



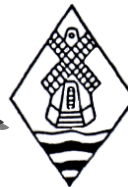
Girlguiding

Greater London West

girls in the lead



NEWSLETTER



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Letter from our County President

Dear Everyone,

Well, can you believe that we have made it? One Hundred Years filled with fun, pleasure and purpose provided for many millions of girls and young women throughout this time.

We who have inherited so much owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to all the Leaders throughout the years who have maintained our Founder's vision and programme of opportunities for our members. Who would have believed that this same vision would be taken to so many different countries enabling them to be participants in our great diversity of cultures and creeds? The enrichment which comes from our international opportunities that are available to our young women is immeasurable, benefiting not only the current participants but the whole ethos and advantages of world-wide guiding.

Thinking Day is also a commemoration of the joint birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, could they ever have hoped that their ideas would have led to so much fellowship and enjoyment through sharing and caring?

I'm sure you will all have some wonderful Thinking Day celebrations in this very special Centenary Year. Please let us all do whatever we can to ensure that Girl Guiding continues to grow so that it will bring all that we cherish to the many generations that are still to come.

My sincere thanks to you all and every good wish in all your endeavours,

Dorothy



COUNTY DIARY

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

7th Queen's Guide Drop-In, Cheam, 2.30-4.30 p.m.

APRIL

22nd Jack Petchey Presentations, Chessington 6.45 p.m.



**Brownie Leaders—
don't miss out on the
chance to give your
Brownies a great
opportunity to join in
the fun!**

**Centenary Capers
Sleepover, Heyswood
during 26th - 30th July 2010**

Are there any more takers for places?



If so, act now, e-mail me for a booking form. The

deadline for bookings is 22nd February 2010.

Extra places will be offered to those already booked so hurry to avoid disappointment.

Melissa

Centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Queen's Guide Drop-In

**Sunday March 7th,
2-30pm to 4-30pm**

**Cheam Village Guide Hall, Mickleham
Gardens, Cheam SM3 8QJ**

The opportunity to drop-in for those working on the Award and for those interested in starting on Queen's Guide, mentors, Guiders and Commissioners. Queen's Guide is open to anyone aged 16 to 25 and it normally takes 3 years. There are five areas of challenge:- service in guiding, outdoors, personal skill, community action and residential experience and it fits in very well with the D of E syllabus.

Please call in for help or to find out more details.

*Marion E. Perry
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Dear Greater London West ,

Thank you all so very much for your kind enquiries and good wishes following my accident. The beautiful basket of flowering plants is still looking quite splendid and colourful bringing a really spring like touch inside, in contrast to our recent arctic conditions outside.

My very best wishes to you all for 2010.

Dorothy

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

*Janet Hill, 4 Northwood Road,
Carshalton, SM5 3JA
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Congratulations

...to these Leaders who attained their Brownie Pack Holiday Licence in 2009:

Lynda Morris - Cheam Division
Emily Butt - Cheam Division
Jean Shapcott - Wallington Division

Melissa Roots

TRADING & BADGES

I am sorry to say that Girlguiding UK Trading have put their prices up again and a revised badge price list is attached. Please make sure any Badge Secretaries who do not get the newsletter receive a copy.

There has also been a small change to some prices in the Guiding Essentials catalogue.

All those who ordered 2010 Thinking Day badges in advance should now have received them. If not, please contact me.

Well done GLW—Out of the top 50 shops and depots in the country we came 29th! Total sales were £23,988.93. This was without badges, which added a further £4,000. Keep shopping and let's break £30,000 this year.

Madelaine Reid

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Thank you for all your help in getting GO up to date in time for the census, especially the Commissioners who have been checking the leadership teams and status. We have worked through several lists of corrections and updates, but if you notice any more, please send them in.

One or two points in addition to Christine's comments.

There have been one or two occasions when people have been put on twice because the search system does not throw up existing members if the name shown is not exactly the same. If they are new leaders perhaps you could check with Janet or Anne on County GO to see if they are already listed.

Another reminder for all leaders especially at the beginning of term, to move girls from one section to another please obtain their membership number from the section they are leaving and search on that and then create a new role only for them. Their previous leader should just edit the role and put an end date in the "valid to" field to remove them from their list.

Janet Hill

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Letter from our County Commissioner

It doesn't seem possible that the first month of 2010 is almost over already. The snow has given us erratic start to the new term but many of us were relieved that it was just about over before our weekend at Funtenary - imagine if we had been booked for the previous weekend - we would have missed a memorable event!

We now have a good link with the online versions of the local papers and have had some good coverage so if you have any stories or photos of events please let us have them to include with our reports.

GO! has occupied many of our recent waking hours - and caused many sleepless nights! - but we are now very close to having most entries correct. Janet Hill and Anne Reeves are still available to help with any amendments. An added bonus seems to be that Leaders in Training are completing their ALQ as they realise their role has timed out!

