



## County News

### Inspiration for tackling Global Poverty - 1st Efail Isaf Brownies take over Church Village Co-operative Foodstore!

Our local Co-op kindly allowed our Brownie Unit into their store to have an evening of Fairtrade Fun. Parents dropped off their daughters at the store where the leaders were waiting. The Co-op had provided their canteen upstairs with fairtrade refreshments and goodie bags as well as some Fairtrade games and quizzes. The Brownies were split into groups and took turns to tour the store looking for fairtrade items whilst the Manager explained about the campaigns which the Co-op supports, such as "One Water" where money from each bottle of water bought is donated towards providing clean drinking water facilities in poorer countries. He also explained that the Co-op is owned by members for members and is governed by a strong set of values and principles. He described the Co-op farms where they grow their own strawberries (which we tasted), apples etc., as well as their animal welfare standards. We were told how buying fairtrade products helps people in poorer countries. The fairtrade premium (that little bit extra cash) which we pay for fairtrade products can be used by the people to build schools, roads, clean water supplies, or to help sustain their environment.



We were told about the support the Co-op gives to beach clean-ups in Wales and how they give support to inspire young people (such as platform 51 which used to be known as the YWCA). Well, they certainly inspired our Brownies!

Each Brownie had a turn at manning the till which was great fun - we have never known so many girls wanting to be shop assistants! The Co-op staff were so friendly and helpful, but all too soon the 1½ hours were over and parents were browsing in the shop and picking up their children. Some of the waiting parents who were not already Co-op members took application forms to join. Jason the manager asked if the Brownies would make a poster for him to display, which we gladly did. He also said that as we were so well behaved and interested that we could come to his store again.



### Girlguiding Caernarfonshire have won the Environment Wales "Tidy Wales Award 2011"



Girlguiding Caernarfonshire has been awarded the Environment Wales 'Tidy Wales Award 2011' for Woodland Improvement.



They have been working on a Forestry Commission 'Better Woodlands for Wales' project for the past 4 years in the 7 acres of ancient, native woodland surrounding Felin Bach. GG Caernarfonshire have cleared 6 acres of impenetrable laurel and bramble, created 400 metres of wheelchair friendly footpaths throughout the woods and a boardwalk through the boggy area which has never been accessed before, they've planted over 400 metres of hedging plants and 50 trees, cleared the stream of litter and debris and added a few nesting boxes for bugs and birds.

The award is as much for their partners as it for them as without the help of Welsh Baccalaureate students from Coleg Menai and BTCV they would not have been able to accomplish so much or to fulfil the time scale set by the project. Nor would they have saved their woodland without the support of Environment Wales, The Forestry Commission, Tidy Wales, Trees for All and CSV who not only provided funding towards the work and tools but hedging plants and trees, publicity and expert help when needed.

Plans for the future include the creation of a nature trail to include more nesting boxes and animal homes and to add an orienteering course and other outdoor activities to encourage outdoor play and learning.



## The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Challenge for Rainbows 2012



2012 is going to be a busy year for Rainbows. We have lots of things to celebrate...

RAINBOWS will celebrate their 25th BIRTHDAY, The OLYMPIC GAMES are coming to London.

And THE QUEEN will celebrate her DIAMOND JUBILEE.

This challenge will help Rainbows everywhere celebrate The Queen's 60 year Reign.

There are 4 sections, and to complete the Challenge at least one activity from each section must be completed. When finished, your unit can send for the special badge.

Full details of the Challenge can be found on the Girlguiding Cymru Website or by contacting Broneirion.

### Rainbows - Come to The Rainbow 25th Birthday Extravaganza!

An exciting and adventurous activity day at **Broneirion**.

Saturday 12th May 2012. 10.30-4pm (10am registration)

Take part in lots of fun activities in our 5 arenas- International, Fitness, challenging yourself, Environment and friendship.



The total cost of the event is £14 per rainbow, including an event badge, all activities and entertainment. Rainbows and Leaders will need a packed lunch. Squash and biscuits will be supplied. Look at the application form for further details.



Why not join with other units and share a coach?



Start fundraising NOW !!



Girlguiding Cymru  
*nerfed, as y blaen, girls in the lead*

Contact **Broneirion** for more information .  
Broneirion Training Centre, Llandinam, Powys .  
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E-mail: admin@broneirion.com



### Rainbow Badge Competition

A chance for Rainbows in Wales to design a badge to celebrate the Rainbow 25th Birthday in 2012.

The design is to be a round badge, drawn on A5 size paper (half of an A4 sheet)

On the **BACK** of the design, print clearly the Rainbows Name, age and Rainbow unit, and the Unit Leader's Name, Address and phone number.

