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*Cyngor Sgowtiaid Cymru—The Welsh Scout Council:
Supporting the development of young people in Wales*

CONGRATULATIONS

In Sgowtiaid this time last year, I dared to suggest we might attain a membership of 15,000 in the 2010 census.

Well you've done it!!! We now have **14,492** Scout members in Wales of which over **12,471** are youth members and **3,021** are adults, an overall increase of **4.8%** (or **706** additional members) increase on last year. This is now more than the 2003 census.

WELL DONE and thank you to all involved with recruitment.

The top award for growth this year goes to Brecknock, with an increase of 14.5%, their third increase, closely followed by Snowdonia & Anglesey who have increased their numbers by 12.4%. A great achievement after disappointing returns last year.

Congratulations are also due to all those mentioned in the St George's Awards List. Thank you for your exceptional service to Scouting.

SILVER WOLF: Bob Hastie; Chris Odling; Cyril Payne; John Mizen.

BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN: Lesley Bordoli, Nigel Cole; Michael Lewis; Lynn O'Dell; Peter Muxworthy.

SILVER ACORN: Ken Hinton; Joan Bowbanks; David Burton; Dilys Cardy; Geoffrey Davies; Christine Davies; Alan Davies; Patricia Dicks; Margaret Gibbins; Ray Grenfell; Bryan James; Geoffrey Loyns; Iris Owen; Tom Parsonage; Rhodri Walters; Neil Wicks; Howard Williams; Nenna Williams; Joanne Gregory.

AWARD FOR MERIT: Gareth Williams

Jill Gloster



HERITAGE NEWS

Is there anyone in Montgomery, Mid Glamorgan or Brecknock interested in Scouting Heritage?

We have no one in our Team working on researching the History of Scouting in those areas nor in some other parts of Wales. It does not matter if you are only interested in one Group or District - any additional information is worth having and would add to our accumulated whole.



Those of us already working on recording

Scouting history have resolved to seek out and talk to former Scouters or helpers in our own regions during this year and attempt to gather personal recollections to add to our present knowledge. This could be done by those of us no longer up to the more active aspects of Scouting.

How about you younger members asking parents or grandparents who had an involvement in Scouting to take this on for your Group? The information gathered would be later added to our part of the ScoutsWales website.

Please send items to me at:

delyth@stonescience.fsbusiness.co.uk

DELYTH WILSON
HERITAGE TEAM FOR WALES

LINKS WITH NORTHERN IRELAND

Jenny Hanna is a Beaver Leader for 40th Belfast Beaver Colony, Northern Ireland and would like to try to link up with a Beaver Colony in Wales and communicate with them.

It would be great to make it a Group event with the Squirrels, Cubs and Scouts getting involved too.

If anybody is interested, please make direct contact.

Tel: 028 90 622518

E-mail: jenny.hanna@btconnect.com

CENTENARY BADGE— 1ST EBBW VALE

The Group was formed in 1910 and this year is our Centenary year. The Badge measures 110mm x 60mm and is on sale for £1.50 each including postage.

To purchase a badge contact ; Gary Norris. GSL. 1st Ebbw Vale (Penuel) Scout Group. 22, Glyndwr Road. Rassau. Ebbw Vale. Blaenau Gwent. NP23 5ST. Tel; 01495 307083. Cheques & P.O.'s to be made out to 1st Ebbw Vale (Penuel) Scout Group.



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Announcing his retirement at the last meeting of the Trustees, after six years at the helm, Gareth Williams will be stepping down at our AGM in October. The Search Group has now been formed to find a successor, which will not be an easy task after all the hard work and dedication that Gareth has given to the role.

If you are interested in the position or know someone who might be, then please contact the ScoutsWales office for further information.

NEW APPOINTMENT

I am pleased to announce that Claire Wainwright has been appointed as the new ScoutsWales Media Development Manager. Claire currently works in the Media & Communications Office for the Welsh Assembly Government and will be a huge asset to the Wales Team.

Some of you may already have seen what Claire has already achieved with a full page article in the Western Mail about the successful growth of Scouting in Wales plus coverage of the same success story on both English and Welsh language radio programmes. You may also have seen the Holyhead Scout Group on the S4C programme Ffeil.

