



SGOWTIAID

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USE YOUR LEADER TRAINING TO BECOME NATIONALLY QUALIFIED!

If you have completed or are currently working through our adult training programme then you are a trained youth worker. Youth workers in other organisations tend to train towards a nationally recognised and approved qualification. However, you too can use your Scout training to achieve the same national qualifications.

There are two Open College Network awards you can achieve using your Scout training programme and experience—both are NVQ Level 2 Awards:

- Providing a Youth Service—for those working within Sections
- Managing a Youth Service—for those who are GSLs, Commissioners or Managers.

The Welsh Scout Council is currently running a pilot programme in conjunction with the Wales Youth Agency to see how this scheme might operate in Wales. The WAY has provided the funds for us to run the pilot and so anyone taking part will get all their fees paid for them!

The good thing is that it doesn't necessarily mean having to do any extra work—choose the right training units and they can count towards your Scout training and the OCN Award. It's an optional scheme but if you think that having a recognised Youth Work award will help you personally and want to know more then contact Shirley at the WSC office or Ron Davies, Deputy Chief Commissioner with special responsibility for Adult Support.

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Wales**

WELSH SCOUT COUNCIL—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year the AGM day will have a completely different look. Everybody—and yes, that means **YOU**—is invited to take part in the day.

The programme for the day will enable you to contribute your views and ideas and to hear from others. No excuse for sitting at home and muttering about Scouting, this is your opportunity to come along and listen to the Chief Commissioner of Wales and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and have your say! There will be several opportunities during the day for you to express your views and ask question.

The Guest Speaker in the afternoon is Sir Digby Jones, Director-General of the CBI and there will also be presentations by young people.

The programme for the day will shortly be distributed and will also be on the website. You can also get in touch with the WSC office for full details. So why not come along, there is no charge for the day and lunch is provided. Booking is required.

Date for your diary: SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER

APPOINTMENTS

The Chief Commissioner is delighted to announce the following appointments:

- **Ron Davies:**
Deputy Chief Commissioner with special responsibility for Adult Support
- **Keith Burfoot:**
Deputy Chief Commissioner with special responsibility for Programme

Ron and Keith in addition to their special responsibilities will be deputising for the Chief Commissioner on some occasions, so undoubtedly you will meet them at some event in the future.

In addition the following Area Commissioner appointments have been made:

- **Sue Benbow**—Area Commissioner for Pembrokeshire
- **Roger Eagles**—Area Commissioner for Montgomeryshire

We send Ron, Keith, Sue and Roger our congratulations.

MISKIN MILL

Miskin Mill is celebrating its 75th anniversary on Sunday, 18th September, 2005 from 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

This is an open afternoon with refreshments and all are welcome. They hope that as many past and present users, young and old, Scouters, Guiders or anyone with links to or memories of Miskin will call in.

A unique record of the day is planned and you are requested to bring along a photo, a badge or any other form of identity relating to your connections with Miskin. This, along with your signature will be added to a 75ft commemorative banner!

If you want more information please ring Pat on 01443 205629.

We need to give an opportunity for all children no matter how different they may feel or look. All are equal.

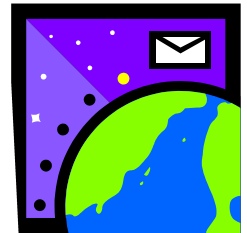
CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Sydney Cooper MBE from Glamorgan West who was awarded with his Chief Scout's 50 years Service Certificate. Many of you will know Syd from past Jamboree Cymru, but he is also a Vice President of the Welsh Scout Council and a Life Vice President of Glamorgan West Area Scout Council and Afan Nedd District Scout Council.

Syd's Award has made us ask how many more 50 or 60 years Service Certificates have been awarded in Wales? Let us know.

PENFRIENDS

We have a request from a Patrol in Norway for penfriends in Wales:



The Falk (Falcon) Patrol are from Agdenes. The Patrol has 4 girls (all 12 years old) and 3 boys (12, 13 and 14 years respectively). Agdenes is a small community by the coast in the middle of Norway and the Falk Patrol is in a Scout Group with about 40 members.

Please e-mail their Leader, Marit Jonassen at m-a-jona@online.no

MENCAP—GET TOGETHER PROJECT

An excellent training day was held in Llandrindod Wells in May. Everyone who attended enjoyed the day and by now will have received their certificates etc.

At the end of the event everyone was asked to write on a post-it note why welcoming all children was so important both to the child and the organisation. Some of the comments are scattered around this newsletter for everybody to read.

The day was such a success that a further day is to be organised in the Autumn for Leaders who missed the first one.

All children have the right to a full childhood

STAINED GLASS WINDOW

We have been sent a photograph of a 'Pathfinder' window which exists in a Headquarters in Oldham. We are told that such windows are very rare in Scout Headquarters and that very few are now in existence at all, even in churches. The picture shows Christ pointing the way for a uniformed Scout with staff and map. The window is a war memorial.

