



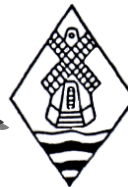
Girlguiding

Greater London West

girls in the lead



# NEWSLETTER



April 2010

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## Letter from our County Commissioner

Thinking Day celebrations went on in a big way in our centenary year and I was pleased that I was able to attend so many events and services and join some units who attended the amazing 'One World One Beat' event.

A memorable evening was held at City Hall when we were offered a reception there to celebrate our centenary. The views especially of Tower Bridge illuminated were spectacular from high up in London's living room in spite of the rather 'inclement' weather. I was very proud of our Division representatives from the Senior Section who all came prepared to promote Guiding but there were less non-Guiding people than we had expected so we enjoyed talking among ourselves and with other Guiding members. They were all good ambassadors and enjoyed the opportunity to go somewhere unusual and special with Guiding.

A very popular Adult Leadership Qualification evening was held which produced a huge flurry of newly qualified leaders. We also used the chance with access to so many computers to complete a number of online CRB checks and update information on Go!

However there are still some amendments needed on Go and I urge ALL leaders to check that your information is correct. If Commissioners add any new adults (aged 16+) please also add details of two referees and arrange for a CRB check. Girl data also needs to be kept current, adding and removing names as girls change sections. If you need any help - just ask!

Our first online census has gone fairly smoothly after a few initial difficulties for those who are the main contact for more than one unit but this was quickly sorted. Well done to Kingston and Malden who were the first Division to pay all of their census invoices, quickly followed by Wimbledon. The last few outstanding bills are now being chased by Division Commissioners and we hope to soon be complete! - Thank you for your cooperation.

I also visited the Merton YOU Launch where we should have had a larger presence not to have been outdone by the Sea Cadets and Police Cadets, but hopefully we enlightened many people to our existence.

I called in to the First Aid training which had record numbers of attendees. It is good that our leaders want to be best prepared when leading our girls. We are planning more frequent training events to accommodate the numbers.

Finally I enjoyed an excellent evening at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kingston and Malden Scout and Guide Band Concert - it is amazing that this is an extra activity to the young people's unit meetings and shows that their commitment pays off.

We are now looking forward to our second Jack Petchey evening to recognise the achievements of many members of our County. Last year was a memorable event and I hope to see many of you at the King's Centre this year - tickets available from Janet Hill.

Best wishes,

*Christine*

## COUNTY DIARY

### APRIL

- 7th CRB drop-in, Carshalton 7-9.
- 10th CRB drop-in, Carshalton 2-4.
- 22nd Jack Petchey Presentation Evening, Kings Centre, Chessington, 7.30 p.m.

### MAY

- 5th County Exec. Heyswood, 7.45 p.m.
- 9th Mother & Daughter Picnics
- 28/31 BP Challenge weekend, Blackland Farm

## Centenary Picnics

Thank you to those of you who have already distributed the information about the Centenary Picnics. Bookings are coming in thick and fast. However, there are still some Units who do not know about this event so could you please make sure that everyone gets a copy of the attached flier and send their booking to Joan Pearson as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

We also need some green fingered volunteers to plant some seeds and grow the seedlings to bring to the event. Janet Hill has some seedlings but will need some space for growing them on so if you are able to help by adopting some, please contact her.

If you have spare flowerpots lurking in your shed we will happily take these off your hands for you. These can be given to Joan Pearson or Gill Gooding any time between now and 5th May.

If anyone has any giant games they would be happy to lend for the day please let us know what games you have and which venue would be most convenient for you.

We also would like some help with general stewarding at both locations- contact Ros Townsend for Morden Hall Park or Gill Gooding for Ham House.

We look forward to hearing from you all.

The Picnic Team  
[centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

**IN MEMORY OF**  
**DOROTHY MARY HADINGHAM**  
**13/5/1915 - 03/03/2010**

It is with great sadness that I write of the death of Dorothy Hadingham, on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2010. Dorothy had been taken ill the evening before, and taken into East Surrey Hospital at Redhill, and passed away in the early hours.

Dorothy has been very well known for many years for her work in Guiding for members with disabilities, as well as a Guider, Adviser and Trainer.

I first knew Dorothy, as a Vth Beddington Brownie, 'flying up to Guides' in 1963, and became one of her Guides. At this time, Dorothy and a fellow Guider from Purley, Eileen Cleaver, decided to start up a Ranger Unit for girls with disabilities; - or at that time the term was 'handicapped'. This as the years went on became a very successful Ranger Unit, and then became a 'Trefoil Guild', as the members became older.