A big welcome to Claire from ScoutsWales.

JILL GLOSTER

SCOUTSWALES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING— 30TH OCTOBER, 2010

This is a reminder that our next AGM, 9 people should be elected to the Board of Trustees from the membership in Wales.

This is made up as follows:

- 4 Trustees (aged 18-24 years) from anywhere in Wales; 2 for a two year term and 2 for a three year term.

PLUS:

- One Trustee from North Wales—a three year term.
- Two Trustees from Mid Wales—1 for a two year term and 1 for a three year term.
- Two Trustees from South Wales—1 for a two year term and 1 for a three year term.

Application forms are available from the ScoutsWales office if you are interested

TALKABOUT— 30TH OCTOBER, 2010

As previously the ScoutsWales AGM will be part of Talkabout so do put this date in your diary now!!

At this year's event, the Guest Speaker will be by Tori James who climbed to the summit of Mount Everest. In doing so, she became the youngest British female (at 25) and the first ever Welsh woman to reach the summit. Look at her website: www.torijames.com to see more about her adventures and achievements!!





COMMISSIONER WALES (CUB SCOUTS)

An exciting opportunity has arisen to lead, build, develop and motivate the Wales Cub Scout team.

As a member of the Commissioner Team you will be working to support the delivery of the ScoutsWales strategic themes. This includes supporting and developing projects which will grow the Movement by enhancing the culture and participation of young people, whilst reflecting and celebrating the diversity of the communities in which Scouting operates.

If you are interested in undertaking this challenging role and require more information please contact Malcolm Latham, Assistant Chief Commissioner (Programme), by e-mailing programme@scoutswales.org.uk. Additional contact details are available via the ScoutsWales website or phoning the ScoutsWales Office 01446 795277. A full role description and nomination form can be obtained from the ScoutsWales office.

Nominations for the role should be received by the ScoutsWales Office by Wednesday, 30th June, 2010.

CUB FUN DAY 2011—ADVANCE INFORMATION!

The Board of Trustees are being asked to approve **SATURDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2011** for the next Cub Fun Day, so pencil this date in your diary now!! The event will, as

usual, be on the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells and the Organising Team are planning a new and exciting programme both for young people and Leaders—so keep looking for information about the event so that your Cub Pack doesn't miss out!!



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD
GWOBR DUG CAEREDIN

Please note that, as usual, from 1st April the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme increased the cost of the record packs.

The current prices are, therefore, as follows:

Bronze & Silver Packs: £12.00

Gold Packs: £18.00

Cost of p & p is £1.30 per individual pack, but if you are ordering a larger quantity please ring the ScoutsOffice for an accurate calculation of the cost.

ScoutsWales does not make any profit on the sales of D of E Packs, but must recover actual costs.



Final arrangements are now being made for the **All Wales Scout Camp** in June. For those of you who've managed to get your Troops booked in, we can promise you a fantastic range of activities for the weekend. All we need to do now is hope that the weather is kind to us! As Scouts though, we've also done our best to prepare for the worst and a good number of the activities will be able to run without any problem no matter what a Welsh summer can throw at us. Response for the camp has been as strong as ever, so if you're coming you can look forward to being part of a camp with 850 Scouts having a great time using our three activity zones over the weekend. This year, the Wales Training Team will also be providing something for the leaders; a base where you can get any questions about your training programme answered as well as validation of modules.

As part of the All Wales Scout Camp arrangements, all Scouts will be getting a **Dragon Award** record card when they book in. I hope that this will be an encouragement to



to some more Scouts (and their Leaders!) to get involved in this uniquely Welsh challenge. On a personal note, I now have two

months to go to finish my own Bronze Award and I'm hoping for improved weather! When I start the Silver Award, I can see that I'll also have to start putting my thinking cap on a bit to meet the extra

challenges involved. All of a sudden it won't be enough to just be under canvas each month – I'm going to have to look at ways of ticking off some of the 30 different elements of the Dragon Award as well. This is all part of the overall challenge though and part of why we all enjoy Scouting so much.

