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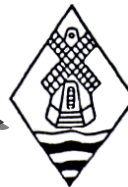
Greater London West

girls in the lead



NEWSLETTER

May 2010



www.girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Letter from our County Commissioner

I hope that you managed to enjoy the Easter break – some staying away longer than planned due to the flight disruptions. We were fortunate to have excellent weather for our Pack Holiday which I hope continues as we move in to the camping season and with the Mother and Daughter picnics now imminent.

There have already been many special events for our centenary and we would appreciate any photos which can be considered for the centenary version of our County Review planner.

Don't forget to encourage girls to audition for the County Gang Show on 2nd or 9th May, rehearsals start in June for the show which takes place during October half term.

WOW! What a brilliant evening for our second Jack Petchey Presentation event. We had good support from parents, friends and leaders as the winners collected their medallions and we were well entertained by Trinity Guides and Brownies as well as Alice Bloomfield from 3rd West Barnes Guides and girls from the Souwest Gang. We were also pleased to be joined by all four of our Mayors who have given us good support over the last year and our Region Chief Commissioner – Anne Hudson.

Our thanks are due again to Lee Thompson who was an excellent compère to make the evening even more enjoyable and the support of Rowena Clewlow our grants officer from the Foundation.

Don't forget to get your Guides to vote for a unit member (aged 11-25) who deserves to be recognised for their special qualities and achievements and send their nominations in to Janet Hill.

GO! has helped us to identify missing information, especially references and CRB checks which Janet Hill has been very busy updating, while Joan Pearson has been working hard encouraging leaders to complete long outstanding Adult Leader Qualifications.

Thank you to those units who paid their census promptly – it has shown how important it is to ensure that the main contact is kept current and this is easy to do with the new blue 'change main contact' button. It is also important that the details of unit members are accurate so that an emergency contact list can be easily printed. However we do seem to have 'lost' quite a few members (particularly Brownies) since the census last year. Some of these have crept back on recently but we also suspect that some Young Leaders may have been missed. We shall be following up discrepancies from last year's numbers and are asking units to check that ALL of their girls and leaders are correctly listed. If you find that your numbers are actually higher than appear on your invoice this can be amended or a second payment made to The Guide Association quoting the unit name and level number. The implications of lower numbers will result in a higher County levy next year.

Thank you for your support

Best wishes,

Christine

COUNTY DIARY

MAY

5th County Exec. Heyswood, 7.45 p.m.

9th Mother & Daughter Picnics

28/31 BP Challenge weekend, Blackland Farm

JUNE

4th First Aid Renewals, Chessington, 7.00–9.00 p.m.

12th County International Opps Day, Cheam Guide HQ, Mickleham Gardens 1.30 p.m.

JULY

1st Annual Review, Heyswood 7.30 p.m.



Congratulations to those who have now completed the BP Award:

Sarah Hatton-Smith

5th Teddington Guides

Zoe Meza-Williams

1st West Barnes Guides



Congratulations on achieving the Queen's Guide Award to:

Lauren Blayney

Charlotte Duncan

both from South

Wallington Rangers

Census 2010

Now that most of the money has been paid in a percentage of the District/ Division levy is being paid direct into District or Division accounts by BACS transfer. This will be based on the information supplied to me at the end of last year. The remainder will be paid once all outstanding cheques have been received.

Janet Hill



First Aid Renewals

4th June 2010, 7—9 p.m.

At Chessington Methodist Church,
Moor Lane, Chessington, KT9 2DJ

Cost £5, can be claimed from unit.
It is suggested you may like to get
"chips, etc., down the road" and may
therefore arrive at 6.30 p.m!

Please let me know if you wish to
attend.

Ann Fairhall

firstaid@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Attention All Brownie Guiders

Please be aware when booking your unit into a PGL weekend that the only events where a Pack Holiday License is **not** required are those entitled 'Brownies Takeover' and this is only for the Centenary Year. Once we return to 'normal' Guiding procedures, the usual rules apply. If you are unclear as to the license requirements, please make sure that you double check before you make your booking. A number of Guiders have been caught out with this recently.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any clarification.

Melissa Roots

County Brownie Residential Adviser

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

Newsletter@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Quiz Night

3rd Beddington Guides &
Beddington Rangers raising funds
for centenary trip to Switzerland.

Guide HQ, Wallington Green,
Saturday 8th May 2010

Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start.
Tickets £7.00 (includes fish/chicken
or veggie supper)

Bring your own drinks

Tickets from Hazel:

Wallington@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

WAGGGS Challenge

Girls Worldwide say:

**"Challenge yourself to make
a difference."**

There are many different
challenges for every age group
and people with different physical
abilities to get involved in this
programme.

