



Birmingham Broadsheet

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New Year New Look



You are probably really bored of hearing this but Christmas is on it's way which means that units will be closing for a well earned break but here in the news room we are looking forward to our New Year as 2013 brings changes for your Broadsheet.

We have recieved many comments about the layout, the information and what you would like to see and it seems that what you really want is an information sheet... In January the Broadsheet will be replaced with the Bulletin! But for the fans of the Broadsheet and hearing about what other units or divisions are doing, we will still produce a quarterly Broadsheet so please keep sending in your stories.

The Bulletin will have all important dates and information that you need and we welcome you to send in reminders or dates of Division meetings or events as this is for all not just County activities.

As you can see we welcome and take onboard all comments so please keep sending them in, is this what you want? Is there anything else you would like included? As I keep saying this is your County, it is your voice that we need.



Reminders - Swimming Gala



"Swimming Gala - Saturday 16th March 2013 at Cascades Baths, Stechford. Your Division Commissioner will have more information about how your units can participate and what races there are. We need to know if your Division is going to join in, by 8th December.

It's great fun and not meant to be taken too seriously so start talking to your girls now to find out who would like to take part! There will be more details next month so keep looking!

GO! Top Tip



Please can everybody check that their email address is correct on Go. We send a lot of information out using these email addresses now and we always get a few bouncing back because they are out of date, or have been typed in wrongly. Please could you also check that your home address is correct - we often get membership cards returned to the office because people have moved and not updated their details.

As always, if anybody needs any help with this - or anything to do with Go, please contact Gaye at girlguidingbham@btconnect.com



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Editors Notes

Merry Christmas! I sit here putting all of your fantastic information together with my leg in a full length plaster cast on covered in snowmen, if I could walk I really would be walking in the air. Well next year is 2013 and we will be trialing our new look Broadsheet and Bulletin, please remember that we cannot put these together or add changes if you don't get in contact so please flood me with emails. Having said all of that I owe apologies to anybody who has sent me information or articles and can't find them in this edition, we have had a technical issue which left us shut out of the email system, we did try and get as many articles sent to personal addresses etc but I realise I haven't managed got all information - I truly am sorry - please keep sending your articles, I will pick them up once we are sorted.

The quarterly Broadsheet will be exactly the same as we have now but as I imagine we may get a fair bit of information I must request that any articles are sent as no more than 300 words. Like I said it is a trial, if you don't like it, please tell us.

Well I am off to eat lots of mince pies and watch Home Alone to throw myself into the festivities. Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to hearing from you in 2013.

Your editor - Hayley



From the Editor



My amazing plaster cast!

Weekends on the Water

TUPTONIA

Why not try something different for 2013?

Bookings are now being taken for trips on Tuptonia in 2013, with prices held at 2012 rates!

The cost for a weekend is just £280 plus £25 to cover the skipper's expenses if you need us to arrange a skipper for you. Bookings can also be made for day trips and for evening trips.

Tuptonia accommodates 8 girls (Brownies must be 9 years old or over), up to 3 leaders and the skipper.

Bookings will be open to all counties from 1st January 2013 - so book now to avoid disappointment!



Calling all Senior Section members - are you interested in a trip on Tuptonia as part of a group doing the Warwickshire Ring in the summer of 2013? You can join as an individual or with a small group for as many days as you wish, the whole trip will take 12 - 14 days.

For bookings or for more information on the Warwickshire Ring trip contact:
Lynne Alexander on lkalexander@waitrose.com or info@tuptonia.org.uk

Just a thought...

It's never too early to start planning sleepovers, pack holiday, camp or trips. Bookings are being taken for all our properties so book your dates.

We are proud of our properties so lets get the best use of them.



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County Commissioner's Comments

Maggie's Message



Hello Everyone

We had a fantastic County International Presentation evening last Saturday. As always, it was a real privilege to hear all about the exciting adventures our girls, young women and leaders took part in this year. Thanks everyone for sharing your memories with us, and a big thank you to Claire Storrie for organising the evening.

