

CATVOG Courier

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St George's Day Award Recipients 2010

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

St George's Day
Awards 2010

The following Awards and Decorations were recognised on St George's Day for outstanding and exceptional contributions made in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.



Bar to the Silver Acorn

Mike Lewis: Group Scout Leader, 1st Rhiwbina, Afon



Silver Acorn

Rhod Walters: Assistant Explorer Scout Leader / District DofE Adviser, Afon
Neil Wicks: Group Scout Leader, 2nd Llandaff, Afon
Geoffrey Davies: District Treasurer, Afon
Alan Davies: Group Scout Leader, 13th Cardiff, East and South
Christine Davies: Cub Scout Leader, 13th Cardiff, East and South
Patricia Dicks: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 6th Penarth, Penarth
Iris Owen: Cub Scout Leader, 6th Penarth, Penarth

Well done all, you deserve it!

Area AGM 2010

The Annual General Meeting of the Area Scout Council will be held at the Masonic Hall, Guildford Crescent Cardiff (near the Cardiff Indoor Arena on Churchill Way) on Tuesday 8th June 2010 at 7.30 for 7.45pm.

All are invited.

This will be the first AGM for our new Area Commissioner so please come along, give your support and take the opportunity to renew acquaintances from across the Area.

A bar will be available and a buffet will be served after the meeting.

The Capital Centre car park has been made available for those wishing to take advantage.

The car park ticket should be presented on entry to the AGM with payment of £1.00. Attendees to the AGM will then be given a pre-payment ticket in exchange.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Area Scout Council AGM

08 June 2010
7:45 start

Come join us for a review of 2009.

Location
Masonic Hall
Guildford Crescent
Cardiff CF10 2HL

Call the Area Office on 0845 094 8987
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Role of Honour Updated

The list of Awards and Decorations presented to members of the Area has been updated. These awards recognise the outstanding and exceptional contributions made by Adults in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.



The list can be viewed on the Area website.

Photocopier for Sale



For sale at £250 ono and a maintenance contract is available if required.

Ideal for a large Scout Group or a District we have a fully serviced Ricoh Aficio 1022 photocopier for sale. The copier takes A4 and A3 sized paper and photocopies in monochrome.

Contact the Office on 029 20210119 office@catvog.org for details.

New District Commissioner for Afon District

It gives me great pleasure to inform you all that Neil Wicks has agreed to take on the role as District Commissioner for Afon, as from 1st May 2010.



Neil is currently the Group contact and a Scout Leader at 2nd Llandaff Scout Group and has been involved in Scouting for quite some time!

Congratulations Neil and I am sure we will all support you in your new role.

Richard Edwards – Area Commissioner ac@catvog.org (029 20210119)

Next Residential Training Weekend

adult training

Following the successful training weekend in March this year, a further training weekend is planned, offering modules 17 - Activities Outdoors, 18 - Practical Skills and 19 - International.

These modules are relevant to all sections and we hope that Leaders from all sections will participate.

The weekend will be at Botany Bay in Gwent (a mere 30 minutes away) from Friday 24th until Sunday 26th September. More details will be available soon, but to register your interest, please contact [Denis Hunt, Training Administrator](#).

Open Training Evening Amendment

adult training

Please note that the Training drop in session due to be held at PADSAC on Wednesday 23rd June will now be held at the Area Headquarters, The Hub, on the same date.

Members of the Training Team will be at the Hub from 6pm to discuss any training needs of members.

This alternate arrangement is due to over-running building work at PADSAC.

Remember that there are also training drop in sessions on:

Saturday 12th June, 10am – The Hub

Contact **Denis Hunt** training.admin@catvog.org

First Response Course Cancelled



Unfortunately the First response course scheduled for the 19th June has been cancelled due to the unavailability of the trainer.

Contact: **Keverne Burge** firstresponse@catvog.org (029 2021 3689)

Are Your Membership Details Up to Date?



If not you could be missing out on the latest Scouting magazine, sectional supplements, news, offers and information from Headquarters.

You are responsible for keeping the information up to date and it's simple to do.

