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BEING A SCOUT

Some of you will have received this e-mail a few days ago. I thought others may appreciate it:

A few days ago the world was shocked by a terrorist attack, something that has in this way never been done before. Thousands of people lost their lives, even more lost friends or family. Unfortunately, that is not the only thing going wrong in this world. But many of us have closed our eyes, for those things happen all the time.

What is terrorism anyway? What can we do against it? I really don't know, but I think it has to do with hatred, intolerance and lies. May be those people have lost everything, all hope and all perspective. That is not an apology for such kind of behaviour.

As we all have learned from the news and the media, it is not one or several countries that are responsible, it is an international network of extremists, terrorists, who operate in almost all countries of the world. This is why it is so difficult to fight this terrorism.

As can be read on the Scouting website (www.scoutbase.org) there are more than 25 million Scouts, youth and adults, boys and girls in 216 countries and territories.

Isn't that great? Scouts all around the world!

We tried to think of something we can do and the idea came up that we only need to do what Scouting is all about anyway: **HELPFULNESS, TOLERANCE, PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP.**

If we all do helpful, friendly and positive things all the time and anywhere we are, we can change the world and fight violence in another way, bringing freedom, peace and justice to the world.

So I want to ask you not to look away in the case of injustice, and do whatever we can to make the world a more friendly place. Help, if you can, and do not be quiet if something goes in the wrong direction.

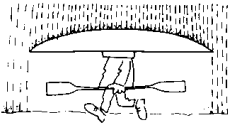
Every good thought and action counts!

REMINDER:

WELSH SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20TH OCTOBER, 2001 THE PAVILION, LLANDRINDOD WELLS AT 2.30 P.M.—EVERYBODY WELCOME!!

CAE LLWYD CANOE TRAINING WEEKEND

The weather was reasonable, with only occasional showers, nowhere as bad as two years ago when it poured with rain almost continually. The reservoir was much lower than I've ever seen it so it was a good thing our numbers were down on previous years. Although the track to the site remains as rough as ever, all drivers were warned in advance and no exhausts were lost!



The numbers on the water were somewhat disappointing, but so many events have been cancelled this year that some may have decided not to book, just in case. But this meant the ratio of instructors to trainees was excellent and those that came had great opportunity for individual attention. All the 1 Star candidates passed, 75% gained their 2 Star and 50% passed 3 star and Sheila Dawson passed the Canoe Safety Test. Congratulations to all.

Ian McMullen's team from Chester Canoe Club were there yet again as well as our own coaches. We presented Ian with a trophy from the Welsh Scout Council to mark almost 20 years of support to this event. He was speechless so has asked me to pass on his thanks to everyone.

Thanks must also go to Monica, Dennis, Ken and Ron - the Support Team.

We will run the event again next year, but I would like to know if we are still meeting your needs? Would you like something different? Please drop me a line with your views: 65 Pencyflog, Porthmadog LL49 9LD, or ring: 01766 512159 and e-mail: barry@nickdom.com. My aim is to do what you want me to do—but I can only do this if you tell me!

The new leaflet will be issued in the New Year advertising the dates for both the Islwyn and Cae Llwyd Canoe Training events and the two river cruises, the Wye in May and the Severn in October.

BARRY HERRING

WORLD JAMBOREE UP-DATE

The Welsh Scout Council Contingent to the World Jamboree in Thailand now has 26 members and three leaders.

You too can be part of the World Jamboree by taking part in the Join-in Jamboree. There is a special resource pack available from the Info Centre at Gilwell at £4.50, full of programme ideas for all Sections.

Not only will you be getting lots of ideas but all profits from the sales of this pack will go to Operation Sattahip, the fund to support Scouts from less well off countries to attend the Jamboree.

