Spring 2011

# County News

Your quarterly news on the Wirral



5th New Ferry Brownies!

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# OUR COMMISSIONER

#### Hello Everyone

Congratulations to you all on the prompt payment of subscriptions. This years' prize goes to Ellesmere Port for being the first Division with 100% paid!

It was good to see so many of you at the County Gathering and to share our memories of our centenary year. Congratulations to Sarah Jarrett who was presented with her Queens Guide Award all those leaders who received Long Service Awards. Guiding would not happen without your time and dedication to your units and the girls. Thank you to you all.

Thank you also to all those Divisions and Districts who have invited me to join their Thinking Day services and other events in recent months. It is good to be part of the action with the girls and to see them enjoying their Guiding.

As the better weather arrives units are beginning to move into the out of doors and those of you visiting Hadlow will now be able to see those wonderful mosaics and the totem poles – a constant reminder of the centenary.



Continue to have FUN, FUN, FUN..

#### Sue Dutton

## ON THE COVER

5th New Ferry Brownies entered a competition to design a new toy character to be their friend for Disney.

Alice's entry won 30 tickets for us all to go and see Disney on Ice at the Echo Arena.

Alice also received a bag of goodies which she enjoyed sharing the excitement of opening with her friends.

Brown Owl organised a coach to take us all and we had a great time.



Alice's design

# HADLOW AND FRIENDS OF HADLOW

To all members of the Friends of Hadlow, a short reminder of your invitation to an Afternoon Tea at Hadlow Cottage on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2. 00pm to 4. 00pm.

Followed by a short A.G.M. as there are to be some changes to F.O.H. Including the resignation of Chairman Sylvia Walters. Treasurer Sheila Macadam and Secretary Kath Caldecott.

Please try and attend as you will be made very welcome, and a time to catch up with old friends, with a cup of tea and sandwich, oh and of course a cake. Secretary Kath Caldecott



Daffodil Day – Hadlow looking awesome in the sunshine, daffodils standing to attention, birds singing..... I wonder whether those first Guiding visitors to the site in 1977 realised just what an asset they were about to purchase for Wirral Guiding.

We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to all those Guiders and supporters who have worked tirelessly over the past 33 years, each making their mark on developing Hadlow into the wonderful site it is today. The list of names is too long to mention everyone who has been involved, and I would be sure to miss someone off, but each one has given of their time and expertise to ensure the site has developed to meet the ever changing needs of the girls and guiding. Many of our present Leaders and Vice Presidents, not forgetting husbands too, have been key contributors and 'friends' of Hadlow and I thank you ALL on behalf of the County.

I also wish to thank the present committee of 'Friends of Hadlow' for their support, especially throughout the Centenary year, in particular Sylvia Walters (Chairman), Kath Caldicott (Secretary) and Sheila Macadam (Treasurer) who are all competing their roles after many years of service.

As we move into the new centenary we will still need to continue to raise funds in order to develop and change Hadlow to suit the needs of tomorrows girls and leaders.

In order to do this we need to work together to provide quality events that are supported by the whole county. We can do this best by combining the County Fundraising events, Trefoil Guild Fundraising and our Friends of Hadlow support together into one joint FUN 'd' RAISING Team all supporting each other to put on those Rainbow fun days, Brownie Revels, Guide & Senior Section events, Afternoon Teas, Barbecues....... or just by donating on a regular basis as many of you already do.

The HADLOW HERALD will keep you informed of just how YOU can continue to support our wonderful activity site HADLOW FIELDS.

# Girlguiding Wirral Essentials

for all your Guiding needs

Visit our County Volunteer Shop at Hadlow campsite

for all of your guiding wear, resources and badges - including registered goods gifts and souvenirs



## WEST KIRBY GUIDE HQ

West Kirby Guide HQ has had a face lift see the new website and think about booking a pack holiday. If you have never visited why not arrange one?



Our Mobile shop is available to visit all of your events or meetings (minimum 6 customers please)

Could you pledge some time to work as a volunteer in the shop? Flexible hours and all training is provided Speak with one of our current volunteer helpers



#### Do you want to produce a unique badge for your unit? Do you want a good deal? Look no further! Girlguiding Wirral Essentials can help

Girlguiding Wirral Essentials has negotiated a very good contract with a national badge manufacturer offering you and your unit preferential rates.