If you are already registered on Scouts.org.uk simply log in at the top of the home page and click on 'My Profile'. You will then be able to click the 'edit' button to update your information.

If you are not registered, go to Scouts.org.uk, click on the 'Register' link at the top of the page. You will need your 'Membership Number' that is on the cover slip of the Scouting magazine, alternatively you will find it printed on your membership card. You can then click on the 'My Profile' link to enter your details.

Photo of the month Competition

Submit your photos to: comms@catvog.org

April 2010

1st Llanishen Paddletail Beavers working towards their Emergency aid and Safety Badges.



A gallery of all the past winners is available on the website.

Raise Money for a Charity/group of Your Own Choice



Most fun runs support big, national research organisations. Not ours.

We focus on local service organisations. Our Fun Run is designed to let small groups raise money without having the hassle of organising a big event. Our Fun Run lets any Charity, or any Community or Youth group raise sponsorship.

Event now passed

Cardiff Fun Run is organised by Llanishen Rotary Club. It will take place in Bute Park on 23rd May 2010. Full details, entry and sponsorship forms are on www.cardiffunrun.co.uk. The event will be fun for runners and spectators and the event will be started by World and Olympic Gold Medallist, Jamie Baulch.

Please see website for flyer and entry form.

Wood Badge Training Success



Congratulations on the successful completion of their Wood Badge training.

Jenny Cripps - GSL 3rd Llanishen
Avril Leggett - CSL 2nd/4th Barry

The Awards will be presented by the DC on their receipt from HQ.

The completion of these awards took place at Open Training Sessions. We hold these sessions monthly around the Area, in addition to the occasional Saturday morning sessions. This is the easiest opportunity for leaders to validate training on their Wood Badge Modules.

If joining us at an informal Open Evening is not easy for you then why not speak with your local training Point of Contact who can perhaps arrange a meeting with a Training Assessor at some other time (details via the Training section of the Area website). Don't let your training hang around.

GET IT COMPLETED NOW!

Keep checking the Area Website for forthcoming Training Events.

Module training sessions are available at varying dates throughout the year for all adults undertaking the Wood Badge. The Presenters are experienced members of Scouting, so please use the facility to assist you in your Leader Training. Download a copy of the Module Booking Form for Section Leaders and forward it the Area Training Administrator.

Contact Denis Hunt training.admin@catvog.org
(029 2025 4824)

What do you think of the 'Courier'? If you have any suggestions on how to improve it please email them to comms@catvog.org

Surge in New Scouts As Youngsters Look for Adventure

Figures released by the Scout Association recently show that the biggest surge in numbers for 38 years has taken the movement's membership to almost half a million in the UK. In Wales a total of 647 new members joined in the past year – that was a rise of 4.4%, which is 1% more growth than the UK average, taking Welsh membership to 15,395.

Five of the 10 fastest growing areas across the UK are located in Wales – Snowdonia/Anglesey saw the largest rise followed by Breconshire, Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire. In Wales the number of teenagers joining was up 7.6% on last year, with 135 young people signing up. There are now more than 1,900 teenagers in scouting in Wales – around 18% more than in 2001 when such detailed data was first collected.

Alun Davies, leader of the 29th Cardiff Scout Group, said there were several reasons why scouting had become so popular. The Jamboree unit leader, 43, who was himself a Scout, said the addition of the celebrity adventurer Bear Grylls as Chief Scout had helped boost the image of the organisation. "I think a few things we have all benefited from is the appointment of Bear Grylls," he said. "He's a young, high profile chief Scout who is doing a great job in promoting the association.

"We have also benefited from celebrating our centenary a few years ago and I would like to think especially in Wales that we are providing the right sort of activities and challenges, locally and across Wales, that will educate and provide experiences to everyone." Mr Davies said he felt Wales in particular was the perfect playground for Scouting as it had mountain ranges such as the Brecon Beacons, the Black Mountains and Snowdonia as well as plenty of coastline for adventurous activities.

