

Winter 2010

County News

Your quarterly news on the Wirral



Happy New Year!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all!

Welcome to our first on-line 'County News'. Please check with all your Guiding friends if they have seen it, to ensure that we have reached everyone. This year we plan to make more use of the County website as a means of communicating just what is going on around the county.

The beginning of a new year is the time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. In doing so I started to contemplate what makes a County a 'successful' one. Success cannot be attributed to any one single factor, activity or leader but rather how we embrace all that Guiding has to offer to continue to provide 'mountain top' moments for the girls through a programme that is modern and dynamic.

What ever we aspire to achieve as a County can only be realised if we all work together to achieve more. This does not mean we have to agree with everything, but that we recognise that we are all working towards a common goal and that we can make a real difference to the lives of the girls. All our activities of 2010 showed us just what we as a county are capable of achieving together so lets continue to build on this to make Wirral county even more successful!

*Sue
County Commissioner*

Now that we have all had time to draw breath after the whirlwind of events that took place during our Centenary Year it perhaps appropriate for a few words of appreciation. I know that many many people have sent messages of 'Thanks' after they have participated in various activities which I am sure were appreciated by the recipients , especially as sadly 'Thank You' is sometimes not heard by Leaders after they have organised events for their Units.

On behalf of the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section, Leaders, Trefoil Guild, Vice Presidents , Parents and Friends, this is a very Sincere THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to all those Committees and their teams who worked so hard to organise and bring to fruition the exciting programme of events that took place during the year. It was magical to see our young (and not so young) members enjoying such a diverse number of activities that ensured Girlguiding was alive and kicking. Hopefully those involved with the planning were not too exhausted to be able to enjoy them too!

Be proud that you accepted the Challenge and gave us all a Year to remember.

*Joyce
County President*



COUNTY DIRECTORY (Advanced notice)

The 2011 Directory will be distributed via County Exec to commissioners in February - be sure to ask your DC for your copy.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please continue to regularly check the subscription page in the 'Members' area of the Girlguiding UK website for up to date information on the 2011 subscription process.

All Leaders should have:

Gone into GO! to find their invoice and printed it off.

Ensured that the unit has sufficient cleared funds to settle their invoice in full.

Sent their payment and the slip on the bottom of the invoice before 22nd February 2011



REVIEW OF GIRLGUIDING UK FORMS

As from January 2011 ALL Girlguiding UK forms have been reviewed and updated. Although the old forms will still be available on the website for the next 6 months they are replaced with the following 5 forms:

Residential Notification Form to tell your Commissioner your plans and to seek her approval.

Consent Form to gain parental permission for an event/activity/residential.

Health Form for health information for residential events.

International Health Form for International travel only.

International Notification form for use by International Advisers.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR CAMP TRAINING

Training for Guiders who are thinking of taking a qualification for either Indoors or Outdoors next year will be held at Hadlow fields, Willaston on Sat 9 April 2011 until Sun 10 April 2011.

The training will also cover First aid and QM Certificates and Walking Safely.

There is a possibility that leaders will be able to bring 4 Brownies with them or a patrol of guides to camp.

It is hoped that the weekend will also include ideas for outdoor wide games, you are welcome to come just for the day to brush up on your "meeting out of doors skills".

Anybody interested or for further details please contact either

Chris camp@girlguidningwirral.org.uk
Pat holidays@girlguidingwirral.org.uk



New opportunities for you to do craft this year!

QUILTING

Fran has kindly agreed to run a Quilting Club at Hadlow to teach us how to quilt, with the added benefit that the quilts made will be for the beds at Hadlow. Fran is initially looking for 8 volunteers to come to Hadlow with their sewing machines. The course will run on Thursday mornings 10am-1pm from 3rd March. It will initially be for 12 weeks, but not during the school hols to ensure that Hadlow is available for mid week hire. It's likely that we'll need to continue after the first 12 weeks, and Fran should be able to then take on another group, so do let her know if you're interested.

Also if you're already a quilter and would like to help the 8 volunteers along with Fran, then it may be that she can have more 'newbies' in the original group. Or if you're willing to make a quilt for the Hadlow beds but not go to the Thursday club, then that's also fine, but please speak to Fran so she can co-ordinate the effort. In addition quilting material can be expensive so if you're willing to 'sponsor' a quilt, or have quilting material that Fran may find useful then again just speak to her. She'd also be pleased to hear from anyone who might want to cut out or make tea and coffee!

