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County News

Your quarterly news on the Wirral



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OUR COMMISSIONER

Hi everyone

Thank you to all of you who helped with the Brownie Boating event and the Rainbows Ugly Bug Ball. Both days were extremely wet but despite the weather the girls had great fun.

It is wonderful to see so many of you making use of our county activity site. The numbers of visitors to Hadlow over the past few months has been fantastic with Brownies & Rainbows enjoying indoor holidays and activity evenings, whilst Guides and Senior Section have experienced cookouts and weekend camps and made use of the many adventurous activities now available on the site.

The new Hadlow Fun 'd' Raisers are working towards further improvements and developments and we thank all our 'friends' for their continued support.

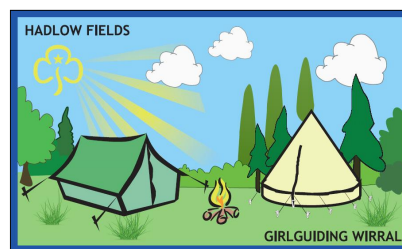
We'll have you all booked your tickets for North West Regions 'Our Grand Day Out' to Blackpool. Open to all from Rainbows through to Trefoil Guild, it promises to be a fantastic day celebrating the Regions Ruby Birthday with all the fun of the Pleasure Beach and a few surprises along the way. Hope to see you there!

I am delighted to announce that Sheila Macadam has agreed to take over the reigns from Pat Turner as the next County Chair of Trefoil Guild in the autumn.

By now you are probably all looking forward to your family holidays and a well earned break from Guiding to recharge the batteries. I hope the sun shines on you wherever you are.

Happy holidays

Sue Dutton



ON THE COVER—Trefoil Guild on Tour!

Margaret Goodier, secretary of the Wirral TG with Norman Wisdom

On the Royal wedding day, 30 attended and we dressed up to watch the wedding on our big screen at Hadlow and enjoy lunch plus Royal Wedding Challenge badge

In April we had a wonderful time in the Isle of Man at the Region AGM for Trefoil Guilds with lovely sunny days and calm seas!

Our County outing to Tissington Well dressing in Derbyshire on 6th June was a great success with 2 coaches going and again a lovely sunny day.

We had our County lunch on 4th July at the Grange and our excellent guest speaker was June Lancelyn-Green.

On 13th September we are having a Friendship day at Hadlow when we will be trying various new activities including archery and the usual craft and exercise groups. We are running this from 2pm through to 8pm, so please come and join us.

I am pleased to say that we have our first over 65 year old and Trefoil member to become a District Commissioner, so hopefully this will be the first of many as this is such a good way for Trefoil to be able to step in and help our busy Guide leaders.

If you would like to join us on any of the above events please ring me on 200 7741 or pat.turner637@ntlworld.com

Pat Wirral County Trefoil Chairman





Join in the "Happy 40th Birthday North West England Region" Party

£20 buys you EXCLUSIVE use of the Pleasure Beach from 10 till 11am and gives you access ALL day till 8pm. Your ticket includes EXCLUSIVE Ice show, EXCLUSIVE dance session and the Goody bags of course.

You CAN take your own packed lunch. It IS safe for Rainbows and Brownies and there IS plenty to keep them interested even if they're not into rides.

Blackpool Pleasure Beach has upgraded its facilities and image and is now a family oriented, clean and safe environment.

Closing date for applications is 31 July BUT if you want to send in an "expression of interest" and book later when you know final numbers, this is negotiable. OR if you want to book for 2 or 3 and then increase the numbers this is negotiable. Talk to Region office on 01772 823 331 or email northwesthq@girlguiding.org.uk

Look at the info sheet on the website at http://www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk/docs/girlguides_infosheet.pdf

EXCLUSIVE Trefoil Guild Event

For £15, Trefoil Guild members enjoy a full day out at the Pleasure Beach - to join in the rides - an additional £7 per person.

EXCLUSIVE Afternoon tea at the White Tower

Ice Dance Show EXCLUSIVE to GirlGuiding new members

For more information go to <http://www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk/trefoilblackpool.php>

Closing date for ticket 31 July



A Grand night in - Senior Section Sleepover.

£22 buys you EXCLUSIVE use of Sandcastle centre for 2 hours at the end of the day.