Joe Holmes, 15, a member of the Red Dragon Explorer unit in Cardiff, said Scouting no longer had any stigma attached to it to put people off joining. "In the past there has been a stigma that Scouts are just swots but now its viewed as a modern movement," he said. "It allows you do to lots of different activities where you meet new people and make new friends. "Scouting sets you up for the real world by giving you challenges which allow you to have fun but which also teach you the importance of more formal situations."

The teenager, who also helps out with the 19th Cardiff Scout Group, said Scouting was also invaluable in teaching people about different cultures and environments, and not just how to tie a variety of knots. "We are all gearing up for the world jamboree in Sweden in 2011 which is going to be great," he said. "We recently went to the European jamboree in Hyde Park, London, where Scouts from all over the world had congregated. It was the perfect opportunity to learn about their culture and their home countries."

For the second year running, the Scout Association has also seen a rise in adult leaders in Wales with growth up from 2.2% in 2009 to 6.8% this year – more than double the UK average. But despite this growth, overall waiting lists to join scouting remain at an all-time high due to the need of more adult volunteers. There are currently more than 1,000 young people waiting to join scouting in Wales.

Article thanks to www.walesonline.co.uk

Big Green Box Week and the London Scavenger Hunt

**Big Green Box Week (BGBW) and the London Scavenger Hunt are just around the corner!

BGBW (12 – 19 June) will see people from across the UK take part in events to raise funds and awareness for ShelterBox, to make sure that when disaster strikes, we can immediately help those affected.

If you haven't registered your team for the London Scavenger Hunt (12 June), there's still time. All you need to do is complete one registration form for each team your Pack, Troop or Unit would like to enter and return in to youngshelterbox@shelterbox.org. It promises to be a great day with fantastic prizes for the winning teams.

If you can't make it to London on 12 June, there's still plenty of other ways your group can get involved – you can enter our ShelterBox building competition (details at <http://www.youngshelterbox.org/events.php>) or hold your own fundraising event to help people who have lost everything. And remember, by taking part in BGBW 2010, you'll have automatically completed June's activity of The ShelterBox Challenge!

On the Area Website is a sheet with more information on The London Scavenger Hunt, the registration form and our fundraising booklet which has loads of great ideas. Alternatively, you can visit the Scouts' area of the Young ShelterBox website or email youngshelterbox@shelterbox.org



Important Training News

adult training

The following important sessions are running in May and are designed to present an informal and often light hearted approach to understanding the subject:

Wednesday 26th May at the Hub - Module 7, Valuing Diversity. Covering the important and very relevant Policies of the Scout Association, including Mixed Scouting, Equal Opportunities, Special Needs and Cultural, Social and Religious Diversity.

For those who have already attended module sessions or feel they have the requisite knowledge and understanding, don't let the time roll by. Join with us at an informal Open Training Evening around the Area or at the Hub. There will be Training Advisors on hand to help validate any evidential material you may wish to discuss. Isn't it such a waste of everyone's time (especially your own) for you to have attended the Module sessions and then not use those new skills?

Application Forms for Nights Away Practical Weekend, dates for Open Training Evenings and Module booking Forms for Section Leaders may be downloaded via the Resource link of the Training Site. Applications for any of the Modules in May need to be submitted very very immediately!!!

Advance diary dates - Following the very successful Residential Training weekend in March, the Area Training Team are putting on two further events. The first with a greater emphasis on Sectional Practical Skills will be held at Botany Bay camp site (Gwent) on the weekend of 24th - 26th September. This will have a limited number of spaces for each Section. The second will be at Miskin on the weekend of 25th - 27th March 2011 and will cover a number of Modules. Full details will be announced shortly.

Contact Denis Hunt training.admin@catvog.org
(029 2025 4824)

Could you be a District Commissioner?

The District Commissioner of Penarth District, Nick Thomas will be retiring from his role at the District A.G.M. in July.

In order to effect a seamless handover, I have been asked by the Area Commissioner to establish a Search Group, with the purpose of advising the Commissioner as to suitable candidates for the role.

A role description and person specification together with the forms for application / recommendation are available on the web site or by contacting the Area office.

