



### Letter from our County Commissioner

Dear Greater London West,

Thank you for all the Christmas cards and good wishes, I hope you all managed to enjoy the Christmas break and are ready to enjoy a fantastic new year with our centenary celebrations starting in just a few months time! I don't like to wish my life away but time will go so quickly and we are still looking for volunteers to support several events so don't be shy - contact Sarah Pink NOW.

The 'Air and Share' evening about the Senior Section programme was very useful; girls who belong to Ranger Units have dedicated leaders to support them but those working solely as Young Leaders in units need to be kept informed too.

The Kingston and Malden Band held their annual awards presentation evening, it was very entertaining and several girls were recognised for their achievements as detailed in a separate report. This is an extra commitment to their weekly unit meetings.

I joined 28<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon Guides when they reported on their Duke of Edinburgh Award Projects and I was pleased to make presentations of several Baden Powell and Jack Petchey Awards. I also enjoyed a festive evening with Beddington District singing carols and more presentations.

The excitement mounted as the month progressed with a training session for Go! where we could actually log on to a dummy site and realise its potential - we have now organised more opportunities in January when unit Guiders can try the system and enter their girls' data - bring a car load of leaders so we can work together.

More excitement as plans are being finalised for our Jack Petchey Presentation evening, probably 23<sup>rd</sup> April, which will provide an excellent opportunity to publicise who we are and what we do so well. We will need the support of most Guiders that evening and we will be inviting many VIPs.

...and the icing on the cake this month? - hearing that units have been successful in their applications for Grassroots Grants which has enabled funds to be released for other activities, particularly celebrating the Centenary! 'I can't believe it was so easy' said one leader. We haven't yet made full use of this opportunity so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to apply - the next deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Best wishes,

*Christine*

### Become a Trainer!

Come to find out more on Thursday 29th January from 8.15pm for an informal gathering with drinks and nibbles at 29 Gordon Road, Shepperton, TW17 8JY.

If you plan to come please let me know.

*Karen Meikle*

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### County Day 2009

...is coming soon. Have you booked your place yet?

If you have already booked and have not received your email confirmation please let Joan Pearson know:

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### COUNTY DIARY

#### JANUARY

- 10th GO! Training, Ewell, 10.30am - 12.30pm
- 15th GO! Training, Ewell, 7.30 - 9.30pm
- 17th GO! Training, Ewell, 10.30am - 12.30pm
- 18th D of E Expedition Training, Heyswood, 10.30am - 2.30 pm
- 24th GO! Training, Ewell, 1.30 - 3.30pm
- 29th Adult Training Qualification, Shepperton, 8.15 pm

#### FEBRUARY

- 4th Residential Licence Training Heyswood, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
- 7th Greater London West GO! Live
- 8th D of E Expedition Training, Heyswood, 10.30 - 2.30 pm
- 9th County Exec, Cheam Guide HQ, 7.45 pm
- 28th COUNTY DAY 2009 Raynes Park High School

#### MARCH

- 21st First Aid trainings, Chessington, 9.30am - 4.00pm

#### APRIL

- 30th Adult Leadership Qualification, Raynes Park, 7.30 - 9.30 pm
- 30th Money Matters Training, Raynes Park, 7.30 - 9.30 pm

### 1st Response/Health & First Aid for Camps and Holidays Training

Saturday 21st March 2009

Chessington Methodist Church Hall, Moor Lane, Chessington

See attached flyer/booking form.



# Jack Petchey Foundation

## Achievement Award Scheme

### Congratulations!

The following girls will be receiving Awards for December 2008.

Georgia Matheison	Hannah Rogers
Beth Clark	Sophie Penwarden
Stephanie Pope	Natalie Wilkinson
Rachel Cook	Charlotte Taylor
Emma Ridley	Amelia Hartnett
Kathryn Robertson	Alice Keohane
Vicky Little	Basia Chmielewska

There will be a slight change to the awards procedure for 2009 and full details will be sent out as soon as we have the information. In the meantime, please keep sending in your nominations. We are still awaiting account details for some awards and would really like to be able to pay these out now so your Unit can enjoy the benefits of the award. Please send your account balance sheet or bank statement to Anne Asquith as soon as possible. We would also remind you that any award money in your accounts at the end of the financial year must be shown as restricted funds and payments documents, so please ensure receipts are kept to show how the money has been spent.

