

Bridgend District Report 2008 to 2009

Welcome to the AGM - After my first year as the District Commissioner I do feel we still have a very long way to go in Bridgend, although we have made a little head way as part of the two year plan I set out last year.

First, the news of the young people of Bridgend.

Bridgend Beavers

We had a number of Beaver Scouts attend the Chief Scout Bronze award this year. We had a Beaver Fun Day in Bridgend, which was very well attended. On Saturday 9th May we had the Beaver games day which went down very well.

Thanks must go to the leaders at 3rd Bridgend Beavers who put this event together.

We will have a second Beaver Colony at Cornelly by September 2009.

Bridgend Cub Scouts

We had two packs attend the Chief Silver award, 3rd Bridgend and 1st Cornelly. 3rd Bridgend took part in the area five-a-side football. The All Wales Cub Scout day was very well attended in June 2008. Thanks to all leaders who worked so hard at this event.

We had the Chess and Draughts afternoon in the late part of 2008. In November 2008 we had the Mrs. Whites afternoon. Thanks to Maggie and Pete for the work on that event.

Scout Events

District Hike and a Cooking Competition in 2008.
District Camp at the end of March - this was a very good weekend.
We need to thank all leaders for the work put in for this event.
Well done.

The Explorers

This group now has A District Explorer Scout Commissioner Mr Steve Sloan. He will work hard with the other leaders in this section to give the young people of Bridgend a very good start to becoming a young leader.

Other Reports

All groups took part in Remembrance Sunday, The District Carol Service and the Saint George's Day March and service at Salem Chapel, Pencoed.

Thanks to Pencoed Scout Group and to Salem Chapel for the use of their facilities.

Leaders who have been awarded the Wood Badge this year are Marc Rogers, Scout Leader of 1st Bridgend and Mrs Alison Rogers, Cub Scout Leader of the 3rd Maesteg.

We have had changes in District staff. We lost Kath Davies as a leader. We also lost Robin Collier the Warrant Secretary, but I am glad to report that we have Mrs Bronwyn Allen as a replacement, a past Scout Leader in the 3rd Bridgend, we welcome her back to scouting.

The new Badge Secretary is Miss Sarah Woodland.

The Laleston Field has been run by Pauline Sloan, it has had sponsorship from Asda Store Bridgend.

With the help from groups of scouts, South Wales Police, members from the RAF and leaders a lot of work has gone on at this field since September 2008.

We thank Pauline for all the work she has done, well done and a big thank you to you all.

I would like to thank David Hopes for all the work he does on the Bridgend Scout Web Site and to his wife Jacky lets him work on it at all hours of the day.

A very big thank you must go to David Slaughter for all the work he has done for the Bridgend Scout District over many years. And as he stands down as both District Treasurer and Secretary he will be greatly missed as this man has given so much to the scouting movement. We do thank you David and wish you well in whatever you do next. But one thing for sure is that if you should have the time to return to scouting there will always be a welcome for you back in Bridgend.

To Ken Hinton for all the work he has done as Area Commissioner and I wish him well in his new post after the end of June 2009.

I do think we still have a lot to do in Bridgend Scout District. We must all work for the best in scouting and ensure that we give the young people a good, happy and safe start to life.

District Commissioner, Christine Jordan, May 2009.