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FROM WALES TO THE GAMBIA!

KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH THE EXPLORER BELT EXPEDITION

The Leaders of the Explorer Belt Expedition to The Gambia have been able to use the Scoutbase Wales website (www.scoutbase.org.uk/wales/gambia) to save costs on posting out instructions and news to the Explorers.

Now another first! It will be possible to keep up-to-date with Expedition news by using the online Expedition Log. We will be up-dating this as frequently as possible once we leave Wales, late on 9th August. We hope that parents, friends and everyone in Scouting will be able to follow what is happening.

We have actually been using the log since early May as a way of getting answers to Explorers' questions available to all. These will be cleared out shortly before we leave.

If you would like to follow the Expedition, log on to gambia.pitas.com (please note that there is no www in this address).

STEVE TUPPER
ASSISTANT LEADER—GAMBIA EXPEDITION



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AWARD

The International Team for Wales is also publishing a pack for the International Friendship Award based on The Gambia. This pack will be distributed free of charge to Area Commissioners, Assistant Area Commissioners for all Sections and International and to District Commissioners within the next few weeks. This Award will involve the whole Group including the Leaders. If you do not hear about it shortly and your Group is interested please give your District Commissioner a ring or get in touch directly with the Welsh Scout Council office.

EARLY WARNING!!

2002 will see the third All-Wales Scout Camp at the Royal Welsh Showground. Numbers will be limited to 1,000. Activities will include archery, abseiling, open stage, discos, Scout car races, circus skills and much, much more. Please put the dates into your advance programme plan. What are those dates?



FRIDAY, 21ST JUNE—SUNDAY, 23RD JUNE, 2002

Booking forms will be out later this year and you will also be able to download all the forms and information from www.scoutbase.org.uk/wales.



BUSY BEAVERS

The 1st Felindre and Newcastle Emlyn Beaver Scouts took part in the Headquarters C2K Challenge. The challenge was to gain a minimum of 2000 points during the year 2000 by completing various tasks of the Beaver Scout Challenge Badge. At least one task had to be completed under the headings of Caring, Exploring, Scouting and Personal. The Beaver Scouts managed to gain a total of 4,500 points.

Only 33 Colonies completed the challenge and the 1st Newcastle Emlyn were the only Colony in Wales to do so. Our District Commissioner came to present the Beaver Scouts with their certificates and we were mentioned in the article about the Challenge in the April edition of Scouting magazine!

As part of the challenges, the Colony made a time capsule which was given to a local solicitor who will keep in in the strong room for 25 years. Each Beaver completed a sheet with their name, address, a bit of family history, schools, likes and dislikes and a list of their pets. One personal object was also included which included an unusual rubber, a pair of ear rings and toy cars. In Autumn they also collected tree seeds that they grew in Spring and early Summer of 2000 and then presented the seedlings of 19 sycamore trees to the Mayor. Following this event the Beaver Scouts had a colour photograph on the front page of their local newspaper.

Congratulations to the Newcastle Emlyn Colony!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of prison, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare cash in a dish somewhere, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married you are rare, even in the United Kingdom.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

FOOTBALLING CUBS!



Llantwit Major Cub Scouts annually organise a 5-a-side football competition in their Area to raise money for charity. The competition in 2000 raised £2,200.00 for The Noah's Ark Appeal and on

2nd June, 2001 Philip Carling arranged for the presentation to take place on the pitch of the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, at half-time during the World Cup qualifying match between Wales and Poland.

Leader, Chris Woods accompanied by the two Cub Scouts who raised the most for the appeal—Tom Streeter of 1st Llanishen Toomai and Ben Cutter of 1st Llantwit Major Jupiter Packs presented the money.

In addition, the 22 Cub Scouts who raised the largest sums towards the Appeal were given complimentary tickets for the match.

These highly successful fund raisers also received a prize from a wonderful list including a WRU ball, signed by the squad and pair of football boots signed by Robbie Savage of Wales, a pair of batting gloves signed and donated by the Glamorgan captain Steve James, a signed photo of Michael Owen plus many more!

Well done!

WORLD JAMBOREE—THAILAND

The Welsh Scout Council is pleased to announce that **STEPHEN LEWIS** of Caerphilly District has been appointed the Leader of the Welsh Contingent to the World Jamboree.

