



Girlguiding

Greater London West

girls in the lead



# NEWSLETTER



January 2010

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## Letter from our County Commissioner

Dear Greater London West,

Thank you for your cards and Christmas wishes. I hope you all had a good and restful Christmas and are ready to continue celebrating our Centenary.

I ended the year by joining Surrey East and West Counties for a Centenary celebration service at Guildford Cathedral and also a rollout training for the new Commissioner's Induction Programme.

Then we had our carol singing event - it seems to have been a great success all round - and at least we managed to fit it in before all the very cold snow and icy weather. We have had several interesting reports which all seem to show that people enjoyed themselves, made the most of the event and, in Kingston's case, thought on their feet and made the best of the situation when they were prevented from singing at the station due to a chemical leak. Several reports were sent to the papers but only minimal column space given to a couple of sentences, although I understand a photo did appear in the Kingston Informer. It sounds as if quite a lot of money was raised for good causes and it could become a regular event too.

Many Brownie units are now looking forward to Funtenary with 4800 Brownies from the Region at Butlins for a weekend - almost 500 from GLW - Bliss!

Our next combined opportunity for some PR will be Thinking Day - I know many units will be attending One World One Beat and others will be holding their own events. As 22<sup>nd</sup> February does not fall during the half term holiday we will be contacting all schools to ask if they will allow members of Girlguiding to wear their uniforms for the day. The plan is to circulate a letter to this effect round each borough through their schools post systems.

Finally the census for 2010 will be completed using information on Go! So it is really important that all leaders involved in each unit are correctly listed and any leaders who are no longer active have had their roles ended or you will be expected to pay for them. We now have 'County Go' which enables Anne Reeves and Janet Hill to make further corrections - contact them for help to get your unit right!

Best wishes,

*Christine*

## COUNTY DIARY

### JANUARY 2010

- 22/23 BP Challenge Weekend, Mogador
- 23rd 1st Response & First Aid Renewals, Chessington 10-12, 12-2, or 2-4.
- 28th International Trips Information Evening
- 30th PH Air & Share Training, Heyswood, 2-5 p.m.
- 31st Glow 10 balance due.

### FEBRUARY

- 8th County Exec, Cheam Guide HQ, 7.45 p.m.

## Elements of Planning a Pack Holiday

Saturday 30th January 2010  
2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

This is an 'Air and Share' training taking place in the Activity Centre, HEYSWOOD.

Places will be limited to 30. Anyone wishing to attend should e-mail me for further details. Deadline is Friday 15th January 2010.

The training will cover

- Menu Planning
- Programme Planning
- Wide Games
- Themes
- Air and Share on Pack Holiday Experiences.

This is open to all Brownie Guiders and has been devised following this year's Residential Training Weekend.

Melissa Roots

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



**Congratulations to the following girls, who have gained the BP Award:**

**Joanne Dancey**  
**Vicky Turner**

1<sup>st</sup> Whitton (St Philip and St James) Guides

## Leaders Gala Evening

Saturday 20th November 2010

For all Leaders and Helpers.



All items for the February Newsletter should be with me by 22nd January please.

Janet Hill  
[Newsletter@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:Newsletter@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

## International Trips

International trips information evening on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan for all Guides aged 13 upwards and Leaders. Venue and time details from me or check the website diary.

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

## TRADING & BADGES

### Swap Shop

Blue or red Trefoil cardigan, medium and ex large, for Guildford Depot 01483 562661

Brownie Pyjamas 9/10 for Mrs Tancock 01635 862980

Brownie duvet and Brownie culottes 24 & 26 for Lois Manning 0113 2936585.

### Update

We are replenishing the stock of Brownie Annuals **6005** so available to order immediately.

### Due early January

Senior Section polo  
Brownie hooded jacket  
Brownie short sleeve T shirts  
Brownie sashes  
Trefoil Guild badge tabs

### Due end January

Guide hooded jacket size 38

### Centenary Polo Shirts

Trading have a small amount of the centenary polos in the style of the adult leader polo. The current stock is fitted with cropped sleeves.

**7883** size 14/16      **7885** Size 22/24

**7884** Size 18/20      **7886** Size 26/28

### January Offers

Recycled fleece jacket	£15.00
Adult trousers	£12.50
Adult shorts	£8.00
Adult short skirt	£5.00
Adult long skirt	£6.00

(Normal discount applies)

### Out of Stock

**7236 & 7249** Indigo items. Supply problems - no stock and no date available.

**7411** Brownie flower earrings—after current stock used, due end of January.

**7859**—Centenary Brownie bear clip—next available early Feb 2010.

**7487** Rev 'N' go Torch— end January.

**Leaders—may I please ask you to pay ALL outstanding accounts as soon as possible to enable me to complete the accounts for the end of 2009.**

*Thank you for your support in 2009 and best wishes for 2010.*

Madelaine Reid

✉ trading@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

## Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Award Scheme



### Presentation evening 22nd April 2010 6.45 for 7.30 p.m. Kings' Centre, Chessington

Girls who have received an award since the last presentation will shortly be sent an invitation. We would ask leaders to ensure they reply as soon as possible as they are expected to attend this presentation. All leaders and supporters are also invited, but we will need to know names in advance so please do send in names of those who wish to attend and address details of any other supporters who should receive an official invitation.