FRENCH SCOUTS VISIT MISKIN

In July a party of 20 French Venture Scouts visited Miskin Mill near Cardiff for a two week camp. This was a mixed group from the outskirts of Paris, a few of whom could speak a little English. Their camping standards were impressive, all the cooking was done on wood fires and they built themselves a dining shelter, a camp gate and other gadgets. They even erected a tree platform and took turns to sleep on this platform. They used public transport for their journey from France and during their stay, visiting the Welsh Folk Museum, Cardiff Bay, Porthcawl, the Gower as well as the Brecon Beacons. 84th Cardiff Scout Group entertained them to a BBQ, this was a great success. It was a delight to see back-to-basics camping and to see it working so successfully.

If you want to use Miskin, either the campsite or The Lodge please ring the Booking Secretary, Pat Doyle on 01443 205629.

JIM DENNING
MISKIN MILL SECRETARY



SPECIAL OFFERS

Steve at Waterfront has the following used items available at special discounts for Scout Groups:

Plastic kayaks from £110.00

Kayak paddles from £15

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Canadian canoes from £199.00

Sit-on Tops from £120.00

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CAMJAM AND CHAMBOREE

Both are International Camps to be held in 2002. Camjam is run by Cambridgeshire County Scout Council and will be held at the East of England Showground, further details from Trevor Watson 01733 347686 or Camjam2002@camjam.ukf.net. Chamboree is Cheshire's Jamboree, to be held at Tabley House, near Knutsford, and further information can be obtained from Dawn Hill on 01260 270205, e-mail Chamboree@1Hill.fsnet.co.uk, their website is www.chamboree.co.uk. Flyers have also been sent to all Area Commissioners.

AMERICAN PEN PALS



Cheryl Williams, a Den Leader for a group of 8 year Cub Scouts, has emailed the Welsh Scout Council from Illinois. She is looking for some pen pals for her Cubs.

She visited Wales last summer, and her husband still has family connections with Llanfairvechan in North Wales.

Cheryl thinks it would be a great experience for the Cubs both in Illinois and in Wales to learn a little about each other's Scouting experience.

If you are interested you should contact Cheryl at 3112 Hedgerow Lane, Homewood, Illinois 60430. Her e-mail address is :

cmjwill@aol.com

HISTORY OF THE SEA SCOUT SECTION

The Welsh Scout Council has been contacted by Mr Roy Masini, a District Commissioner of Kensington, Chelsea & City of Westminster District who is currently writing a definitive history of the Sea Scout Section of the Scout Association covering the period 1909 to date.

He recognises that Sea Scouting has been by tradition strongly represented in parts of Wales and he is particularly keen to make contacts with present and past members of Sea Scout Groups in these areas.

He asks:

"If any readers are, or have been, Sea Scouts and would like to share any reminiscences of a Sea Scouting nature, or have any information that you would like to be included in a book on the history, please contact me at 44 Kettering Street, Streatham, London SW16 6PZ in the near future. All contributions will be acknowledged."

THE HISTORY OF WELSH SCOUTING

While on the subject of history, have you yet purchased your copy of 'The Welsh Scout Council—a Brief History'? This book charts the history of Scouting in Wales from 1908 and its development through the years. This could make a good Christmas present for someone!!

The book can be ordered from The Welsh Scout Council office at a cost of £9.99 plus £1.00 for post and packing.

Also Professor David Loades, who has taken responsibility for developing the archives of the Welsh Scout Council is currently working to establish this archive on a more formal footing and is keen to ensure that any individual, Group or District with archive material ensures that this is properly stored. If the material of a local nature it should be deposited in the relevant County Records Office, but if it relates to Wales as a whole it can be stored in the Welsh Scout Council archive. If you prefer, material can be referred to the Welsh Scout Council office and we will deposit it in the relevant archive on your behalf.

With the centenary of Scouting not far away, it is important that records and memorabilia relating to the early days of Scouting in Wales are not lost. If you want further information please contact the Welsh Scout Council.

FREEBIES!!

PUBLICITY— FREE SUPPORT MATERIAL— YES FOLKS—FREE!!

You will all remember (I hope you do) the Wales 2000 Project that ran throughout last Autumn and Winter (and in some cases into the Spring) in the libraries throughout Wales. Your Area Commissioners asked for more leaflets and posters than were actually needed for the Project so that they could be used by YOU to SUPPORT your own awareness and recruitment initiatives.

