Girlguiding
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Central Glamorgan county

Summer Newsletter 2025

Message from the County Commisioner

The new term has started and it's jam packed with events. I hope you all enjoyed the summer and feel fresh. How exciting this term is with the new interest badges and so much going on in the county. As we are starting back, please ensure that all leaders / helps in the unit are in compliance. This is a hot topic and being scrutinised regularly. If you have any problems please contact your local commissioner.

It’s great to see our members who have travelled internationally return and had a fantastic time - read more later. Also, I along with other members of the county went to the Scout and Guide National Orchestra in Birmingham- What a treat. Nia, our newsletter editor was part of this 50 year celebration - more later.

Thank you to everyone who supported events, supported Gorwelion though the summer, carried out behind the scenes work during the Summer. Its much appreciated.

This will be my last term as county commissioner but what an exciting one! Central Glamorgan you have bounced back from COVID which was when I took up office and have grown as a county. We have participated in numerous events, celebrated occasions and Gorwelion has continued to develop and its usage has grown. Thanks to you all.

Julie

News from around the County

Cardiff Half Marathon

Well done Emily from 1st Abercynon Rainbows who took on the Cardiff Half Marathon to raise money for the Rainbow unit. What an inspiring role model. Well Done!

Mountain Ash Brownies

A fantastic harvest donation by Mountain Ash Brownies. These gifts will be distributed by St Margaret's Church

News from around the County

1St Vale Guides and Rangers

1St Vales Guides and Rangers undertaking mindfulness in the fresh air. Working together as a team and relaxing!

Abercynon Rangers – Bronze D of E Award

Congratulations to Cadee of 1st Abercynon Rangers on gaining your DofE Bronze award – we are proud of you.

Celebrating our members

NSGSO and NSGCB

What a fantastic night watching and listening to the national scout and guide orchestra and band. What a talented group of young people and so professional. Thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Nia Evans our newsletter editor took part

News from around the County

Rainbow and Brownie STEM themed fun day

A great day was had by Rainbows and Brownies at our STEM themed fun day. The zones were diverse and there was an activity that caught the attention of everyone. It was fabulous to see them all trying out new activities and learning.

From your blood and DNA, CPR to Coding and recycling, building and movement to space, all caught their imagination. A massive thank you to the leaders who spent time putting the activities together and outside agencies, companies who supported this launch day and enthused our younger members and leaders to take these ideas back to the unit.

A day that was non- stop and interactive. It was lovely to hear all the comments, one Brownie summed her day up as " I have done so much and really enjoyed my day it was fab" which for me makes it all worthwhile.

News from around the County

County dinner

A massive thank you to The Rhondda division for organising and hosting the County dinner. It was a lovely evening of chatting, eating, socialising and rounded off with some singing as well.

International News

Rotterdam

My trip was fantastic, we started off by travelling via the Eurostar to Belgium and then travelled on to Rotterdam. There we found our campsite, a beautiful site with canals with access to a water obstacle course (which we did master) and kayaks which was a highlight for me, floating under willow trees- it was very picturesque.

During the trip, we visited many local cities, my favourite was Delft. We visited the famous pottery and local shops, I truly enjoyed the view of the classic houses and canals.

Other cities we visited were Hague, where we visited a mini village, Kinderdijk, where we visited many windmills, and Amsterdam, where we toured the Anne Frank house and the local area. I also met many units whilst out in Rotterdam- English units and a German unit which we got to know quite well.

I thoroughly enjoyed campfires with these units, learning new songs, trading neckers and badges, and making new friends. I loved listening to new languages out and about, Rotterdam is truly a very diverse city- I definitely heard Spanish, French, German and Dutch of course. I brought back with me- a cloggle (clog woggle), pen pals, newfound confidence, and over 40 badges. I want to thank everybody who helped me fundraise for this trip, I was overwhelmed with the amount of support I was shown.

Bedankt, Layla Beasley, 1st Ynysmaerdy Rangers.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Craft Evening

Book your place for a social evening of chatting and crafting.

Leaders only trip

Come as a Unit or alone all welcome

Penderyn Distillery Tour on Saturday 1st November 2025, at 11am.
Cost is £10.50.
Please contact Sian Jenkins email sianjenkins87@hotmail.com if your interested.
Payment details are
Name: 7th Aberdare Guides
Sort code: 30-98-97
Account number: 73176860

Santa Train

Sold out!

Deposits should be paid – Thank you.
It's fantastic to have a full train! All Aboard!

County Camp 2026

Save the date

Calling all adventurous Girlguides (aged 14-17)!

We are thrilled to announce our exclusive spring County camp with International opportunities.

Limited spaces available so watch out for future updates – you won't want to miss this!

Girlguiding UK

Launch of new interest badges

Girlguiding has launched 72 new interest badges. Among the new badges, Rainbows (age 4-7) can giggle their way towards completing the Laughter badge; Brownies (age 7-10) might share the love for the Kindness badge; Guides (age 10-14) can creepy crawl their way closer to the Entomology badge; and Rangers (age 14-18) will be waxing lyrical about their favourite things with the Fandoms badge.

The 72 new badges were co-designed by more than 20,000 people including over 15,000 girls. Over 4,000 badge design ideas were submitted by girls and volunteers, and 11,000 girls from 753 Girlguiding units across the UK helped to test out the badge activities. The badge activities were developed with Girlguiding's youth panel Amplify, which is made up of 30 girls aged 12-18, and seven expert partners:
- The Royal Horticultural Society (Rangers – Gardening)
- Children's Book Project (Guides – Bookworm)
- University of Reading (Rainbows – Laughter and Courage; Guides – Journalling)
- Wildwood Trust (Guides – Biodiversity)
- Bletchley Park (Codebreaking – Guides)
- the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (Rangers – Guiding world)
- Wellbeing of Women (Rangers – My health).

You can find all Girlguiding interest badges on their website badge finder page

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