If you're interested in booking on, finding out more, sponsoring a quilt or have material to donate then speak to Fran on 0151 648 1648

SCRAPBOOKING

Kathryn is once again organising a scrapbooking weekend at Chirk Guide and Scout HQ from 6th–8th May. All abilities welcome whether you are a new scrapbooker or experienced, please come and join us. Cost for the weekend is £30, all food provided, you just need to bring your sleeping bag and your scrapbooking stuff!
Please e-mail Kathryn if you are interested: kathryn.williams33@ntlworld.com

There will be opportunity to visit the castle and local craft shops on the Saturday if you wish.

Kathryn is also organising a one day
Scrapbooking Crop
on Saturday 19th February
from 10am–4pm at
Willaston Village Hall.
Bring your own packed lunch.
Refreshments will be provided.
Cost £6 for the day.



New Challenges for 2011



Welcome to World Guiding Goes Tartan!

This is your opportunity to give your girls and young women an insight into the 34th WAGGGS World Conference being held in Edinburgh from 11 to 15 July 2011.

Find out what it means for them and for guiding throughout the world by downloading the World Guiding Goes Tartan Activity Pack from www.girlguiding.org.uk where you will find out all you ever wanted to know about WAGGGS and will be able to get your unit into the Edinburgh atmosphere with lots of Scottish themed activities.

You can even donate teabags for the World Conference delegates' Welcome Packs - and yes, there is a tea bag activity where your girls can decorate their own tea bag pocket and send them with a message of friendship to the World Conference (template is in the pack).

World Guiding Goes Tartan Badge

Sue has arranged with Girlguiding UK Trading Service for the distinctive cloth badge (price £1) to be available through Girlguiding Wirral Essentials, so place your order now whilst stocks last. Contact Sue by:-

email: ggwirralessentials@yahoo.co.uk (please show WGGT in the subject line)

Phone: 0151 645 3949

Or why don't you visit us in the shop - for all your Guiding needs?
(current winter opening times Saturdays 10.00am - 3.00pm)



Another challenge available this year is the 'Royal Wedding Challenge Badge'. This contains challenges for all sections from Rainbows to Trefoil Guild all on a wedding and Royal Family theme. All proceeds from the badge will go to 1st Ness Guides trip to California Dreamin' 2012.

Full syllabus is on the Girlguiding North West website in the resources section or e-mail Catherine countynews@girlguidingwirral.org.uk for details.

HADLOW FIELDS



Book early to ensure you use Hadlow this year, and ensure you book an Archery Session for your girls! See Girlguiding Wirral website for fees etc.

A Happy Hadlow New Year! We hope to see you soon.



FRIENDS OF HADLOW

New Year, New start..... It is that time again for renewal of membership subscriptions and 'Friends' are putting the annual subscription form on line for you to download for the first time this year. A postal form will be sent to any non PC users who are members.

We hope this will encourage any new members, either individuals, Units or Trefoil Guild groups to join us as membership is open to all. An annual fee of £10 minimum is required.

As 'Friends of Hadlow' we are donating Jean Mitchells bequest of £5000 towards the new Hadlow kitchen, which is being installed in January.

All members of 'Friends' are invited to an Afternoon Tea at Hadlow Cottage on Saturday 16th April 2011 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm to view the new kitchen and a short AGM meeting as some present committee members wish to stand down, after a number of years service. Nominations for roles of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer need to be sent to the secretary at least two weeks before the meeting.

Also in future we would like to be more involved with the 'Events and Fund Raising' team of the Hadlow committee so that together we can help and support each other and continue to raise more money for Hadlow Fields.

Kath (sec Friends of Hadlow)

A big thanks to all of you who were involved in the Christmas Cracker event, Cath (Rainbow Advisor), Sue (Brownie Advisor), Geraldine (Guide Advisor) and Rosie and Kath (SS Advisors) and I were planning on a low key affair, a bit of a practice for a Christmas event at Hadlow. We put out the paperwork and up to about three weeks before the numbers were nicely manageable. Then suddenly we were astounded to realise that 660 girls (never mind the leaders or SS) wanted to come! There were a few groups that unfortunately missed out, but we were at saturation point I'm afraid. So, the weather was cold (very very very cold), but the event was memorable! Thank you so much for helping and coming. The most pleasing things were that so many of you wanted to support Hadlow, that the cry for 'more stockings to be stitched' was heard and resulted in all the stockings we needed being made, that Santa (s) were available! That the SS booked on and came and worked like troopers, that Trefoil Guild and Friends of Hadlow and the Girlguiding Wirral Essentials Team worked their socks off, and that helpers, leaders and girls joined in the spirit of the event and made it truly magical. In addition to the very special sense of belonging that there was surrounding the whole event, you managed to raise £3,700..... astounding! Thank you!