However, we have been told that there is one somewhere in Wales. Whether this is in a Scout Headquarters or in a church is unknown but if you know of any window like this one please get in touch with the Welsh Scout Council office.

GET COOKING!

This is an on-line resource for those Leaders who wish to teach their group a basic understanding of cooking, food hygiene and healthy eating. At the end of the 6-week course the young people should feel more motivated about cooking for themselves and friends and also understand basic principles on health and hygiene. The resource comprises a trainers guide and 30 recipe cards. It is flexible and contains all the information that is needed. By early summer a Welsh language version will also be available. Visit: www.food.gov.uk/wales/nutwales/getcooking Or ring Caroline Kitson on 029 2067 8016.



Everyone is an individual and has something valuable to offer to a group.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

Scouts and Guides in Wales are invited to summer camp WIK20 06 arranged by the Swedish speaking Guides and Scouts of Finland. The campsite is located in South West Finland and is from 31 July to 8 August 2006. Cost 120 Euro including the programme, meals and accommodation in your own tents. They offer home hospitality after the camp. If you want to know more look at the website: www.wik.fissc.fi



THANK YOU

We are saying goodbye and thank you to Michael Smith as Area Commissioner of Montgomeryshire; Wyn John as Area Commissioner of Pembrokeshire and Keith Burfoot as Area Commissioner of CATVOG. All have put a huge amount of time and energy into Scouting in Wales over a large number of years and we thank them for their commitment.

NEED MORE LEADERS? WANT TO GROW SCOUTING?

The Scout Association is organising two workshops about Development in the Autumn. Both workshops will provide information to help to develop Scouting at Group, District and Area level and the days are open to anybody with an interest in development. There is no charge and lunch is provided.

North Wales—Saturday, 22nd October, 2005

South Wales—Sunday, 23rd October, 2005

A programme for the day and booking forms will be distributed in September and will also be available on the website. **So look out for more information and make sure you book early.**

COLOURS

In the 1st edition of Sgowtiaid we asked for suggestions for a colour scheme for the newsletter. We have decided to take up Lyn Williams suggestion that the colours for each edition should follow the seasons!



So here we are with the summer edition in a deep sunshine yellow! Thanks very much Lyn. Next time look out for the autumn hues!

Our children have one shot at childhood, it's up to us to make it happen.



It takes all types to make the world, and it would be a very boring world if we were all the same.

EARLY WARNING!!

There will be a conference for Beaver Scout Leaders' on Saturday, 1st April, 2006 at the High School, Llandrindod Wells.

This will be part of the celebrations to mark 20 years of Beaver Scouting.

Full details will be available at the beginning of 2006.

This is bound to be a popular event, so make sure you get the date in your diary now and book places for every Leader in your Colony at the first opportunity.



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NOUNCEMENT

The Chief Commissioner is delighted to announce the appointment of May Castrey of Flintshire as Commissioner (Wales) for Cub Scouts. May has a long experience of Scouting and is currently District Commissioner for Flintshire, a role that she will continue to hold.

May was at Cub Fun Day and some of you may have had an opportunity to meet her.

CUB FUN DAY

Well done to all the Cub Scouts who attended Cub Fun Day 2005. Since the event the Welsh Scout Council has received comments from people from outside Scouting who attended the event and everyone was very impressed. Some of the comments are printed below:

"It is a pleasure to be here, all the children are

so well mannered and are a joy to talk to"

"Every child I've seen has been involved in an activity—nobody has been sitting down doing nothing, looking at a screen, nobody looks bored—they are all so happy!!"

"It was amazing to look at the Showground after everybody had gone home—you would not have had any idea that there had been 3,000 children and adults on the site less than an hour previously, it was spotless."

"Where else but in Scouting would you find people so keen to ensure that lost items are handed in and returned to their owners".



CALLING EXPLORERS!!! COME TO THE MOUNTAINS!!!

Friday night 14th to
Sunday 16th October
Hillwalking/Climbing/Scrambling

The Welsh Scout Council Mountain Training Team will provide a full programme of activities on the October weekend for up to 24 Explorers.

Numbers will be limited to a maximum of 4 from each unit in the first instance and you should apply by September 1st. In the unlikely event of the event not being fully subscribed, any spare places will be open to all applicants on 2nd September. First come first served!!

Please apply in the first instance to:
Geoff Morley, Hill Crest, Skirwith, Penrith,
Cumbria, CA10 1RH.

Telephone: 01768 88709.

E mail:

geoffmorley@supanet.com

The cost will be £25 each and will include food and accommodation.

A kit list and further information will be provided in due course.