If you would like us to obtain a quote for you, please contact Jan Jackson by e-mail [jan-jacksonsky.com@sky.com] with:

- a PDF (or Word document) showing the design of your badge
- the number of badges you require

Your design does not need to be in colour, it can simply be in black and white with the colours written down the side - whichever is easiest for you.

Jan will send your design to the manufacturer and request a quote with a design proof. As soon as this is received, she will then send the design proof and the costing for you to approve. Once you are happy with this, Jan will order the badges for you.

When your creation is on its' way, you will be invoiced and you will need to collect and pay for your badges at our County Volunteer shop at Hadlow campsite.

Sheena Chalmers—Hadlow Shop



The event is called The BIG Big Day and is a series of fancy dress 5K fun walks (wedding themed to coincide with the year of the Royal wedding) attempting to break a Guinness World Record, taking place across the North West on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of June, with one taking place in Delamere Forrest in Cheshire and one in Croxteth Park in Liverpool.

The event will be a fun day out with live music, local DJs, etc, as well as the 5K walk.

The event can also be used to raise funds for your chosen charity or yourselves through arranging your own sponsorship for the 5K.

Usually the event would be £5 registration for over 12s however we are offering Brownies and Guides (including leaders and group members parents) the opportunity to sign-up for free if they register now.

The event is for men, women and children of all ages and fitness levels and people can dress up as much or as little in wedding fancy dress as they like.

If you go to the website <u>www.bigbigday.org.uk</u> there's lots more information. Or ring 0845 309 6252.

## HADLOW WEDDING LIST

We're planning to launch our Hadlow Wedding List on 29th April in line with the Royal Wedding Day for people to 'sponsor an item' at Hadlow, so please help us with that. More information will follow...

#### Also coming up:

We're currently planning a Rainbow Summer Funday at Hadlow on 12th June, more info will come out from Cath Naylor the Rainbow Advisor 'Thanks to everyone for their continued support at Hadlow, we are seeing new (and not so new!) faces at each working party which is great. Arrowebrooke really got stuck in to the work a few weekends ago, and made some fantastic inroads plus thanks to Kath, Don and Dave who bravely took on the task of dismantling the old wardens van thanks to them. Also more and more people are coming forward with ideas of things we can do at Hadlow to improve the site, add to the activities we have on offer or ideas for fundraising. Linda Smallthwaite



The Fun Team invites you to a Scrapbooking Evening at Hadlow on 29th June.

Only £10 Bring 6-10 photos with you and make a mini scrapbook!

Refreshments and materials provided







Have or do you know someone who has a skill that the girls would enjoy. Would you be willing to share it with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Senior Section? We would love to hear from you. We are looking to extend the variety or activities we can offer to the girls in Wirral and would love to hear from you.

Please contact rags@girlguidingwirral.org.uk or ring 677 3329

RAGS are still out there to support the unit leader if you would like us to come and do an activity for you, please use the contact above. If you are not sure if we can do what you would like ask.

## WIRRAL COUNTY TREFOIL GUILDS

#### Dates for 2011 Programme

<u>ROYAL WEDDING AT HADLOW.</u>  $29^{TH}$  <u>APRIL</u> <u>10AM</u> 10am start including watching on the large screen TV and lunch £5.

<u>COUNTY DAY OUT</u> - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Tissington Well Dressing with afternoon tea in Bakewell

<u>NATIONAL AGM</u> - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Westcliffe on Sea, Essex.

<u>LUNCH</u> - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 12.00 for 12.30pm. The Grange, Thornton Hough.

<u>FRIENDSHIP DAY</u> 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2pm-4pm 6pm -7.30pm Afternoon tea at 4pm Have a go time, activities, crafts and lots of talking

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP DAY - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 7 for 7.30pm. Bebington Civic Centre.

For information on any of these events please contact

Pat Turner County Chairman Trefoil







## MYSTERY IN BIRKENHEAD PARK!

Does anyone know what this stone commemorates in Birkenhead Park? (Ashfield Road)

If you have any ideas, please contact Joan Astill our County Archivist!