Janet Hill

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### Leader Award Scheme

We received many nominations for the Leader awards and after much deliberation the team have chosen the following leaders to receive awards for 2008. They will be required to attend the presentation ceremony on 23rd April, together with all the girls who have received awards this year. More details next month.

Caroline Elliott	Sue Chambers
Christine Donovan	Samantha Axbey
Alison Edwards	Hazel Peach
Claire Hillier	Kate Bloor
Joanna O'Hagan	Lynne Mattick
Sue Richardson	Maxine Dodds
Sue McVicar	Janet Hill

*What a fantastic response we had to the nominations for the "Adult" Jack Petchey Awards. It was both very difficult and time-consuming to arrive at our decisions but all the winners are to be truly congratulated on their achievement and being recognised in this way. To those who will be understandably disappointed we offer our sympathies and hopes for "better luck next time". Whilst sifting through all the nominations we felt it was so important to remember that a tremendous number of leaders could so justifiably have been included. We know the fantastic effort so many of you make in order to maintain such a rich and diverse range of activities for your units. We know that you will continue in your efforts even if we cannot all be recognised as prize winners.*

*Congratulations to you all.*

Dorothy Slyfield

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*How many Guides and Guiders saw Jack Petchey OBE on the Lord Mayor's Show in November. He was a guest of the new Lord Mayor, Ian Luder, and was with him on the balcony. When Mr Petchey was interviewed quite a lot of information was given about him and his foundation for young people. It was very interesting.*

Mrs Nina Farthing  
Merton Trefoil Guild



*Congratulations to the following girls who have completed their Baden Powell Challenge:*

*Megan O'Mara  
Georgia Mathieson  
Beth Clark  
Basia Chmielewska  
Parisa Gregg  
Natalie Wilshire  
Natalie Rennie*

*28<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon*

*Kathryn Peters  
Emily Hampton*

*3<sup>rd</sup> New Malden*

*Sophie Sheeman  
Emily Warner*

*3<sup>rd</sup> West Barnes*

### Situation Vacant Arts Adviser



Do you have an interest and enthusiasm for the Arts?

Could you promote and encourage the development of the Arts in the County?

We are looking for a County Arts Adviser - if you are interested please contact Christine Wicks.

### Are you thinking of taking a Licence in 2009?

Overnight, Holiday, Camp Licence with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Senior Section??

Then come to the Activity Centre at Heyswood on Wednesday Feb 4th from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.

Cost £2 per head payable on the night. Camp and Holiday Scheme books will be available to buy at the training cost - £3.75  
Guide wear not required.

To apply contact:

Sandy Brown  
✉ [training@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:training@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)

## Birthday Celebrations

On 13 December 2008, 3rd Cheam Brownies were 80 years old and earlier in the year we held a competition to design a special birthday badge. The designs were so good, the Brownies now can be seen wearing two badges on their sashes!



We organised a big party which was held on 22 November. We had lots of special guests, including previous Brown Owls going back as far as 1946! Originally 3rd Cheam Brownies met at Northlace School in Cornwall Road but transferred to St. Andrews when the school closed in 1953. The festivities started on Friday when we made table decorations, blew up balloons and made cakes and gingerbread biscuits. On Saturday, the Brownies and leaders decorated the hall, laid tables and made sandwiches. We assembled a display of documents and photographs ranging from the original registration card to our current project. The display included two wedding photographs of previous Brown Owls with Brownie guards of honour. We have many, many albums of photographs especially of pack holidays from 1990 onwards. Some of the original artwork and crafts made during the pack holidays was also on display. The children enjoyed lots of games before tea and the birthday cake.



We took the opportunity to sell some items for our 'Changing the World' project, Book Aid and raised another £25 towards our target. The Brownies had been working towards their writers badge so we put together a booklet with their work and sold it for Book Aid.

