



Girlguiding

Greater London West

girls in the lead



# NEWSLETTER

November 2009



www.girlguiding-glw.org.uk

## Letter from our County Commissioner

Dear Greater London West,

Go! - our new Guiding database has seen a lot of activity over the past few weeks as Guiders set to the task of entering their girl data - we are aiming to get most data correctly entered by the end of this month - and a small prize has been offered for the first Division to complete this and report to Janet! We have held several training and support sessions to enable this to be done but our support team can also be contacted direct and we have a couple more dates for sessions if they are needed. Appointment cards are currently being sent out with an end date of 2010 because after the census next year membership cards will be issued annually and the census for 2010 will not involve the usual forms to be completed but will be in the form of an 'invoice' based on data supplied on Go! This is why it is important that information on Go! is kept up to date. Units with no girls listed will be assumed to have been closed and no insurance cover will be provided.

I was pleased to be invited to speak to Surbiton Trefoil Guild and a few of their friends from other Guilds and especially to present three 50 year long service awards to Mary Ansell, Mary Burrows and Jean Wilkinson. The list of appointments which they have held and continue to hold is quite amazing with all of them having been Commissioners and Guiders - to think they have been involved in Guiding for half of the time it has been in existence!

Plans and preparations for continuing to celebrate our Centenary are keeping groups busy but more support is welcome - if you are not sure what to offer to help with contact our Centenary Champion Sarah Pink. The carol singing events mainly on 10<sup>th</sup> December are fast approaching and will provide a good opportunity to publicise that the 'Girl Guides are still going!'

I visited the LaSERIO weekend to hear the report presentations from the groups who attended last year's trips. I also saw those selected to be going to South Africa next year where we will be well represented with five girls aged 14 -18 and three in the 18 - 26 years as well as two leaders. I am also pleased that several groups are taking part in Capital Jig enabling more girls to have an international experience.

The Big Gig was a huge LOUD success and we have received some great pictures and reports from those lucky enough to secure tickets - I was involved selling merchandise but could hear quite well enough from outside the arena!

I am now looking forward to the Gang Show during half term where I am sure many of our girls will excel themselves again - Hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

*Christine*

## COUNTY DIARY

### NOVEMBER

- 3rd GO! Training support, Wallace Fields Junior School, 7.30 p.m.
- 4th County Exec, Heyswood, 7.45 p.m.
- 9th GO! Training support, Wallace Fields Junior School, 7.30 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

## HEYSWOOD BOOKINGS

Please remember this wonderful facility when planning time away with your Brownies, Guides and Senior Section.

Also evening meetings can be booked in the Activity Centre or BP Lodge.

BE QUICK OR YOU WILL MISS OUT. THE DIARY IS FILLING UP VERY FAST.

Contact:

heyswood@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Sue Wall

Heyswood Booking Secretary

## FOR SALE

Items of merchandise from the Centenary Launch Party are still available as follows:

Cotton Shopping Bags	£2.00
Water Bottles, blue or yellow	£2.50
Pens	£0.70
Lanyards	£1.50
Wrist bands	£1.00

## PRA Scrapbook

If you see something in the papers about Girlguiding in GLW please keep a copy for my scrapbook.



Steve Wicks

## Puntenary

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Berrylands & Cheam Village are sharing a Coach and have spaces available!

If you would like to share the coach with us please email:

Contact@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

## TRADING & BADGES

I will be away October 29th - November 12th. My daughter Merilea will be coming home to do Badge orders (only) at least once during that time. Please mark envelopes "badge order".

I would like to thank all leaders who have been supplying me with padded envelopes and bubble wrap. I still need the padded envelopes BUT I am swamped with bubble wrap, enough to cosy wrap my house for the winter. Please hold on to it for the time being until I can find more cupboard space. Thank you all very much, it saves County a lot of money. Please keep the padded envelopes coming.