The money raised will be going towards putting in a catering kitchen in the cottage together with £5,000 bequeathed from Jean Mitchell via Friends of Hadlow. The work is booked in for January. Can I encourage you to join Friends of Hadlow either individually or as a Unit, so that we can continue to invest in Hadlow to ensure it's fit for our needs. Also if you let your Hadlow Division Rep or I know of anything you would useful to have at Hadlow, or anything that you feel needs to be improved so we can continue to ensure that Hadlow provides for your Units needs.

Linda



COCKAYNE SYNDROME SUPPORT

Village Road, Oxton, Wirral CH43 5SR – RCN: 1119746

**GET ACTIVE FOR A SPONSORED
“BIKE IT FOR BUTTERFLIES”
CYCLE RIDE**

ON

**SUNDAY 20TH MARCH 2011
START 10.00 a.m**

**FROM HADLOW ROAD STATION WILLASTON TO WEST KIRBY COUNTRY PARK THURSTATON
Wirral Country Park Route 56**



**THANK YOU For Making a Big Difference to Little Lives
By supporting Amy and Friends Children’s Charity**

To get your sponsorship form or wish to discuss a fundraiser please call Debbie on 07896909117 or email Debbie.green61@ntlworld.com or better still set up your own Amy and Friends Justgiving page for free

2nd Willaston Brownies Christmas Pack Holiday

'Twas the night before Christmas - well the weekend before - when our Snowy Owl Caroline Anyon (alias Mrs Santa) took 12 of our Brownie Pack to Hadlow Field cottage for our Christmas Pack Holiday.

And what a wonderful time we had. With "The Snowman" as our theme Mrs Santa even arranged for snow to fall overnight so that we were able to walk through our very own winter wonderland, make snowmen (very little ones) and play to our hearts content on the adventure playground. We loved spending our money in the shop and had great fun surprising the lady there called Sue when we crept up and surprised her with a rousing "We wish you a Merry Christmas". Smiles all around.

During the weekend Mrs Santa and her helpers showed us how to make lots of crafts to take home - Christmas tree hangers, reindeer finger print cards, angel bookmarks and we decorated Christmas stockings too. Surprise, surprise - Mrs Santa visited overnight and filled them with sweets for us to take home! We kept our own Brownie diaries and were so pleased to learn that we had completed all the (Santa?) clauses for our Brownie Holiday Badge.

We made scrumptious chocolate fudge and for our Christmas tea we decorated chocolate Yule logs which were just as scrummy too.

In our activity groups we enjoyed helping with the cooking and cleaning and with all the activities going on we slept like logs too - right through from 10.30pm till 7.30 am in the morning! (Brown Owl says she is never taking us on a summer holiday again as we simply don't sleep then).

On our last night we performed our very own Brownies Got Talent show based on the Christmas carols we seemed to have been singing all weekend.

Thank you to everyone involved and well done to Snowy Owl!



1st Ness Christmas weekend in London

Some of 1st Ness Brownies stayed at ICANDO in HQ in December for a Christmassy weekend. They went inside Westminster Abbey to see where the Royal Wedding would take place and to Downing Street where they were allowed to look inside the front door. They climbed 311 steps to the top of the Monument to The Great Fire of London and then saw some of the London sights. Next stop was Oxford Street and the Christmas Lights with tea in Pizza Hut! Sunday morning began with a visit to Buckingham Palace to see the soldiers and then a tube journey to the Natural History Museum. They enjoyed the dinosaurs even though they were a bit scary.. They would thoroughly recommend a trip down to London and would like to go back soon as there is so much to do there!



Can you help?

This Guide Shield was left at the exhibition in Birkenhead Park but there was no information left with it!

It is a guide shield with a sun, the four winds and stars and a moon round the rim of the main shield. There are 5 discs round the edge, one has 1935 1st Prenton engraved on it the second has 1934 7th Tranmere engraved on. the other three are blank.

Anyone with any information please either email me: to archivist@girlguidingwirral.org.uk or phone me on 0151 334 6022

Joan County Archivist

Wirral County Trefoil report for 2010

We have enjoyed being part of all the Girlguiding County Events.

Launch parties were held across the County and Trefoil Guilds were asked to help at them all.

Our Daffodil Day was held in March with an excellent turn out although we did not have any daffodils out at our campsite as they were very late this year!

In May the County held a fun day at Chester Zoo. Everyone had such a good time; many of our Trefoilers helped Guiders with the girls, it was truly an amazing day.

In June we held Trefoil Teepee camp which was an exercise in "how we used to camp" we had 15 campers, youngest was 62years and the oldest was 82years, also day visitors who all earned their badges. We completed lots of challenges out of the book, and of course did a lot of talking!

