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**REMEMBER TO
ORDER YOUR
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WHAT A YEAR!!

What a tremendous year this is for Welsh Scouting!

First in April, Welsh Queen's Scouts formed the Colour Party at the St George's Day Parade at Windsor and a separate group were involved in the planning and delivery of the Service at St George's Chapel, Windsor. As this was Golden Jubilee Year the Parade was inspected by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh and all those present were most impressed with those representing Wales both as members of the Colour Party and in the Chapel. For the first time, a prayer was read in the Welsh language. Congratulations from everyone involved in Scouting in Wales to Anthony Arscott, Philip Price, Andrew James, John-Paul Lawrence, Mike Vodden and Aled Watson (members of the Colour Party) and to Stephen Hopkins, Beverley Lougher, Greg Owen and Ruth Purton (those involved in the Service in the Chapel).

Congratulations are also due of course, to all those from Wales who attended as Venture Scouts having achieved their Queen's Scout Award and for those Leaders who had received Awards during the year. The sun shone and everyone who was there agreed it was a wonderful day.

Then, in June Wales was again represented, this time at the Queen's Jubilee Parade in London by Leanne Thompson of Cardiff, Edward Latham from Swansea, Chloe Foster from Abercrave and Carwyn Hopton and Thomas Earland from Ystradgynlais. The five joined some 200 members of the Scout Association, including representatives from Scotland and Northern Ireland. The event was televised around the Globe and attracted over one million people to watch the procession in Central London!!

How's that for getting noticed!

COME AND MEET THE CHIEF SCOUT

The Chief Scout will be the Guest Speaker at the Welsh Scout Council Annual General Meeting. This meeting is open to everyone involved in Welsh Scouting whether uniformed or not. Invitations will shortly be sent to your District Commissioner inviting all members of the District to attend—why not fill a car and come to Llandrindod for the afternoon?

You will be made very welcome, and this will give you an opportunity to meet the Chief Scout and listen to what he has to say, hear from some of our young people, meet old friends, make new friends and see what is going on in other parts of Wales!

The Meeting will be held at the Pavilion Conference Centre at Llandrindod Wells commencing at 2.30 p.m. Uniform, if appropriate, to be worn.

If you would like more information please contact the Welsh Scout Council office.

DON'T FORGET!!



If you need to order Welsh neckers for your summer event please ensure you do so as soon as possible. We have plenty in stock at present, but there always seems to be one Group

who ring to order two days before they leave for a trip, and one day after another Group bought the lot up!!

We also have a full range of garments, embroidered to order with the Sgowtiai Cymru logo and your name/Group/appointment etc. The most popular include:

Navy Sleeveless fleece—£20.00

Navy Open-hemmed sweatshirt—£18.00

Poloshirt—£15.00 (can be done in any colour, many like red to show we are Welsh!)

Hooded sweatshirt—£20.00 (navy or any other Group colour)

Also available are Sports Bags – embroidered with the Sgowtiai Cymru logo on one side and your name etc on the other—£10.50 (very useful to carry the PRI publications around in!)

In readiness for all your new members in September you should consider ordering the bi-lingual Promise Cards. Plastic, credit-style cards are available for the Beaver Scout, Cub Scout and Scout Sections with the Promise and Law in English on one side and Welsh on the other. 40p each.

Full details are on the website:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/wales

together with prices for packing and post or ring the Welsh Scout Council office if you need further assistance.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Attention!!

All Area & District Commissioners-

Have you got one?

If not—why not?

Is there anyone out there in your area who could take on the job of Special Needs Adviser? If so could you please pass their details to Shirley Myall at the Welsh Scout Council office so that we can up-date our mailing list of Special Needs Adviser contacts.



Many thanks

COLIN TURNER
SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISER
FOR WALES

CALLING ALL BADGE COLLECTORS!!

If you have not yet purchased one of the Welsh Contingent Badges for the World Jamboree in Thailand you are not too late, if you hurry! The double presentation sets, of the Welsh Contingent Badge and the UK Contingent Badge, are sold out, but the Welsh Contingent Badge in a presentation folder is still available at £2.00.

Also available are Cub Fun Day 2002 and All Wales Scout Camp 2002 badges at £1.00 plus Cub Fun Day 2001 (the one that never was!) and Cub Fun Day 1992 and 1998 at 50p.

All badges are available from the Welsh Scout Council office, please enclose your cheque and a stamped addressed envelope with your order.



WHAT TO DO THIS SUMMER!

The YHA are offering a wide range of activities at their hostels from activity breaks at Windermere, Pic and Mix Action Breaks in Snowdonia. If you want to discuss your Groups requirements, contact the Groups Advisor Judith Briddon on 01629 592638 or e-mail: judithbriddon@yha.org.uk.

We have also been sent details of the SeaQuarium at Weston-super-Mare. Admission fee is £3.00 for groups of 10 children or more, £3.95 for adults. For further details www.seaquarium.co.uk or ring 01934 641 603.