Stephen has a wide experience of Scouting and has previously taken Scouts to Jamborees both in the UK and abroad. If you want to talk about the World Jamboree, Stephen can be contacted on: 029 20 866218

Penny McMullen who is going to Thailand as part of the UK Contingent Support Team, has been doing some research about the culture of Thailand. She tells us that in Thailand they believe in 'jai yen' - cool heart, which is the avoidance

of conflict. That the Thai people smile a lot because smiling 'makes you beautiful and keeps you young' and they speak quietly, it is rude to raise your voice. A favourite saying is 'life is fun, why quickly to go?'. The behaviour of the Thais can be summed up in the word 'krenjai', which means consideration, and they have this for everyone, but especially family, children and the older generation. Violence in any form is detested in Thailand, and to finish with a Thai saying: "In this world everything changes, except good deeds and bad deeds. These follow you as the shadow follows the body."



The Welsh Scout Council has 10 double cubicle toilet tents. Brand new and made from very strong green cotton fabric. Normally retail at £125.00 but available to Scouting in Wales at £85.00. For further details contact the Welsh Scout Council office.

Waterfront Adventure Gear have available several canoes, kayaks and associated equipment including wet suits, all at special rates for Scouts. Also a couple of trailers, D of E equipment available at discount rates. All prices negotiable. Just available sit-on-tops. The company also offer a plastic welding service for canoe repairs. To find out more contact Steve on 029 20 692108.

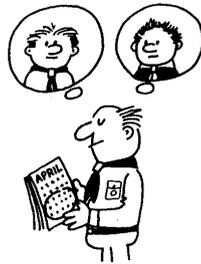
The Venerable Eric Buchan

The death is announced, at the age of 93 years, of The Venerable Eric Buchan, a Vice President of the Welsh Scout Council. He had been involved in Scouting in the Coventry area for many years and was introduced to Welsh Scouting by a previous Chief Commissioner of Wales, Christopher Cory. Eric Buchan attended Welsh Scouting events for many years, particularly Jamboree Cymru and the GYB camps, and will be remembered by many. His last visit to Wales was to attend an Annual General Meeting at Llandrindod Wells. In 1974 he was awarded the Silver Acorn for outstanding service.

Apart from his work in Scouting, Eric Buchan had been a wartime chaplain with the Royal Air Force and was instrumental in organising the appeal for the rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral.

SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES

Wondering what to do this summer? Want to do something different? We have received details of a number of events, centres etc that may be of interest:



THE GREENWOOD CENTRE— is situated at between Caernarfon and Bangor this all-weather centre is described as a 'Family adventure and forest fun park, providing fun and educational activities both indoor and outdoor'. The organisers says that it is suitable Scouts, Cub Scouts and Beaver Scouts and also for large-scale activities such as Fun Days or an outdoor challenge. Woodcraft, Conservation, Craft, Discoverer and Pathfinder interest badges are covered and you can take part in quizzes, nature trails, orienteering courses, explore the environment and the wildlife. Group charges are £3.00 per child and £3.50 per adult. More information from www.greenwood-centre.co.uk, 01248 671493 or trees@greenwood-centre.demon.co.uk

YHA AT SLIMBRIDGE— are offering a two day one night weekend residential package with activities that satisfy the requirements of the Naturalists Activity Badge and the Science and Nature section of the Adventure Aware. The package, Friday and Saturday night is available from 1 September to 31 March costs from £20.00 per child and includes all activities, entry ticket to the national Waterways Museum, 45 minute trip on the Gloucester & Sharpness canal, accommodation and meals throughout. One free leader place with every 10 paying children. Also provided is a free planning visit.

The YHA are also offering a range of group rates with special activity packages at a number of their hostels, including 50% reductions for camping at Poppit Sands, activity packages year round at Manorbier, and a watersports package at Broadhaven. If you are going to London, there are also special West End theatre Youth Group rates via the YHA. For more information see www.yha.org.uk or e-mail: janelambert@yha.org.uk and ask for information and offers for youth and community groups.



OUTBOUND TRUST—the Trust offer courses in Scotland and you can find out more at www.scoutbase.org.uk/activity/ventures/qsal/. The courses are not cheap nor is travel, but bursary assistance from the Scout Association may be available. Again look at the Scoutbase site for information about bursaries.

LONGLEAT— offers a range of attractions apart from the Safari Park and also have group rates and special packages. For more information look at their website: www.longleat.co.uk OR RING 01985 844328 OR 01985 844400 or e-mail: groups@longleat.co.uk

INK2U

The above company re-manufacture ink jet printer cartridges and this has launched a programme to dramatically increase the number of cartridges recycled. Therefore, charitable organisations are being invited to participate in a cash for cartridges programme.

