

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

To start off the Centenary Celebrations Girlguiding Clwyd are running a launch party on 5th September 2009. The party is being held at Ruthin School with an outdoor concert with the theme "Dance through the decades". The evening will cost £10 per head.

The evening is open to anyone who has made a promise, including ex guiders and girls.

The evening will begin at 5.30pm with activities for the girls. Unit events will start at 6.30pm. Bring own picnic to enjoy during the evening. There is also the possibility for guides to sleep over.

Book places now to ensure you get your free bag of goodies from CHQ. Bookings after 25th May will not receive a free bag sorry. Book through Margaret Hillman.

If anyone is interested in helping with centenary event planning the centenary team are meeting up on the 2nd March at the Bryn Awel in Mold at 7.30.



To try and get a little greener the county bulletin will now be downloadable from the county website: www.girlguidingclwyd.org

If you still need to receive a paper copy of the bulletin because you can not access the Internet please let Jane know. For now we will continue to send out hard copies till "Go" is live.

You can also sign up to the mailing list at the website for a reminder every time a new bulletin is published.

If something fun has happened in your district or if you have something you would like to be published in the next bulletin send an email about it to: sunny.stephanie@hotmail.com
Please have submissions in by 1st April 2009.



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**As a great woman leaves,
another steps in.**

**Dr Jane Bevan is to be our next
County Commissioner.**

**Thank you Viv Craig for all your
wonderful work.**

It has clearly been a busy Christmas and New Year with an extra packed county bulletin this time. Thank you to everyone for sending in their stories and news. Not everything would fit into the bulletin so some extra news has been published on the website, along with event forms.

CENTENARY STAMPS



The week before Christmas Bromfield Rainbows were invited by Girlguiding UK to attend a photo shoot for the Royal Mail at Blackland Farm, Sussex. The girls and their leaders left Wrexham HQ at 5.30am and didn't arrive back till 11pm! Along with the rainbows, 4 Brownies, 4 Guides and 4 Senior Section members joined together from across the country for the photo shoot.

Although it was a cold and frosty day the girls had to pretend it was raining sunshine, (not that the little Rainbows had much trouble with this).

The stamps will be available in 2010 as part of the centenary celebration.

NEWS

The **Christmas Carol Service** went really well. Thank you to all the girls and guides who came, you were all excellent.

So far £900 has been raised for "**Think Pink**". The community action project finishes at the end of April so please pass on any more funds to Meg Jones. Thank you Clecs Clwyd for organizing the event.

Camp blanket weekend was great fun. Despite the snowy weather it turned out to be a brilliant weekend and congrats to Rosie Lovegrove for winning the compere challenge.

The **County weekend** at Broneirion was a great success. Thank you to Ann Ashworth for all her hard work. The next weekend is at Lorne in June.

A **BIG** thank you to **Ruthin Brownies** who helped plant trees at Ty Clwyd while they were visiting on their Brownie Holiday.

We hope everyone had a good night out at this year's **Pantomime**. As always it was a great show. Thank you to Margaret for organising it all. Theatre is already booked for next year's performance.

Welsh challenge 21st badges still available if anyone needs more. Contact the Lodge at Broneirion.

This year's **Buckley Thinking Day** theme is the 4 World Centres. You can contact Teresa for more info.

County weekend training at Ty Clwyd – open to all but in particular for those who have not been able to get to Lorne – 18th September – joined with the Outdoor weekend.

Wanted – old rig tent or fire shelter with poles by Wepre Guides, Deeside. If you can help please contact Helen Barham - helenatbees@aol.com or 01244 815496

June Churchman is now back at home

Wendy Malcolm in hospital. Hope you feel better soon.

CONGRATULATIONS

Catriona Basey has been accepted to go to Egypt on GOLD. Catriona is willing to come to Guide units to do a session about it.

Ann Ashworth has received a Chief Commissioners Award.

Margaret Hillman has also received a Chief Commissioner Award.