JAMBOREE ON THE TRAIL

This event started out as a World Wide Hike and is co-ordinated by a Leader in Ellesmere Port. As its name suggests the plan is to have as many young walkers as possible out on the same day making it the largest walking event in the world for young people.

Newport Scout Fellowship undertook the organisation of this event for the District in 1998. In that 232 children and adults took part in Wentwood Forest. 1999 and 2000 saw numbers rise to 290. Due to last year's crisis in the countryside they moved to Tredegar House Country Park when 310 children and adults took part.

This year they decided on the nearer venue again but were unable to use Tredegar House, so we went over the road to Tredegar Park. This time a total of 253 walkers, representing the Beaver Scout, Cub Scout, Scout Section their leaders, parents and siblings plus 24 Fellowship members who marshalled the event. It was a good family morning out followed by a Giant Picnic.



Badges are available for the event and in Newport, the Fellowship has sponsored the purchase of the badge.

Have any other Districts in Wales taken part in this event? If so Newport Scout Fellowship would like to know. If you would like more information it can be found on the main Scoutbase website.

A THOUGHT FOR VOLUNTEERS

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves

They will have endless amusement.

Blessed are those who can tell a mountain from a mole-hill;

They will be spared a lot of trouble.

Blessed are those who are intelligent enough not to take themselves seriously;

They will be appreciated by those around them.

Blessed are those who are attentive to the call of others without thinking themselves indispensable;

They will be sowers of joy.

Blessed are those who can go to bed and fall asleep without looking for excuses;

They will become wise.

Blessed are those who know when to shut up and listen;

They will learn new things thereby.

Happy are you if you know how to take small things seriously and large things peacefully;

You will go far in life.

Happy are you if you can admire a smile and forget a frown;

Your path will be sunlit.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Jan Lloyd who has won the Award for Teaching Assistant of the Year for Wales in the Teaching Awards' third annual regional competition. Jan is the Change Agent for Montgomeryshire and Cub Scout Leader for the 1st Montgomery Scout Group.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2002

**14/15 September—North Wales
Canoe Training Weekend**

**22 September—Team Meetings,
Commodore Hotel, Llandrindod Wells**

**5 October—Welsh Scout Council
Annual General Meeting (see page 1)**

**12/13 September—Severn Canoe
Cruise**

Deadline for next Edition:

30th September, 2002



A SALUTARY TALE—FROM JOHN MUSTON!

Once upon a time there were two Assistant Scout Leaders, Jim and Mary, and they were engaged to be married to each other. However, being good ASLs they did not allow this to distract them from their prime purpose in life which was to provide the best possible programme for their Troop. To do this they decided to introduce mountaineering and, sensibly, thought they ought to find out for themselves what mountaineering was all about and get an authorisation. So they approached He Who Is Wise Beyond Measure—their Area Mountain Activities Adviser, who offered, as is his role, to give them some training in the art and science of mountaineering.

So it came about that Jim and Mary, one fine sunny day, were on their way to meet He Who Is Wise Beyond Measure at the foot of the Great Grey Mountain. Sadly while driving there they were involved in a terrible road accident and both were killed. Now being a (more or less) virtuous couple (Mary usually said 'No') they soon arrived at the Pearly Gates to be greeted by a jovial St Peter with 'Welcome to Heaven, my children, welcome. Here we try to meet your every wish and desire.' So Jim and Mary explained that they had planned to get married on Earth and could they please still be married in Heaven. (Note: for the sake of the rest of this story please ignore Matthew 22 verse 30.) St Peter's face fell and he said rather shortly 'We'll have to see'.

So Jim and Mary set about enjoying all that Heaven had to offer—Manchester United on television seven nights a week, unlimited free use of all the snooker tables, shops from the major fashion houses with everything free inside and so on. However, after about two years Jim and Mary were getting a bit frustrated. After all it is not really 'on' to 'live in sin' in Heaven. So they went round to St Peter's office to enquire and he explained that they seldom got any clergy coming to Heaven; they would just have to wait and hope for a miracle.

Another year went by and suddenly St Peter sent for them. 'Hurry, hurry' he said 'We've just got a clergyman arrived but he's already eyeing one of the Vestal Virgins which is contrary to Matthew 5 verse 28 and I'll have to send him to the Other Place.' Within the hour Jim and Mary had found a ring, put on their best clothes and were married.

They were allocated a starter home, 27 Elysium Fields, and were blissfully happy. However, in the distance they could see the outline of the Celestial Mountains and this reminded them that they had wanted to find out more about mountaineering so back they went to St Peter and asked if they could have some mountain instruction and get a M Form. St Peter's face was black as thunder and he almost shouted at them 'No you can't, we never ever get any Area Mountain Activities Advisers here.'

The moral of this story? Get your authorisation here on Earth and do not wait until you get to Heaven—which is what some of you seem to be doing!!