Together with Eileen, Dorothy took this Unit on from strength to strength. They met weekly at Bramley Hill 'Spastic Centre' - as it was known then - now The Jean Garwood Foundation Work Centre. The Unit went on outings and events, and each Summer would camp, under canvas for a week.

Dorothy had such a 'passion' to allow people with disabilities to achieve and have the benefit of what everyone else had in education, work and leisure.

Her own career as a Teacher has been well recognised by many - at Barrow Hedges Junior School, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey - where she was renowned as Head Teacher by many scholars and parents.

*Mary Ross  
Region Advisor for Members with  
Special Needs  
(Also one of Dorothy's Vth  
Beddington Guides - 1963 - 1968!)*

**CRB**—Two sessions are planned during Easter holidays for CRB applications. Please encourage anyone who needs to complete one to come along either on Wednesday 7th April between 7 and 9 p.m. or Saturday 10th April between 2 and 4 p.m. to Good Shepherd Church, Queen Mary's Avenue, Carshalton, SM5 4NP.

*Janet Hill*



Congratulations to those who have now completed the BP Award:

**Shannen Betts**  
**Bobbie Jarvis**  
**Brittany Roche**

from 2nd Worcester Park

**LaSERiO**  
**(International Opportunities)**  
**for Leaders**

*Would you like the opportunity to lead an international trip in summer 2011?*

LaSER are holding their selection day on **Sunday May 9th**, in the Guildford area.

If you are interested, please contact me for an application form.

**Deadline for forms to be at Region is 24th April.**

*Sarah Penneck  
international@girlguiding-glw.org.uk*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

The following Brownie Guiders have been awarded their Brownie Holiday License:

**Lesley-Anne Moore** - Cheam Division  
**Roisin Branagan-Freeman** - Cheam Division  
**Hayley Bell** - Cheam Division

The following Rainbow Guider has been awarded her Overnight License

**Zoe Drewett** - Sutton Division

Well done!

*Melissa Roots  
County Brownie Residential Adviser*

*All items for the May Newsletter should be with me by 22nd April please.*

*Janet Hill  
newsletter@girlguiding-glw.org.uk*

*Do you know anyone who does not see a copy of the GLW newsletter? Please let me have their contact details.*

*Janet*

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Come on all you Brownie Guiders without a Brownie Holiday License. Come and learn what you have to do to be able to take your Brownies away on an exciting adventure. Some of you are coming to Capers in July, this should whet your appetite!



**DATE: Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th October 2010**

**WHERE: Activity Centre, Heyswood**

Being able to stay overnight is not essential, but it gives you the opportunity to meet other guiders, share ideas/experiences and have some social time together.

If you are interested and would like to put your name down, please e-mail me.

**Melissa Roots**  
County Brownie Residential Adviser  
Training@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

**International Visitors**

I have prepared a letter to parents and would ask that these are given out to everyone in your Unit.

Please also let me know if you could rent out your hall for accommodation in the summer.

*Sarah Penneck  
international@girlguiding-glw.org.uk*

**Celebrate!** **Gala Evening**

**Saturday 20th  
November 2010**



**After all the Centenary excitement, an invitation to all Leaders and Helpers in GLW Come and dine and be entertained.**



**Just come and enjoy a special evening "for you".**

## TRADING & BADGES

New Item  
7690 Centenary Brown Bear clip £2.66

### Out of Stock

2603 Brownie Bear Hoodie  
3166 Brownie Gilet 34  
Rainbow tabards, large  
Adult zip hoodies—due early April.

### Swap Shop

If you have a spare blue Trefoil Guild knitted jacket, size Large please contact Linda 01275 462210.

I have had a number of Thinking Day 2010 Badges returned so if any Unit still needs them, please contact me.

Keep Shopping!

*Madelaine Reid*

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

## BP CHALLENGE ADVENTURE WEEKEND

Blacklands Farm  
28-31st May 2010



*We hope this will be a weekend of fun and challenge!*

You will be camping with activities mostly outdoors. The theme is 'Climbing High'.

Cost will be £40.

Information from Christine Donovan:  
020 8641 6112.

Flyer is available to download from the web site:

[www.girlguiding-glw.org.uk/](http://www.girlguiding-glw.org.uk/)

## Centenary Picnic Bookings

The deadline for ticket applications for the picnic has been extended beyond the original date of 26<sup>th</sup> March.

All forms should be sent direct to Joan Pearson.

There is a booking form with this newsletter for anyone who hasn't got one.