Wherever we go, members of the Scout Network Team for Wales keep hearing the words “so what’s this Network thing then?!” So we thought, its time to unlock the best-kept secret in Scouting!

NETWORK

What is the Scout Network?

All Members of Scouting aged 18-25 are automatically Members of the Scout Network. Whatever you choose to do in Scouting, be it take out a warrant or just dip in to activities when you can, you will be a Network member until you reach your 25th birthday.

Network members take part in a full range of Scouting activities... canoeing, climbing, caving, canyoning, coasteering, cycling – and that’s just the C’s! We also take part as leaders, activity instructors, and take an active part in the management of Scouting.

The way Network operates varies massively across Wales from Area to Area. In some places there are weekly meetings of local Networks covering a town. There may be Networks centred on a particular activity, such as rock



climbing, canoeing, amateur radio, or air activities, or attached to a campsite as a service crew.

You may be a member of any number of Networks, at home, or at university. And the best part – you only pay the HQ membership fee once!

Scout Network Team for Wales

The Scout Network Team for Wales advises the Welsh Scout Council on issues relating to Network. It is chaired and supported by Helen Barber, Commissioner (Wales) for Scout Network. Helen can be contacted by e-mail: helen@networkwales.org.uk

What about ‘Network Wales’?

The geography of Wales will sometimes make it difficult for large local Networks to exist. In rural Areas there may only be a handful of Network age people and so it will be impossible to run activities such as a 5-a-side tournament! The sort of ‘identities’ that some large Networks elsewhere have - with their hooded tops with logos etc - will be tricky

to produce if your Area Network has just 3 members!

NETWORK WALES

BE PREPARED...
...TO GET CONNECTED

This is where ‘Network Wales’ comes in. The Network population of the whole of Wales is big enough to have this identity. The Areas in Wales get together as ‘Network Wales’ for occasional events for the whole of the Principality, as well as attending the big annual UK events such as the National Network Gathering (at Great Tower campsite in the Lake District over Easter) and Gilwell Reunion (Gilwell Park, London, over the 1st weekend in September).

To help keep Network members informed about opportunities, Peter Sheppard recently became the ‘Network Wales Communicator’ - a role involving distributing information, including editing a newsletter, running an email contact list, and overseeing the development and maintenance of the Network Wales website. Peter can be contacted on peter@networkwales.org.uk

Website

Network Wales has its very own website, forming part of ScoutBase Wales, available directly at:

<http://www.networkwales.org.uk/>

This has a very active discussion forum, and is the quickest way for you to get information on events and activities, as well as the general gossip. Other features in development for the website include an interactive calendar.

Forthcoming Events

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the following national events:

- Cheshire Summer Ball – July 16th
- Twonkers - August 6th – 15th
- Gilwell Reunion – September 2nd – 4th
- Apex Challenge – September 10th





SAILING AT LLYN BRENIG NORTH WALES

Just another one of those memorable water activity weekends, good weather enough wind and a bunch of keen young Scouts, got to be the formula for success.

24 participants took part driven by a first class staff of two RYA Senior Instructors supported by three RYA Instructors, Authorised Leaders and of course our RYA Power boat Instructor and his team.

From beginners to race participants in one weekend, that is progress. Saturday morning starts a little like a mad house with all helmsman trying to get his/her boat to go the right way, very amusing for the shore support staff, a little tense for the Instructors. Eventually sanity takes over, helmsman begin to get the hang of it and away we go— you can see the sense of achievement in their faces, the instructors begin to relax a little as things return to something like normal, a joy to watch.

Short shore teaching sessions take place to meet the requirements of RYA Youth Training programme Stages One and Two. This of course helps the participants to understand the way things are done. Most of them would have capsized encouraged by the Instructors operating from the support boats, but there is a right and wrong way for most

things, the support boats carry competent crews ready to enter the water should it be necessary to assist.



The event was supported by a first class catering team and numerous parents and Leaders turned up to help make the weekend a memorable one, not forgetting our Beach Master with the waist high wellies.

Success came at the end of the weekend when Instructors heads came together to make decisions, who's up to scratch, who isn't, are they good enough, guess what, every participant got either Stage one or Stage two, it will not get better than that!

I would like to thank everyone for their help and enthusiasm in making the weekend such a good one and not forgetting the LLyn Brenig Sailing Club Commodore and members who perhaps had to adjust a little to the excitement and buzz.

Ron Cox, Water Activities Adviser

CONGRATULATIONS

Everybody in Wales sends congratulations to Chris Clarke and three other members of the 3rd Cardigan Sea Scouts who entered the CBBC Dance Factory competition.



Having attended the auditions in Cardiff, where they spent two hours learning dance moves and being filmed, Chris was called and then later in the day he got into the top four! After many weeks of filming and a lot of travel he got into the finals!

Well done Chris!