At a constant 84° you'll not need a sleeping bag, just a swimsuit/ bikini, towel and sleeping mat.

Evening meal, entertainment and Breakfast included in the price. Book separately to A Grand Day Out.

Closing date for Senior Section is now 20 September 2011.

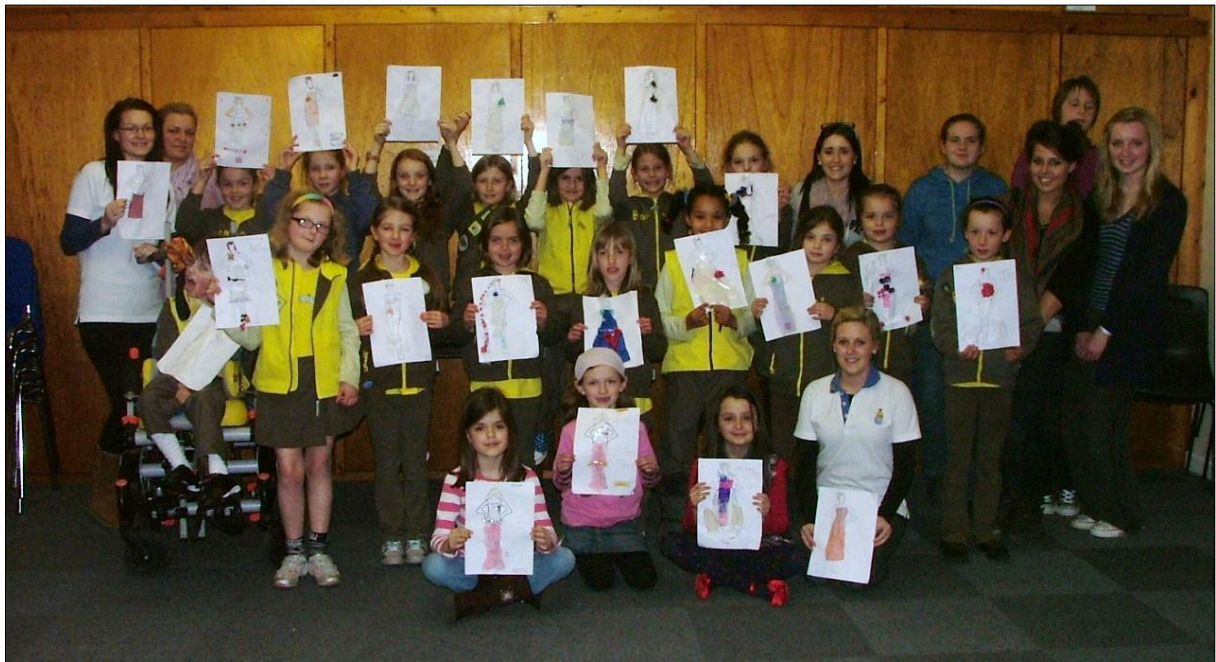
Look at <http://www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk/ssblackpool.php> for info.

We know we have groups going already so let Sue Dutton know if you want to join in and we can put you in touch with groups so we can share transport.

Rosie Diver is willing to look after any Senior Section who want to go but who need a suitable adult to accompany them. Get in touch at seniorsection@girlguidingwirral.org.uk BEFORE you send in your Grand Night In Form.

The Royal Wedding

The Royal Wedding was celebrated by many units across the County. 1st West Kirby Brownies designed Wedding dresses for Catherine Middleton and they sent her the pictures. Each Brownie received an individual letter back from St James's Palace which said ' Miss Catherine Middleton has asked me to thank you for the design for the wedding dress. It really is very stylish. I do hope you enjoy watching the wedding; it will be exciting to see the dress Miss Middleton has chosen.' As you can image, they were all thrilled! Here they are with their pictures:



Wirral Trefoil Guild organised a Royal Wedding Day party at Hadlow. 30 guests attended and they had a lovely sunny day for it!



1st Willaston Rainbows report on their special party:

Unfortunately Prince William and Kate were unable to attend our pre-wedding celebrations as they were otherwise engaged on the Friday prior to their wedding day! However, the atmosphere was just as exciting!

As we had limited space at our "palace" venue, the official invitations were restricted to special Rainbow guests under the age of 7 years. The "palace" was transformed with red, white and blue streamers, bunting and wedding memorabilia, with only selected media photography!