### Stock Updates

- **2104 & 2110** flag pole and case out of stock as company went into administration. Trading are trying to source alternatives but much more expensive. I will keep you informed.
- Flower print T-shirt is still very popular and next delivery due w/c 26th October. Back orders will be processed straightaway.
- Senior Section polo shirts **5152 & 5155** are out of stock. No delivery date yet.

### Special Offer

Old style T-shirt **4345/4352** p.19 in 2008/9 catalogue now £5 while stocks last.

Vinyl suit cover **5920** reduced to £1.

### Flags/Thinking Day

If units require a flag for Thinking Day please order by end October.

### Special Prices for NOVEMBER ONLY

<b>2315</b> SS trinket box, now	£1
<b>2314</b> SS CD case, now	50p
<b>7516</b> All section writing set, now	£2
<b>2300</b> SS mobile phone cover, now	50p
<b>7264</b> Bottle bags, now	£2
<b>7763</b> Karabiner key ring, pink, now	£1

### Christmas

Last date for orders for Christmas delivery is 12 noon Monday 14th December. Trading will be closed from 12 noon Wednesday 23rd December until 9 am Monday 4th January 2010. I will process any orders received during the holiday period for delivery after 4th January.

Madelaine Reid  
✉ [trading@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:trading@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

## Jack Petchey Foundation



### Achievement Award Scheme

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

Alexandra Amaadzie	Ellie Langridge	Sarah Merrick
Mary Scibica	Emma Reynolds	Megan Joyce
Jasmine Lim	Ella Cullingham	Kerrie Coulby
Isobel Root	Francesca Battersby	Charlotte Porter-Hope
Molly Ellis	Rebecca Peters	

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. Leader nominations should be with me by 20th November at the latest.

Janet Hill

✉ [Jpawards@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:Jpawards@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

## Ukraine 2010

GLW supports Girlguiding Ukraine and we are raising money to bring a group of girls to join us at GLOW10. If anyone has any more good fundraising ideas please send them to me. Among the ideas we already have are

- Senior Section and Guiders Quiz,
  - Pink and fluffy party for Guides,
  - Beetle drives for Guides and
  - Silly sports and Ukraine themed parties for Brownies and Rainbows.
- These events will be circulating around the County, so please support us! If any unit would like to run their own fundraiser, please, please do and email me so we can share ideas.

Kelly Jackson  
(Asst Guider, Kingston & Malden  
Senior Section)  
[Glow10@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:Glow10@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

## World Sight Day with 1st Cheam Park Farm Guides

We celebrated World Sight Day by 'Wearing Bright for Sight' and collected £20 for Sightsavers.



We wrote messages to each other in braille and played games wearing blindfolds so that we could understand more about the problems that blind people face. We also learnt about the work of Sightsavers combating blindness in the developing world.

Alison Thomas—Guide Leader



## GO Trainings

Two more dates have been booked for anyone wishing to have a little help getting started or with any queries.

Wallace Fields Junior School, Dorling Drive, Ewell, KT17 3BH  
Tuesday 3rd November 7.30 p.m.  
Monday 9th November 7.30 p.m.

Please let us know if you are intending to come—if everyone has completed their entries or are well on the way, we will cancel the venue.

Thank you for all your efforts to get GLW on line in time. We will keep you informed of updates and additions to the site as they happen. Please remember now to keep the information up to date and to advise your Commissioner if any Leader or Young Leader details need to be amended.

Janet Hill

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## Changing the World with 1st Cheam Park Farm Guides

They raised £363 for St Raphael's Hospice in North Cheam by selling toys, holding a dance party and running a tombola and in the process also learned about the work of the Hospice. They also decorated and planted pots for some of the patients and are planning to continue their support.



# 100 Greater London West Centenary Celebrations

**2010 Promise badges should only be worn AFTER the Promise renewal at 20:10 20/10 2010**



If you are interested in attending for the day on Wednesday 4 August 2010, 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 members. A £10 non returnable deposit will be required by GGUK when the booking is made.

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

If there is enough interest, we might consider staying in a B & B overnight to break up the journey.

