



Girlguiding

Greater London West

girls in the lead

NEWSLETTER

May 2009



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Letter from our County Commissioner

Dear Greater London West,

WOW - what an evening - it was brilliant - we filled the hall, raised the roof and hopefully enlightened more people as to what Guiding is all about and gave a more accurate impression of what young people can really do! Thank you to everyone for your help and support which made our first ever Jack Petchey Award Presentation evening last Thursday such a success and a memorable occasion. As this was held on St George's day every award winner was presented with a red rose buttonhole. It was interesting to note that on chatting with the award winners some were not sure whether their award money had been spent yet. Please remember that the winners should decide, with their unit how the money is spent either on equipment or a special outing or experience - it must NOT be spent on day to day running costs. Photos of the evening are available to view and download free on the Jack Petchey website <http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk>

I am pleased to announce that I have been able to appoint a new Division Commissioner for Twickenham - Ms Isobel Hughes D'Aeth. Isobel is new to Guiding but I am sure she will soon be fully involved and with support from the Guiders will soon be getting Twickenham Division more organised! I am also pleased that Ann Fairhall has now officially started her role as First Aid Adviser as we thank Sue Munro-Crump and wish her well in Wales.

I spent an interesting few hours with Janet and Anne Reeves collating the census forms, if you find it tricky completing your return imagine the headache at County level and beyond! Thanks to Anne A, Anne R and Janet for completing this, hopefully for the last time. The excellent outcome is that our numbers have increased in almost every section giving us an overall total of 5721 members and 156 non members in the County.

An enjoyable evening with Surbiton Division, an interesting presentation at Scotland Yard hearing more about Project YOU, plans for the Brownie Residential Centenary event at Heyswood and my own unit Pack Holiday with fantastic weather at Paxmead - never a dull moment! All of this and we are still 'changing the world' - please let Sarah Pink know how this project is progressing.

There are many more events coming up - check our County website <http://www.girlguiding-glw.org.uk/>

Many thanks for your support.

Best wishes,

Christine

Please note the Adult Leadership/Money Matters trainings scheduled for 30th April have been cancelled.

COUNTY DIARY

MAY

- 6th County Exec. Heyswood, 7.45 p.m.
- 16th County Watersports Day, Wimbledon Park, 10am - 4pm.
- 23/24 Camp Licence Training, Heyswood

JUNE

- 13th International Opportunities Day, Cheam Guide HQ 1.30 pm

JULY

- 4th 1st Response/Health & First Aid training, Chessington 9.30 am
- 5th Strawberry Tea Heyswood

SEPTEMBER

- 4/6 Centenary Launch Party, Heyswood

OCTOBER

- 10/11 Brownie Holiday Licence Training, Heyswood

HEYSWOOD

CHANGE OF E MAIL ADDRESS - I have changed my email - please see County Register for details. If you have e mailed me and I haven't replied please try again, I am sure some have gone astray!!!

I am taking bookings for 2010. Remember first come first served. Guiders are getting organized for the Centenary and Heyswood is a very popular venue.

*Sue Wall
Heyswood Bookings secretary*

Rainbow badges

I have several old style rainbow emblems/badges that used to go on tabards. Does anyone want them? A small donation would be nice!
Many thanks.

Joan Pearson

Jack Petchey Foundation

Achievement Award Scheme



Our congratulations to the girls who will be receiving awards for April 2009:

Sonali Arora
Gemma Cotney
Bobbie Jarvis
Lizzie Bishop
Sarah Ebsworth

Sofia Karpinski
Jessica Peto
Natalie Vaz
Katie Watret
Niamh Cooper

Georgia Rivers
Isabel Dynan-Lewis
Laura Cotzias
Susanna Bannister

As you will have seen - and heard if you were there - we had a great time last Thursday and in the excitement I did not manage to note all those award winners who were ill and unable to attend on the night. I would be grateful if you could confirm the names of those who did not make it. Many thanks.

Janet Hill

✉ Jpawards@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Congratulations to:

Shona Priestley
Nancy El-Shatoury
Twickenham Division

Louisa McArthur
Sutton Division

on gaining their Brownie
Holiday Licence.

Well done to you all!