*Gill Gooding*

## Jack Petchey Foundation

### Achievement Award Scheme



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

Invitations to the Presentation Evening have been sent to all the Award winners from March 2009 to February 2010 inclusive. Would leaders please encourage all winners to return the forms and let me know who will be attending as soon as possible. If any winners have not yet had an invitation letter please advise me immediately.

This is YOUR invitation. All Leaders and supporters are invited to attend this great evening to recognise the achievements of the girls and to enjoy some entertainment from our members. Those who came last year had a great time. Please let me know names of those who wish to attend and we will send out tickets as soon as they are available.

Congratulations to those nominated for Achievement Awards in March:

Emma Baker

Shannen Betts

Naomi Bower

Louisa Cameron

Samantha Cameron

Lauren Cooper

Lindsey de Putron

Anna McPaul

Alice Maloney

Emma Peters

Laura Reilly

Ellie Sanders

Jazzmin Schuette-

Tunbridge

Bethany Vernon

Charlotte Baker (Feb)

Hannah Morris (Feb)

Please keep the nominations coming in.

*Janet Hill*

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

## International Opportunities Day



For girls aged 13-17 interested in being selected for  
Region summer trips in 2011



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30—5 p.m.**

Cheam Village HQ, Mickleham Gardens, Cheam Village, SM3 8QJ

**Please phone/email for an application form**, or if you have  
questions: 020 8408 1682/[bobtheplant@msn.com](mailto:bobtheplant@msn.com)

**Leaders are also needed** to help on the afternoon!

No particular skills or qualifications required!

Please let me know if you can come.

*Sarah Penneck*

## ? Quiz Night ?

Saturday 10th April 2010 7.30 p.m.

Wallington Green Guide HQ

Wrights Row, Wallington

Cost £7 includes fish or chicken and chip supper. Bring your own drinks.

Tickets from Ros Townsend:

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

## More INTERNATIONAL News

The next GAINING training will be 6th November 2010 in Chislehurst and is open to any leaders interested in international trips.

Japanese cultural exchange- the next trip to Japan will be in October 2010 for leaders aged 18-30 yrs. There will be a selection process, please contact me for the form.

*Sarah Penneck*



## Greater London West Centenary

### \*\*\*\* URGENT - 100 Challenges & Residential Badges \*\*\*\*

**100 challenges** and **Centenary Residential** are the 4<sup>th</sup> and final badges of our GLW Centenary badges. To understand how many badges I need to get made, please can you let me know how many units and therefore girls are taking part in the 100 challenges.

Also, how many girls will be or have taken part in a Centenary residential organised at District or Division level, other than GLOW 10 or Centenary Capers and would like a badge to commemorate the event?

Both badges will cost 70p each if you order them for your girls. Details on how and when to order will follow nearer the time, but in the meantime, please let me have your numbers by the end of April.

Please contact Sarah Pink at: [centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

### CAROL SINGING BADGES

Some leaders have still not ordered the carol sing badges they reserved for their girls.

It is a shame for the girls to miss out on a badge they have earned and that their friends in other units will have, so if you haven't ordered your badges, please get in contact.

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

## Accommodation Request

**Dear Guiders in the vicinity of Hampton Court Palace,**

We need your help!

The Royal Hampton Court show week takes place between 5-11 July 2010, Girlguiding UK are having a garden at the show as you may have heard.

Applications for roles at the show are now being received, please see the Centenary website for information or to apply [http://www.girlguiding100years.org.uk/rhs\\_flower\\_show.aspx](http://www.girlguiding100years.org.uk/rhs_flower_show.aspx)

Closing date for applications is 31st March 2010.

We need to accommodate the volunteers and staff that will be working hard at the show and we hope to provide them with a comfortable place to return to. We would be looking for any dates between 2-12 July or part of, if not all of.

If you can say yes to, or know anyone who could say yes to any of the following we would love to hear from you:

- A) Live closely to the Palace and have any private rooms that you would temporarily let out on a self catering basis however few this may be.
- B) You or anyone you know may be away during the Hampton Court Show week and could let their house out to us.
- C) Have local unit headquarters close to the Palace where we could store publicity material for the week of the show.

Any contact/ help you could provide us with we would be extremely grateful. Please contact us on [stephanie.burns@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:stephanie.burns@girlguiding.org.uk) or 020 7834 6242 extension 2018.

Steph Burns  
Administrator to Centenary and Events—CHQ



**With this newsletter:** *Gang Show audition information and application forms.*  
*Funday Sunday flier*  
*Terrible Trenches flier*  
*Summer Visitors Letter*  
*Picnic Application*