This year we begin our Centenary
celebrations and we are looking
for 100 participants to fundraise
and represent the World
Association in a 5km Superhero
Run in Greenwich Park, London,
13 June 2010. You can do it on
your own or together with your
Girl Guide/Scout group, or with
your family and friends. Every
participant receives a Superhero
outfit to keep! Age limit for
participants is aged 8+, all aged
under 18 have to be accompanied
by an adult.

Full details of all challenges at:
www.wagggsworld.org

P.R. News

Please keep sending in your news.
We have recently had some good
items in the online Guardian,
raising our profile.

Please have a look at the following:

[http://www.wimbledonguardian.](http://www.wimbledonguardian.co.uk/yoursay/)

[co.uk/yoursay/](http://www.wimbledonguardian.co.uk/yoursay/)

[yourneighbourhood/8110297.](http://www.wimbledonguardian.co.uk/yoursay/)

[Guides_meet_girl_band_idols/](http://www.wimbledonguardian.co.uk/yoursay/)

[http://www.suttonguardian.co.uk/](http://www.suttonguardian.co.uk/yoursay/)

[yoursay/](http://www.suttonguardian.co.uk/yoursay/)

[yourneighbourhood/8106167.](http://www.suttonguardian.co.uk/yoursay/)

[Guides_have_fun_afloat/](http://www.suttonguardian.co.uk/yoursay/)

GOLD INTOPS

The International Opportunities
(INTOPS) Weekend is being held in
London from 8-10 October 2010.
Applications are now open for
members aged 17-30 to attend.

For more information please see the
website www.girlguiding.org.uk (put
'INTOPS' in the search engine) to
download the application form, or
email

INTOPS@girlguiding.org.uk

*This is a separate application to the
County Intops Day 12th June.*

Calling all Young Leaders and Rangers

There is the opportunity for all
Rangers and Young Leaders to
join in the fun of Brownie
Centenary Capers.

We would love to have you at
Heyswood for the week July 26th
to 30th. The Brownies have an
exciting programme arranged at
the campsite including ice
skating, kayaking, climbing,
abseiling, water slide etc

Contact Marion or Dorothy for
further details on
centenary@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

Out of Stock

2252 Rainbow coin purse
3166 Brownie Gilet size 34
3576 Brownie sash, ex wide
9595 & 9513 tabards
2034 Brownie camp blanket
4981 & 4986 Guide hoodie 42 & 44
4983 & 4984 Guide navy polo 26 & 44

Discontinued—Please do not order

6052 Guiding handbook and 6053 Rainbow Section notes. There is NO longer any stock of these items, but they can be downloaded from the members area of the GGUK website. A new version of the Handbook will be produced later this year.
2683 Trefoil key ring
2880 Rainbow birthday cards
6565 Musical Activities Scheme book
6975 Girls Shout Out! Self Esteem

Please note GFI 4 Seasons has never been a stock item and will not be available in the foreseeable future.

New Item

6925 Adult Recruitment Poster pack

Starting Leaflets

At the implementation of GO! Starting leaflets for all Sections were free of charge. Now that girl data has been entered it has been agreed that the cost for these leaflets will be re-introduced. The cost per pack of 10 will be £2 (plus p&p if not part of larger order) from Monday 12th April 2010. However, please note that a recently updated user-friendly version of the Starting leaflets is available on line.

Section Wear Update

All Section Wear (uniform) items are kept in stock as long as it is practical to supply demand from membership. When specific items become less popular it is impractical to purchase further stock and these items are allowed to sell out. This does not mean those items are no longer classed as Section Wear. The only garments that are not accepted as official Section Wear are items from the Jeff Banks range of Adult Leader Uniform, as noted on p39 of the current Guiding Essentials Catalogue.

Keep shopping!

Madelaine Reid
✉ trading@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Jack Petchey Foundation

Achievement Award Scheme



We hope everyone enjoyed the fun Presentation Evening on 22nd April. It is great to see the girls and leaders who were nominated for the Awards and to celebrate their achievements with such an enthusiastic audience. The entertainment items showed some of the wonderful talent we have in Greater London West. Start rehearsing, we would love to see you next year.

Congratulations to those who were nominated for Achievement Awards in April: Please keep the nominations coming in. They are getting somewhat behind, as we should have received April nominations by 22nd March to enable us to publish the names in this newsletter.