Talking of the Dragon Award, one of the Scout Groups who have contacted me with their story is the 1st Pentrebanne (Holy Family) Scout Group. Their Scout Leader, Carl Ashford, e-mailed me to say that his Troop all started the award in January when the temperature was -4°C overnight. The picture shows his intrepid Troop after surviving the two inches of snow that they had as well. Apparently, they're all still keen on the award even after this sort of start!

As always, please send in any of your Dragon Award stories or queries to me at scouts@scoutswales.org.uk. If you've got any suggestions on how the Dragon Award might be improved, I'd also like to hear about those as well.

Finally, I mentioned two of Bear Grylls' books in my last update. Since then, the Scout Association has published another excellent book, 'A complete guide to Scouting Skills'. You might have already seen this in one of the ScoutingPlus newsletters and Scout Shop on-line is offering it at a discount on its cover price. It's an easy read and a great reference book for Scout Groups or Scout Leaders. It covers everything for outdoors adventure and it's definitely one to put on your Christmas present list, if you can wait that long to get it!

ALAN DAVIES

COMMISSIONER WALES (SCOUTS)

CENTENARY UNITS

The following are celebrating the centenary of their Group this year, but undoubtedly there are more that we haven't heard about!! Do let us know about your Group Centenary celebrations, send us photographs and we will publish as much as possible in future editions of Sgowtïaid.

1st Newbridge have recently held centenary celebrations.

1st Ebbw Vale Group are celebrating by planning a number of special events to commemorate their centenary year – such as planting 100 trees, sending 100 parcels to the troops in Afghanistan, creating a special badge and woggle, and launching the 25th Fun and Fete day later this year.

1st Bridgend are celebrating their centenary in September with an open day on 18th September.

If your Group is celebrating its centenary this year, please let us know what you are doing and if you have photographs please send these to the ScoutsWales office attached to an e-mail.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD
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Below is a list of the number of new participants within the last year taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the number of Awards achieved:

PARTICIPANTS:

Brecknock: 4 Silver; 3 Gold
Carmarthenshire: 1 Bronze; 2 Gold
CATVOG: 39 Bronze; 13 Silver; 7 Gold
Ceredigion: 13 Bronze; 6 Silver; 2 Gold
Clwyd: 52 Bronze; 20 Silver; 8 Gold
Eryri a Môn: 8 Bronze; 1 Silver; 1 Gold
Gwent: 30 Bronze; 16 Silver; 10 Gold
Mid Glam: 4 Bronze; 5 Silver
Glam West: 7 Bronze; 3 Silver
Montgomeryshire: 22 Bronze; 4 Silver; 9 Gold
Pembrokeshire: 11 Silver; 1 Gold

AWARDS ACHIEVED:

CATVOG: 11 Bronze; 11 Silver; 2 Gold
Ceredigion: 1 Bronze
Clwyd: 16 Bronze; 8 Silver; 1 Gold
Eryri a Môn: 1 Bronze
Gwent: 6 Bronze; 9 Silver; 2 Gold
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Congratulations to all those who have achieved the Award and good luck to those currently working on their Award.!



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD
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EXPEDITION ASSESSMENT FEES

At the beginning of 2009 DofE announced that they would be introducing a new charging structure for expedition teams whose assessment is carried out by one of our Expedition Assessor Networks (previously Wild Country Panels). These charges have now come into effect, with a charge per team (not per person or per centre). A Bronze Team will pay £30; Silver Team £45 and a Gold Team £60. The charging structure reflects the amount of time and costs associated with the assessment and administration at each DofE level. For more information, please see www.DofE.org.uk/go/expeditionareas

Charges for any assessments undertaken by Scout DofE Accredited Assessors for Scout-led expeditions, will be a matter for negotiation between the expedition group and the assessor. Charges should not exceed the cost tariff set by the DofE—see above.



QUEEN'S SCOUTS AWARDS 2010

The Chief Commissioner is delighted to congratulate those who completed their Queen's Scouts Awards in the year to 31st March, 2010. Some of them were able to attend the Windsor Queen's Scouts Parade and Service

- Sarah Lesley Mills (Ceredigion)
- Mark Jones (Clywd)
- Richard Perry (Gwent)
- Kieran Spiers (Gwent)
- Sara Mayall (Radnor)
- Harriet Brewster (Glamorgan West)

Harriet, Mark, Richard and Kieran had a fantastic day at Windsor. Sarah should have been there, but couldn't fly back from the USA because of volcanic dust—she will be invited to attend next year!! All have found QSA a fantastic experience and would encourage everybody to take on the adventure!!



