



Letter from our County Commissioner

Dear Greater London West,

We are all ready to GO! But unfortunately there are a few issues to be resolved which has delayed the launch. This gives more time to explore the training site at :
<http://goonlineservicestrain.guk.org.uk>

The snow caused a few disruptions and cancellations including the Training for residential qualifications which has been rescheduled for Wednesday 18th March.

The London Commissioners met and we heard about Project YOU - (Youth Organisations - Uniform) which is being set up by the Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams in each borough. The aim is to form a partnership to capture the imagination of young people through access to positive activities. Initial meetings are currently being held locally with uniformed organisations with a high profile launch planned later in the year so we need to be represented to know what is planned.

Many members of the County attended the funeral of Barbara Loveland, one of our vice Presidents and it was amazing to hear of all the things she had done during her long involvement with the County.

Several units have been very successful with their applications for Grassroots Grants and many more have now applied for the next deadline. The forms are particularly intended to be straightforward to complete and we now have several 'experts' within the County who can advise. This money is potentially only available for 3 years but shows the support which the government seems to appreciate is deserved by voluntary groups like Guiding.

Plans for our Jack Petchey Award Presentation evening on 23rd April are beginning to take shape but we do still need replies from some award winners. This will be an enjoyable evening and a great opportunity to celebrate and publicise what we do.

I hope you have all enjoyed celebrations for Thinking Day and I look forward to seeing many of you at County Day.

Best wishes,

Christine

COUNTY DIARY

MARCH

18th Residential Holiday Training,
Heyswood, 7.30 pm

APRIL

3/4 BP Challenge Adventure,
Sutton and Banstead

23rd Jack Petchey Award
Presentations, Kings Centre,
Chessington, 7.00 pm

25th First Aid trainings,
Chessington, 9.30am - 4.00pm

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

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

MAY

16th County Watersports Day,
Wimbledon Park, 10am - 4pm.

Brownies

WANTED!

Six Brownie Guiders who would like to help shape the Centenary Residential Experience for Brownies.

Come and join us for a day's planning on **Saturday 28th March 2009**.

If you are interested and/or have some ideas, please contact Melissa Roots or Sue Grout as soon as possible. This is our first planning meeting and we would welcome ideas and views from experienced or inexperienced Brownie Guiders.

The Brownie Residential will take place at Heyswood during 24th July - 31st July 2010.

Email:
contact@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Jack Petchey Foundation

Achievement Award Scheme



I must apologise for two errors in the list of Award winners last month. I included Jennifer Barber who has already received an award and omitted Sophie James! Congratulations to Sophie.

Our congratulations to the girls who will be receiving awards for February 2009:

Charlotte Bessant	Chloe Dorey	Katie Wynne
Georgia Beazant	Jade Kirby	Caroline Andrews
Sarah Carver	Amber Kijowski	Rebecca Harvey
Alison Hill	Daniella Barclay	Stephanie Brown
Hannah Peto	Beth Hopkins	

Jack Petchey Awards Presentation Evening

Thursday 23rd April 2009

King's Centre, Chessington 7.30 p.m.

Thank you to all those who have replied promptly to the invitations. I am still awaiting replies from some of our award winners. Would all Leaders who had winners in their units please ensure that the replies are sent to me in order that Jack Petchey Foundation can send the invitations and print programmes. Letters of invitation were sent out to all girls and Leaders who have received awards up to and including January 2009. The February award winners will be invited shortly and will therefore need to reply quickly.

We would also like to know names and addresses of any dignitaries or special supporters you would wish to invite. As Leaders of award winners you are of course invited to attend, as are any other members of your District and Division teams who would like to come.

We still have space for some more entertainment acts and would love to hear of any performers who would like to fill a slot during the evening.

Janet Hill

✉ jpawards@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Heyswood on TV

Watch the Blue Peter Book Awards show that goes out on World Book Day, March 4th, *Shadow Forest* by Matt Haig.

It was partly filmed at the Log Cabin at Heyswood.

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

Janet Hill,

✉ Newsletter@girlguiding-gkw.org.uk



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

*Emma Peters
Charlotte Arnold
both 1st Belmont*

Fund raising ideas

Just thought I'd tell you that I had a brilliant idea for a fundraiser that I thought I would share with you.

This is the poster that we are going to be using with our Guide and Brownie units to raise money for the children's play room at Great Ormond Street Hospital London!

About the Smartie Challenge:

- Your leader will give you a tube of Smartie's.
- You are free to eat the Smarties as long as the empty tube is filled up with loose change from around the house!
- The money you put in the tube will be put together as a donation to Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity- the Guide's chosen charity!
- ~~If~~ you are unable to fill up your tube or choose not to, we will charge you 40p for the Smarties!

Recently 6th North Cheam Guides walked across 9 bridges in London, which took all day, and then were rewarded with a Pizza Hut meal to celebrate their achievements! The



walk was enjoyable and the girls posed at every bridge for a photo opportunity.

Our legs certainly felt worked afterwards! (Pictures are on the web site - Cheam.) We have managed to raise over £800 so far and plan to raise more!

