



Letter from our County Commissioner

Dear Greater London West,

It seems unbelievable that half term is here already and hopefully with some better weather there could be more opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities and even residential events.

It's been a busy month for meetings but all necessary to plan ahead especially for Centenary celebrations. All events are getting organised and have teams in place but more offers of help are welcome.

I joined the Trefoil Guild for their AGM and an interesting speaker, celebrated no less than seven BP Awards with 5th Worcester Park and presented a well-earned 40 years long service award to Madelaine Reid in Wallington.

This month ended with a very successful Water Sports Day at Wimbledon Park - I was shattered having been battered all day by the strong blustery wind - but almost 300 girls seemed to have a great time as all the smiling faces in the photos show - at least it didn't rain much!! Thanks to all those who assisted with the crafts and supervising activities. Another event to be repeated in the future I think!

There are so many things happening at the moment - it would be good to have lots of photos and to send some reports to the papers. We now have a County PR Adviser - my husband Steve! - and he is keen to help publicise everything we do and happy to give advice and assistance.

Our County Review is almost here again and I hope to see many Leaders at Heyswood on Wednesday 1st July - your personal invite is included in this newsletter but please reply to Janet so that we know numbers for catering. It will be an enjoyable evening sharing our achievements over the past year with some brief reports accompanied by photos and a chance to catch up with other Leaders - bring a car full!

Best wishes,

Christine

COUNTY DIARY

JUNE

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

JULY

1st Annual Review and Barbecue, Heyswood, 7.30 pm

3/5 Family Camping weekend, Heyswood

4th 1st Response/Health & First Aid training, Chessington 9.30 am

5th Diamond Jubilee Strawberry Tea, Heyswood

SEPTEMBER

4/6 Centenary Launch Party, Heyswood

14th County Exec, Cheam, 7.30 pm

OCTOBER

10/11 Brownie Holiday Licence Training, Heyswood



To all Leaders, Young Leaders, Unit Helpers, Occasional Helpers, Trefoil Guild, Commissioners, Supporters

The County President, County Commissioner and Executive of Girlguiding Greater London West cordially invite YOU to the

County Annual Review and Barbecue

To be held on Wednesday 1st July 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at Heyswood

R.S.V.P: Janet Hill, secretary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

I will/will not be able to attend the County Review on 1st July.

Name:.....

Jack Petchey Foundation

Achievement Award Scheme



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

Claire Avison
Sarah Blows
Eleanor Calladine
Jade Gutteridge
Lorna Harrison

Kay Hogben
Frances Ivens
Sophie Jackson
Jo Mattick
Alanna Murray

Molly O'Leary
Senel Parlak
Kathryn Payn
Katie Wilding

Janet Hill

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Cream Teas in Wimbledon

South Wimbledon District Guides and Brownies hold a Tea Garden in the grounds of "The Lair" the little house in Cannizaro Park on Wimbledon Common down the rhododendron path or through the gate in the wall in Camp Road. They will be serving teas 2 - 6 pm every Sunday from 10th May until the end of July.

Do come along we shall be pleased to see you. We serve all kinds of refreshments including a lovely cream tea and you will be waited on by Brownies and Guides.

Joyce Knill

Wallington Trefoil Guild "Changing the World"

At their meeting in March the members of Wallington Trefoil Guild were each handed a carrier bag from the local Save the Children Shop with a request to help their spring cleaning along by filling the bags with unwanted books, CDs, videos, clothes and ornaments.



At our April meeting the area Chairman of Save the Children spoke to the members about the work of the charity. He was given a cheque to help their work and two cars were loaded with the filled bags (plus a lot more) to be delivered to the shop for sale over the coming months.

Barbara Cox



*A splashing time
at Wimbledon
Park*

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:

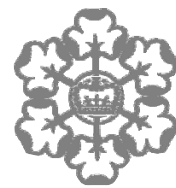
- Purchase 'New' Blue Training Opportunities for Camp & Holiday Scheme Book (to be brought to the weekend)
- Purchase or borrow Going Away with Brownies book (to be brought to the weekend)

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



Congratulations to Dawn Sullivan from Chessington who received a Mayor's Community Award recently



Congratulations

Kay Hogben, 2nd Chessington Guides, and **Rebecca Haines**, 3rd New Malden Guides, have both been awarded their Queen's Guide.

It is a great achievement and they met the challenges extremely well. They have been congratulated by the Chief Guide and they will be invited to London during the next year for a formal presentation by our Royal President, the Countess of Wessex.

Marion E. Perry

All items for the July Newsletter should be with me by 22nd June please.
Janet Hill, newsletter@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

TRADING & BADGES

Badge Change

2148 World Thinking Day on the Air badge - now reads "Girls on the Air"

Special Offers

2407 Me to You memo block now £1
7012 Brownie Biscuit tube £2
Trefoil Guild cardigan spare button packs
7910 red, 7911 blue 50p each

Discontinued

8696 Vango Nitestar 250 sleeping bag
8087 Trespass foam sleeping mat
8169 Vango Sigma 200 tent

Request

Does anyone have any 2008 Big Gig badges. If so please contact Sue, 0161 942 1844.

