



## Letter from our County Commissioner

Dear Greater London West,

What a start to the new term – our County Launch Party with about 1750 members at our Heyswood campsite – it was amazing and we were lucky with the weather being so kind to us. The whole operation was planned with precision and you could feel the excitement mounting from the time the Guides started to arrive and set up camps on the Friday evening. When the coaches arrived on Saturday morning the atmosphere was electric, filled with anticipation over 1000 Rainbows and Brownies streamed off of the coaches eager to join their sub camps and start the activities. Radio Jackie kept us all entertained and we were live on air when we all gathered together in the huge marquee – the cheer we all raised must have caught the attention of all their listeners! With the official launch and cake cutting complete we emerged to find the tables for the street party style lunch were loaded with all sorts of party food – finished off with jelly and ice cream for 1750 – of course!! More activities after lunch before it was time for the day visitors to return to their coaches – EVERYONE wearing a huge smile from the youngest Rainbow to the Trefoil Guild. As one Brownie said ‘.....it was bit like a party because we had a cake and now we’re getting party bags’ – some party! Those staying over were treated to a disco, quiz night, film show and finally a spectacular firework display including a ‘100’ lit in three colours which sparkled and glowed. Words cannot capture the event – the photos will help jog memories for many years to come but I am sure that everyone who was there will always remember the launch of our centenary celebrations.

There are many more celebrations and events so maybe you feel inspired to be involved in a planning team for a future event – contact Sarah Pink our centenary champion to volunteer.

I was very pleased to join Kay Hogben for her celebrations and to present her Queen’s Guide Award – congratulations on the highest award achievable as a young member. Ed Davey MP also joined us and presented Kay with a Jack Petchey Award and was very impressed to hear about Guiding and our centenary plans.

Finally Go! is progressing and I hope all Guiders are taking the opportunity to try out the website and enter their girl data – there will be further trainings or you can contact our support team – just ask!

Best wishes,

*Christine*

## COUNTY DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

30th Glow10 deposits deadline

### OCTOBER

1st GO! Training for Commissioners, Carshalton 7.30 p.m.

3rd Gaining training, Cheshunt, 8.30am–5 pm

10th GO! Training refresher, Wallace Fields, 10.30–1.00 p.m.

10/11 Brownie Holiday Licence Training, Heyswood

21st GO! Training refresher, Wallace Fields School, 7.30–9.30 p.m.

*Note: change of date*

26/31 GANG SHOW, Secombe Theatre, Sutton

### NOVEMBER

4th County Exec, Heyswood, 7.45 p.m.

12th Adult Leadership Qualification Trainings, Carshalton 7.30 pm

14th Centenary Capers deposit deadline

### JANUARY 2010

23rd 1st Response Renewals, Chessington,

28th International Trips Information Evening

## GLW Centenary Launch Party

1750 girls and Leaders attended on Saturday 5th September. Guides and Young Leader stayed overnight, Brownies and Rainbows arrived on 20 coaches for the day. The weather was great. We all had a great time and, by special request, here are a few colour pictures of the event (if you are printing, and would like to save ink, please set your printer to black only). If you would like a DVD with lots of photos as a souvenir of the day, or to see the fun, please send £5 with your name and address to Steve Wicks.



## TRADING & BADGES

I will be away on the following dates:

- October 23rd to 26th (Capital Jig)
- October 29th to November 12th.

As usual my daughter Merilea will be coming home to do Badge orders (only) at least once during that time. Please mark envelopes "badge order".

### Discontinued

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### Big Gig

Items will be available to order from 14th September. Last dispatch for good for Big Gig is 7th October.

### New Items Just Arrived

New Guide T shirts are in stock.

Please note that from 1st September the cost of postage for Trading goods rose to £2.50 for goods under £15. If your order does not add up to £15 see if anyone in your District/Division wants to order at the same time. This is due to the general rise of postage.

*Madelaine Reid*

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## County Treasurer

Welcome to Gwen Price who has agreed to become our County Treasurer taking over from Anne Asquith who held the appointment very efficiently for several years, and our grateful thanks to Anne.

See County Register for details. If you have not received an updated copy please contact Janet Hill.

## Congratulations...

to Kay Hogben, Guide Leader of 2nd Chessington receiving her Queen's Guide badge recently from Christine.



## Jack Petchey Foundation



### Achievement Award Scheme

Congratulations to the following girls, our Award winners in September.

Daisy Hall	Hayley Stevenson	Cesca Nottidge
Megan Thomas	Olivia Njae	Tessa Smith
Jessica Elliott	Rebecca Kuhrt	Alice De Brunner
Phoebe Silverstein	Laura Cook	Joannah Feltham
Holly Spilsbury	Beth Verge	

Now is the time to nominate your Leaders for an award. If you have not already received a nomination form and wish to nominate someone please let me know.

You will see from the calendar, we have already booked the Kings Centre on 22nd April 2010 for another spectacular event to celebrate the success of our award winners.

*Janet Hill*

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## GO! Updates and Trainings

We are hoping that GLW will have completed unit records by 31st October. Please keep your Commissioner informed when your unit is online.