✉centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

## Centenary Maze – Crystal Palace Park

The Centenary Maze at Crystal Palace Park was officially opened by members during the Launch Party in early September. Images of the maze will be available soon on the Centenary website but a new downloadable Maze leaflet is available from [www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary/maze](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary/maze).

The new Maze is true to the layout of the original. With the active involvement of the London Borough of Bromley there has been an astounding transformation of the planting in the maze area where the hornbeam bushes have been lowered and renewed and other native British tree species introduced to give more body. The arc of Lombardy poplars which formed a grand entrance to the maze has been restored to its former splendour, with 24 new trees planted, and grassy areas re-seeded.

New artworks have been introduced into the maze, transforming it into a fun experience for all ages: an educational 'treasure hunt' to be enjoyed by young and old. Ten granite monoliths have been placed within the maze to be discovered, each one bearing an emblem drawn from the world of nature and also of significance to the Guiding movement, from snowdrops and daffodils to polar bears and dolphins. At the centre of the maze, a map depicting its layout is set on the ground within a paved circle and raised roundels reveal the positions of the ten monoliths.

Travel to the maze is easy with good public transport links from central London to Crystal Palace station which is adjacent to the park. Full details of the travel connections are available on the Maze leaflet and for London Transport information you can visit [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk).

## Centenary Camp 2010

Bookings close for Centenary Camp participant places on October 31, 2009. Initial payments to be made one month later - so plenty of time to get deposits together. Grants and other fund-raising ideas are suggested as ways of meeting costs.

For more information, visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenarycamp](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenarycamp) or [centenarycamp@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:centenarycamp@girlguiding.org.uk)

## Brownie Sleepover at Harewood House – Aug 2010

Information about the Brownie Sleepover at the Girlguiding UK Centenary Camp is now live on the Centenary Camp website [www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenarycamp](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenarycamp)

## Big Brownie Take Over the Track Events

GGUK would like to know how many Big Brownie Take over the Tracks events are taking place during our Centenary celebrations.

If any Units, Districts or Divisions are holding one please email the following information to:

[centenaryadventures@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:centenaryadventures@girlguiding.org.uk)

Guiding County:

Date of event:

Name of Railway:

Possible number of participants:

Organiser's contact details:

## Balloon Releases at events

Environmentally, balloon releases do a lot of damage and can affect farming and marine habitats in an adverse way. If you have already planned to hold a large balloon release GGUK advise you ensure that the balloons are bio-degradable and ask that you do not attach string, ribbon or tags to the balloons. They strongly recommend that this type of spectacle is avoided if at all possible in your future plans.

## Thinking Day 2010—Westminster Abbey

This Centenary event will be held at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 27 February 2010 at 11.00am and will be a 'celebration' of the foresight and enthusiasm of leaders who, for 100 years, have ensured that guiding has moved with the times and the values that have been shared with each successive generation of girls and young women.

An application form, which must be returned before 1st December, can be downloaded from the members' area of [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

## Quotes and pictures from the Big Gig



"We went to the evening performance and it was amazing!"

"Our friend who went said it was the best concert she had ever been to and she's been to a lot"



"We all had a brilliant time"

"Our favourite acts were JLS, The Saturdays, Pixie Lott!!"



"And we will be up early to see TMI where they filmed us!!"

## Launch Party Guiding

### Quiz

How did you do with the quiz in last month's newsletter? No cheating now, you can mark your own. Answers below.