The design should be about The Rainbows 25th Birthday.

The winning design will be used to create a badge for the Rainbow 25th Birthday Extravaganza at Broneirion on the 12th May 2012, and be on sale to Rainbows everywhere.

All entries must be sent to your County Rainbow Adviser (or County Commissioner if you have no adviser) by **FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2012**.

A **PRIZE** of Rainbow goodies will be awarded to the designer of the winning badge.

## Executive Snippets

### Chief Commissioner Awards presented:

- Beth Taylor - Clwyd
- Maureen Kiff - Radnor
- Christine Thomas - West Glamorgan
- Sheila Edwards - West Glamorgan



### Queens Guides Awards completed:

- Elizabeth Bradley - Gwent
- Charlotte Giles - Gwent
- Hannah Barnes - Gwent
- Nia Griffiths - Carmarthen



### DofE Gold Awards presented at St James Palace:

- Emma Dean - Cardiff
- Holly Dunning - 1<sup>st</sup> Crickhowell Senior Section
- Angela Sheppard - 1<sup>st</sup> Malpas Ranger Guides
- Isobel Toy - Crickhowell Senior Section
- Charlotte Giles - 1<sup>st</sup> Bulwark Rangers
- Kerensa Lowe - 1<sup>st</sup> Bulwark Rangers
- Elizabeth Bradley - 1<sup>st</sup> Bulwark Rangers



### New Appointments:

- County Commissioner Breconshire - job sharing role using the policy of flexible guiding as of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Jackie Trotman, Nicole Fletcher & Irene Jarman
- County Commissioner for Gwent - Sue Kirby from 29 January 2012
- OAA for Wales - Jayne Hancock from 7 November 2011
- Training Adviser for Wales - job share, Stephanie Bassett & Ruth Purnell from 23 October 2011



### New Years Honours:

- Mrs Alice Morgan from Roch, Haverfordwest has received an MBE for services to Girlguiding in Pembrokeshire.
- Miss Deborah Roberts from Caernarfonshire has received an MBE for service to the community including various guiding roles within Girlguiding Cymru and Caernarfonshire.



## Friends of Broneirion



December 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 AND 'The Spirit of Christmas' certainly came to Broneirion.

'Friends' (or were they elves!!!) decorated the house and Father Christmas's Magical Grotto during the day. Broneirion looked elegantly festive whilst Y Bwythyn proved to be the perfect, sparkly, exciting, setting for Father Christmas's visit.

On the Friday evening we welcomed nearly 70 people of all ages from the Community for Carol singing, mince pies and punch. The hall and the drawing room were full. Many had never been to Broneirion before. I am sure they will come again. Wonderful carol singing and a superb Christmas atmosphere, with the community, Broneirion and Girlguiding Cymru





coming together at this special time of year. It was a privilege to be part of this event.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> - and 'Hooray' Father Christmas arrived! What a thrill it was to see the delight on children's faces as they ran up the hill following the Father Christmas trail. Finally, getting to the glittering black and white cottage adorned with a great number of colourful fairy lights. Inside, lots of magical, sparkling decorations, a warm log fire, the smell of mince pies, and there it was the snowy, shimmering, entrance to the Grotto and HE was there!

Families chatted, enjoyed warm drinks and lovely mince pies. Whilst 57 wide eyed children loved seeing Father Christmas, writing letters, and putting their name and age on a peace dove which they then hung on the Christmas tree. Hard to describe this day but for the 'elves' it was a special festive family day we will always remember. Well done Father Christmas - we look forward to seeing you again next year!!! Why don't you come as and see him???

The climax of Friends festive celebrations was our own Christmas party. It was excellent, a full house of 'Friends.' enjoying being together, Christmas music from Penny & Tracy, carol singing, fun & laughter plus the most amazing Broneirion Christmas dinner. It was a superb meal. Many, many thanks to the brilliant Broneirion staff - you are the greatest!!



Our thanks to Sylvia Scarf and helpers for providing a fitting end to our Christmas festivities by leading us in a short service on Sunday morning. This provided a perfect conclusion to a weekend when 200 people of all ages came to our Guiding home to celebrate The Spirit of Christmas at

Broneirion.....come and join in this magical Friends Christmas experience next year - it is wonderful being a part of it.

My thanks to everyone who helped to make Christmas 2011 at Broneirion such a happy and festive success.