Laurel Chalk has been awarded Queens Guide.

Helen Smith has also been awarded Queens Guide.

Dr. Jane Bevan has completed her doctorate.

MENTORS

We currently need more Mentors throughout the county. Ideally we would like 2 Mentors for each District so any volunteers please contact Helen Avery or Jenny Maxwell.

If you have recently completed the new scheme you could offer valuable help to someone else who is working to gain the qualification.

New ALQ welcome packs and books will be available at future Clwyd Executive meetings.



Badge Competition

Calling all rainbows to be creative!!
Design a badge for 'Rainbows Go Wild'

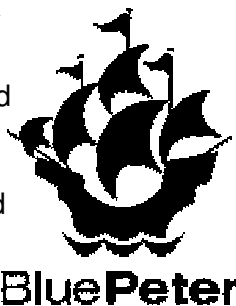
Up to 7 colours, any shape,
design on a A5 piece of paper.

Entries need to be returned to your county rainbow advisor by 1st May 2009



BROWNIE ON BLUE PETER

4th Rhyl Brownies would like to congratulate Franchesca Sheldon on her success on being picked to be one of the judges for the Blue Peter book of the year. It all started with 94000 school children around the country being put through a question and answer test and then some being filmed to see how they would be on camera. The children had to be nine years plus to participate. Franchesca made the deadline by one day and is the youngest member on the panel.



Nine books were delivered to her home in November, the books ranged in thickness so she has had a lot of reading to do. There are three categories of which they have to pick the best for each and the overall winner will be chosen out of the top of each category.

Franchesca traveled to London on the 22nd of January with her family, filming will take place on the 23rd and she should be on the television early March.

Well-done Franchesca. We are proud of you.

Centenary Flyer Notice

If possible can Guides please laminate the Centenary Flyer they received and put it out on display. Thank you.



20% discount
from Milletts
in Wrexham

STREAM LINE

Unfortunately 'Go' is running behind schedule. We are waiting for CHQ to give a start date. We will continue to keep you informed. As soon as we have the go ahead passwords will be sent out.

Thank you to all the units that have attended training so far. Approximately 150 of the 180 units in the county have attended so far.

Karen still needs email addresses from some key users so anyone who has not done so yet please be sure to forward yours on to her. Thank you.

As part of the set up of 'Go' we need 5 people who can help organize the county side of the database. Details and arrangements will follow in the coming months.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTY

East Flintshire

- Sale of work in Deeside

Wrexham

- Visited several pantos
- 1 unit suspended
- Funday for Rainbows for Isabel Steven Shield – Rossett Rainbows won the competition
- Bag packing in M&S raised £400
- Yale district had thinking day event

North Denbighshire

- Re-opened 3rd Rhyl Brownies
- Legacy of £35,000 given for Rhyl Brownies
- Bag Packing in Prestatyn raised £200

Colwyn

- Have no meeting place at the moment, as the hall is no longer in use

An Easter Disco has been booked for Brownies and Rainbows on Saturday 28th March 3pm -5pm at New Brighton Community center.

If any young leaders would like to help please can you let Chris know. It will follow a very similar format to the last one.

Fancy dress will be a yellow and green theme. Tickets will be £2 each to include drinks and light refreshments. There will also be side stalls.

Tickets will be allocated to each unit after half term

DATES

22nd Feb – Variety of Thinking day events going on across the county.

4th March – More tree planting at Ty Clwyd, Hot soup for those who come and help. 10am – 4pm

13th – 15th March – Rainbow Guides training day at Broneirion. Contact Isabel Blore for more details.

14th March – March Training day. Held at John Summers. Section training and out of doors, Welsh trainers coming to the event. Free buffet lunch. 10am – 4pm

17th April – International Evening. Wrexham HQ at 7pm. Contact Avril Daley

26th April – County Thanksgiving Day. At William Aston Hall, NEWI University. Free to all. Bring picnic. Contact Carolyn Baines for details.