Our young guests equalled those designer ones in elegance, though their head-wear was more modest, crowns, to be precise.

A few areas of the entertainment

- We raided the queen's purse to do rubbings of all coins depicting the Royal head.
 - "Spot the Royal difference" by courtesy of the local council paper, (note recycling with a difference).
 - The careless best man lost the ring so there was a "hunt the ring".
 - We all made cocktails to toast the happy couple (non-alcoholic of course!)
 - Wedding cakes were decorated and eaten at the buffet meal, eaten sitting on the Royal carpet. (The chairs were reserved as emergency seating at Buckingham Palace!)
 - Wedding planners had mislaid some vital items - bouquet, veil, confetti, etc. so our relay teams had to retrieve them and rush them to Westminster Abbey.
 - Our celebrations over-ran due to enjoyment, so the obliging chauffeurs went away for a further half an hour.
 - It was just as well that Prince William and Kate were unable to attend, as their BIG DAY would have been an anti-climax, judging by the atmosphere the Rainbows generated at our own Rainbows Royal Wedding Celebration, voted "Fantastic Fun!"
- Royal Wedding challenge badges and commemorative photos have been given to each "guest" as a memento.

Our best wishes to the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Sheila Smith (Leader), Carol Savage (Assistant leader), Sophie Jones (Young leader in training)



Bell Boating Brownies

On Saturday 9th June 36 Brownies & their Leaders gathered at West Kirby Marine Lake for a day of Bell boating & Guide activities.

Things had looked really promising first thing with the sun shining but by the time everyone had arrived the heavens had opened & we'd even had some hail!

But not to be put off by our great British weather the girls were still keen to go out on the lake - their enthusiasm most encouraging.

Following the sessions on the Lake we moved up to West Kirby Guide HQ, dried the girls off and carried on as planned. The girls were split into 'Patrols' to complete a number of tasks from the Guide 'with a splash' Go for it! Raft building & sailing, sandcastle building (now back at the beach in glorious sunshine), toasting marshmallows & beach tennis.

Despite the damp start the girls had a great time & all agreed it was something they would do again.

I would like to thank the girls & leaders for making the day a success. It is the type of event that both myself & our boating team would like to run again in the future as a way of encouraging girls to move from Brownies to Guides when their time comes.

Sue
Brownie Advisor



Kayaking Brownies



8 Brownies went to Cheshire Forest's splash day at Tatton Park.

When we arrived we all went into a big shed. Some of us borrowed a wetsuit and the others stayed in our old clothes. When we were ready a lady then told us were to go, we were making coracles. We made a frame from round tubes and lots of sticky tape and then wrapped a green sheet around it. When we got into the coracle we had to put all our weight in the middle. My little boat had a small hole in it which made it fun. On my 2nd go I said I wanted to sink so everyone pushed me down until the boat touched the floor, we were near the edge so it wasn't that bad.

The next thing we did was sailing and we were in 2 groups of 4. Once we were half way my group played a game called 'Rescue the ducks'. We had 2 ducks a red one and a yellow one - Quacky and Percy. The other team had a green duck - Smiley but we called it Spotty We had to try and get all the ducks before the other team and had a lot of fun.

After lunch we went in the Kayaks and we all cheered when we were told that was our next activity. Rosie the Mum of one of our leaders was helping with the Kayaks. It was too windy to go far in the Kayaks so we played games. Mia's dad joined in as well as there was a spare Kayak. At the end we played submarines - the leader filled our boats with water until they sank. Just before this we had to stand up and pull yourself to the end of the boat on your tummy and touch the tip of the boat with your nose but I fell in the water.

The last thing we did was called Katakana. 3 people sit on each side with a man a the back giving instructions and one person sat in the middle on a seat.

When it was time to go home we headed back to the car to get changed. Because the shed was full we got changed behind a towel and then after this we set off home and were met by our parents.

By Mia (centre of picture)



Come for a Walk



Join us for a leisurely stroll around the Wirral and Cheshire countryside, stopping at a pub or café along the way. All welcome (families and well-behaved dogs).

Sunday 24 July - Sunday 21 August - Sunday 2 October

Meet at Hadlow at 10am. Back between 3 and 4pm

Bring waterproofs, food & drink, bag to carry it in. Wear safe shoes.