It was a lovely sunny day for our Garden Party on 20th June.

So many came in beautiful hats and dresses, our afternoon tea was excellent. Craig Owen Ensemble played light classical music and really was the icing on the cake. This was a wonderful opportunity for us all to relax and enjoy good company.

Trefoil had a superb lunch at the Grange in Thornton Hough in July. We enjoyed a presentation of pictures of the events we have taken part in during the Centenary Year.

In August we took part in our County Centenary Camp as Grandma's Sweetie shop which was so much fun. Also enjoyed attending Harewood House, which we thought was fantastic.

The Cathedral Service of the Three Counties at Chester in September was superb and beautifully balanced. And of course our Centenary Finale in Birkenhead Park on 20th October, attended by over four thousand girls all carrying lanterns, an amazing sight. Truly an occasion when we will say, "we were there" and a priceless memory.

We finished the year with our International Guide and Scout Fellowship service at St Mary's Church, a lovely service which we all enjoyed and where honoured to have the President of Girlguiding Mauritius with us. It was a really good fellowship afternoon.

The County Guilds have enjoyed a very good and varied programme.

Each Guild has had speakers, ranging from Lancashire witches to The chocolate man. Activities have been very entertaining, making Easter bonnets, Belly dancing, Tai Chi, Hand bell ringing etc.

Most of the Guilds have enjoyed "Mountain top moments"

Climbing to the top of Snowdon, The Liver building, Liverpool Cathedral, The Great Orme in Llandudno, a day out on the canal boat and over the Acrefair aqueduct.

And of course all the County events to fit in as well, it really has been a very busy year for all the Guilds and we look forward to another exciting year to come.

Pat , Chairman, Wirral County Trefoil Guilds



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Trefoil Guild



Can all Rainbow leaders, email Cath Naylor, Rainbow adviser rainbow@girlguidingwirral.org.uk to be added to mailing list, if you're not already on it, with your name and name of your unit and district/division. She will keep you involved and up to date with events etc .

Senior Section Events

March Madness

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 March 2011

Challenge yourself in our weekend of March Madness - activity packed weekend, including winter survival skills; bushcraft skills; night-time wide game; sleep in the heated tipis.



Fun and Games night

Wednesday 18 May 2011 - 18:30 - 22:00

Dress up in fancy dress, come and join us for a great night of silly games and competitions.

ABC - Archery, Biking, Climbing, Campfire, Chilling

Thursday 30 June 2011 - 18:30 - 22:00 - Hadlow

A perfect antidote to exams and a great start to the summer. Come and join us for a chilling out activity evening.

Watch the website and Facebook group for more information as it becomes available.

<http://www.girlguidingwirral.org.uk/sections/seniors/>
Facebook Group - GirlGuiding Wirral Senior Section
Email Contact - Seniorsection@girlguidingwirral.org.uk

Other ideas we've been asked to explore but which aren't finalised yet include an X-factor final sleepover at Hadlow and Dragon boating. Watch out for details.

Dates for your diary:



12th February or 12th March—see separate flyer for full details.

Baden Powell Adventure

25th–27th February 2011 at Hadlow Cottage

Adventures in Paris—27th August 2011.

Hinderton have spaces on their coach if anyone would like to join us—Guides through to Trefoil Guild! Please contact countynews@girlguidingwirral.org.uk for further details.



7th May at Corpus Christie Sports College, Preston.

Deadline for next County News is 31st March. Please send in all your stories and photos. We hope you like the online edition. Please try to read it online wherever possible. If you need a paper copy for any reason though, please let us know. countynews@girlguidingwirral.org.uk



GIRLGUIDING WIRRAL ESSENTIALS

For ALL your Guiding needs
Uniform, Souvenirs, Gifts, Books and Badges (including registered badges/awards)

Orders can be made at anytime by:

Phone : 645 3949 (If no reply please leave a contact number)

Email : ggwirralessentials@yahoo.co.uk

Visiting our Volunteer Hadlow Shop



Opening Times:

Saturdays

April - October 10am - 4pm
November - March 10am - 3pm

Wednesdays

April - October 6pm - 8pm



Other times by arrangement (645 3949)

STOP PRESS: **No increase in VAT while present stocks last.**
Ordered items will include new VAT rates

A Mobile Shop is available to visit your events/meetings with uniform items
(NB Minimum 6 or more new members)

Could you spare a few hours to volunteer to help in the shop or with the mobile shop?
If so speak to one of the volunteers or ring 645 3949

The County President and County Commissioner

Invite you all to join them at Girlguiding Wirral's

County Gathering

'LOOK BEYOND'

On Thursday 17th March 2011

At Heswall Hall

7 for 7.30pm



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