



Letter from our County Commissioner

Dear Greater London West,

This month I have attended the GLSW Scout County AGM and a meeting planning our Centenary Picnics which produced some good ideas. A social evening with Twickenham Division was a good opportunity to welcome Isobel as their new Division Commissioner and to thank some of those who have given exceptional service to the Division.

I hope you have heard about 'Project YOU' - which stands for Youth Organisations - Uniform. It is a project started in Croydon by the Metropolitan Police and is now being rolled out across all 32 London boroughs. It aims to enable young people to access uniformed youth organisations in their local area as well as encouraging new volunteers and can provide a forum for problem solving and discussion. The other groups involved are Air Training Corp, Army Cadet Force, Boys Brigade, Scouts, Sea Cadet Corp, St John Ambulance and the Police Cadets. The Prince's Trust has now also become involved and Prince Charles will give a speech at an event in the gardens at Buckingham Palace where we can showcase Girlguiding. We have selected girls from every Division to participate in this event which will be attended by many influential guests including the Prime Minister, MPs and representatives from the boroughs.

Our County International Selection afternoon eventually saw a good number of girls who came to find out more about international Guiding and to be considered for a Region trip. Our numbers of places are limited by Region according to our census figures for the relevant age groups and so we were only able to select 6 girls who will attend the Region weekend and go to South Africa. We hope those not selected enjoyed the afternoon and may apply again in the future.

Janet Hill needs responses for your invitation to our County Review on 1st July when we have the opportunity to celebrate our successes over the last year and enjoy the chance to chat at the barbecue. We are also looking forward to the Heyswood Diamond Jubilee Tea party when we shall welcome past and present members.

A final flurry of events before a well earned summer break which I hope you will enjoy so that you are fully refreshed for our Centenary celebrations starting with the Launch Party! If you have a unit residential event during the summer I hope it goes well and the weather is kind to you (especially when you have tents to strike!).

See you soon!

Best wishes,

Christine

Watch this Space!

Next month will be your opportunity to register for the big GLW Guide event for the Centenary—**GLOW10**. Don't miss it.

If you went to GLOW08 ...or have heard about it ...or seen the pictures, you may have an inkling of what will be happening during the week 24th-31st July, but this will be even bigger and better! An event to remember!

COUNTY DIARY

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

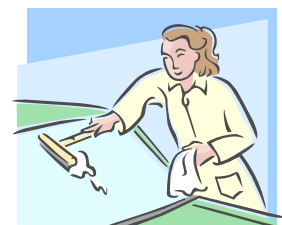


I will be washing cars at the County Review on 1st July. The money I raise will go towards the expedition fees that I need to pay for the Zambia trip I am going on in summer 2010.

Suggested donation is £5 per car wash, please sign up at the table in the car park when you arrive, first come first served!
Thanks.

Sarah Penneck

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Jack Petchey Foundation

Achievement Award Scheme



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

Amy McVicar	Amy Collins	Janina Teitz
Chloe Wall	Sarah Ardrey	Sarah Baker
Anna Lawrence	Jessica Bygrave	Julia Sheehan
Rebecca Marett	Imogen Custers	Kirsty Sheehan
Andrea Hewes	Amy MacLean	

My sincere apologies to Alanna Murphy who received an Award in May, for listing her as Alanna Murray!

There are one or two cheques which have not been paid out because we still have not received unit account information. I am sure you will be wanting to spend this money on your units so please send the requested information as soon as possible. Any problems, please let us know.

This year there will be no awards in July or August, but please keep sending in your nominations ready for next term!

Janet Hill

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Congratulations to:

Emma Betts 2nd Wandleside

*who has completed the
Baden Powell Challenge.*

Sheila Powell

With sadness we have to record that Sheila Powell from Beddington died suddenly on 11th June, after returning from holiday in the Isle of Wight. She was a Brownie Guider for over 20 years, District Commissioner for 5 years, a member of Wallington Trefoil Guild, as well as a valued committee member since she retired as a Guider. Last year she was presented with a Division Award for her services and only last month with a certificate from the Volunteer Centre of Sutton for volunteering for over 25 years. Sheila has been of invaluable help to Brownies and Guides as well as Trefoil Guild and we shall miss her dearly for her support, encouragement and craft expertise, but mostly for her friendship and laughter.

Kath Chilcott

TRADING & BADGES

Order your badges, publications, uniform, Guiding gifts through our Badge Secretary, Madelaine. All items in the Guiding Essentials catalogue or web site can be ordered through her, with 10% discount on published prices (no discount on badges). Delivery is usually approximately one week.

More information from Madelaine Reid, contact details below.

Madelaine Reid,

✉ trading@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

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
contact:

training@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Marie Errington

Marie Errington, who for many years was Brown Owl of 2nd Chessington Brownies, passed away on Friday 29th May.

Marie had more than her fair share of ups and downs in life, but that never stopped her running around after the many girls that passed through the unit. She was a great inspiration to all who knew her and will be sadly missed.

Kay Hogben



NEW ARRIVAL AT HEYSWOOD

We are delighted to let you know that Louisa and Wesley had a little girl - Wednesday, 10th June - 6lbs. 1oz. who they have called Amy Rose. The first baby to be living on site in the history of Heyswood - so our warm congratulations to them all from Greater London West.