If Leaders are interested in taking their Walking Safely Level 1, it will have been achieved by the end of all 3 walks.

We need to know numbers for safety reasons. Please don't just turn up. Please ring Kath on 0151 652 0576 (leave a message) or email walking@girlguidingwirral.org.uk



Deadline for next County News is 30th September.
Please send your articles to:

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Cathhild@aol.com



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 of activities we can offer to the girls in Wirral and would love to hear from you.

Please contact raggs@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.

Open Day and All Saints Rainbows 20 year celebrations

When I had the idea of an Open Day, I knew that there would be a lot of work involved for many of the church members, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, including myself and I was right. Months of preparation all came together on the 16th April and what a day it was.

We had invited Leah Fraser to come and open our celebrations and she did so by cutting a Rainbow Ribbon across our church door. The church was full from the moment we opened to the moment we closed and guests included many past Rainbows and young leaders.

We had displays from our Church, Mothers Union, Sunday School "The Saints", Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Refreshments were served by the Trefoil Guild with the help of Brownie leaders and church members and we also served soup at lunch time. We had a small cake stall and St. Peter and St. Paul's Fair trade, we also had church photos on sale and of course a raffle.

During the day we had activities starting with the VCT choir at 11.30a.m. who sang hymns through the ages. It was a lovely start to our day and everyone enjoyed it.

In the afternoon we held our sponsored sing in aid of Sense. Our Brownies and Guides started with five songs and then our Rainbows took over with a further five songs.

The day continued with Guides, Brownies and Rainbows making their promises, which people found very interesting.

Our Birthday celebrations started at 11.00a.m. on the 17th April with a full church. The first part of the Palm Sunday service was for the grown ups, but then the children took over. The Guides did the readings and the Brownies did the prayers. The Rainbows did a play which told the story of how our Rainbows started and some of the things we do at Rainbows. We then sang our Rainbow prayer, Stand up clap hand and at the end of the service everyone formed a circle around the church to sing our Rainbow song.

During our service our Guide Leader, Jan Jackson was presented with her District Commissioners award and I was presented with my 20 year service award from our County Commissioner, Sue Dutton.

After the service the celebrations didn't end as we had cup cakes with our special All Saints Rainbow 20 year badge toppers, a giant Rainbow cake and cheese and wine and fruit juice. Many of the congregation stayed behind to share in our celebrations and yet another fantastic day.

Silvertail
Barbara Murphy
20th Wallasey Rainbow Guides, All Saints
Church, Hose Side Road, Wallasey



Freda Carter

Many members of Girlguiding Wirral will be saddened by the death of Freda Carter one of our Vice Presidents since 1982.

For several years and for countless numbers of Brownies, Guides Rangers and Leaders, Freda's name was synonymous with First Aid. A life long member of the British Red Cross Freda shared her expertise with Guiding in organising countless Trainings and courses, testing for numerous First Aid related proficiency badges and organising the First Aid facilities at many County Camps and Events .

Freda was appointed as Adviser for Members with Disabilities (as it was named then) from 1971 - 1980. During that time she was instrumental in organising events for the U nits we had for our members who were unable to attend mainstream units because of their health related problems. What amazing and happy events they were and how much they were enjoyed by the participants.

A great organiser and also a life long member of Wallasey Soroptomists Freda was a friend to many people and although she has not been in the best of health for some time she was very independent . As a Wallasey resident it was logical that she was in particular involved with that Division and I know that they extend a very heart felt debt of gratitude for the support that she gave.

Joyce MacLeod

Hadlow Shop

To place an order from Guiding Essentials catalogue or for Group A or Group B badges, enquire about our Volunteer Shop opening hours, or any stock enquiries, please ring 08448126856 or 08448126857

If you want to enquire about having a special badge made for your Unit, a local event or any other occasion, please ring 08448126858

If you hand out catalogues to your girls, please make sure it is the latest one—some stock has been discontinued from the old one.

WANTED!

If you have any Centenary or Fusion photos or memorabilia that you are willing to give to the archive, please pass to Joan Astill!

A challenge for you!



The Queen's Jubilee Challenge 2012 is a challenge for all sections. All profits from this badge will go to Hadlow, so please support your local campsite! Full details on County Website.