There are a few important points to remember

All 'Leaders' must be 'Members' only Unit Helpers etc can be either Recognised Volunteers or Members.

'Active pending' - means that either references or a CRB check has not been completed for adults over 16 years old

Leader in Training - lasts for 2 years before it automatically times out - if you need an extension speak to your Division Commissioner who can amend this—before the two-year deadline

Young Leaders 14-16—time out on their 16th birthday

Young Leaders 16-18—need referees and a CRB check and the role times out on their 18th birthday when they can become a Leader in training or Unit Helper.

Test emails have been sent out to Main contacts ready for the census invoices. (I found mine in my Junk folder and added it as a 'safe sender')

We have managed a good circulation to all schools in the County in all of the Boroughs of Kingston, Merton, Richmond and Sutton about our members being allowed to wear uniform to school for Thinking Day on 22nd February and the response has been very favourable. We asked for schools to notify the girls through their usual means of communication but a reminder to the girls and a prompt for them to ask if they have not heard could be useful.

I am pleased that several Divisions have chosen different times for their Thinking Day events and so I am looking forward to joining Richmond, Surbiton and Kingston and Malden, Wimbledon and Twickenham as well as my own District sleepover and One World One Beat on the Sunday.

With best wishes for Thinking Day

Christine

International

The next Region GAINING training, for leaders who are interested in taking their girls abroad and need to do their Travelling Abroad module, will possibly be over a weekend in March. Look out for details in Raspberry Ripple and the next newsletter.

There have been several enquiries from visitors coming to London this Easter and summer who would like home hospitality and to visit units in our area. Enquiries so far have been from the USA, Czech Rep and Italy. Please contact me if you are interested or wish to know more.

Sarah Penneck

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Fun - I'll say

United and friendly - in large amounts

Noisy - you bet

Team spiriteverywhere

Excitement - in excess

Naughty - NO....well hardly ever

Activities.....choosing what I can do - brilliant

Requests - can we come again next year!!!

Yubbly-jubbly

My Memories

- Seeing so many Brownies having such great fun on the beach
- The pile of Lost Property at going home time
- Queuing - what can you expect with 4,800 brownies
- Really good weekend - I never heard any crying

From a very happy Trefoil Guild member who was lucky enough to be invited to help with her local Brownies.

Anne Asquith



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, 3 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

CAROL SINGING - RESULTS

A massive THANK YOU to all those who took part in our carol singing event at mainline and underground stations across the County in December. 1,105 girls took part and we raised a fantastic £6,364. Of the money raised £2,884 will go to units, districts and divisions across the County and a fantastic £3,480 will go to 17 different charities chosen by those who took part.

Don't forget to get your photos and stories to Steve Wicks at wicks@wicks7.me.uk.

***** FUSION – GREAT OPPORTUNITY *****

We have a minicoach going to Fusion for the day and there are 2 spare tickets for you to attend this fantastic day. The cost is £55.34 each which includes your return travel and entrance into Fusion. A £25 deposit will need to be paid when confirming your place with the balance being paid in June.

Fusion is a one day, non residential event celebrating the best in outdoor performing arts from home and abroad, featuring performances and workshops from hundreds of professional street theatre performers scattered all over the Harewood House estate, an interactive installation telling the story of Guiding, plus some very special moments to share during the day.

There'll be so much going on we defy anyone to see everything on offer! The best way to see Fusion will be to explore all Fusion has to offer in small groups (Rainbows and Brownies will need to be accompanied by a Leader) and wander round the Harewood House estate, discovering set pieces and artists as you go. Just imagine - one minute you could be taking part in a circus skills workshop, the next being serenaded by a strolling minstrel, and later be spellbound as part of an audience of thousands watching a drama unfold on stage!

And that's not all - we've got some top secret surprises during the day that everyone will be able to participate in and share very special moments together.

To book your place, please contact Sarah Pink at Centenary@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**

Congratulations to the following leaders who were nominated in 2009 in appreciation of their commitment, and who will receive their awards at our celebration in April.

- Jacki Collins
- Linda Scrine
- Gill Rogers
- Angela Higgins
- Sally Short
- Theresa McArthur
- Mary Noyes

- Christine Nardiello
- Jane Donovan
- Sarah Pink
- Julie Brown
- Linda Brown
- Chris Armsby
- Yvette Saunders

Congratulations to the following girls who will be receiving notification of their award for January 2010. They will be included in the invitations to this year's presentation event as above.

- Rachel Allen
- Isla Dunlop
- Bethany Hamilton
- Rachel Hopkins
- Chloe Leworthy
- Lucy Mackay
- Sarah North

- Rebecca Pates
- Clare Sheehan
- Rachel Swiatek
- Olivia Watson
- Caitlin Webb
- Chloe Westrip
- Beth Wheelan

Have you any entertainers in your unit/district/division? We are looking for some more of our home-grown talent. Please let us know if you want to take part, or tell us about anyone you know would like to do so.

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