

## The Hon. Gwenllian Philipps O.B.E.

The Hon. Gwenllian Philipps was born on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1916 and died at Boughrood, Llyswen, Brecon on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2013. She was the daughter of the First Baron Milford (1874 - 1960) by his wife the former Ethel Georgina Speke.

She was a former Subaltern, A.T.S. and was awarded the War Medal 1939-1945 and the 1939-1945 Star. She was a Justice of the Peace for Radnorshire, County Councillor for Radnorshire (1959 - 1964), High Sheriff for Radnorshire (1970 - 1971) and was awarded an OBE (civil) in 1962.

Miss Philipps held Unit appointments as a Guide Captain for the 1<sup>st</sup> Builth Wells Guides, Sea Ranger Lieutenant and then Captain for the Llangorse Sea Rangers. She was County Commissioner for both Radnorshire and Breconshire at various times and in later years became the President of Breconshire and then Patron of that county.

During her time as Sea Ranger Adviser for Wales, she travelled with the World Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell during her tour of Australia and the Pacific Region in the 1950s.

As International Adviser for Wales she encouraged and supported members to travel to overseas events. Ex-Guides in Breconshire and Radnorshire have happy memories of trips to Switzerland that she organised. For many of these girls it would have been their first overseas holiday experience.

Miss Philipps was the Chief Commissioner for Wales from 1964 to 1975. During this time a Wales Adventure Camp was held at the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells, at which the World Chief Guide attended.

She was Treasurer for Wales for many years. Guiding in Wales benefitted from her careful management of our affairs where she always supported projects that encouraged the girls and leaders. She worked with others when we took over Broneirion in 1947 and was a great supporter of camps and events there.

The Trefoil Guild appointed her as their President and Wales recognised her work by naming the camp site at Broneirion, Cae Gwenllian and entering her into the Olave Baden-Powell Society.

Miss Gwenllian Philipps, Gwen, The Honourable or Captain was known by many in Wales and will be remembered with gratitude, respect and thanksgiving.

## Yr Anrhydeddus Gwenllian Philipps O.B.E.

Ganwyd yr Anrhydeddus Gwenllian Philipps 13<sup>eg</sup> o Awst 1916 a bu farw yn Boughrood, Llyswen, Aberhonddu 4<sup>ydd</sup> o Awst 2013. Roedd hi'n ferch i'r Barwn Cyntaf o Aberdaugleddau (1874-1960) a'i wraig Ethel Georgina Philipps (née Speke).

Yn ystod yr Ail Ryfel Byd, bu'n is-lifftenant yn yr Auxiliary Territorial Army a dyfarnwyd iddi Fedal Ryfel 1939-1945 a Seren 1939-1945. Roedd yn Ynad Heddwch i Sir Faesyfed, yn Gynghorydd Sir i Sir Faesyfed (1959-1964) ac yn Uchel Siryf i'r sir (1970-1971). Derbyniodd yr O.B.E. (sifil) ym 1962.

Bu Miss Philipps yn Gaptan i Gwmni Guides 1<sup>af</sup> Llanfair-ym-Muallt, yn Lifftenant gyda'r Sea Rangers ac yna'n Gaptan gyda Sea Rangers Llan-gors. Yn ogystal, bu'n Gomisiynydd Sir i ddwy sir, Sir Faesyfed a Sir Frycheiniog, ar wahanol adegau ac yn ddiweddarach bu yn Llywydd Sir Frycheiniog cyn bod yn Noddwr y sir.

Yn ystod ei chyfnod fel Ymghynhorydd Sea Rangers i Gymru, ymunodd gyda Chief Guide Y Byd, Y Fonesig Baden-Powell wrth iddi deithio o amgylch Awstralia ac Ardal y Môr Tawel yn yr 1950au.

Tra'n ymgynghorydd rhyngwladol i Gymru, anogodd a chefnogodd aelodau o'r mudiad i deithio i ddigwyddiadau tramor. Bu'n gyfrifol am drefnu triapiau tramor i'r Swistir ac mae gan gyn-aelodau o'r mudiad yn Siroedd Brycheiniog a Maesyfed atgofion melys o'r gwibdeithiau i'r Swistir. I nifer o'r merched, dyma eu profiad cyntaf o deithio tramor.

Miss Philipps oedd Prif Gomisiynydd Cymru o 1964 i 1975. Yn ystod ei hamser fel Prif Gomisiynydd Cymru, cynhaliwyd Gwersyll Antur Cymru ar faes Sioe Frenhinol Cymru yn Llanfair-ym-muallt. Mynychwyd y gwersyll gan Chief Guide y Byd.

Bu'n Drysorydd i Guides Cymru am nifer o flynyddoedd. Elwodd y mudiad yng Nghymru o'i goruchwyliaeth gofalus o'i materion a byddai wastad yn cefnogi prosiectau oedd yn hybu'r merched ac arweinwyr. Cyd-weithiodd yn effeithiol gydag eraill pan ddaeth Broneirion dan ofal Guides Cymru ym 1947. Bu'n gefnogwr brwd o wersylloedd a digwyddiadau a gynhaliwyd yno.

Cafodd ei phenodi gan y Trefoil Guild yn llywydd. Mae GirlGuiding Cymru wedi cydnabod ei gwaith diflino i'r mudiad trwy enwi maes gweryslla ym Mroneirion yn 'Cae Gwenllian' ar ei hôl. Yn ogystal, cofrestron nhw hi yn aelod o'r Olave Baden-Powell Society.

Roedd nifer yn y mudiad yng Nghymru yn adnabod, Miss Gwenllian Philipps, Gwen, The Hon. neu Gaptan ac yn ei chofio gyda pharch a diolchgarwch.