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### HAVE YOU BOOKED

### FOR THE

- ALL-WALES CUB FUN DAY 2002

### OR

- ALL-WALES SCOUT CAMP 2002?

IF NOT—READ  
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## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

The Welsh Scout Council is pleased to announce an exciting initiative that will take place in the Scout Areas of Glamorgan West and Snowdonia and Anglesey.

External funding has been obtained to fund the employment of two part-time Local Development Officers to recruit adults to form Leadership Teams to enable new Sections to be opened in existing Groups and, in some cases, to reopen Groups in communities that no longer have Scouting. The Local Development Officers, with assistance from the Areas and Districts, will then provide support for the Leadership Teams through the initial stages of establishing the Section or Group. In addition, where necessary, lay supporters will also be recruited. The Local Development Officers will be employed by the Welsh Scout Council, who will manage the Project in co-operation with the two Scout Areas. Schedules of development covering the two-year initial Project are in place for both Areas and work will be underway by September 2002.

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

(If you are interested in one of these two posts, see the back page.)

## BRITISH PEDAL CAR CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the second year running, the 47th Swansea (Killay) Scouts are hosting the third round of the British Pedal Car Championships. Last year, the Event attracted around 16 teams from all over the UK to compete in one of the most gruelling events of the racing calendar. This race has been on the racing calendar for a good few years now, and each year team races for a full, uninterrupted 24 hours. The race is the only one of its kind in Europe, the only other 24-hour pedal car race in the world is held annually in Hong Kong.

This year the Swansea Scouts, spearheaded by Bill Gratrix, are expecting in excess of 20 teams to compete in Margam Park. Among those flocking to race, we will be welcoming the Welsh Contingent to the World Jamboree 2003. The Contingent has put forward a team to compete, and they will be racing for sponsorship to subsidise their one-off opportunity to join the World Jamboree. Hopefully, this year there will also be television coverage.

Just as the Welsh Contingent are doing, any other group could tackle the challenge of the race and use it as a fundraising activity, or perhaps even your first big event as an Explorer Scout Unit or in the Scout Network. If you think it is too late for this year—why not start planning early for next year.

For more information, or to register your Team, contact Bill Gratrix on 01792 201741 or click on [www.pedalcars.info](http://www.pedalcars.info) for full details.

**PETER JEFFRIES**

47TH SWANSEA SCOUTS/CHAIRMAN ALL-WALES PATROL LEADERS' TEAM



## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE MOUNTAINS

**Well, come on all you Commissioners—have you taken up John Muston's challenge issued in the last edition of Sgowtiaid?**

I can now report that Jill Gloster, Area Commissioner for Snowdonia & Anglesey, ascended Tryfan (915 m/3002 ft) on 28th February, 2002. She was accompanied by Tudor Bell (District Commissioner, Dywfor), Dick Lewis (Scouter 2nd Pwllhelli), John Muston (Area Mountain Activities Adviser) and Gwyn Williams (Area Adviser Scouting Activities) - all Form M holders (*Area Commissioners like to do things properly*). Alison Chapman (AAC Beaver Scouts), Iorwerth Michael (District Commissioner Y Wyddfa) and Andrew Dixon (Area Secretary) (*Area Commissioners like everything minuted*) and Richard (Jill's husband) and Sandra (Tudor's wife) made up the party. They also took Clive Bracewell, Field Commissioner for North & Mid Wales with them (*an Area Commissioner expects support at all times from a Field Commissioner*). As the report says that William Hooban, a Venture Scout from Harlech, provided hot coffee at the top, we assume that William arrived there hours before the rest of the party and had time to brew up to ensure his Area Commissioner and her party were refreshed before their descent—the Welsh Scout Council trusts that all Areas have Venture Scouts who are so solicitous of their Area Team's well-being.