Anne Reeves



Greater London West Centenary Celebrations

CENTENARY BADGE COMPETITION WINNERS

There was an overwhelming number of entries into the Centenary Badge Competition. 204 entries were received, so a big thank you to all the girls who submitted their designs and to those leaders who encouraged their girls to take part. The entries were judged by Dorothy who said "All of the entries showed a good understanding of the task as well as imaginative, colourful and well executed designs."

CONGRATULATIONS to the following girls whose designs will be made into cloth badges for the GLW Centenary events:

- Katie Miller - 3rd Sutton Common Rainbows
- Dominika Lloyd Brown - 8th Worcester Park Brownies
- Kelly Lambert - 2nd Wandleside Brownies
- Olivia Etter - 2nd Teddington Guides
- Charlotte Nye - Wandleside Senior Section

CHANGING THE WORLD COMES TO AN END

To date 102,092 members have taken part nationally and we have pledged donations of over £260,000 (up to end May) and some of the achievement so far are:

- 3,221 members have learnt more about homelessness with Crisis
- Almost 6,000 girls have attended a friendship pledge party for Kidscape.
- 4,498 members have learnt about the importance of their local hospice with Help the Hospices and raised over £27,000 for local hospices around the UK.
- 5,300 members have learnt to sign their promise with NDCS and raised £23,000 towards the listening bus.
- 14,780 members have reduced their consumption as part of the One Planet Challenge with WWF.
- 7,129 members have been involved in a Sing For Change event and raised £47,000 taking over 3,100 people in Nepal out of water poverty with WaterAid.
- 3,063 members have adopted shops or held a pop up shop raising over £24,000 for Save the Children.
- 5,817 people have attended the reading tents hosted by Girlguiding UK members raising over £14,500 for Book Aid International, sending 11,600 books to projects in Africa.

CHANGE THE WORLD ACHIEVEMENTS IN GLW

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.

I would like to collate the achievements within GLW so please can you let me know which charities you supported with your units, what the girls learnt and how much you raised (if applicable). Also, any photos you have of the girls "Changing The World in GLW" would be appreciated. Centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Remember to keep checking the Centenary website for updated information on our Centenary events and projects. Don't forget to look at the 'Centenary news' section where you'll find stories such as the launch of the Centenary Rose at this years RHS Chelsea Flower Show: www.girlguiding100years.org.uk/

WANTED: Guides and Senior Section Members to change the rules!

For the launch of our Centenary Celebrations in September, Girlguiding UK will be releasing the results of this poll to show what Guides and Senior Section think are the things in the world that they most want to see changed.

The choices in the poll are based on things the girls have told Girlguiding UK are important to them, so now they would like the girls to choose their top ten. Please encourage Guides and Senior Section members to go to:

www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=PMWH_2fY9sFdgYHOChCTT_2bQ_3d_3d

BROWNIES TAKE OVER BELGIUM - 29th May - 2nd June 2010

Celebrate the Centenary in style with an exciting international experience for Brownies. Visit Plopsaland Theme Park and meet action hero Mega Mindy. Go to mini-Europe and visit all of Europe in a couple of hours. Staying at the 3*HOTEL OUDE ABDIJ (THE OLD ABBEY) close to the centre of the small town of Lo, which is approximately a one hour drive from Calais. The hotel is set in its own grounds in a tranquil location and the owner is extremely hospitable and very used to receiving groups of young people. She also speaks excellent English. Feedback from groups having stayed at the hotel is consistently very positive and many return year after year.

EXCITING CENTENARY CHALLENGES FOR GLW

Watch this space for more information about some exciting Centenary challenges for GLW members created by GLW Senior Section members.



Study Visit - Oman 2009

WHAT IS IT? - This is the 3rd study tour by the UK-Arab Region Scout Fellowship. Previous visits were to Egypt and Tunisia. The visit will be a mix of cultural visits and visits to scout/guide groups in various centres. These visits will be led by local leaders throughout the duration of the tour.

WHERE TO? - The Sultanate of Oman

WHEN IS IT?

Saturday 24th October to Sunday 1st November 2009 (or Monday 2nd November depending on flights).

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST? -

Between £500 - £600 (provisional costing) which includes international air fare (London-Muscat return) and most meals. Local accommodation & transport is being provided free of charge by the Oman Scouts & Guides and we will be staying in training centres operated by them.

WHY? - To improve an understanding of scouting/guiding in the Arab Region and to foster links for future joint activities.

WHO CAN GO? - Any active member of Scouting or Girlguiding. We are looking for a group of between 12 to 16 adults from all sections and of all ages (minimum age of 18).

INTERESTED? - more details from Sarah Penneck: International@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Membership of the UK-Arab Region Fellowship is not a pre-requisite, but will be subsequently expected for all selected participants (annual subscription £10).

If the trip is oversubscribed then a selection procedure will be necessary.

Mayor's visits

The recently elected Mayor of Kingston – Ian McDonald - requested that Guides (and Scouts) be chosen as Mayoral escorts during his term of office to accompany the mayoral team on official visits within the Borough.

His offer to visit the units which had successfully nominated girls was eagerly taken up by the 12th Kingston Guides at Forward House recently where Billie Wackrill, one of his Guide escorts attends.

On arrival the Mayor found the girls organising their outdoor cooking evening and listened with interest at their menu ideas.

The Mayor spoke of his duties and had brought his full Mayoral Regalia and Mace which he happily allowed one of the younger Guides to try on whilst explaining what each piece was. His chauffeur then spoke about the Mace which is usually kept locked in the Mayoral Parlour.



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:

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All items for the August Newsletter should be with me by 22nd July please.
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