EUROJAM

Everybody going to Eurojam must all look out for Megan Soulsby of Mid Glamorgan Scouts who is a member of the dance team performing at the opening and closing ceremonies.

Megan, aged 11 years, is the youngest member of the team and has been attending weekend long rehearsals in Warwick leading up to Eurojam. Good luck Megan!



The following changes have been made to the requirements of those who wish to use The Scout Association for their Service Section in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

	Under 18	Over 18
Bronze	Complete Module A of the Young Leaders Scheme + 2 other Modules	Complete Getting Started Modules + 2 other Modules relevant to your role
Silver	Complete Module A of the Young Leaders Scheme + 3 other Modules	Complete Getting Started Modules + 4 other Modules relevant to your role
Gold	Complete Module A of the Young Leaders Scheme + 5 other Modules	Complete Getting Started Modules + 6 Other Modules relevant to your role

Details of the Modules completed must be entered in the participants Record Book

Assessments should be carried out by the District Explorer Scout Commissioner for those aged under 18 years and by the Area Training Manager or Local Training Manager for those aged over 18 years. Further details can be found on the Award Website www.theaward.org

Mike Breakwell, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Adviser (Wales)

LIES, DAMN LIES AND USEFUL STATISTICS

I attended a Volunteer Leaders' Conference at Plas y Brenin in June. By its location you may guess that it was geared to outdoor activities. Some useful facts emerged from the various speakers and I feel they are worth bringing to a wider audience by way of *Sgawtiaid*. If the time leaders spent on Scouting activities was costed at the minimum legal wage it would have a value of £300M. If one adds in the other youth organizations that figure rises to about £1.5Bn. Just think what we are saving in government expenditure even if any government was willing to spend it.

We worry about litigation and being sued but in fact the number of cases being notified to the Queens Bench Division (that part of the High Court which deals with such matters) has dropped from 120000 in 1998 to 17000 in 2002 although there has been some increase in litigation at lower levels. In an average year deaths attributed to the following causes are:

Heart conditions	130000
Obesity and Unfitness	30000
Suicide	6000
Adventurous Activities	150
On School Visits	3
Adventurous Activities on School Visits	1

The risk of a fatal accident, per year, in various activities has been calculated as follows:

- 10 per million in all types of work
- 79 per million in the construction industry
- 1 in 2M outings in white water canoeing
- 1 in 250000 climbs in rock climbing
- 1 in two million days spent hillwalking

The sum total of the above is that our so-called dangerous activities are not dangerous PROVIDED we are prudent, correctly authorized and plan our activities within the capabilities of those taking part.

JOHN MUSTON, CHAIRMAN ACTIVITIES TEAM

You can contact the Welsh Scout Council by:

E-mail: admin@scoutsofwales.demon.co.uk
Telephone: 01446 795277
Fax: 01446 795272
Writing to: The Old School, Wine Street,
Llantwit Major CF61 1RZ
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Sufficient copies of Sgowtiaid are sent to District Commissioners for circulation to everyone involved Scouting in the District. If you do not receive your copy within a reasonable time why not talk to your DC?


Don't forget, deadline for next edition of Sgowtiaid:

31ST OCTOBER, 2005

IMPORTANT DATES

WANT TO KNOW MORE—CONTACT THE WELSH SCOUT COUNCIL OFFICE

- **8 October**—Chief Commissioner's Management Meeting
- **15 October**—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- **22 October**—HQ Development Meeting North Wales
- **23 October**—HQ Development Meeting South Wales
- **12 November**—Team Meetings, Llandrindod Wells
- **3 December**—Board of Trustees, Llandrindod Wells



Let us know what you did at Eurojam!

Like to work for Scouting?


The Welsh Scout Council is seeking to employ a Local Development Officer to work specifically in Mid Glamorgan and East Carmarthenshire.

The post is part-time (25 hours a week) and is to develop Scouting in communities in these two Areas by recruiting and supporting adult Leaders.

If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch with the Welsh Scout Council office immediately for a Job Description and further details.

THE 2006 WINSTON CHURCHILL TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

This scholarship is available for those who feel that experience overseas will help them in their job, community or enhance a personal interest.



If awarded a Fellowship you will receive a grant which will cover your Fellowship expenses: return air fare, daily living, travel within the countries being visited and, in exceptional cases, some assistance with home expenses. The grants usually cover a stay overseas of between 4-8 weeks (4 weeks minimum) and you will also be appropriately insured.

There are 11 categories of Fellowship but of particular interest to those involved in Scouting are:

Young People: for those under 25 years of age on 31st December 2006. The trust will support projects that encourage personal development as well as benefiting your community.

Adventure, Exploration and Leaders of Expeditions.

Special Award: This year there will be one Fellowship for a project in the field of *canoeing*.

If you want to know more look at
www.wcmt.org.uk