Personal applications for the position are encouraged and welcome, although anyone may make a recommendation in relation to an individual they believe could fulfil the role.

This is an open and transparent process, intended to promote applications and recommendations. The closing date for applications / recommendations will be Friday 28th May.

For further information on the role, or process please contact **Keith Burfoot – Area Chairman at** chairman@catvog.org or 07710 816375.



Group Scout Leader's & Managers Area Seminar

adult training

On 15 May Park Inn hotel hosted the GSL seminar, which lead a day of practical guide for existing or prospective GSL's.

This guide produced by The Welsh Scout Council based on "real" advice that had come from the good practices of other GSL's in Wales.

The day covered a range of topics from the role of the GSL, working with young people and adult volunteers to parents, families, local community and the image and public relations.

The seminar was very successful with all volunteers who attended; gaining a clear understand off all aspects of their roles, with also all volunteers having met all leaders within their area finally putting names to faces.

Contact: Ommelyla Gilani mdm@catvog.org or 07956902609

UPDATES TO AREA DIRECTORY

Please amend your copy of the Directory with the following details:

Details removed from online courier.

CATVOG Scouts awarded Millennium Volunteer certificate.

Millennium Volunteers (MV) is a programme designed to recognise and celebrate the volunteering contribution of 16-25 year olds across Wales.

CATVOG Scouts were award a certificate for completing 50, 100 and even 200 hours of volunteering within their local groups. Each 16 -25 year old either helped their Scouts leader setup and run the Scouts group or lead a group all on their own, looking after children from an age range of 7 to 14.

Katherine-Ann Smith along with Nicholas Ioveridge-Rees who lead the 34th Cardiff Scouts took a group of boys aged from 10 – 13 to St Isan's Churchyard, Llanishen Cemetery to view

and see the historical graves, gaining both of them a 100 hours certificate. Katherine said "I really enjoyed taking to group to different places and it gave me the chance to keep an eye on my brother".

Richard Edwards CATVOG area commissioner lead the evening with a very inspirational speech that summed up the whole night. "Time is the most valuable thing any of us have; because once it's spent we can never get it back. "

He also explained Scouts works well as a community when Scouts who have attended their group since they were young grow up and lead or help lead young Scouts, giving the children someone they not only relate to, but also aspire to be.

one of the MV's was Richards son David, who has followed in his father's footsteps and gained a 200 hour certificate leading a group of Cubs. David along with Tanya Morley both contributed their spare time while both studying to go to university.



Ommelyla Gilani – Media Development Manager

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NEW AREA DIARY DATES

(A full diary for all Area, District & Group events is available on the Area website)

May 2010

26th Module 7 - Valuing Diversity, The Hub
28th Application deadline for Penarth DC role

training.admin@catvog.org
chairman@catvog.org

June 2010

8th Area AGM Masonic Hall, Guilford Crescent
12th Open Training Day, The Hub 10am
23rd Open Training Evening, The Hub 6pm

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July 2010

3rd Barry Scout & Guide Fete, Romilly Park
10th Area Raft race
14th Open Training Evening, The Hub 6pm

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August 2010

September 2010

11th Open Training Evening, The Hub 6pm
21st Open Training Evening, 6th Barry Scout Hall 6pm
24th - 26th Residential Training Weekend, Botany Bay

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October 2010

18th Open Training Evening, 6th Barry Scout Hall 6pm

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November 2010

22nd Open Training Evening, 1st Cowbridge Hall 7pm

training.admin@catvog.org

CATVOG Media Development Manager

Hello

My names Ommelyla Gilani and for those that don't know; I am the CATVOG MDM.

I am looking for any stories, pictures, events or ideas you have to help me promote CATVOG Scouts throughout Cardiff and the Vale.

How to contact me?

There are many ways you can get in touch:

- Facebook - why not join my Facebook group and contact me, just search CATVOG MDM Press Information
- Email me - either go onto the CATVOG Website, or email me directly at mdm@catvog.org
- Phone - need to get hold of me asap call me: 07590 532 609

I look forward to hearing from you!



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