*P.S. Snowdonia and Anglesey are now wondering if they will be the only ones to take up the challenge—surely not?*

## LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR THIS SUMMER'S CAMP?

We have received details of the following:

- OPERATION DRAGNET 2002 (5/6/7 July: for Venture Scouts and Ranger Guides, situated in Cumbria. Described as 'one of the toughest competitions in the country' - Dave Rogerston, Chairman 01539 720600.
- MAGIC—27 July to 3 August—Gwent Guides International Camp: for Scouts and Guides from the UK. Venture Scouts on Service Teams - Jackie Maloney 0873 853265/856031  
e-mail: MagicinUsk2002@AOL.com
- Turm 2002 in Worms in Germany— 3-18 August: an international activity, part of the EuroSteps programme.  
E-mail: susanne.johann@vcp-rps.de



### FOR DAYS OUT:

- American Adventure in Derbyshire—[www.americanadventure.co.uk](http://www.americanadventure.co.uk)
- West Midland Safari & Leisure Park—[www.wmsp.co.uk](http://www.wmsp.co.uk)
- If you are thinking of visiting Thorpe, Madame Tussaud & London Planetarium, Alton Towers, Chessington World of Adventure or Warwick Castle contact Nottinghamshire County Scouts on 0115 9523617 or Leicestershire Scouts on [centre@leics-scouts-demon.co.uk](mailto:centre@leics-scouts-demon.co.uk) as they offer special price tickets for all these attractions. No minimum order for tickets required, can be used for the family as well as the Scout Group!

## DAVID GOLDSMITH MOVES HOUSE!

**David Goldsmith, Field Commissioner for South & West Wales has moved to: George House, High Street, Minchampton GL6 0BN. His telephone number is: 01453 884406 and his fax number: 01453 886941. The number for his mobile telephone and his e-mail address remain unchanged.**

## ALL-WALES EVENTS—JUNE 2002: BE THERE!!

**Have you booked your Cub Pack into All-Wales Cub Fun Day on 8th June? Have you booked your Scout Troop into the All-Wales Scout Camp 21/23 June? These two fun-packed events will take place at Builth Wells and if you have not decided yet—make haste! If the news has not reached you yet—ring 01446 795277 immediately for full details!**

## PROUD TO BE WELSH?

If you are taking the Scout Group away this year have you considered wearing Welsh neckerchiefs to show everyone that you are proud to be Scouts from Wales? The scarf can be worn by any member of Scouting in Wales and costs £4.75 for the standard size and £5.75 for the XL size plus post and packing. For those who have not seen one, the scarf is red with a green and white border and has an embroidered Leek logo. Also available is a catalogue showing the full range of garments all embroidered with the Welsh Scout Council logo and these can be personalised with your name, your Group, District, Area, Camp or Expedition name. Contact the Welsh Scout Council office for further details

## WORLD JAMBOREE— WELSH CONTINGENT BADGE

Have you bought your Commemorative Badge Pack to support the Welsh Contingent to the World Jamboree in Thailand?

If not, a limited number of sets that include the Welsh Contingent Badge plus the UK Contingent Badge are available from the Welsh Scout Council at £5.00. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

## WALKING GROUP LEADER AWARD EXEMPTION FROM TRAINING COURSE

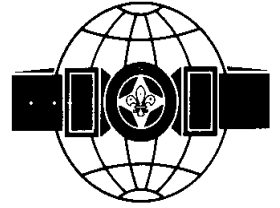
Over the years many members of the Movement have obtained 'The Hafod Card' at the Welsh Scout Council's centre at North Wales. The Wales Mountain Leader Training Board are prepared to consider this for granting exemption from the Training Course of the Walking Group Leaders award. This exemption is not for all time and all action to obtain it must be completed by 31 December 2003. Those proposing to seek exemption must first be registered WGL Candidates. This registration can be done with any of the four home national mountain training boards.

On receipt of the logbook, candidates should complete the experience pages of the log book with as much detail as possible, especially in the last three years. Once this is done candidates should send a photocopy of these pages together with their Hafod Card and a cheque for £5.00 (payable to WMTLB) to: Robin Watts, Secretary, Wales Mountain Leader Training Board, Siabod Cottage, Capel Curig, Gwynedd LL24 0ET.

It is stressed that exemption is not automatic and does depend on experience quoted in your logbook pages.

**JOHN MUSTON**

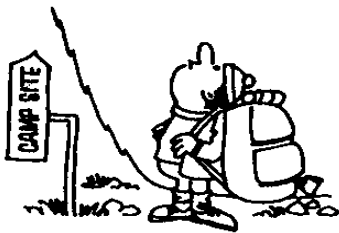
## IS THERE A DEMAND FOR AN EXPLORER BELT EXPEDITION IN THE GAMBIA?