Three dates have been booked so far for those who would like an update/refresher on the system.

**District and Division Commissioners**  
7.30 pm Thursday 1st October at The Good Shepherd Church, Queen Mary's Avenue, Carshalton SM5 4NP

**Leaders, Key Users, Commissioners**  
drop in between 10.30 and 1 pm on Saturday 10th October, or between 7.30 and 9.30 pm on Wednesday 21st October at Wallace Fields Junior School, Dorling Drive, Ewell, Epsom, KT17 3BH

## Centenary Beetle!

Guiders in East Sutton District met socially during the summer holidays. It was a chance for a catch up and afternoon tea with Pimms, strawberries and cream and finger sandwiches. They also played biscuit beetle drive which was adapted to make up the Centenary logo – if you want a copy of the rules, see our website – as an idea for a future activity to be used with their units. Pauline Wilson, West Sutton District Commissioner (pictured) was the winner!



## Lost Property!

*This is your last chance to claim items left at the GLW Centenary Launch Party before they are donated to charity. If you think we have something that belongs to your or your girls, please contact Christine Wicks.*

## Brownie Leaders

Bring your girls for the GLW Centenary event **CENTENARY CAPERS!**

This event will now take place over one night starting 10 a.m. and finishing 5 p.m. the following day. Brownies will sleep on the floors in the buildings. Leaders do not need to hold a Brownie Residential Licence as there will be several others on site with the relevant qualifications.

There will be many exciting activities taking place in marquees and meals will also be served in the marquees. Places will be limited so book early to avoid disappointment. More details on attached booking form which should be returned with deposits to Joan Pearson by 14th November.

## Leaders Gala Celebration Evening



*A date for your Diary.*

**Saturday 20th November 2010**

**An event not to be missed! After all the Centenary fun. Come and enjoy a meal and entertainments. More news to come but make a note in your diary.**

# 100 Greater London West Centenary Celebrations

**Fusion** - The spectacular way to celebrate the Centenary will take place on Wednesday 4 August 2010. It is a unique opportunity for 30,000 Girlguiding UK members from all sections to take part in the biggest event ever organised by Girlguiding UK, and enjoy a festival celebrating the best in performing arts in the beautiful outdoor surroundings of Harewood House, North Yorkshire (venue of the Centenary Camp).



**Fusion** will feature over a thousand of the best outdoor performers from across Europe, with everything from music and dance to circus acts, buskers and theatre performers, and you can perform too! The festival fun will start from the moment you arrive, with lots to discover all around the site. There will be selected performances linked to 100 years of Guiding and the National Guide and Scout Symphony Orchestra. Plus - there will be some top secret surprises during the day that everyone will be able to participate in. Harewood House will be closed to the public on the day offering a secure space for girls to explore in small groups and enjoy the entertainment and activities on offer.

**Fusion** is open to Rainbows, Brownies and Guides with their Leaders and Senior Section members with or without their Leaders and tickets cost £25.

If you are interested in attending, please let me know numbers by 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. If there is enough interest, I will enquire about booking a coach for GLW. A £10 non returnable deposit will be required by GGUK when the booking is made.

## Exhibitions

The Centenary year is a great opportunity for publicity. Exhibitions can be held in any public space such as a museum, library or local borough fair. The Centenary website has some good resources within the *Heritage Projects* section to provide ideas on what you need to consider and poster templates.

District and Division commissioners have been issued with a set of six A1 posters that you can use.

For any help please contact Sarah Pink - [centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

**One World One Beat—LaSER** event is now fully booked!

## Centenary Camp - Harewood House, North Yorkshire - July 2010

Ratios have been relaxed so **LEADERS ARE FREE TO BRING WHATEVER SIZE OF CAMP GROUP THEY WISH**. Booking deadlines have been extended to October 31 2009, with initial payments one month later - plenty of time to get deposits together. Grants and other fund-raising ideas are suggested as ways of meeting cost - Awards For All have funded one District to the tune of £10,000 allowing members to participate in Centenary events. There are lots of other GRANT MAKING BODIES, both national and local, which give money to youth groups. Costs are £400 for UK Guides and £300 for UK leaders.

You **DO NOT HAVE TO BE A GUIDE SECTION LEADER** to bring a group of girls. Other section Leaders, Advisers, Commissioners etc can bring the girls, as long as they are known to the group. They do NOT need a camp licence or other residential qualifications.

The camp will be fully catered - **NO WASHING UP OR COOKING** - and dining in style in purpose-built restaurants.

Activities - the **EIGHT DIFFERENT ZONES** will include lots of challenging, exciting and creative opportunities. Activities booked so far include Spider Mountain, abseiling, scuba diving, camp gym and spa, bungee trampolines, crate stacking, Everest slide, aerial runway, quad bikes, ice skating, go karts. There will be loads more information available in the autumn and activities will be booked online before the girls come to camp.

There will be an **ADULT ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME** and lots of evening activities, involving internationals and sub camps.

There will be **A SPECIAL SUB CAMP FOR 14 to 16 YEAR-OLDS**, the older Guides and younger members of the Senior Section who are not or who do not wish to be part of a Camp Group. This will allow girls to attend the camp without their leader and enjoy an age-appropriate range of activities.

