

Clwyd County Bulletin

What is going on around the county?

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Latest News

Girlguiding Clwyd website temporarily down. We are very sorry for any trouble caused while the website is unavailable. We are working quickly to resolve the problems with our host and get the website back online in the coming weeks!

A recruitment team is needed within the county because the county is fortunate to have a large membership the job is too big for one person. The team shall meet once a year and keep in contact via email. A representative is required from each district/division. Please send names to Chris Jobson via email owljobson2000@yahoo.co.uk

Congratulations to **Karen Evans** who has received a **Chief Commissioner of Wales Award** for all the work she does within the county and primarily for her work with GO!

There is to be a new **Guiding Star** – Guides got talent – the final will be judged at next Girlguiding WOW Camp at Buih Wells show ground in 2012

Royal Wedding Street Party

North Denbighshire Division held a Pre-Royal Wedding Street Party on Sunday, 10th April 2011 which was opened by the Mayor of Rhyl, Mrs. Margaret McCarroll. Ann Jones, a local MP and who is also an Ambassador of Girlguiding also attended together with over 300 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Leaders & Trefoil Members.

There was a Royal Shield Competition with 12 entries. This was won by 1st Rhuddlan Brownies and the runner-ups were 6th Rhyl Brownies. The girls tucked into jam, cheese, and paste sandwiches, crisps, biscuits, fairy cakes complete with union jack icing and they all had bubbles, flags, lollies and sweets. Everybody also received a special Royal Wedding Medal to commemorate the occasion.

We had a royal sing along changing the words of well known camp songs to fit the occasion, various party dances including the macarena and the day was completed with a Royal Conga around the Church Grounds.



Rising Dates

29th May – 2nd June – London & Paris Guide trip.

18th June – Fire Lighters R Us at Gladstone Centre.

24th June – Sausage Sizzel at Wrexham HQ at 7p. £3 entry.

24th – 26th June – International Selection Weekend at Ty Clwyd

25th June – County Cookout at Ty Clwyd

9th July – Invasion 2011 at Ty Clwyd

More upcoming events can be found on the county website.

Event Announcements

London / Paris 2011 trip for Caernarfonshire and Clwyd Guides. Sunday 29th May – Thursday 2nd June.

Invasion 2011 at Ty Clwyd 10.30am Saturday 9th July.

Brownie Takeaway 2011 2nd – 3rd July at Broneirion for all Brownies.

Panto 2012 at Rhyl Pavillion Theatre. Jan 6th at 7pm. This year is Snow White

More information and application forms can be found on the girlguidingclwyd.org website.

News from around the county

Berwyn

- 4 units have stayed at Chirk HQ.
- Units have completed the Royal Wedding Challenge.
- Chirk planted trees to launch Britain in Bloom as part of Climate Change week.
- Glyn Ceiriog has had an Easter egg hunt and took part in Mothering Sunday Family Service.
- Llangollen Rainbows, have received their Sainsbury sports Equipment, they won most vouchers for their unit size.
- Llangollen Brownies and Guides joined Glyn Ceiriog Guides on a trip to the Crocky Trail.
- 1 Guide Unit has opened with 11 girls straight away.
- 1 Leader has recently gained her Pack Holiday Licence.

Colwyn

- 3rd and 8th Colwyn Bay Brownies joined together at Ty Clwyd for an enjoyable Pack Holiday weekend where they completed their Penguin Challenge badge.
- 3rd brownies also held an Entertainment evening and raffle to raise money to sponsor a penguin as part of the challenge, they also completed their entertainers badge at this event.
- 1st Colwyn Bay Guides have been busy completing challenges to gain their sweetastic challenge and also the Royal Wedding challenge. In order to complete the sweetastic badge they are to visit Cadbury World and have held a sponsored pyjama walk and bag pack to help raise fund for this.
- 2nd Llandrillo yn Rhos Brownies attended a PGL weekend especially for Brownies.
- 1st Llandrillo yn Rhos Brownies are preparing for a sleepover at Ty Clwyd.
- 3rd Colwyn Bay Rainbows have been completing challenges and have gained their Easter challenge badge

North Denbighshire

- 4th 5th and 11th Rhyl Brownies have taken part in Marie Curie Pots of Gold Appeal and raised over £250 between the 3 units.
- A new Rainbow unit – 4th Rhyl Rainbows opened on 8th March and it's full already.
- 5th Rhyl Brownies held a 'Royal Sleepover' at Girlguiding HQ on the 25th March to complete the royal wedding Challenge.
- 6th Rhyl Brownies held a beetle drive and raised £50.00 for their local Church.
- 4th & 5th Rhyl Brownies had a bag packing at Sainsbury's on 22nd and 23rd April for St. Kentigerns.
- 8th Rhyl Rainbows and 5th Rhyl Brownies will be visiting Greenwood Forest Park on 7th May.
- 11th Rhyl Guides will be taking part in the bike ride for the British Heart Foundation on 8th May.
- Rhyl District will be holding a sponsored walk in aid of CLIC on Sat 14th May.