*Sarah-Jane Morris, Young Leader
6th North Cheam Guides &
8th North Cheam Brownies*

TRADING & BADGES

Order your badges, publications, uniform, guiding gifts through our County Badge/Trading Secretary. All items in the Guiding Essentials catalogue or web site can be ordered this way, with 10% discount on published prices (no discount on badges, unless otherwise advised). Delivery is usually approximately one week.

Change of Product

6700 Guide Welcome Pack - bag is pale blue and book is "Dani's Diary" by Narinder Dhani.

Now Available

7888 Replacement note pads for Centenary Hoodie note pads £1.17

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

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



Saturday 25th April 2009
Chessington Methodist Church Hall.

Enquiries to Ann Fairhall
Firstaid@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

NEWSLETTER

Newsletters to the following are being returned. Please advise me if you know their new address or if they are no longer guiding with us:

Kirsty McKane,
PinkKLM9@aol.com
Kate Jarman,
kitcat1710@aol.com
Fiona Baguley

Many thanks, Janet

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Following the outstanding success of the 21st World Scout Jamboree which was held in the UK in 2007 which many members of Girlguiding UK experienced and enjoyed, the 22nd World Scout Jamboree will take place in Kristianstad in southern Sweden in 2011.

The Scout Association has again invited members of Girlguiding UK to be part of the UK Contingent. We now need to find enthusiastic people from different backgrounds to join the Contingent Support Team (CST). The CST will support the various elements of the UK contingent prior to and during the Jamboree, splitting into five teams reporting to the Contingent Management Team (CMT). All will be involved in the planning, preparation and delivery of the Jamboree Experience for youth and adult members of the UK contingent.

Closing date for applications is 13th March 2009.

For further information please contact me.

Sarah Penneck
✉ contact@girlguiding-glw.org.uk



Sainsbury's Active Kids 09

We are collecting these vouchers this year on behalf of Heyswood as we would like to obtain some high viz walking bus vests for groups of girls walking alongside A3 to Cobham or the Semaphore tower. If we collect enough we may be able to get some more games equipment for use at Heyswood.

If you do not already collect these please do so when you are shopping in Sainsbury's and send to Anne Reeves.

Guide Section News



The **Spring Term** Adventure will be organised by Sutton Division:

Date: Fri 3rd - Sat 4th April 2009

Times: 7.30pm onwards on the Friday - 4.30pm on the Saturday

Venue: Sutton Guide HQ and Park Farm campsite, Banstead

The recommended maximum from any one unit is 3 girls. Guides should have completed most of the BP clauses before attending, but not necessarily all.

For an application form please email:

contact@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Olivia Request

I am looking for a big Olivia doll.

Trading no longer sell them and I wondered if someone has bought one but doesn't use/want it?

Please let me know.

Many thanks



Joan Pearson

✉ contact@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Greater London West Centenary Celebrations

CAROL SINGING - 10th DECEMBER 2009

On Thursday 10th December, all sections across the County will be able to sing Christmas carols to commuters on their way home. This event will drive positive awareness of Girlguiding UK and also allow units to raise money. The suggestion is that the money raised will be split 50/50 with a charity of your choice and your unit. The money raised by your unit can then be used towards the cost of the local Centenary events.

You have the choice as to whether you carol sing at a local mainline station, a London Underground or London mainline station. London underground and mainline stations are warmer, well lit, usually have better toilet facilities, tend to have more staff and will usually have more commuters passing through, so the opportunity to raise money is greater. Alternatively, your local mainline may be more convenient if you don't want to take your girls into London.

If you would like to take part in carol singing, please can you supply me with the following information by **Monday 30th March**:

- The station you would like to sing at
- Unit name and division
- Your contact details
- The likeliest numbers of girls who would attend

If you would like to help co-ordinate this evening, don't be shy contact Sarah Pink:

✉centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

BADGE COMPETITION

The Centenary badge competition is open to all sections and is a chance for you to be creative! Please encourage your girls to design a badge for one of the Centenary events in GLW. There will be a winner from each section, Rainbows to Trefoil, and their designs will be produced into cloth badges. See attached entry form for more details and if you have any questions please contact me - ✉centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk

CHANGING THE WORLD

The project that your unit is supporting is a great opportunity to raise your profile in your local community. Consider getting coverage in your local newspaper, community magazine or even local radio. Will we be hearing any girls on Heart 106.2?

Sarah Pink

✉centenary@girlguiding-glw.org.uk



Are you coming to the **Centenary Launch Party?**

Have you sent your deposit in yet?

The application deadline has been extended to 15th March so you still have time.

It will be a fun weekend for Guides and Senior Section with party celebrations on Saturday for all Brownies and Rainbows as well as Leaders and Trefoil Guild!

Application forms can be download from our web site:
www.girlguiding-glw.org.uk

Email enquiries to: glwcentenarylaunch@yahoo.co.uk

Centenary Launch Party

4-6th 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 on
glwcentenarylaunch@yahoo.co.uk