This was a truly spectacular event last year with great entertainment from our girls and leaders and to make it as good, or even better, we are looking for **your stars** to entertain us. Please let us know if you want to take part, or anyone you wish to nominate for us to contact.

Janet Hill

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### *We are now "County GO!" Live*



This means we are in control of very nearly all the leader records for GLW. Any queries you have with regard to records or updates which cannot be done by you or your Commissioners can be directed to Anne Reeves or Janet Hill, giving name, unit, membership number. Please do have another look at your leadership team details and let us know of any corrections which need to be made, particularly with regard to the following points.

We have received several enquiries regarding "Active—Pending" status for leaders but until references and CRB checks have been completed they will not show as "Active". If you know these have been done but not shown, please let us know details.

Unit Helpers have the option of being members or recognised volunteers.

Several leaders are showing as active members but the role has come to an end so please check and either update new role details or, if they have left, please make the membership inactive as well.

Some of you fell prey to the problems at the end of November when girl data disappeared and unfortunately in some cases did not reappear. Please also check that your full numbers are listed in order that the census can be carried out accurately.

...and from the last Streamline newsletter (which will be available in full on GO! In early January):

*"Before 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2010 Commissioners need to ensure everyone has the correct Main Role on Go! (i.e. where their Subscription is going to be paid in February) and that every level has the correct Main Contact. This is important as it will be the email address (or postal address if they don't have one) used to send the Subscriptions Invoice. So if the main contact person is away or unavailable in this period, make sure the Main Contact is changed to someone who will be here!"*

May we thank all the Leaders and Commissioners for their help in getting GLW "GO-ing" and hope you will find it a more efficient way of keeping your records.

County Membership Support Co-ordinators  
Go@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

### *Looking for something completely different for your next Guiding party? How about a children's Tri-golf session?*

Tri-golf is scaled down golf with all the same rules and equipment. All of the clubs are plastic with club heads and grips being oversized to ensure good technique. The balls are foam and also oversized.

Research has shown a lot of children to benefit from tri-golf as it contains a lot of focus, discipline, co-ordination and control which can turn over into the classroom.

Tri-golf parties run for either part or whole of your session, are more ideal for Rainbows and Brownies but can be adapted for Guides, and generally cost £3 per child.

Please contact Lauren on lauren@shape2fit.co.uk



# 100 Greater London West Centenary Celebrations

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

## 100 Challenges

As part of their Queen's Guide award, three South Wallington Rangers have created the Greater London West 100 Challenges for our Centenary year. The challenge book has 200 challenges and is open to all sections. The aim is to complete 100 of the challenges to earn your badge, which is the centre of our GLW Centenary badges.

You can download a copy of the challenges by going to:

[www.girlguiding-glw.org.uk/GLW%20Centenary%20Challenges2.pdf](http://www.girlguiding-glw.org.uk/GLW%20Centenary%20Challenges2.pdf)

## \*CAROL SINGING\*

Thank you to all those who took part in our carol singing event at mainline and underground stations across the County. If you haven't already advised me of your achievements, please send me an email and don't forget to get your photos and stories to Steve Wicks at [wicks@wicks7.me.uk](mailto:wicks@wicks7.me.uk).

Sarah Pink - [Centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:Centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

## Centenary Tours for Adults

There are still places available on the Centenary Tours for Adults organised by Finishing Touches. Please note that the Adult Tours advertised by Venture Abroad are NOT official. Full details of the Centenary Tours can be found on page 8 of More Ways to Celebrate. The last date for booking April and May tours is December 30 2009.

## Hampton Court Flower Show

If units in your area contain some budding garden designers, here's their once-in-a-lifetime chance to create a design for the world's largest flower show! As part of our Centenary celebrations, the Royal Horticultural Society are challenging Girlguiding UK units to create exciting, 'Centenary' inspired garden designs. The winners will get the chance to bring their designs to life and showcase them at Hampton Court Palace in July 2010, to be admired by over 165,000 visitors!

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides can enter the Recycled Container competition. Just find and photograph an interesting or unusual recycled container and create a design for planting it up. Senior Section and Guide units also have a bigger challenge - to design a balcony garden. Entries should be as creative and innovative as possible, to show people what's great about guiding in its Centenary year. For more details, application forms and accompanying information email [flowershow@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:flowershow@girlguiding.org.uk).

## NEW - I Made it happen! Badge

All the fantastic Centenary events taking place all around the UK during 2009/10 couldn't have happened without all the tireless effort and dedication of volunteers. Show your appreciation of everyone who has helped make the Centenary happen by giving them the "I Made it Happen!" woven badge.

'I Made it Happen' badges will be available from 11 January 2010 from Trading Service on 0161 941 2237, from your local volunteer shop or online at [www.girlguidingukshop.co.uk](http://www.girlguidingukshop.co.uk), Code 7627, Price 65p.



## \*FUSION - URGENT\*

There are still spaces on the coach to go to Fusion on 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2010. It will leave around 4.30am in order to get to Leeds in time and the cost including travel and entrance to Fusion will be £41.70. I need to get commitment to enable me to go ahead with this booking, so if you are interested, please can I have a £25 deposit per person by 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. I appreciate that this might sound like a lot of money or that it will be a very long day, but it is a day not to be missed and I'm sure you won't have any regrets!

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

**Final payments for your places should be paid by 31st January 2010!**

Would you like to help our team with fund raising for this exciting event?  
If you would like to join the team please contact Liz Smith: [glow10@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:glow10@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)