

Winter 2012

County News

Your quarterly news on the Wirral



Happy New Year!

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OUR COMMISSIONER

Dear All

By now the Christmas decorations will be packed away, an element of normality will have returned after the festive season and we can look forward to the new year ahead.

Nationally, 2012 promises to be a year of celebrations with the Queens Jubilee and the Olympics to look forward to.

Within Guiding we have the Rainbows 25th birthday celebrations and much closer to home a new County Commissioner to welcome, a new County website to be launched and another Queens Guide to congratulate.

I am delighted to be able to confirm that Linda Smallthwaite is to succeed me as Wirral's next County Commissioner. She will take up the post as from the County Gathering in March when my term of office finishes, but we will be working together over the next few months as she begins to put her team together. An Assistant County Commissioner will be appointed to work alongside Linda as, unlike myself, she does work full time.

Linda is passionate about her Guiding and has a vision for the future of Guiding on Wirral. I am sure the county will be in good hands and I hope that you will all continue to give her the help, support and encouragement that you have shown to me over the past 5 years.

I am also delighted to tell you that Jo Hales has agreed to take over the reigns as Chair of Hadlow and I am sure under her lead we will continue to see our site develop.

Later this month we will be launching our new County and Hadlow websites which we hope will become GirlguidingWirral's main means of communication for Leaders whilst also encourage girls and adults to come and join us.

The county site will enable you to keep up to date with such things as events, trainings, section information and county news while the Hadlow site will enable you to check availability and make bookings much easier. Having seen a preview of the site I am excitedly looking forward to its launch, we will let you know when.

Congratulations also to yet another of our young Leaders, Julie Griffiths, who completed her Queens Guide Award at the end of 2011, a great achievement, well done!

Finally all that remains is for me to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year

Sue Dutton

ON THE COVER—

1st Ness Brownies eating Christmas Dinner

1st Ness Brownies had a Christmas feast while they were on Pack Holiday in Chirk. They also did their 'Out and About' badge and walked along the canal between England and Wales and back again!

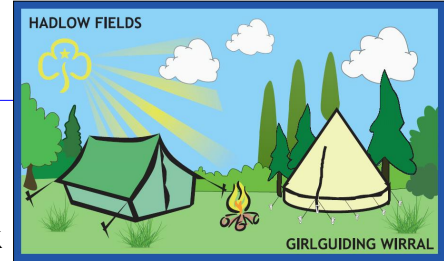


Events at Hadlow

Girlguiding Wirral Essentials
County Volunteer Shop

The team wishes everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for supporting the shop.

Please put Saturday 14th January 2012 @ 2.30pm in your diary, come along to Hadlow cottage and take part in our think-tank concerning the future of the shop.

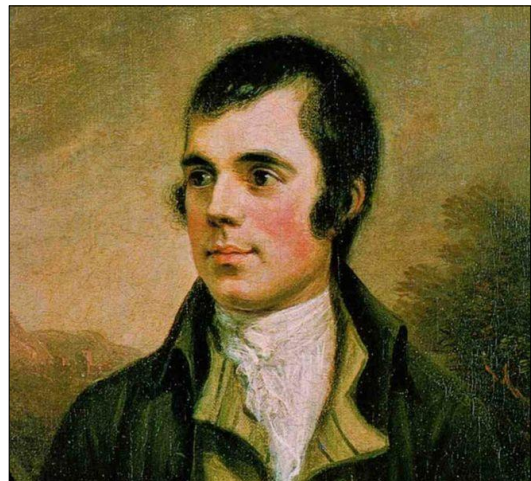


Burns Night

Rabbie Burns night at Hadlow Cottage on 25th January at 7pm, cost £10 and bring your own drink.

Please let Pat know if you can make it for the Catering.

pat.turner637@ntlworld.com



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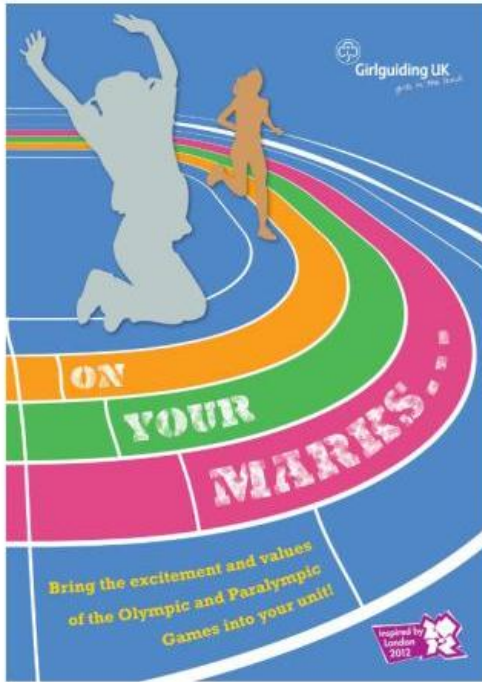
1 Sheep's pluck (heart, lungs, liver) and bag	8 oz. Shredded suet
2 teacupful toasted oatmeal	2 small onions
1 teaspoonful salt.	1/2 teaspoonful black pepper

Method

1. Scrape and clean bag in cold then warm water, soak in salt water overnight.
2. Wash pluck then boil for two hours with windpipe draining over the side of pot. Retain 1 pint of stock.
3. Cut off windpipe, remove surplus gristle, chop or mince heart and lungs, grate best part of liver (about half only).
4. Parboil and chop onions, mix all together with oatmeal, suet, salt, pepper and stock to moisten.
5. Pack the mixture into bag, allowing for swelling. Boil for three hours, pricking regularly all over.
6. If bag not available, steam in greased basin covered by greaseproof paper and cloth for four to five hours.

