcote 01442 404234 or Catherine Hill 01442 396774; email [admin@quilts4london.org.uk](mailto:admin@quilts4london.org.uk). Or send a S.A.E to, 'quilts4london', 39 Hunting Gate, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England, HP2 6NX. Follow 'Quilts4London' on Twitter.