Melissa Roots

1ST RESPONSE/HEALTH AND FIRST AID FOR CAMPS & HOLIDAYS TRAINING

DATE: Saturday 4th July 2009

VENUE: CHESSINGTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL, MOOR LANE,
CHESSINGTON

TIME: 09.30am - please bring a packed lunch - tea and coffee will be
provided

COST: £10

TO BOOK A PLACE ON THIS TRAINING PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND WITH YOUR
PAYMENT (cheques should be made payable to *GLW Training*) AND AN SAE TO:

ANN FAIRHALL, COUNTY FIRST AID ADVISER
Address details - see County Register
Firstaid@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Please note: Places are limited

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NAME: UNIT:

DISTRICT: DIVISION:

ADDRESS:

POST CODE: TEL:

EMAIL:

REQUIRED FOR WARRANT: YES / NO

(PLEASE COMPLETE IF THIS IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR WARRANT - please bring your Module book for signing)

TRADING & BADGES

New Items

7096 Ball point pen, similar to silver pen p.37 £0.50
7095 Folding Hairbrush £1.00
7097 Chromium blue pen £2.25

Stock Update

Change the World booklets 6061 and posters 6062 now available free with orders.

6012 Commissioner Packs (new) available mid April £10.00
7852 Centenary mug next delivery end April.

Special Offer

6598 Rainbow Sticker packs half price £1.32

Do Not Order

6731/2 Go for it 4 Seasons as this product temporarily shelved.
7615/9 Me to You blue t shirt - we have not received an approved sample. We will keep you updated.

Centenary Gifts

Centenary Gift Catalogues are still available code 7899. It is advisable to place large orders needed for Launch Parties at the earliest opportunity.

Payments

Can I please remind Leaders that cheques for payment of accounts should be sent by return, when the white slip is received. My cash flow is getting critical as I have to pay on a monthly statement and in some cases I am waiting for payments from NOVEMBER 2008. Please pay promptly or I will have to decline orders from non paid accounts. Thank you to all those leaders who DO pay promptly and a special thanks to those who send money with orders.

Madelaine Reid

✉ trading@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Was it you?

If you ordered 37 Changing the World Badges please contact me Thank you..

Madelaine Reid

All items for the June Newsletter should be with me by 22nd May please.

Newsletter@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Rose S. Matthews

North Wallington District Guides

We are sad to record the loss of one of our oldest supporters with the death of Rose Matthews (always known as Lefty to her Guides) on 19th April 2009.

She was a Guide, Ranger, Guider and Trefoil Guild member in Wallington since 1939 and was always active within the movement, attending meetings, camping, helping with crafts, singing, visiting Guide Houses both in England and abroad (Switzerland, Canada and India) and supporting the work at the Division Guide hall. We shall miss her cheery smile, even though latterly she said it was becoming harder to "smile and sing under all difficulties" but she would keep trying! A true Guide.

The funeral will be at Holy Trinity Church, Maldon Road, Wallington on Friday 1st May 2.30 p.m.

Christine Cole

BROWNIE HOLIDAY LICENCE TRAINING WEEKEND

When: Saturday 10th/Sunday 11th October 2009

Time: 8.30 a.m. start Saturday, 12.00 noon finish Sunday

Where: Baden Powell Lodge, Heyswood

Cost: £35.00, reclaimable from your unit. Cheques payable to "Greater London West Pack Holiday Account".

Joining Requirements:

- Purchase 'New' Blue Training Opportunities for Camp & Holiday Scheme Book (to be brought to the weekend)
- Purchase or borrow Going Away with Brownies book (to be brought to the weekend)

For an application form and further joining instructions, please send an A5 SAE (using a Large Letter stamp) to:

Miss Melissa Roots, details in County Directory or email training@girlguiding-glw.org.uk.

Requests for application form please by 18th August 2009 latest.

GUIDES SING FOR CHANGE

The 5th Worcester Park Guide Unit chose "WaterAid - Sing For Change" as one of their projects to help 'Change the World'. This project aims to help the thousands of people, including children, who do not have access to safe water and necessary sanitary conditions. The Guides learnt about the issues and were sponsored to learn a unique set of songs for WaterAid's projects in Mali and Nepal. Having learnt the songs, some of the Guides then spoke at Church Services to invite parishioners to come and listen to them singing the songs in the Parish Centre the following Friday. The girls sang their hearts out as well as performing a short drama sketch illustrating the different lives of children in Nepal from the UK. The performance ended with refreshments and a collection. Finally, the girls performed the songs at a Party for eighty senior citizens. As well as raising awareness of the issues around clean water, we have raised a total of £615 for WaterAid!

Last Friday, Tom Brake from WaterAid came to receive the cheque and showed the girls a short film of his trip to Mali. He brought with him samples of the brown water he was offered to drink in Mali. It certainly did not look safe to drink and brought home to the girls just how important this project is. Tom thanked the girls and told them that the money raised will provide safe clean water for life for 41 children!