We still have thousands of leaflets and hundreds of posters for you to make use and they are



FREE!!

All you have to do is to contact the Welsh Scout Council office and order your supplies. Please do make use of the leaflets NOW as with changes to the upper age ranges the Scout and Venture messages will not apply after 31st December, 2003.

RUNNING LATE 2001

This will be the 16th 5-a-side tournament for Cub Scouts, which to date has raised £20,000 for various charities. This year the event will take place at the Western Leisure Centre, Cardiff from 10.30 to 17.30 on Sunday, 4th November. The money raised will, this year, be for the BBC Children in Need Appeal.

The Competition is open to all Cub Scouts who MUST be sponsored to enter. There are prizes for those Cub who raise the most money. There are 6 players per team and the entry fee is £11.00.



For registration forms or further information contact Chris Woods on 01656 890540 or 0771 5239884 or e-mail on: wood-scomp@tesco.net

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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

20 OCTOBER—WELSH SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27 OCTOBER—PROGRAMME & TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE

10/11 NOVEMBER—AREA COMMISSIONERS WEEKEND

24 NOVEMBER—COMMITTEE OF THE WELSH SCOUT COUNCIL

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

Deadline for next Edition:
7th January, 2002
Material can be sent by
post, fax or E-mail



MÔN PADDLING EVENT 2001

Another great weekend or so say all those who paddled! This was the 8th consecutive year with a turnout of about 40 including instructors. "Nice to see you, to see you nice" being our usual greeting on the beach; and on the water in true James Bond (Sean Connery) accent—"how are you doing" to be replied to by "shimply splendid" - try the response if you haven't!! Also try the cool canoe arrival on the beach technique—not quite the skin diver/tuxedo approach but as near as a paddler gets!

(NOTE: I THINK OTHER AREAS IN WALES MUST BE MISSING OUT HERE!!)

This has always been a local event to Anglesey and once again took place in one of our most picturesque locations, namely, Porth Diana near Trearddur Bay.

We had a great mix of Scouts and Guides alike and some other nutters (mentioning no names—great seal dive—please don't copy!)

The emphasis was on the old tried and tested formula—have fun, learn a bit more about paddling and safety



and meeting fellow Scouts and Guides. We also provided Star testing for those so inclined.

We repeated our lunchtime BBQ on the beach—a real winner—and so much food that there were left-overs on both days (not much though)!

It was really good to see those Scouts and Guides who were paddling eight years ago helping with the instruction (I am being polite—don't get too sentimental all you lot—although you may be considered dead cool in my daughter's opinion).

Great to see the old faces who make it all happen, and I can mention only a few—Gladys, our administrator, and the one who does all the work whilst I pretend to do something useful on the waters! Duncan who comes over from Denbigh faithfully each year and good to see Barry again this year. There are many more regulars over the years, but I won't bore everyone with a blow by blow list but thanks to you all from me—a great team and you make it a great event.

VIC BELSHAW

ADC ACTIVITIES (ANGLESEY)

AREA ASSESSOR—CANOEING

THE GAMBIA

All those who visited The Gambia this summer had an wonderful experience, and I am sure some of you have already followed their adventures on the website.

If you want to see the full account of their Expeditions, make sure you are at the Welsh Scout Council Annual General Meeting on 20th October, 2001 (The Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells commencing at 2.30 p.m.) when they will be doing a slide presentation and have also arranged a display.

Next year it is planned to bring a group of Gambian Scouts over to Wales. However, the Gambian Scouts are so poor (some had to be bought trainers so that they could act as Guides for the Explorers) that there is a need to raise funds to assist them. You can help by buying a sponsor badge yourself, or selling them in your Group or at a Group event. They cost £2.00 each and all profits will go towards bringing the Gambian Scouts to Wales.

PLEASE BUY A GAMBIAN SPONSOR BADGE AND HELP THE FUND RAISING.