Appointments and Resignations:

UK

- Gill Slocombe – New Chief Guide

Wales

- Viv Craig - Deputy Chief Commissioner for Wales
- Lesley Mathews - Deputy Chief Commissioner for Wales
- Pam Lyons new ALQ Co-ordinator
- Helen Dobbins - Ynysgain

Council

Nominations needed asap, for 3 year appointments

County Resignations

- Mary Turner – Ty Clwyd Manager
- Jane Barham – County Outdoor Activities Adviser
- Laurel Chalk – Queens Guide Adviser

County Appointments

- Brenda Trickett – Chair of County Trefoil (8th June)
- Alison Roberts – Division Commissioner for Berwyn
- Denise Morris – Assistant Division Commissioner for Berwyn
- Carole Smith – DC Maelor
- Karen Evans – DC Ruabon
- Cheryl Francis – DC Hope
- Heather Owen and Judith Hudson – Job Share DC Allington
- Mary Steel – Ty Clwyd Chairperson
- Hazel Webb – Ty Clwyd Administration Manager
- Chris Wykes – Ty Clwyd Housekeeper

- A new Leader found for Dyserth brownies which is going well.
- Meliden Brownies did a sponsored pancake toss in aid of Children with Leukaemia.
- District Brownies held a disco followed by a sleepover for 2nd Prestatyn Rainbows and Brownies.
- Prestatyn Friends of Guiding are holding an Ascot Night on Friday on Ascot Races.
- Rhuddlan Scouting Units joined Rhuddlan Guiding units to visit Knowsley Safari Park ending the day with a trip on the Ferry.
- Meliden Guides held a cake stall as part of their wedding Challenge Badge.
- Children of Chernobyl due to visit Rhuddlan Brownies where they will join in the Brownie Activities.
- Prestatyn District Guiding to hold another Sandcastle Competition date to be confirmed

South Denbighshire

- Many Units are busy with Beyond the Duck and Llandyrnog Brownies have completed it already.
- The Royal Wedding challenge has proved very popular with lots of wedding parties, dressing up and making then eating cakes.
- Llandyrnog Brownies completed the Royal Wedding challenge on Pack Holiday this week.
- 2nd Denbigh Brownies had a 'Brownies' Got Talent' night to raise money for Red Nose Day.
- Gellifor Guides have completed the Confectioners badge and their Go For It Glamorama.
- Henllan Brownies and Guides have had to move into the local school whilst the Village Hall is refurbished and this has presented extra challenges whilst they completed the various challenges they are doing.
- The Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd visited 1st Denbigh Brownies in full uniform and explained his role and also received St Kentigern boxes from the girls.
- Also Congratulations to Beth Taylor on receiving the High Sheriff Award.

West Flintshire

- Flint District: all units have been working on the Royal Wedding Challenge : Held Royal Wedding Party for the District. Had a Scavenger hunt around Flint Castle with Easter eggs for participating.
- Northop Brownies & Guides have done a sponsored silence for Children with Leukaemia.
- Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Brownies are going away at Christmas.
- Some Mold units helped with the Town spring clean
- Holywell Brownies are going to Chirk for Pack Hol 20/05/11 to 22/05/11, we have just finished doing the Royal Wedding Badge at the moment. We raised £170.50 for Marie Curie pots of gold. (planting a Daffodil) Carmel Guides and Rangers enjoyed a wide game with the scouts in March. Carmel Rangers went out Geocaching (something a bit different I guess) on Tuesday evening and have been challenged to fundraise a fiver over Easter for the unit.

East Flintshire

- Hope District have a new Commissioner – Cheryl Francis – she has done the job before but has agreed to step in. They had a social event for the Guiders at the beginning of March, which was combined with a THANK YOU for Paulette. There have been a Catering Licence and a Pack Holiday Licence awarded recently so things are on the move.
- Buckley District or at least most of them are up to date with their First Aid certificates. Chris is taking 7 girls and 3 leaders down to see the Royal Wedding, they applied for tickets in the Youth Viewing Area so keep an eye out for the new hats! The district have a young leader starting her Queens Guide, we wish her well.
- Hawarden District have had an Air & Share evening, Some of the guiders have attended trainings and the Spare to Share night, one of their ALQ's has nearly completed and they are feeling positive about their Guiding.
- Deeside District Connahs Quay Brownies celebrated their 60th Birthday having Thinking Day in London. The senior section has gone to Kibbleston Outdoor Centre for a challenge weekend. The District Commissioner received a High Sheriffs Award for her work in Guiding. Many of the Units across the Division have booked for Pack Holidays and Camps for the Summer, so the new forms seem to be working. They have all worked well at sharing challenges and resources - their Commissioner would like to take this opportunity to praise them for all they do with their Units.

Wrexham

- 3 new units have opened in March. 1st Bradley Rainbows, 1st Bradley Brownies and The Centenary Senior Section based in Borras.
- Paula Jones has completed her 3 year term of office as DC for Allington, Heather Owen and Judith Hudson have agreed to job-share the role.
- A Rainbow fun afternoon and a Brownie Fun Day have taken place, both based on the Royal Wedding Challenge Badge.
- 1st Acton Guides have recently completed Life Wise Go for it for part of this they visited Wrexham Police and Fire stations. They have also done a mini fundraiser for the Laurel Brown Fund and spent a night doing Chocolate Go for it.
- Six Guides from Marford recently attended a BP Adventure at Bron and hope to receive their BP Badges on top of Schilthorn Mountain in Switzerland this August.
- Bishops Own Units are now meeting back at their own HQW and the Guides are planning visit to Switzerland.
- 2nd Rhosddu Brownies have been working on Home Safety and Hostess Badges.
- Other units in the Division are working on some of the many challenges around at the moment.
- A division Guide Fun Day is planned at Cox Wood during July for 100 guides.
- Wrexham AGM is to be held on 13th May 7pm
- 8 trefoil members attended the Welsh trefoil AGM. Next year Clwyd are hosts. The date will be 24th March 2012

Do you have something fun going on in your district? Did you hold an event recently? Please send in your news and photos because without them there is no news to put into the County bulletin. You can send your stories to sunny.stephanie@hotmail.com, or via the www.girlguidingclwyd.org website.