The picture shows Tom receiving the cheque from Guides, Ellen and Bonita, and Young Leaders, Natalie and Elyse.



Christine Donovan

100 Greater London West Centenary Celebrations

Centenary Badge Competition - URGENT - DEADLINE EXTENDED

Thank you for all the brilliant designs which I have already received for the Centenary Badge Competition.

The deadline for the badge competition is **FRIDAY 1ST MAY** so please send the remaining entries to:

Sarah Pink
5 Forge Ave, Coulsdon, CR5 1LS

Centenary Launch Party

4-6th Sep 2009

Service Crew applications

If you would like to be on the service crew and are a Senior Section member or young adult leader, please fill in the application form on the website.

If you would more information, please contact Sarah Penneck on Centenarylaunuch@yahoo.co.uk

CHANGING THE WORLD

This is the final term for the Change the World projects to be completed.

Don't forget to complete your online evaluation at www.girlguiding.org.uk/changingtheworld and use the success you have as an opportunity to get some local PR.

Nationally, Girlguiding UK has achieved so far:

- 9,000 trees have been planted for the Woodland Trust
- 6,166 members have reduced their consumption as part of the One Planet Challenge with WWF
- We have raised £90,000 for our partner charities
- 3,299 girls have a learnt skills to deal with an asthma attack with Asthma UK

I would also like to collect photos of your girls taking part in their projects so please email me at sarah.pink@live.co.uk.

Bookings for the following *Ways to Celebrate* events open in May so don't miss out:

Be a princess at Netherurd (catalogue no 13)
Brownies Take Over Belgium (catalogue no 23)
Ultimate London (catalogue no 80)

For more details on the National events go to:
www.girlguiding100years.org.uk

BROWNIE CENTENARY CAPERS

Heyswood
26th - 28th July 2010 , or
28th - 30th July 2010

More information coming through your Division Commissioner and on Raspberry Ripple.

Reserve the date in your diary, you will be guaranteed two days of fun.

Centenary Capers Committee

Pictures Please!



We are repeating the Annual Report/Wall Planner for 2009/10 and therefore would like to include plenty of pictures.

I am sure many of you have photos of your unit activities over the last year! Please email them to me, or if they are prints I can scan them and return them to you.

We would also like pictures to update the web site pages so any time you have the camera out please send me a copy!

Janet Hill

newsletter@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Postage check request

May I politely remind Leaders that when sending A/A forms in the post, A5 envelopes may need the Large Letter stamp on them if they are over 100g weight or more than 5mm thick.

Recently I have been to the Post Office on three occasions to collect letters which is time consuming and costly!

Many thanks.

Melissa



Guide Camp Licence

I am running a Guide camp licence training. It will take place from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 24th May at Heyswood.

I will incorporate any of your camp training needs into the two days.

If anyone is interested in joining us please contact me as soon as possible.

Kate Bloor
County Camp Adviser

training@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

South America 2009 Challenge Badge



In August 15 Senior Section members and 4 leaders will be travelling to Argentina and Brazil. To raise funds for the trip we have produced a challenge booklet which is open to anybody in the Guiding community (from Rainbows to Trefoil Guild if they want!)

There are six different sections which are:

Language, Culture, Arts and Crafts, Geography, Food and Drink, and Guiding and one clause should be completed from each section and then once the challenge has been completed the form at the bottom of the challenge needs to be filled in and sent off to the address which is also there.

Badges £1.50 plus postage. Please email me to order books/badges.

Thank you
Natalie Wilshire
contact@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Winning Brownie

We heard of a competition to design a sticker for Malaria Awareness Week, which is publicised during 11- 17th May and as "Stopping the Spread of Disease" was our theme for Thinking Day Celebrations this year, our Brownies took time to design a sticker for this year's competition.



We are really excited to congratulate Becky as her sticker was chosen as one of the Regional finalists for 2009. The competition was quite a speedy affair, with only one week for on-line voting, but we wanted to tell everyone how well Becky has done.

Trish Brown
Brown Owl, 1st Worcester Park and
Old Malden Brownies



Congratulations to the following girls who have completed the Baden Powell Challenge:

Beth Ridgley
Ashleigh Madigan
Kiera Leonard
Louisa Selwood
Daisy Hall
Katie Watret
Natalie Vaz

All from 5th Worcester Park

Worcester Park & Old Malden / Cheam Division

This is a starting point for a new development in our experience of Guiding!