#### RAINBOW & BROWNIE QUIZ (some of these questions were multiple choice)

1. 1909
2. Heyswood
3. Olave
4. 21<sup>st</sup>
5. Lord Baden Powell
6. The first name for Brownies
7. 1914
8. A book - ('The story of the Brownies')
9. 5
10. 7
11. 22<sup>nd</sup> February
12. The picture is Olivia



#### GUIDE, SENIOR SECTION & LEADERS QUIZ

1. Lord Baden Powell' sister
2. Crystal Palace
3. 1909
4. Lady Baden Powell
5. A staff, a haversack and a large hat
6. The Windmill on Wimbledon Common
7. To remind us of the 3 parts of our Promise
8. 6
9. Sangam, Olave House, Our Chalet and Our Cabana
10. World Association of Girl Guides and Scouts
11. Sophie, Countess of Wessex
12. Liz Burnley
13. 22<sup>nd</sup> February
14. It was the joint birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden Powell
15. The left handshake

## 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 October newsletter or on our website.

Ann Fairhall

✉ [firstaid@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:firstaid@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

## International News

Lots of opportunities this month, for all ages. Full details and flyers will be on our website, or via the contact details, but here is a taster. As always, contact me if you would like any more information on these exciting adventures.

Sarah Penneck

[International@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:International@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

### Togakushi International Camp

*Girl Scouts of Japan invite you to take part in our international camp for 500 girls and leaders in celebration of our 90th anniversary!*

*Come to Togakushi and "together we can change our world"*

To celebrate the 90th Year of Guiding in Japan, there will be a Camp at the beginning of August 2010. The opportunity for International teams to apply has been taken up by an enthusiastic leadership duo in the London Over the Border County. We would now like to ask you to recommend Senior Section Members (between 14-18) to be a member of the team going on this wonderful trip. The complete group will consist of the Leadership Team, 2 adults and 10 Senior Section Members.

The trip will include camping and touring the island for a period of two weeks. Eligible members need to have a love for travel and adventure and be able to cope with long activity packed days. The price for the trip is estimated at £1800-£2000 and there is only until July 2010 to fundraise so members must also be able to use their own initiative and motivation to raise funds independently as this is a cross county trip and it may not be easy to meet up as a team all the time.

There is no Region funding for this trip.

Please contact Sarah Penneck if you are interested.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Jamboree**

#### ***International Service Team – an opportunity for everyone***

World Scout Jamborees takes place every 4 years and in recent years have attracted some 30,000 - 40,000 participants. That means that a World Jamboree outstrips even the Olympic Games having many more countries represented and nearly four times as many participants. A World Scout Jamboree is definitely a once in a lifetime experience!

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree will take place from 27 July - 7 August 2011 in Sweden with around 30,000 Scouts and Guides expected to attend. As with previous Jamboree's, The Scout Association have again invited Girlguiding UK to be part of their contingent.

#### **Who is eligible?**

Any adult member of Girlguiding UK can apply, as long as they will be 18 or over on the first day of the camp. That means you must have been born on or before 24 July 1993.

#### **How do I apply?**

There are 500 places available for UK IST. To apply for one of these you should register online **from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009** at [www.scouts.org.uk/wsj2011](http://www.scouts.org.uk/wsj2011). From this date places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, to attend a series of selection events in January and February 2010. Places will only be offered after these events.

### **EXPERIENCE NEW ZEALAND JULY 2010**

Join us for an extensive trip through the North Island of New Zealand

Open to Girls with their leaders, or leaders can apply separately

Package NZ\$1495 including accommodation, coach travel & entry into attractions

For further details contact [jenniferann@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jenniferann@xtra.co.nz) or post Jenny Garrett, GirlGuiding NZ, P O Box 1138, Napier, New Zealand.

### **FEBRUARY 2011 NEW ZEALAND TRIP**

Celebrate Thinking Day in New Zealand

Open to guiders, ex-guiders, plus friends and partners

For a full Itinerary contact Jenny Garrett, GirlGuiding NZ

EMAIL: [jenniferann@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jenniferann@xtra.co.nz), Ph/Fax 0064 68354493

### **TREFOIL SPRING TOUR 2010**

Join us for 15 days of fun, friendship and sightseeing, touring through the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Open to members plus partners and friends.