FROM: THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM

WHAT DO DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS DO?

There are six LDOs across Wales, all working as part of Scouting Teams to support volunteers by recruiting adults to deliver Scouting to children & young people. Exactly where the LDO works is agreed at Area and District level in discussion with Scout Groups across the relevant Area. Ideally this is part of a broader development plan identifying where LDO input would be best used and is likely to be successful.

In Snowdonia & Anglesey the LDO role is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and the Association's Development Grants Board. The work is tightly monitored and targets agreed with the funders for the 3 year duration of the project. The target for this Area is to recruit 180 new volunteers over the 3 year period. Four targets are identified each term. This maybe developing a new section where no group currently exists, a new section within an existing group or supporting an existing section by recruiting additional leaders and assistants.

Researching targets is important to assess the level of community support and identify issues which could make the project unviable. It involves speaking with key individuals and groups who have a good knowledge of the community and the people in it.

The biggest group of potential volunteers is the parents of children involved in Scouting. The LDO also develops networks to offer volunteering opportunities broadly across the community. This will include as wide a range of people as possible in addition to those whose children enjoy Scouting activities. Networking and identifying key people in the community is important in accessing these groups to offer the opportunity to join Scouting and increase the number of potential volunteers. The LDO works with a wide variety of people and organisations including Community Police, Councillors, schools, volunteer bureaux, businesses, leisure centres & Community Councils.

LDOs will work differently depending on their remit, past experience and personal style. All work within a team and rely on the support of the Area, District and Group Teams. They arrange completion of "Getting Starting" training for new recruits and some will validate these modules. Most LDOs work at each development target for one term. This is a short time in the evolution of a new section. Support from District and Area Teams and other Groups both during and after the development term is vital to the growth of a stable, well functioning section which will continue to flourish.

Once the LDO moves from the development hopefully there will be the beginnings of an adult team with enough support, confidence and knowledge to deliver a positive Scouting experience to

children and young people, enjoying themselves and further developing their own skills in the process.

What Development Officers Can Do—

Within the context of agreed developments we can:

- Work within a team
- Contribute to development plans
- Recruit adult volunteers
- Help Identify possible developments
- Advise on adult & child recruitment
- Make links in communities – network
- Access potential volunteer groups
- Publicise opportunities available for adults
- Open new & support existing sections
- Support the delivery of training
- Arrange taster sessions
- Facilitate CRB / AA Completion
- Locate meeting venue if none exists

What Development Officers Cannot Do—

- Work as Section Leaders
- Provide readymade Leaders
- Solve entrenched interpersonal issues
- Make everything perfect
- Always make the tea
- Bungee Jump (well I can't)

Debbie Tanner
Development Officer
Snowdonia & Anglesey



SCOUTSWALES GOODIES

If you are heading abroad (or even over the borders) this summer have you thought of wearing Welsh neckers? These are extremely popular with Scouts from overseas—most people who take them abroad come back without them! At £6.50 they are reasonably priced and everybody will know you come from Wales! Plus they make a great gift for your hosts. The necker is red, with a green and white border and an embroidered Leek logo. Make sure you order in good time for your trip.

Also available are Promise cards for Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts. These plastic 'credit card style' cards have the Promise and Law in English on one side and Welsh on the other. Cost: 65p

Contact the ScoutsWales office with your order.

WATERFRONT ADVENTURE GEAR

Steve of Waterfront has a large number of used canoes, kayaks etc for sale at very reasonable rates for Scout Groups. He also sells Duke of Edinburgh Expedition equipment.

Any interested should contact Steve on 07790 298670.

Eisteddfod Genedlaethol

Blaenau Gwent a Blaenau'r Cymoedd 2010

Blaenau Gwent and Heads of the Valleys

National Eisteddfod

Would you like a day out at the National Eisteddfod for free? Would you like to help to develop ScoutsWales?