A whimsical cartoon illustration of a pink pig standing in a grassy field. The pig is wearing a large, dark purple haggis-shaped hat with a red cherry on top. In the background, there are rolling hills and a blue sky with white clouds. A smaller, similar pig is flying in the sky.

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On your Marks!

On Your Marks... takes units on a journey through three aspects of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: their values, sports and cultural opportunities. Each of the three sections has a badge that can be made into a complete circle. The badges all have the official 2012 Inspire Mark logo on them - making them extra special.



The activity pack and badges are available now to order from Girlguiding Wirral Essentials or at the Hadlow Shop.

Deadline for next County News is 31st March.
Please send your articles to:

County News
25 Chester Road
Neston
CH64 9PA

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 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.

HADLOW SHOP



Cloth badges to celebrate Rainbow's 25th birthday are available from the Girlguiding Wirral Essentials shop at Hadlow. Further commemorative items will be available at a later date. Girlguiding wellies are also available (items not to scale).



for all of your Guiding needs

Visit Wirral County's Volunteer Shop at Hadlow Field Campsite for all of your guiding wear, resources and badges - including registered goods gifts and souvenirs

Remember - all of the goods advertised in the Guiding Essentials catalogue issued to all Leaders each September can be supplied by your Wirral County Volunteer Shop

And - you can save your unit money! When you place an order over £25 with your Wirral County Volunteer Shop and this is sent direct to you, the postage charge is included in the cost of your order.

Wirral County Volunteer Shop would like to thank everyone who shopped with us during 2011. With your support, your volunteer shop has moved up four places to finish at number 8 in the top 50 Volunteer Shops in the UK.

Mrs Mulholland



Mrs Mulholland was the founder of 1st and 2nd Ness Brownies and was involved in Guiding for many years. She died in November aged 94 years old. 1st Ness Brownies will be donating a bench to Hadlow in her memory as she loved gardening and the outdoors.

Archive

Joan Astill would like photos of Freda Carter and Flora Cann for the archive. They were both involved in Guiding in Wallasey. If you have any photos, please send a copy to Joan

Joanastill@tiscali.co.uk



Trefoil Guild

This is just a short report to keep you up to date with events in the Trefoil Guild. Once again sincere thanks to Pat Turner for all she has done as Trefoil Guild Chairman over the last five years, especially her enthusiasm and vigour steering us through the Centenary year - a hard act to follow but I will do my best. At the moment there are two dates for your diary - our annual Daffodil Day on Wednesday 7th March at Hadlow from 10.30am. We are changing the format slightly and having a "Home Produce Bring and Buy" table.

Our Annual meeting is on Wednesday 18th April at Westbourne Hall, West Kirby when the speaker will be Hilary Taylor, Region TG International Adviser.

Other events for the year are in the pipeline and will hopefully be finalised at the beginning of February.

Can I remind you that there is a wealth of experience and information in your Trefoil Guilds which they are happy to share with all units, contact names and telephone numbers are in the County Directory.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and a rewarding Guiding 2012 and look forward to seeing you at our events - everyone is welcome.

Sheila Macadam
County TG Chair



Here are West Division Trefoil Guild with the West Kirby Fire Engine having completed their last challenge for The Ruby Challenge. Following tea and cakes the and much hilarity the Officer presented the Ruby Challenge badges.



Baden Powell Adventure



The Cottage
Hadlow Fields
Willaston
23.03.12 - 25.03.12
Cost £35



Come Celebrate, Have an Adventure
And get ready for a New Challenge
Find out what guiding has in store for you next!

Arrive Friday - 7.30pm

Leave Sunday - 2.00pm

Please arrive in uniform - Bring: - 2 changes of clothes (warm and waterproof as you'll be outside for parts of the weekend), Sensible shoes, Wash bag, PJ's, Sleeping Bag etc,

An activity that lasts about 10min, can be indoor or out. Equipment for 15 people.

The weekend is being run by the County Guide Advisor (Liz Wilson) and a team of Senior Section who will be delivering a special programme of activities to celebrate the Guides completing their Baden Powell Challenge. Cheques and forms to be sent to Liz Wilson, 8 Victoria Gardens, Shrewsbury Road, Oxton, **no later than 4.02.12**. Any questions email liz.wilson83@yahoo.co.uk or ring 07835166640

I give permission for my daughter/ward _____

To attend the Baden Powell Adventure Weekend

Any food or other allergies we need to be aware of? _____

Any medical conditions we need to be aware of? _____

Emergency contact details for during the event:

Name -

Address -

Mobile-

I am happy for photographs of my daughter/ward to be taken by other guides and by leaders for use in Displays and County Website.

Signed _____ parent/guardian

The County President & County Commissioner

Invite you to join them

for the 'COUNTY GATHERING'
To review Guiding on Wirral in 2011
and the presentation of Awards

on Wednesday 21 March 2012
at Neston Cricket Club

Station Road, Parkgate CH64 6QJ
7 for 7.30pm start

Uniform to be worn

Three easy ways to shop at Girlguiding Wirral Essentials



In person:
Opening Times
Saturdays 10.00 - 16.00 (all year)
Wednesdays 18.00 - 20.00 (April-September)

FOR ALL ORDERS
Phone our dedicated lines:
08448 126856
08448 126857



By email:
ggwirralessentials@yahoo.co.uk

SPECIAL EVENT BADGE ORDERS:
08448 126858

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.