Guiders in Worcester Park & Old Malden have been talking for a long time about getting our Ex-Guiders and Friends together with current members to extend our Guiding Family. We understand that other Districts have been considering this too.

Plans began a short while ago and were overcome by the Centenary organisation, but a couple of us have 'stepped up'. We have looked at the Trefoil Handbook and are making use of some contacts but really feel that a Trefoil Guild will only be as good as the Members and they ought to be making the decisions and thought the next step would be to call all interested people together.

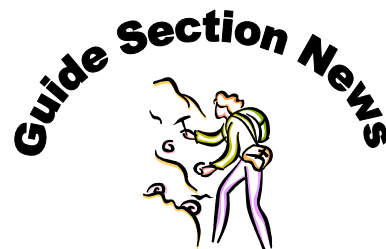
We are proposing an inaugural meeting on Monday 22nd June at 7.15 pm in the Old Malden HQ for Scouts and Guides, Rear of St John's Church Hall, 411 Malden Road, Worcester Park.

Refreshments will be served from 7 pm. Everyone is welcome, we hope to see you there. Anything can happen and we hope it will.

If you would like more information, contact Trish Brown or Julia Bell email contact@girlguiding-glw.org.uk.

We look forward to meeting you.

Trish & Julia



BP Challenge Adventures

Many thanks to Zoe Crimmings and her team from Sutton who organised the spring term adventure. 19 girls enjoyed a sleepover at Sutton Guide HQ on the Friday evening. They then drove to Park Farm, Banstead and split into groups for Pioneering, Semaphore, Craft and Tracking. After making fires to cook their lunch, they invented challenges for each others' groups. The weekend went well and everyone enjoyed the fine weather.

At the time of writing we do not have an adventure within the County for the summer term, but other opportunities are available. As advertised on the Region website, London South East County are organising an adventure 10th - 12th July and there may be a limited number of spaces available for other Counties.

For details check with Region Office on 020 8675 7572. Other counties may also have spaces - look out for details in Raspberry Ripple.

For details of the Adventures organised by the training and activity centres, see Guiding magazine or:
www.girlguiding.org.uk

The recommended maximum from any one unit is 3 girls. Guides should have completed most of the BP clauses before attending, but not necessarily all.

For further information about the Baden Powell Challenge or any other aspect of the Guide Programme, please email me.

Samantha Axbey
Guide Adviser

✉ guides@girlguiding-glw.org.uk



Dear friends!

The Association of Ukrainian Guides
is pleased to invite you to
the National Jamboree

COMMON SPACE

which will take place

from 16 to 23 August 2009

on the Korol island in the river Kozyinka near Kyiv

The programme will include

- © international communication with guides and scouts from different parts of Ukraine and Europe;
- © meeting young people from other NGOs;
- © sharing experience;
- © interesting activities such as survival skills practicing, kayaking, pioneering, orienteering, quests, Big Night Game "The Pearl of Nile", Big Game "Treasure Island", Fire Theatre, beauty contest, Talent Show, debates, role plays, competition of cheerleaders and many others.

COMMON SPACE will be camp in tents, meals will be either provided or you will prepare them for yourself in your unit (the ingredients for the meals will be provided). Further information will come later on.

The participants will need to bring tents, sleeping bags and other camping equipment for themselves. We will provide you with the detailed list later. We can also help with loaning camping equipment on your request.

Home Hospitality can be provided if your group would like to extend the stay in Ukraine before or after the event.

The participants have to pay a participation fee of 95 euro and cover their travel expenses.

IMPORTANT:

- The groups are to include at least 1 leader of 18+ for 5 - 7 children, the age of the participants is 12+. The number of the participants is not limited.
- Each group should prepare a few games or activities to be held during the Jamboree.

Applications and pre-payment are to be made by June 1, 2009.

Contact details from Sarah Penneck: international@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

International Opportunities Day

South Africa 2010

Saturday 13th June

1.30-5pm

Cheam Village HQ, Mickleham Gardens, Cheam Village, SM3 8QJ



Come along if you are aged 13-17 or 18-25 and would like the opportunity to participate in a trip to South Africa in 2010 and to find out more about international opportunities in Guiding.

The trip to South Africa will incorporate Centenary celebrations and part of the time will be spent at the orphanage God's Golden Acre, which provides support to children orphaned because of HIV/AIDS-related illness and violence.

If you are interested, please see the website at <http://www.girlguiding-glw.org.uk/> to download the application form and G/O form and email back to me.

Printed copies of these forms available on request.

Sarah Penneck, International Advisor

international@girlguiding-glw.org.uk