13th November – County Ball. Held at Holiday Inn A55.

27th – 31st July 2010 – Centenary Camp. 100 Hour camp at Ty Clwyd. Service team arrives 24th July for training.

A FIRST IN WALES!

Two sisters at the 1st Meliden Guides (near Prestatyn), Denbighshire have become the first recipients in Wales of the "Are you ready to take up the Challenge?" Youth Achievement Awards sponsored by YOUTH CYMRU, ASDAN, and UK YOUTH.



Fourteen year old Harriet Frobisher has been awarded with the first ever Bronze Challenge Certificate to be issued in Wales, for her volunteering for The Samaritans' Purse Operation Christmas Child through the 1st Meliden Guides. The challenge took Harriet fifteen hours to complete over several weeks during October and November.



Sixteen year old Alice Frobisher has been awarded with the first ever Silver Challenge Certificate for her volunteering roles as a Young Leader with the 1st Meliden Guides and also as an Assistant Teacher at Prestatyn Swimming Club. Alice carries out over 5 hours a week between the two activities.

The 1st Meliden Guides were named on both certificates as "The Award Group".

The Youth Achievement Awards Adviser – Wales, Robert Brierley of Youth Cymru said :-

"Youth Cymru in partnership with UK Youth operate the Youth Achievement family of Awards within Wales. UK Youth is the leading national network concerned with enhancing the lives of young people through youth work and informal education. ASDAN is a QCA recognised awarding body who have extensive experience of moderation and accreditation of a wide range of awards, including Key Skills qualifications and the ASDAN Award Schemes. Together, UK Youth and ASDAN have developed the Youth Achievement Awards and the Youth Challenges to provide a framework to recognise and accredit young people's non-formal learning".

For more information about the Youth Achievement Awards please contact Robert Brierley of Youth Cymru on 01545 570837



'March Medley' Training Day

Name _____

Unit _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Special dietary request _____

I enclose a cheque for £5 payable to 'Girlguiding Clwyd Development Acc.'
to Mrs Hazel Webb 6 Towers Way, Penyffordd, Nr. Chester CH4 0JS

UPDATES IN DETAILS

It is important that ladies end their term of office on time – it is better to have no one in post than to continue the appointment longer than the allotted time. Please will all ladies check their appointment dates. Thank you.

Appointments

Dr Jane Bevan – *County Commissioner designate*
Ruth Griffith – *Vice President*
Myfanwy Higgins – *Vice President*
Babs Clarke – *Vice President*
Merle Cook – *Vice President*
Rhian Percival – *Llais y Ddraig Member*
Aletia Messham – *Adviser on the Welsh Language (no longer Music Adviser)*

Resignations

Helen Partington – *Funding adviser*

Council Appointments

County members of the Welsh council are now:
Donna Jones, Pat Forshaw & Laurel Chalk
Three more people still required

Within Wales:

Appointments

Chris Hutchinson – *DOE*
Chris Hutchinson – *Walking adviser (standing in at the moment)*
Janet Newbury – *Rainbows Adviser*
Stephanie Bassett – *CC Caernarfonshire*
Lesley Matthews – *Guiding Development*
Annette Stoner – *Music Resource for leaders*
Judy Evans – *Laurel*
Jane Smart – *Silver Fish*
Sylvia Scarf – *OBE & Vice President*
Karen Swan and Pam Hughes – *Membership support*

Mrs Victoria Jobson is the new contact for Mealor Team.

Mrs Victoria Jobson, 3 Annies Cottage, Fenns Bank, Wrexham, SY13
3PE Tel: 01948 839328, Email: vjones@st-joseph.wrexham.sch.uk

Girlguiding Clwyd at Lorne 5-7 June 2009

Booking

Booking is different this time as we have to send the full money to Lorne with the application forms. We have averaged the cost so that everyone pays the same regardless of room type.

Cost

The cost is £45 (Girlguiding Clwyd pays half the basic cost). This includes supper on Friday with the first session at 8pm and the training ends at 2pm on Sunday after lunch.