Included in the price is **GUARANTEED ENTRY TO FUSION** - simply walk over to the fields to another part of the Harewood estate and join in with a fabulous day of open air performing arts.

## ADVENTURES - UPDATE

### Rainbows go Wild!

Rainbows will be going wild next spring in zoos across the UK. Bookings open from October so find out more details of events near you visit the Centenary Website or create your own Rainbows Go Wild event near to you?

### The Big Brownie Take Over

A number of opportunities for Brownies open in October and November including Brownies Take over Brecon Beacons. Enjoy a water sports and adventure weekend on the shores of Lake Llangorse.

### Guides Get Away to Brownsea Island - a Watersports Adventure!

The price for the Watersports Adventure taking place in Poole and on Brownsea Island has been reduced to £250, excluding travel to Poole. This exciting opportunity offers Guides the chance to come as individuals or small groups without leaders to experience the challenge of sailing in Poole Harbour and camping at the newly refurbished campsite on Brownsea Island with modern facilities.

Visit the Centenary website for information on all these opportunities:

<http://www.girlguiding100years.org.uk/>

*All items for the November Newsletter should be with me by 22nd October please.*

Janet Hill,

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## Launch Party Guiding Quiz

Congratulations to Amy of 4th Cheam Park Farm Rainbows who was drawn from the 8 girls who got 11 answers right and to Christine Nardiello, Leader of 3rd Carshalton Guides (the only completed form!).

If you missed the opportunity on the day, test your knowledge now. Answers next month!

### CENTENARY RAINBOW and BROWNIE QUIZ

1. When did Guiding first start?
2. What is the name of our County Camp Site?
3. What was Lady Baden Powell's first name?
4. What birthday did Rainbows celebrate in 2008?
5. Who started the first Brownies in the UK?
6. What were Rosebuds?
7. In what year did Brownies start?
8. Where did the name 'Brownies' come from?
9. How old does a girl have to be to start Rainbows?
10. How old does a girl have to be to start Brownies?
11. What date is Thinking Day?
12. Who is pictured?



### CENTENARY GUIDE, SENIOR SECTION & LEADERS QUIZ

1. Who was Agnes Baden Powell?
2. Where was the Scout Rally held where girls tried to join in?
3. What year was the rally held?
4. Who became the first World Chief Guide?
5. What would the first Guides have to carry or wear?
6. Where was part of 'Scouting for Boys' written (locally)?
7. Why do we salute with 3 fingers?
8. In the beginning there were 10 Guide Laws - how many in 2009?
9. Name the 4 Guide Houses throughout the World?
10. What does WAGGS stand for?
11. Who is the President of the Guide Association now?
12. Who is the Chief Guide now?
13. What date is Thinking Day?
14. Why was this date chosen?
15. What do members of Guiding and Scouting have in common throughout the World?

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## First Aid Renewals



There will be a Renewals Day on 23rd January 2010 with three session times to choose from: 10-12; 12-2; 2-4. Cost £5 reclaimable from unit funds. Application form with this newsletter.

Ann Fairhall

## International Trips

We are holding an international trips information evening on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 for all Guides aged 13 upwards and leaders. More details in next newsletter.

Sarah Penneck

## International Guiding query

"I am writing from Gainesville, FL, USA. Our Senior Girl Scout troop has been saving and will be visiting England next year. I wanted to contact council in England to see if there are any members that would consider hosting."

Anybody interested should contact Hilary Foxwell at Region Office: HilaryF@girlguidinglaser.org.uk

## GLW at Buckingham Palace

Sixteen Senior Section members had the opportunity to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to launch Project YOU with Prince Charles. The girls had a very long day ahead when they met at 9am at Wimbledon Station and did not get home until gone 8. There was a lot of hanging around through out the day, but all the girls were a credit to themselves and Guiding. Throughout the day they had the opportunity to look at other youth organisations, and try their activities, have afternoon tea in the tea tent - with cucumber sandwiches and the opportunity to meet Prince Charles and Camilla, with one lucky Senior Section being able to pin a 'I met the Guides at Buckingham Palace' badge on his suit.

The day was a fantastic opportunity to see so many young people in their organisations having fun.



Obviously the Guides stood out the most in their new centenary shirts, generating a lot of interest.

Victoria Ling

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

Don't forget. Register your interest by 30th September!

## STOP PRESS—Camp & Holiday Forms

You will be hearing through your Commissioners that with immediate effect ALL A/a, A/s forms for Heyswood should be sent to myself or Kate Bloor for checking and confirming the event may take place.

In addition it has been drawn to our attention that the wording on the GGUK website for the permitted use of an A/s form is ambiguous and badly worded. Please note that an A/s form should only be used for a sleepover or residential event lasting for one night for all sections with the exception of Rainbows. A Rainbow overnight must be supported by an A/a form. For a Camp or Holiday of 2 nights or more an A/a form should be used.

CHQ have been contacted and clarification sought in conjunction with the Guiding Manual and we hope the website will be updated in the coming weeks.

Melissa Roots & Kate Bloor