If so this is the ideal opportunity for you!

The National Eisteddfod is being held on the outskirts of Ebbw Vale in Blaenau Gwent Scout District. The District have been actively supporting the Eisteddfod for some months and the Scout Association vehicle with climbing wall etc will be on the Maes for the whole period of the Eisteddfod.

So, if you available at any time during 31st July to 7th August Blaenau Gwent District would be delighted if you could join them to show everybody the adventure of Scouting.

Rita Anstee, District Commissioner, is organising a rota to ensure it is not all work and no play!! This will give you plenty of time to look around the site and see all that is going on.

They are particularly looking for Welsh speakers—you don't need to be fluent, and this is the ideal opportunity for those of you learning Welsh. In fact, while they will need Welsh speakers available, not everybody needs to be Welsh speaking so if you would like to be there but don't speak Welsh don't worry. .

If you are an Explorer Scout, (your chance to spend a few hours on the climbing wall!!), a Scout Network member, or a Leader under 30 years of age they would be delighted to hear from you as these groups are under-represented on the rota.

You don't need to commit for the whole period, if you can give a day or a half day you will be very welcome.



What you do need to be is enthusiastic about Scouting and keen to encourage young people and adults to get involved.

As you will appreciate the Eisteddfod attracts people from all over Wales, so the time you spend on the site will help to develop Scouting throughout Wales. Another opportunity to continue increased membership of ScoutsWales.

If you are coming from further afield, Rita is able to offer accommodation if needed.

PLEASE HELP BLAENAU GWENT TO SHOW THE ADVENTURE OF SCOUTING TO THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ATTENDING THE EISTEDDFOD AND IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANY TIME DURING THIS PERIOD PLEASE CONTACT RITA ON:

Rita.anstee@virgin.net or ting 01495 292188

Or contact the ScoutsWales office.

HAVE YOU SEEN?

Have you seen the revised 'Guide for The Group Chairman' and the 'Guide for the Group Secretary'. Both are available on www.scouts.org.uk and can be downloaded or you can ask the Scout Information Centre to print and post a copy to you for a small charge.

Guides for the 'Group Treasurer' and the 'Group Supporter' will be available shortly.

RIVER WYE CANOE CRUISE

Everybody had fantastic time on the recent River Wye Canoe Cruise and this year there were 229 young people on the water supported by 19 instructors etc.

This event is organised every year, and details are in the Water Activities Programme issued each year.

If you want to take part next year, look for the details in Sgowtiaid and on the website and book early—it is a very popular event!!



You can contact the ScoutsWales office by:

E-mail: admin@scoutswales.org.uk

Website: www.scoutswales.org.uk

Telephone: 01446 795277

Fax: 01446 795272

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

- Deadline for next edition: 1st September, 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 of 'Sgowtiaid' but are no longer in Scouting, make sure your name is removed from the Headquarters membership database (Backpack) and hand on your copy to someone else.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12/13 JUNE—Islwyn Canoe Training Event

18-20 JUNE—**ALL-WALES SCOUT CAMP**

17 JULY—Board of Trustees meeting

17/18/19 SEPTEMBER—North Wales Water Activity Weekend.

8/9/10 OCTOBER—Severn Canoe Cruise

16 OCTOBER—Area Commissioners' Meeting

30 OCTOBER—**TALKABOUT 2010**

13 NOVEMBER—Team Day

27 NOVEMBER—Board of Trustees



Are you about to start the Wales Beaver Scout Award? If so how about linking with a Colony in Doncaster who are also about to start the Award!!!

The 1st/36th Doncaster St Peter's Beaver Scout Colony have just finished their International Award and have been corresponding with a Colony in Australia, which has created great friends between Doncaster and Down Under.

Their Leader, Annette, then found the Wales Beaver Scout Award while searching the internet and the Colony have decided that they would like to take part and learn about a country a little closer than Australia!!

They are thinking of starting in September and would love to link with a Pack from Wales who are also doing the Award so they can share ideas and encourage each other along—they would also appreciate the local knowledge!

If you are interested please contact Annette at KesseAnnet@aol.com