Special necker clearance - £1 each
While stocks last - no discount
Variety of colours and quantities.

I am on holiday from 4 - 20th June.
My daughter Merilea, will be doing badge orders only once during this time. Trading orders will wait for my return.

STOP PRESS Please note that orders from GirlguidingUK Trading are taking slightly longer than usual, please allow 10 - 12 days for delivery. This is due to the large amount of orders received for Centenary Goods.

Madelaine Reid
✉ trading@girlguiding-glw.org.uk



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

Ruby Smart
Samantha Law
Laura Barfield
Emma Barfield
Lisa Hodsoff
Holly-May Lewis
Georgie Simpson

All from 5th Sutton Guides

CENTENARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

ULTIMATE EDINBURGH

We still have some places on this adventure. Come as an individual or as a group, with or without your leader, for a very special St. Andrew's weekend celebration soaking up the culture and sights of Edinburgh, Scotland's vibrant capital. Stay in the 5 star SYHA youth hostel, and enjoy a Royal Mile challenge in Edinburgh's old town, including a visit to the castle and shopping. The highlight of the weekend will be the glamorous Centenary Ball, held in the spectacular Hub, centre of Edinburgh's prestigious Festival, with the chance to try your hand (and feet) at a Ceilidh - Scotland's way to party.

For more information and how to book, please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary.

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Please see the attached flyer.

CENTENARY STAMPEDE AND TALL SHIPS VOYAGE

Full details on the event webpages at www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary.

YOUNG LEADERS

Most of the Centenary Adventures are open for Young Leaders to attend with their unit however they may be required to pay a participant fee rather than a Leader fee as they cannot count towards adult:child ratios. Please remember that Young Leaders are members of the Senior Section and as such can apply for any of the Ultimate Adventures as an individual or with other Young Leaders and Senior Section members. Perhaps all of the Young Leaders in a District would like to attend an event together?

QUEEN'S GUIDE AND DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Please be advised that the longer Ultimate events may be suitable for completing the Residential Section of the Queen's Guide and Duke of Edinburgh's Award provided the criteria for participating is met and the trip organiser is informed that the participant would like to use the event this way.

Unfortunately, none of these events are appropriate for the Expedition Section of either Award.

THE BOOKING PROCESS

To ensure that events are open to all, bookings are taking place on a first come, first served basis with the booking information being posted on to the website a few days before bookings open. Any bookings that happen to be received before the bookings open date will not be opened until that date and will be dealt with at random to ensure that the process remains fair.

We recognise that for many Senior Section members it takes time to gather funds for a deposit so where possible we are avoiding requesting a deposit at the time of booking. Where this is necessary, we will endeavour to give notice of the amount required and make provision for applications to be accepted without payment at the time of booking. Please do not delay making your booking if it is proving difficult to gather a deposit in time.

The best way for all members to keep up-to-date about the events is to subscribe to receive updates from the webpage. This will send you an email every time we make a change to the content of the page, for example, by uploading an itinerary or booking forms and information.

QUERIES

We have a Frequently Asked Questions section on the website but if that cannot resolve your query please email centenaryadventures@girlguiding.org.uk



ONE WORLD ONE BEAT

The biggest World Thinking Day event in the UK ever! One World One Beat is the event to be at in 2010, with over 18,000 girls and young women celebrating together over a fun-filled weekend.

Bookings open on Monday 1st June and the LASER event will be held at Notre Dame School Cobham. Each individual event will host approximately 1,000 Girlguiding UK members from all sections, who will be able to participate in an exciting programme of workshops exploring dance, drama and music from around the world. Using satellite technology all the One World One Beat events will be linked so all our members will get the chance to watch broadcasts from other events and join in with Girlguiding UK members from across the UK to celebrate World Thinking Day.

For more information go to www.girlguiding100years.org.uk/world_thinking_day/laser.aspx

Girlguiding UK Centenary Camp - Harewood House, North Yorkshire

Have your Guide groups applied for their places yet? There are limited numbers for the camp and applications are being taken now online, via the Centenary Camp website www.girlguiding100years.org.uk/centenary_camp/bookings.aspx. You don't have to pay any money until June 20, 2009 and you'll be told before then if you have definitely got places.

This is the biggest Guide camp ever held by The Guide Association, with up to 10,000 members and visitors from overseas. There will be nine different activity zones to choose from during the week so Guides could be relaxing at the camp spa, diving in the scuba tank, mountain boarding or taking part in a performing arts activities - the list is endless! Plus all camp participants will be able to attend *Fusion, the spectacular way to celebrate the centenary*. Camp groups will also receive a special Centenary Camp tent to take away with them, as well as other Centenary items. The event is fully catered, you only have to arrange your own transport.

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. Your online evaluation will enable you to order your badges for the girls.

I would also like to collect photos of your girls taking part in their projects so please send these to me by email or post (details in County Register).

Centenary Launch Party

4th - 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 glwcentenarylaunch@yahoo.co.uk

BROWNIE CENTENARY CAPERS

Heyswood

26th - 28th July 2010

or

28th - 30th July 2010

Letters for Brownie Leaders attached
Reserve the date in your diary, you will be guaranteed two days of fun.

Centenary Capers Committee