Extra nights

Extra night B&B - Lorne have agreed the £17.50 they quoted last year! Extra B&B and Dinner is £30.

Travel

Belfast City airport is 6 miles from Lorne while the Belfast International is 25 miles away.

A quick look at airfares today:-

EasyJet to Belfast International £42.00 return incl. taxes
(need to go with just hand luggage as they are charging £6.00 each way for baggage in the hold!!)

Ryanair to Belfast City £51.60 return incl. taxes

NB From Lorne - Please note that cancellation within 28 days will result in 50% of the fee being retained. Cancellation within 7 days will result in the full fee being retained.

Booking form for Girlguiding Clwyd at Lorne 5/7 June 2009

Name _____

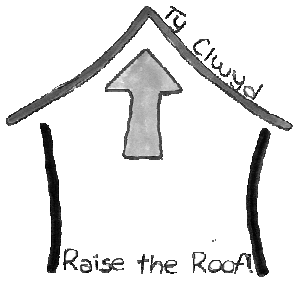
Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Unit _____

I enclose £20 deposit payable to 'Girlguiding Clwyd Development Account'
to Mrs Ann Ashworth 23 Brewis Road Rhos-on-Sea LL28 4UA



RAISE THE ROOF

Planning permission has been granted for the extension so now is the time to work extra hard to raise funds.

Here are some of the ways people are helping to raise money for Ty Clwyd, Raise the Roof.

We have received a grant of £350 from Shell. We also have three conditional grants.

WREN – £30,000

WAG – ACFP – £120,000

Bernard Sunley – £3000

It is really important that we have some more representatives for the fund raising committee also.

FUND RAISING

This is for people who use the Internet and requires very little time and effort and costs you **NOTHING**. So far it has raised £75.

All you are doing is changing your Internet search engine to a different one run by Yahoo (or a different Yahoo one, if you already use Yahoo). Every time you use the new search engine to search on the Internet and then click on one of the searches, Girlguiding Clwyd earns money.

You can set your search engine at home, recommend it to friends and colleagues and see if you can get your employer to allow it to be used by all employees in your workplace.

Interested??? Then, here's what to do.....(depending on your operating system, some things may show slightly differently)

On the Internet, type in the following,
<http://admin.whitedotbox.com/myhomepage.asp?OrgID=3239>

You can find instruction on how to set this as your permanent search engine on the Girlguiding Clwyd website.

Let Stephanie know about what you are doing for Raise the Roof and it can go out in the next edition of the County Bulletin.
Email Stephanie at sunny.stephanie@hotmail.com



Let's go 2 Spain!



Take your holiday in our beautifully furnished 2 bedroomed apartment on Spain's sunny Costa Blanca, and 10% of any booking made by a member of Girl Guiding Clwyd or their families will be donated to the 'Raise the Roof' campaign.



Sleeps 4 persons. Has air conditioning, patio and open-all-year swimming pool. Walking distance to beach, restaurants and supermarkets.

Fly from either Liverpool or Manchester to either Alicante or Murcia. Arrival day and length of stay totally flexible.

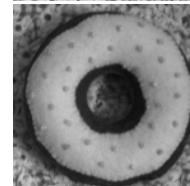
Contact Liz Williams (Llanasa Guides) on 01745 887956

Full details on our website www.letsgo2spain.co.uk

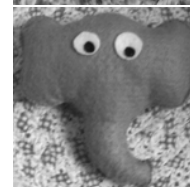
Little Softies



Little Softies is an online store that sells soft handmade dolls and toys. Made from wool mix felt there is a variety of little soft toys available. There is a range of plushies available, from doughnuts to little frogs and wild animals.



Every time someone from Girl Guiding buys something from the site 10% of the money will be donated to the "Raise the Roof" campaign. Just remember to mention you are part of Girl Guiding when making your purchase.



Visit www.steffif.co.uk/Shop