## What's On at Broneirion

### February

#### 24-26 February

You can bring your Mum! Mothers & daughters weekend, or come with your brownie pack. Guides welcome too. £67.00



### March

#### 2-4 March

Ceredigion County Training

#### 9-11 March

Clwyd County Training

#### 23-25 March

Gwent County Training

#### 30-1 April

International Briefing Weekend



### April

#### 7 April

Broneirion Easter Food Fayre

#### 13-15 April

Carmarthenshire County Training  
Llais Y Ddraig Weekend Meeting

#### 20-22 April 2012

#### *Brownies and their Leaders*

Brownies and their Leaders come to celebrate a Jubilee weekend at Broneirion. An opportunity to have fun, make new friends, take part in a variety of activities and experience a residential weekend.

20-22 April 2012

***Lightweight Expedition Training***

For Adults, Senior Section & Guides aged 13+.



27-29 April 2012

***Let's Hear it for Music***

A weekend for the non-musical as well as the musical, packed full of fun and action.



May

12 May 2012

***Rainbow Extravaganza***

Fun filled day of activities for Rainbows and Leaders with 5 activity zones including international, environment, fitness, challenging yourself and friendship to celebrate Rainbows 25th Birthday.



**Rights Challenge Badge**  
**- Childrens**  
**Commissioner for**  
**Wales**



A Challenge Badge has been launched to mark the tenth anniversary of the Commissioner's Office in Wales; the badge will enable Scouts and Girlguiding members of all ages to learn more about children's rights and about their Children's Commissioner.

The Challenges will enable children and young people attaining the badge to have fun, to be challenged and, more importantly, learn something about the areas covered. The activities are varied

to cater for most abilities and are designed to provide leaders with an instant programme, along with lists of equipment required and how to carry out the activities. Only one of the activities needs to be used to achieve the result, but you can, of course, take part in as many as you wish. Details, an order form, activities and supporting information for Unit Leaders can be downloaded from the [Girlguiding Cymru website](#) by clicking on the relevant links or from [Children's Commissioner for Wales Website](#)



23-25<sup>th</sup> March 2012



**Snowdonia**  
**- Carneddau -**

**Walking Weekend and Approved  
Girlguiding L2 Training and L2  
Assessment Courses**

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL APPLICANTS: Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012

The full cost for the weekend is £65 for Girlguiding Cymru members and £75 for members from other Girlguiding UK Countries/Regions.

This cost includes food and accommodation but excludes personal travel to and from the venue.

More information about this weekend can be found on the Girlguiding Cymru website.



**Activity Instructor  
Fixed-term contract  
Blackland Farm, Foxlease and Waddow  
Summer Season 2012  
Grade C**

Girlguiding UK is currently recruiting for Seasonal Activity Instructors from March 2012 until October 2012 at three of our Training and Activity Centres - Blackland Farm (East Sussex), Foxlease (Hampshire) and Waddow (Lancashire) - and this role will report to the Assistant Manager of the chosen site.

The Activity Instructor will be responsible for assisting with the planning of training sessions and instructing groups of all ages in a range of activities, including canoeing, kayaking and rock climbing, as well as ensuring that equipment is maintained and stored in line with defined standards and testing equipment prior to use, and at regular intervals, to ensure safe and effective operation.

The successful candidate must have two NGB qualifications, or a recognised equivalent (BCU/UKCC Level 1 Assessed, SPA Assessed or GNAS Leader Award) in any of kayaking/open-canoeing/climbing or archery, or significant experience along with the ability to work as part of a team and on their own initiative.

Please note that the core hours for the above-mentioned role are 20 hours per week and are flexible in line with the business needs of the centres. However, as our Training and Activity Centres are open seven days a week, the post holder may be required to work mornings, weekends and bank holidays.

Should you wish to apply, please complete an application form and return to Human Resources at [hrvacancies@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:hrvacancies@girlguiding.org.uk). For a full job description, please visit [http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get\\_involved/work\\_for\\_us.aspx](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/work_for_us.aspx).

**Applications will be accepted until 31 March 2012**

**General Assistant  
Fixed-term contract  
Blackland Farm, Foxlease and Waddow  
Summer Season 2012  
Grade B**

Girlguiding UK is currently recruiting for Seasonal General Assistants from March 2012 until October 2012 at three of our Training and Activity Centres - Blackland Farm (East Sussex), Foxlease (Hampshire) and Waddow (Lancashire) - and this role will report to the Assistant Manager of the chosen site.

The General Assistant will be responsible for monitoring camp and self-catering equipment; checking inventories and ensuring that equipment is stored appropriately and that it is fit for use in line with site guidelines; assisting in the delivery of conferences and events; servicing tables; and undertaking cleaning as required; as well as acting as a point of contact for self-catering and camping customers.

The successful candidate must have the ability to prioritise workload and complete tasks without constant supervision and work as part of a team and on their own initiative, as well as have the ability to use appropriate cleaning techniques for camp and self-catering equipment.