The company pays £2.50 for each Lexmark cartridge and £1.50 for each Hewlett Packard cartridge returned to their Freepost address. The company will accept consignments for recycling, no matter how small but will only provide a payment when the value is greater than £10.00. Payment is made by cheque within 28 days of receipt of the empty cartridges. A receipt for goods is issued.

If you want to know more telephone 0800 015 0594, e-mail: empties@ink2u.co.uk.

MORE ACTIVITIES!

AIR EXPERIENCE FLIGHTS

The Scout Association has recently had to re-clarify its rules governing organised flying activities. In an attempt to continue to make air experience flights as accessible as possible to Scout members, the Scout Association has agreed a very good rate with Stapleford Flight Centre, AOC holder, to offer air experience flights to members at a reduced rate. The cost of £15.00 per head for a 20 minute flight is based on a group of 12 or more attending. Camping at the airfield can also be arranged. Telephone: Colin Dobney 01708 688380.

NATIONAL BELLBOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The British Canoe Union is inviting Scout Groups to take part in the National Championships at the National Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham on 6 October. The Championship is part of the Paddlefest weekend which includes a special programme of youth events on the Saturday. Further details are available on www.bcu.org.uk

SCOUTING 2007—CORE TEAMS

Scouting 2007 is looking for volunteers to join its Core Teams to continue planning for UK events and Activities and the 21st World Scout Jamboree. Individuals are also sought to report directly to the Chairman and take lead responsibilities for design and stage management. Applicants should have a history of strategic management of Scout events, leading and managing work groups, be innovative and come with exciting ideas for the Centenary celebrations. You will need access to email. To see a full job description and person specification and to download an application form, log on to: www.scoutbase.org.uk/2007/

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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 2001

**15/16 September—Cae Llwyd Canoe
 Training Weekend**

**23rd September—Advisory Panel
 Meetings**

**6/7 October—River Severn Canoe
 Cruise**

**20 OCTOBER—WELSH SCOUT
 COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL
 MEETING**

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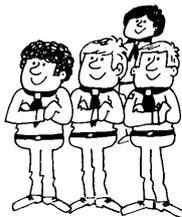


WELSH SCOUT COUNCIL

The Guest Speaker at this year's Annual General Meeting will be Mr Peter Clark, the new Children's Commissioner for Wales. The meeting will take place on Saturday, 20th October, 2001 commence at 2.30 p.m. at the Pavilion Conference Centre, Llandrindod Wells. A presentation will also be given on the Explorer Belt Expedition to The Gambia.

Everyone who supports Scouting, whether uniformed or not, is welcome to attend. Why not encourage others from the Group to fill a car and come along. Come and hear and see what is going on in other parts of Wales, come and meet other people who give up their spare time for Scouting!

A Conference entitled 'Scouting—Our place in the Youth Work



'Vision for Wales' will take place in the morning and the keynote speakers at this event will be Jane Davidson AM, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning and Brian Williams, Chief Executive of the Wales Youth Agency. Area Commissioners, District Commissioners and others will be invited to the morning's meeting.

A CAUTIONARY TALE

A few months ago I was talking to a Cub Scout Leader and he was enthusiastic about the fact that he had the offer of some computers that a firm was throwing out and what he now needed was a lockable cupboard in which to keep them when not in use. Activities Panel Chairmen are trained, usually over about 40 years, not to stifle enthusiasm, so I bit my tongue and said nothing but it set me thinking. My six year old granddaughter is heavily into IT at school and she has considerably more facility with the computer in her home than I could ever achieve.



For her a computer is just an aid to living, as a simple pencil and paper was to me at her age. Computers have ceased, at least to young people, to be wonders of the modern age—they are just part of the furniture of life. If, like me, you are approaching middle age we should not think that computers are an activity in themselves. Most of our young people will say that they see quite enough of them at school. This is not to dismiss computers from Scouting. They are

very valuable for programme planning, setting out the Venture Scout (sorry, Explorer Scout) expedition budget, downloading information from Scoutbase and many other uses but they are now, after less than 20 years in common use, merely an aid to more exciting adventures and not an end in themselves

JOHN MUSTON—Chairman Activities Panel.



STOP PRESS!!

All-Wales Cub Fun Day has been re-arranged for

SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE, 2002

More information will be available from your Assistant Area Commissioner (Cub Scouts) but put the date in your diary now, so that you and your Cub Pack do not miss an excellent fun day out. The event will, as usual, take place at the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells.