



Girlguiding

Greater London West

girls in the lead

NEWSLETTER

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Letter from our County Commissioner

Dear Greater London West,

Congratulations to Anne Asquith on being successfully nominated for a Region Chief Commissioner's Award in recognition of her service to guiding over many years in a number of roles.

The Region Review took place on the 'Sarpedon', on a boat trip on the Thames from Festival Pier to Greenwich. I was pleased to be able to invite a limited number of guests to join me and some Guiders also took up the offer to apply direct to Region for tickets. We heard about the many achievements across the Region before a quick stop at Greenwich. We then continued to the Thames Barrier while enjoying a delicious packed tea and sightseeing in the glorious weather.

The following morning I visited a photo exhibition by 2nd Raynes Park Brownies which was part of their Changing the World project - it was excellent and Olivia and Ellie certainly knew what they were talking about. I was so impressed that I asked them, although at very short notice, if they could bring their display to the County Review so that many more of you could see it.

The County Review was a lovely evening, the weather was kind and added to the relaxing atmosphere with time to chat and enjoy the barbecue. We were also pleased to be joined by the Mayors of Kingston, Richmond and Sutton and the Mayor of Merton also intended to be there but unfortunately could not find us!! Four Rainbows from 1st West Barnes told us about their 21st Birthday celebrations and enjoyed themselves so much that one said it was the best night of her life ever! We shared a Power Point Presentation of some of the activities round the County during the last year and heard from three girls who took part in the Region Trip to New Zealand last summer.

I was pleased to be able to visit the Paxmead Water Fun Day where again with good weather girls were having a great time on (and in!!!) the water. Part of the event included a cardboard canoe challenge where units produced a boat, from a cardboard box and attempted to paddle it a short distance in the Thames with varying degrees of success but with much laughter and enjoyment! The winning team were presented with the Sue Richardson Trophy and medals, instigated in memory of Sue who was a Guider from Worcester Park and Old Malden.

The following day we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Heyswood with a Tea party, again the glorious weather added to the occasion when many current members and even more past members of the County and beyond joined together to reminisce and hear about plans for the centenary celebrations. We were also pleased to officially open the Guiders' room extension to Baden Powell Lodge which was made possible through the generosity of past Guiders Daisy and Mabel Carey of Mitcham.

The following week saw the presentation of 7 Baden Powell Awards to Guides at 5th Sutton, a Beetle Drive fundraiser which was great fun with my own Brownies, further planning for the Mother and Daughter picnics and a relaxing Aromatherapy evening with hand massage with Mitcham Guiders.

Finally a very special day when 25 members of GLW attended a Buckingham Palace Garden Party with Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, to showcase Guiding and celebrate the launch of Project YOU (Youth Organisations Uniform). We had selected 13 young women representing every Division with Victoria Ling as their 'supervising Guider', two members joined the set up team and we were able to invite eight Guiding guests. A special delivery of centenary polo shirts was air freighted in by Trading which made the 150 total London representatives very distinctive, creating a great impression. There were many people involved behind the scenes but with the weather just about holding up for us it made a day to remember for many courtesy of Guiding.

Well you certainly all deserve a rest during the summer break although I appreciate many units have residential events too. I do hope the weather is kind for all the holidays planned - Guiding and family - and that you all enjoy a relaxing break. Thank you for all you do to make Guiding in GLW a wonderful experience for all our members and I trust you will return fully refreshed and ready to celebrate our centenary.

See you at the Launch party.

Christine

COUNTY DIARY

SEPTEMBER

- 4/6 Centenary Launch Party, Heyswood
- 14th County Exec, Cheam, 7.30 pm
- 16th Centenary Finale planning meeting
- 24th Centenary Capers meeting, Heyswood, 7.30 pm
- 30th Glow10 deposits deadline

OCTOBER

- 3rd Gaining training, Cheshunt, 8.30am-5 pm
- 10/11 Brownie Holiday Licence Training, Heyswood

We are "GO"ing soon

At long last the GO! database has been updated and the problem issues have been resolved. This means that it will soon be ready for us to move forward with entering our data. There is a change to the way we start - the County will be testing the system on 4th August and subject to all checks and verifications being successful we will be LIVE! You will be sent your passwords with clear instructions on amending your own details and you will then be able to enter the data for your unit. Therefore if your email address has changed since January please email gosupport@girlguiding.org.uk with your membership number and role.

Would Commissioners and Co-ordinators please hold any leadership applications/changes until after 4th August and you will then be advised how to proceed.

In the meantime, you may all like to have another look at the training site and familiarise yourselves with the changes that may have been made. We will be happy to try and answer any of your queries and are ready to arrange some training dates and/or sessions for entering your data if these are required.

GLW "GO" Team
go@girlguiding-glw.org.uk



Congratulations to:
Elizabeth Lau
Emily Giles
On completion of their Silver D of E.

TRADING & BADGES

Special Offer
 6905 Brownie annual 2009 £1.00

New Items
 7099 star hair brush, blue £1.80
 7106 star hair brush, pink £1.80
 7098 plastic mug, blue £1.80
 7105 plastic mug, pink £1.80
 7898 Centenary Adult hoodie notebook £3.00
 7789 Centenary SS Scrapbooking kit £5.00

Clearance
 Trading have an Idaho Tent Code 8092 which has had a slight repair to inner roof. Reduced to £115—contact Trading direct.

Out of Stock
 Centenary polo shirts—deliveries expected towards end July/early August and will be in excess of 50,000 across the sizes.
 7654 Brownie sleepover badge
 7653 Brownie holiday badge (Not interest badges, but full patches) Order for these will be processed w/c 13th July. New designs available from September.

Please note that from 1st September the cost of postage for Trading goods will rise to £2.50 for goods under £15.00. If your order does not add up to £15.00 see if anyone in your District/Division wants to order at the same time. This is due to the general rise of postage.

Also please pay Badge and Trading Account cheques separately and not "lump" the two accounts together. If leaders could also write the number of the invoice (white slip) they are paying on the back of the cheque it would be very helpful. I now have over 200 accounts and sorting through trying to match payments to invoices is very time-consuming. Our orders are almost a third up on this time last year, so thank you all for using Trading and Badges ...and keep shopping!

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

A message from our Region Chief Commissioner...

Girlguiding UK Uniform

With the Centenary approaching I feel it is important that we all look smart and wear the current uniform as shown on pages 27 and 28 of the 2008/9 Guiding Essentials catalogue when the appropriate occasion arises.

The current items are: Zip top, Rugby shirt, Polo shirts- 2 colour ways with Light blue collar, Sweatshirt (half zip top), Gilet, Waterproof jacket, Adult hoodie, Long sleeve blouse, Short sleeve blouse and Tunic style blouse. As indicated in the catalogue, items from previous Adult Leader ranges will not be accepted as official uniform from September 2009.

The above items should be worn with navy blue trousers, cargo pants, track suit bottoms or a suit which can be purchased locally.

This is a legitimate expense and if members are finding updating their uniform financially difficult maybe assistance at another level could be given, please speak to your Commissioner who will be happy to give advice.

Any out of date uniform is fine for use at camp, but should not be worn when representing Girlguiding.

Thank you

Anne Hudson
 Chief Commissioner

Liz Burnley

We have been regretfully advised that the Chief Guide's husband, Roger Burnley, died in hospital on 17th July having suffered with Motor Neurone Disease. He was a quiet and unstinting supporter of our Chief Guide in her busy voluntary role.

In an effort to respect the privacy of Liz's family life as well as providing support from guiding at this sad and difficult time we have also been advised that a book will be opened until the end of August to gather, letters and emails at CHQ for anyone who wishes to send their condolences. Please send them marked for the attention of Barbara Mathieson, PA to the Chief Guide. Donations for a collection for the MND Association are also welcome.

P.R.

Thanks to all those who have sent information for the attached "What's On" section, a good start. Please send any news be it from Divisions, Districts or individual units, to the email address below in any format, or by post, by 15th of each month.

Steve Wicks
 Public Relations Adviser
 GLWPRA@wicks7.me.uk

International News

Thanks to everyone who supported my car washing for my Zambia trip at the County Review, in total I raised £95.

Congratulations to the following members who have been chosen to go on a Region trip to South Africa in 2010:

Assistant leaders

Carrie Bowers & Emily Butt
 Team members, 18-25 yrs

Laura Brett - Guider, 1st
 Worcester Park & Old Malden Guides

Team members, 14-18 yrs

Charlotte Taylor - 1st Worcester Park & Old Malden Guides

Jade Gutteridge - YL All Saints 2nd Twickenham Rainbows

Merial Morgan - 6th Kingston Guides

Michelle Lynch - YL 1st Sutton Brownies

Simone Lancefield - 1st Worcester Park & Old Malden Guides

GAINING Training 3rd October, Cheshunt, for anyone 18-65 wishing to take girls abroad. See details on web site.

JUBJAM 100 Jubilee camp in Netherlands in 2010. Flyer on the web site.

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Sarah Penneck
 International Adviser



Congratulations to:
Rachel Keohane and Rachel Hopkins
 of 3rd Whitton Guides
 who have completed the Baden Powell Challenge.

100 GLW Centenary Celebrations

DISPLAY BANNERS TO HIRE

A selection of GGUK display banners are available to hire from trading which might be of use during the Centenary year for your divisional or district events. The cost of hiring them is free, but there is a small charge for delivery and collection to the destination of your choice. If you would like more information, please contact me: Sarah Pink, centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Centenary Camp - Harewood House 31 July - 7 August 2010

In response to demand from Guides and Leaders the Centenary Camp team are pleased to announce that during August a change in the booking system will be put in place to allow more flexible bookings and group sizes. Further details will be released on the Centenary Camp website (www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary/camp) during July and August with the revised system due to be launched in September. Everyone who has already booked will be contacted directly over the coming weeks and will have the opportunity to book more places.

Also in response to our members needs, there will now be a new group invited to the Centenary Camp - Guides and Senior Section girls who are aged 14-16 at the time of the event who are not, or who do not wish to be, part of the usual Camp Group. Further details will follow in due course.

Centenary Polo Shirts will be back in stock....

.....at the start of August - there were some problems with an isolated batch of polo shirts and GGUK have taken the opportunity to make improvements to the polo shirt by changing the logo on the front of the polo to a woven badge style instead of printed. There will be plenty of stock of both child and adult sizes available from August - just in time for Centenary launch parties!

CHANGE THE WORLD ACHIEVEMENTS IN GLW

This is the final term to complete the Change the World projects. 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. Sarah Pink, centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Volunteers needed to help with the Centenary Finale! 20-10-2010

If you are interested in helping to plan and organise the GLW Centenary Finale at Wimbledon Common please contact Michelle Forde at centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk. There will be a planning meeting for the Finale on 16th September.

GLOW 10 - GLW Centenary Camp Walton Firs 24th—31st July 2010



Now is your chance to book places for your Guides or Senior Section. Flyer and application forms attached. Applications and deposits should be sent to Janet Hill by 30th September 2009.

County Awards

Joan Pearson was recently surprised with a well deserved County Award at our County Review. Joan has been a District and Division Commissioner and is currently a District Commissioner again as well as running a Brownie Pack. She has also been County Arts Adviser and is Treasurer to the County Programme and Training Committee. She has done a lot of work preparing and organising behind the scenes for many trainings including County Days. She also runs trainings particularly on Accounts and Gift Aid and quietly supports plans for many other events. If you want something done.....!!

Rosey Hickson was a worthy recipient of a County Award presented at our County Review. Rosey is our County contact for the 'Join us' scheme and efficiently passes on details of girls and adults in our area who wish to join Guiding. As the system has evolved more of these contacts have been by email which Rosey has said makes her job much easier - so much so that she even continued the role while on a long trip to Australia to visit her son!! She has also been a Division Commissioner and is still very actively involved in several units in Wimbledon and supporting 'The Lair' tea garden. She is also a key member in recruiting leaders from the Freshers' Fairs at Roehampton Uni and spends time nurturing the students to get them involved in Guiding in Wimbledon while they are here for their studies.

10 Guides from the 3rd Sutton (St Barnabas) attended a Changing The World activity morning at ICANDO, Guide HQ recently. They were to meet famous children's author Jacqueline Wilson for a special book signing and story telling morning. An initial talk from Book Aid telling about the work they do in Africa and how the money raised through Changing the World project would be put to very good use was followed by Jacqueline Wilson who talked about her life and how she had become an author.



'I have never seen the Guides so quiet before' said Zoe Crimmings - Guide leader



Our Project YOU representatives outside the gates of Buckingham Palace.

They were lucky with the weather! I was delighted to be invited to the first Garden Party at Buckingham Palace this year—the one which was washed out! Everyone got very wet!

Janet Hill

P.S. We did NOT pinch any teaspoons.

To a rousing chorus of Thunder, Thunder Thunderation, We are the Girl Guide Association"; the 9th New Malden Guide Unit led the Guides and Brownies at the New Malden Parade on Sat 4th July. The Guides had great fun in the parade wearing balloons and funky outfits and were proud to carry the new banner of the New Malden Division commissioned to celebrate 100 Years of Guiding.



Sue Richardson Trophy

A splendid trophy has been produced in memory of Sue Richardson who was a Guider in Worcester Park and Old Malden and was also very involved in Water Activities as Boating Adviser. The trophy features a sketch produced by Sue during one of her many visits to Paxmead and shows a sailing dinghy on the Thames. The trophy was presented for the first time at the Paxmead Water Fun Day to the team from 2nd & 4th Sunbury Guides who produced the best 'cardboard canoe'. The competition was judged on decoration before the ultimate test which involved the cardboard canoe being launched and paddled by a brave volunteer to see how well it would float! Sue would have fully approved of the fun and excitement of being on the water at this event.



All items for the September Newsletter should be with me by 22nd August please. Janet Hill, 4 Northwood Road, Carshalton, SM5 3JA
jm.hill@blueyonder.co.uk

8 Brownies from 4th Sutton Our Lady of the Rosary went to ICANDO and now CAN DO circus performer skills. They each have a badge to show they passed. The day included a fun session learning to juggle and building juggling balls from balloons and rice to practise with.
Mary Wright - Brownie Leader



QUILTS FOR HEYSWOOD DAYS

10-30 am to 4-30 pm

Everyone welcome, please invite parents, friends and neighbours.



We need all kinds of help:- cutting out, ironing, machining and tacking. Please bring any of the following:- scissors, iron, ironing board, sewing machine, extension cable, needles, thread or pins. I think we have enough fabric for the squares but we need backing such as outdated duvets or sheeting in good condition.

It will be an enjoyable day helping to make new quilts for the additional beds in the Activity Centre and B.P. Lodge. They are cheerful, simple, washable quilts and no experience is needed. We also need 20 plate bags for the Ukrainian girls coming next July to join our GLOW Camp. They are like shoe bags, we have the fabric, plates and cutlery but perhaps we could add a serviette?

Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits will be provided. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch or order a delicious cooked lunch for £7, payable on the day. Please let me know at least one week in advance.

Miss Marion E. Perry,
(details in County Register)



Name:-

Phone:-

Address:-

I am able to come on September 24th Yes/No

I am able to come on October 15th Yes/No

I would like to order lunch Yes/No

Any special dietary requirements? Yes/No
(If 'YES' please describe)