Jocelyn Amer
Sophie Graham
Maqrtha Hamilton

Martha McClaren
Sophie Meacock
Rosie Tweedale

Janet Hill

✉ Jpawards@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

An Exhibition of "A History of Girlguiding"



22, Kingston Road,
New Malden
(100 yds on left from Fountain
Roundabout)

3rd JULY – 17th JULY
from 12 noon to 9 pm

Bookings: ring Harry on
020 8949 7871
(Book early to get time wanted)

Suitable For GUIDES of all
Ages – Rainbows to Rangers

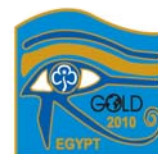
A Mobile Exhibition is
available for Special Events
in your District during Guide
Celebrations in 2010

*Does anyone still have a
grey aertex Land Ranger
top? Please contact
Harry, as above.*

GOLD 2010

As some of you may know, I have recently been selected to participate on a GOLD (Guiding Overseas Linked with Development) trip to Egypt in October. The project will last for three weeks and will be based on employment skills for young women with the aim of improving their chances of employment in a predominately male environment. Our team of six will be delivering training workshops on communication skills, team building, leadership, self planning, marketing, motivation, employment skills and learning/developing English.

I have to raise approx £1800 to fund the trip and one fundraiser our group has organised and that I hope you might enjoy, is an **Egyptian challenge badge**. The idea is a pre-planned evening for Guiders, a fun challenge and badge for the girls and some money towards our target! The badge is for all sections. The badges feature our GOLD Egypt 2010 logo, are 8x7cm, colourful and high quality and are £1.50 each.



Challenge sheet and quiz for section 3 are available to download from our website or: enquiries@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Gemma Donaldson
Assistant Guider
2nd Wimbledon Guide Unit



Greater London West Centenary

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

100 challenges and Centenary Residential are the 4th 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 them will follow nearer the time, but in the meantime, please let me have your numbers by end April.

Please contact Sarah Pink at centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

PHOTO GALLERIES

There are now lots of images from Centenary events in our photo galleries so take a look at www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary > Your Experiences. We'll keep adding more images as we move through the Centenary year!

Promoting the Story Bank locally

The heritage team has a variety of resources and ideas for encouraging local communities to contribute their stories. Over the next few months, the Story Bank will visit some large venues, but if you are likely to be at a county show, or similar event in your area as part of the Centenary and would like to promote the Story Bank, please contact storygathering@girlguiding.org.uk

Royal Mint 50p Centenary coin gift range

If you're looking for a lasting memento of the Centenary, why not buy one of our Royal Mint Centenary 50p coin gift packs?

Featuring brand new, extra-polished 50p coins (known as Brilliant Uncirculated - BU) produced by Royal Mint to commemorate 100 years of guiding, we have three gift packs available:

7664 Royal Mint 50p Centenary BU coin on a card £4.59

7666 Royal Mint 50p Centenary BU coin celebration pack (pictured) £7.14

7646 Royal Mint Centenary medallion & 50p Centenary BU coin gift pack £11.23



These featured items and the full Centenary gift range is available from Trading Service - Madelaine Reid, 020 8669 1770, phone the Trading Service sales team on 0161 941 2237, or browse and buy online at www.girlguidingukshop.co.uk



KZN Passport- South Africa



This is a great resource to use with all sections which aims to raise money to build 'Houses of Hope' for families affected by HIV/AIDS. This is a project run by God's Golden Acre, in KwaZuluNatal region in South Africa.

It is our Region's (LaSER) Centenary project. So far £7,000 has been raised from the KZN Passport, which is enough for 1 house, another £3,000 is needed for another house, so get your unit involved!

Please follow this link to the resource, on the county website: www.girlguiding-glw.org.uk/KZN

Sarah Penneck, CIA

HELP!!! Please

As you are aware the summer and GLOW10 are fast approaching.

We have 24 Ukrainians coming to join us for camp and I need your help to find them families to stay with after camp. If you or anyone in your unit have a spare bed or 2 at home and are free from July 31st till August 4th and would like an international visitor please email me.

We have Guides/Guiders aged 12-49 and three younger children; two boys aged 9 and 11 and a girl aged 7. I am sure that there is person or two that would fit into your family for a few days.

We plan to visit the sites of London during their stay and there will be a barbecue to finish the trip. Please help if you can.

Kelly Jackson
glow10@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

International Opportunities Day

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

Saturday 12th 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:

International@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

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