*Janet Lee*

## NEW WARDENS AT HEYSWOOD

I am very pleased to let you know that with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009, we will have new resident Wardens, at Heyswood. They are Louisa and Wesley Riley.

Louisa comes to us from Middlesex South West where she is currently a Brownie and Guide Guider. She was a Guide and Ranger herself and represented her County on two occasions at International Camps, so comes with a great deal of experience of Guiding. She is a primary school teacher. Wesley works locally, and whilst not actively involved in Guiding, like so many Guider husbands always supports Louisa in her many activities.

I know that you will give them a very warm welcome as they get to know all of you over the coming months.

My personal thanks, and those of all members of Heyswood Management Committee, to all of you who have visited or stayed at Heyswood in the last eighteen months, for enabling everything to run so smoothly. Our special thanks to David Sugden who has done so much for us during this time, and will continue to be very involved.

*Anne Reeves*

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

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**GO!  
Live**



**7th February 2009**

By this date we should have put the all unit records on the database in our first steps towards "Streamline". Unit leaders and Key Users should be receiving passwords from the CHQ team very shortly to enable them to access the database for their units/districts, etc.

There are several dates in January when you can come to learn more about this, or even bring your records with you to enter the data if computer access is difficult for you. These are "drop-in" sessions so please come any time during this time slot and stay as long as you feel is necessary. Bring your password!

They will all be held at:

**Wallace Fields Junior School,  
Dorling Drive, Ewell, Epsom,  
Surrey, KT17 3BH**

**Saturday 10th January  
10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.**

**Thursday 15th January  
7.30 - 9.30 p.m.**

**Saturday 17th January  
10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.**

**Saturday 24th January  
1.30 - 3.30 p.m.**

Please let me know which date you would like to come.

Should other dates be necessary we will do our best to arrange them as soon as possible.

*Janet Hill*

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*Presentation of Gold D of E Award  
by Jennifer Long to Katie Wilding  
at South Wallington Rangers during  
the meeting of Wallington Trefoil  
Guild in December.*

*Well done  
Katie!*



## Greater London West winners

...at the Kingston & Malden Scout and Guide Band open evening in December:

### Hollie Coote

(3rd New Malden Guides)  
BEST TURNOUT - percussion  
Runner up - Top attendance percussion  
Runner up - General Progress Percussion

### Hannah Coote

(3rd New Malden Guides)  
Runner up - BEST TURNOUT percussion  
TOP ATTENDANCE - percussion  
Runner up - Bell Lyre Player of the Year

### Charlotte Churchill

(3rd New Malden Guides)  
THE GEOFF MYNOTT MEMORIAL AWARD FOR ENDEAVOUR

### Ellie Churchill

(3rd New Malden Guides)  
Runner up - General Progress Brass  
Runner up - Best Drill

### Charlotte Gunter

(1st Worcester Park and Old Malden)  
Special award



## Brownie Recruitment in Cheam

6th Brownies have been very low on numbers and have employed a number of tactics to get more Brownies.

One evening they held a fancy dress fright night. All Brownies were encouraged to write an invitation to a friend and to bring them along. They had 30 girls there and had a wonderful party.

*Lynda Morris*

## Greater London West Centenary Celebrations

Can you believe that it is now only 9 months until our Centenary celebrations begin with our exciting Launch Party? We have a packed timetable of events to celebrate the Centenary, but as you know, to take part in activities costs money.

As you plan your meetings for 2009, please consider doing some extra fund raising which could be used to subsidise some events for your girls, as we don't want anyone to miss the opportunities on offer. The Centenary is of course, once in a lifetime!

We are still looking for some volunteers to help with the events being held in the County, so if you are interested in helping at any of these events or have any questions, please contact me.

*Sarah Pink*

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### WATCH THIS SPACE!

In the February newsletter there will be exciting news about a Centenary badge competition that will be open to all sections so look out for further information next month.

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## Centenary Launch Party

4-6<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
at Heyswood

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for:

- Service crew
- Sub-camp leaders
- First aiders

If you would more information or to offer your services please contact Sarah Penneck

email: centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

*Launch Party Organising Team*