Package NZ\$3575.00 starting 10 November 2010

For full Itinerary and information email: Jennifer Mayer E: [pet.jen.reyam@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pet.jen.reyam@xtra.co.nz)

Post: P O Box 805, Taupo, New Zealand Tel: 0064(7) 378 8869

*A couple of items received this month which might be of interest when you are planning your programme!*

### **FoodAid Activity Packs for Brownies**

The international development charity Concern Worldwide is running a campaign called FoodAid that might be of interest to Brownie groups in Greater London West.

FoodAid is our annual educational fundraising initiative in the UK which celebrates Harvest Time and World Food Day (October 16<sup>th</sup>).

*It aims to teach awareness of issues surrounding hunger and malnutrition around the world and to encourage children to take an active part in being a global citizen.*

All funds raised by FoodAid support Concern Worldwide's projects across 28 of the world's poorest countries - helping people find long term solutions to food shortages and extreme hunger.

Groups that register will receive a FREE FoodAid pack by post, complete with posters, stickers and educational materials like hunger factsheets and a bright and informative world hunger map to support learning. To receive a pack, groups can register online at [www.foodaid.org.uk](http://www.foodaid.org.uk) or call free on 0800 032 4000.

*Kevin Shanahan*

✉ [kevin.shanahan@concern.net](mailto:kevin.shanahan@concern.net)  
[www.concern.net](http://www.concern.net)

### **A use for those carrier bags!**

I recycle ordinary plastic carrier bags, the type that we all have stored in the bottom of our cupboards and which are purported as being the scourge on the countryside taking hundreds of years to decompose, into durable fun bags and other items for both adult and young people.

I was therefore wondering whether you might be interested in purchasing one of my bags to demonstrate to members of your Guides how plastic carrier bags can be creatively recycled, they could even try making them some themselves. The bags are great fun, they can be washed, scrunched up even pushed into drawers and will bounce back up again good as new. Obviously I would also supply the instructions for making the tote bag which is the easiest to make for young people. The bags all sell for £4.00 each and I only charge an extra £1.50 to cover the cost of the instructions for making the tote bag and postage and packing. They can even be sold to raise funds. I would be more than happy to email some pictures of my three basic designs.

*Christine Green*

[christine@freelance-write.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:christine@freelance-write.eclipse.co.uk)

## **Queen's Guides**



Congratulations to two more Queen's Guides.

Rebecca Edwards, 3rd. New Malden Brownies and New Malden Rangers, Kingston Division and Katie Wilding, South Wallington Rangers, Wallington Division on gaining this great award. It really is an excellent achievement.

*Marion E. Perry*  
Q G Co-ordinator

### **Heyswood Quilts**

We had an excellent 2 days at Heyswood and made good progress towards the 10 new quilts that are needed. The plate bags and contents are finished, ready for our Ukrainian campers next summer.

Thank you to those who sent fabric or threads, we now have enough to complete the quilts when we arrange a further date in the spring. Watch this space!

*Marion*

### **Guides and Senior Section**

Please remember that girls cannot be members of two different sections.

If they are working on or completing their Baden-Powell Award they should still be a Guide.

Once completed they can move on to become a Ranger and or a Young Leader - two parts of the Senior Section.

*Christine Wicks*

### *Leaders Gala Evening*

*A date for your Diary.*



**Saturday 20th November 2010**

**Worcester Park**

### **First Aid Renewals— Wallington**

Wallington Division have booked a sessions with the Red Cross but the charge will be £12 per person.

**They will be held at the Red Cross Hall, The Drive, Banstead, SM7 1DA on Thursday 26th November 7.30 pm.**

If anyone wishes to come, please book through Janet Hill,

✉ [Wallington@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:Wallington@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)



*Congratulations to:*

**Betsy Drury  
Joannah Feltham  
Lucy Courtney  
of 1st Carshalton**

*who have completed the Baden Powell Challenge.*

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

*Janet Hill,*

✉ [newsletter@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

### **BP Challenge Adventure**

Wallington Division will be running the next event which will take place in January 2010 ...somewhere in London!

Full details will be available shortly and in the next newsletter. If you have any girls interested please contact us.

*Ros Townsend*  
[Wallington@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:Wallington@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)