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## National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra course 2012

Residential course from  
29th July - 5th August  
Beaumanor Park, Leicestershire

Open to members aged 13 - 25 who are proficient (Grade V or above) in at least one orchestral instrument.

Applications are now open. Information on [www.nsgso.com](http://www.nsgso.com)



*'Gig in a Field' is a spectacular music festival with a lot more than just live music! There'll be a headphone disco, DJs, circus skills workshops, climbing, archery, a pub quiz, an inflatable obstacle course, sweet shop, tea room, cinema tent and much, much more! Non-stop fun all weekend long! The event is open to all members of Girlguiding UK who are 13+ and are looking for a weekend of adventure in 2012.*

**Where is it?** Tolmers Activity Centre, Cuffley, Hertfordshire

**When is it?** 13th - 15th July 2012

**How much will it cost?** Full Weekend: £60 per person, Saturday Only: £30 per person. A deposit of £25 is required to secure the booking.

**Booking deadline:** 31st March 2012

**Website link:** <http://www.girlguiding-anglia.org.uk/news.asp?read=349>

The Big Welsh Coastal Walk as part of the Wales Coastal Path Celebrations will cover as much of the Welsh Coastline as possible over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012 with long walks, short walks, linear walks and circular walks, in fact there will be walks for everyone. Watch out for further information.







## BRONEIRION SHOP

Broneirion Llandinam Powys SY17 5DE Tel:01686 688204 Email:admin@broneirion.com	<b>OPENING TIMES</b> Mon 9am -5pm Tues 9am - 7pm Wed 9am - 5pm Thurs 9am - 5pm Fri 9am - 5pm Sat 1pm - 5pm
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&  
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If you can't find an item, we'll try our best to order it for you.

Directions - Llandinam A470  
Over the bridge by Lord Davies statue until you reach the Lodge at the end of the road. Turn up the drive and we are located in the Coach House.










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DDRAIG

 **Girlguiding Cymru**  
*marched ar y blaen  
girls in the lead*

You can bring your mum!  
Mum's and Daughter(s) Weekend  
Or come with your Brownie pack  
Guides, you can come too!!!

We are going to Outer Space.....



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**THINKING DAY 2012**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> TO 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** Cost £67.00

**OUT OF THIS WORLD**

# BRONEIRION

## Easter Food Fayre

Cookery Demonstrations & Tasting.... Local  
Food & Drink Producers.... Licensed Bar....  
Refreshments.... Musical entertainment....  
and much more....

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2012**  
10.00am – 5.00pm

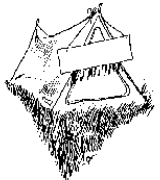


Childrens activities including Easter Egg Hunt, Easter  
Bonnet Competition, Egg Decorating

Broneirion, Llandinam, Powys. SY17 5DE.

Tel: 01686 688204 Email: [adms@broneirion.com](mailto:adms@broneirion.com)  
[www.broneirion.com](http://www.broneirion.com)

Entry £3.50 per adult or £5.00 per couple/children under 16 free

DRAGON  
TALES

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH**  
GOLD/SILVER/BRONZE OPEN EXPEDITION  
WEEKEND

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**  
THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2012 - WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2012  
(Held over Easter Weekend No of days depends on award level)  
West Glamorgan Guide Activity Centre Parkmill  
BRECON/MID WALES/GOWER COUNTRYSIDE

DO YOU NEED A PRACTISE FOR BRONZE/SILVER OR GOLD  
OR A QUEENS GUIDE OUTDOOR CHALLENGE  
OR FINAL EXPEDITION FOR BRONZE/SILVER?

IF SO THIS IS THE WEEK FOR YOU!!

COME TO THIS TRAINING WHERE YOU CAN PLAN AND CARRY  
OUT YOUR HIKE ALL WITHIN ONE WEEK

Approx COST £60 - £80  
If interested return the slip below to Miss Cath Squires 17 Bryn Eghur  
Road, Treboeth Swansea or e-mail [csquires@live.co.uk](mailto:csquires@live.co.uk)  
before 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
Confirmation of your place will be acknowledged by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in attending the above weekend  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_  
AWARD LEVEL: BRONZE / SILVER / GOLD  
PRACTISE/QUALIFYING (Delete as appropriate)

**Mothering Sunday Lunches at Broneirion.**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
Treat your Mum and bring her to Broneirion  
for a special lunch. £17.95 for three courses  
and £14.95 for a two course lunch.

**Thank you** to all who have sent articles and  
reports for Dragon Tales. The deadline for the  
Spring issue is 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2012. Please send  
reports of your Section or news of interest  
from your County, details of forthcoming  
events and photos to us at the address below.  
Email: [Walesreg@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:Walesreg@girlguiding.org.uk)  
or send to

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