After the successful Explorer Expedition to The Gambia in 2001 when 28 out of 30 gained their 'Belts' we are now asking is there a demand for a return visit in August 2003? The Explorer Belt Award is open to Explorer Scouts 16 years + and Scout Network members, under 25 years at the time of Expedition.

Basically this will consist of 5 days preparation at the Scout Centre at the coast, 10 days expedition up-country followed by 6 days at a hotel on the coast, total cost £800 maximum. Could be cheaper depending on numbers. Dates 1st to 22nd August 2003. To enable this to happen we need 24 Explorers in pairs or threesomes; if you think you would be interested in this challenging experience please e-mail Alan Jones, International Commissioner for Wales on [admin@scoutsofwales.demon.co.uk](mailto:admin@scoutsofwales.demon.co.uk) If there is a demand we will try to arrange it. Video of the 2001 Expedition available at £10 from the Welsh Scout Council office. Three and a half hours of fun and amazing happenings on Expedition and at the coast, the video is a must for any Explorer Scout Unit.

**ALAN JONES (International Commissioner)**



## YEAR OF THE MOUNTAINS YR HAFOD EXCLUSIVE

A very special weekend in Snowdonia at the Welsh Scout Council's Mountain Training Centre, Yr Hafod, has been arranged **exclusively for Welsh Scouting**. Welsh Scouts are invited to come along and enjoy a fantastic weekend with the team of Instructors, rock climbing, abseiling and high ridge walking. The main objective of the weekend is for as many Scouts and Scouters as possible to have the experience of standing on top of the highest mountains in Wales. For just £10 per person you can visit, enjoy good food and have a great time in the mountains of Snowdonia. Your stay at Hafod, a wonderfully historic building, built for scouts in the heart of Snowdonia shortly after the Conquest of Everest, will be a pleasurable and memorable experience.

The event will take place over the weekend of 5-8 September, 2002. There is enough accommodation to sleep 28, so unfortunately it has to be arranged on a first come, first served basis. Please remember Scouts, Venture Scouts, Leaders, Commissioners, members of the Welsh Scout Council are all invited. **FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT:** Geoff Morley, Hillcrest, Skirwith, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 1RH. Telephone: 01768 88709. E-mail: [geoffmorley@supanet.com](mailto:geoffmorley@supanet.com). Further information regarding the centre and courses can be found on our website: [www.yrhafod.org.uk](http://www.yrhafod.org.uk)

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**SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT  
 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 2002**

**8TH JUNE—All-Wales Cub Fun Day,  
 Builth Wells**

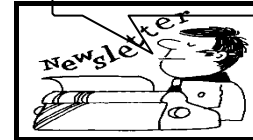
**8/9 JUNE—South Wales Canoe  
 Training weekend**

**21/23 JUNE—All-Wales Scout  
 Camp, Builth Wells**

**22 SEPTEMBER—Team Meetings,  
 Llandrindod Wells**

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

Deadline for next Edition:  
 30TH JUNE, 2002



**WELSH SCOUT COUNCIL  
 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER  
 (25 hours per week for two years)**

Full-time Salary (35 hours): £13,178 per annum

**POST ONE: SWANSEA, NEATH & PORT TALBOT**  
**POST TWO: GWYNEDD, ANGLESEY & CONWY**

(posts are based in the relevant areas)

Are you self-motivated, have a knowledge of the Scout or Guide Movement, able to work mainly in the late afternoon/early evening, understand the nature of volunteering, have a car and a clean driving licence?

We have two, new and exciting opportunities to work with volunteers helping to provide, develop and implement innovative solutions to the recruitment, support and training of adults.

The ability to communicate through the medium of Welsh will be an advantage.

**Application Forms and further details from:** The Welsh Scout Council, The Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major CF61 1RZ. Telephone: 01446 795277, Fax: 01446 795272, E-mail: admin@scoutsofwales.demon.co.uk

**Closing date for receipt of completed applications:**  
 31 May 2002

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