I visited the Rainbows last Sunday, celebrating their 25th Anniversary at Whitemoor Lakes. The activities available to them were very exciting and it was such a fantastic way for them to remember their special birthday! Thank you and well done to Ansley Stenning and Emma and Frances James for representing Birmingham on the organising committee at Midlands Region.

We now have a paid Region 'Growing Guiding' worker, Laura Price from Derbyshire, who will be starting in January. She is not involved in Girlguiding but has a huge amount of experience working in the voluntary sector as a Project Manager. She will be working from Midlands Region office but will be spending most of her time helping to develop Guiding here in Birmingham and also in Stoke-on-Trent.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Laura well and giving her a big, warm, Birmingham welcome. I will keep you updated as Laura's role develops in the new year.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year. Make sure you take some time for yourselves and have a restful, holiday break.

With very best wishes,
Maggie

Leadership Qualifications

Sadly due to the technical hitch with emails, I have not got the list for Qualifications this month. This is something that will carry into the new look Bulletin so will be added in January.

I am so sorry if you gained your leadership Qualifications this month and are looking for your name but we would all like to say a bigwell done.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

As LQ coordinator I have now entered their qualified date and their status of 'completed' on County Go!.

I would remind District/Division Commissioner that they should now make their role inactive as LiT and change it to Leader or Assistant Leader.

Certificates etc, including outstanding ones, will be at Trefoil House on the 13th November.

If there has been a change of Division Commissioner could you please let me know?

Janet Nunn
County Leadership Co-ordinator - Tel: 0121 421 5954





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International Announcements

KANDERSTEG 2014

Kandersteg International Scout Centre, SWITZERLAND
Friday 14th - Sunday 23rd February 2014
Cost - £730.00



Cost includes transport, food, indoor accommodation, insurance, ski hire and ski passes and a variety of winter activities including skiing, sledging, torchlight night hikes, snow shoe walking and ice skating!

Applications are now open for Guides (aged 12+ years in February 2014), Senior Section Members and Leaders to join this very exciting venture!! A joint activity with Birmingham County Scouts.

For more information and application forms visit

<http://www.birminghamscouts.org.uk/>

or contact

Girlguiding B'ham International Adviser Claire Storrie

Email: c.storrie1@btinternet.com

Extra Extra Read All About it...

Fame at the NEC

Members of Girlguiding Birmingham were present at the Crafts for Christmas show in November. It is a chance to promote Girlguiding and meet some lovely people.

The family of Samantha Wallwork were delighted to see a large poster featuring her with the Chief Guide at the naming ceremony of the new narrowboat, Tuptonia. Samantha was a little coy but agreed to have her photo taken beneath the poster. We also met a man whose late wife had worked at the school that had the original Tuptonia boat built and he was delighted to hear the story of the new boat and that girls can enjoy a narrowboat experience.

Jayne Howle

I'm forever blowing bubbles

We have a number of tiny Baker Ross bubble pots left over from the Midlands Region Rainbow Winter Magic Day. They have a winter / Christmas theme. If anyone could use some for their Christmas Party / presents please contact me.

They can be collected from Trefoil House.

Contact Ansley Stenning - astenning@blueyonder.co.uk

Virtual Bouquets

Thank you so much to the girls and leaders who shared their international experiences so confidently and enthusiastically at the County International Presentation Evening, it was a wonderful evening! Thank you to Linda Bateman, Chris Blake, Felicity Callanan, Bev & Deb Parsons, Emily Mason, Coral Redpath, Sarah Trinder, Amelia Wood and members of the 60th Guide Unit (Hall Green)

Thanks to everybody who volunteered to help on the stall or craft corner at the NEC.



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Swimming Gala Sat 16th March 6.00-9.00pm. Information can be obtained from your Division Commissioner. More information to follow in the New Year.

County Training Day - Saturday 2nd Feb 2013 - Venue: Trefoil House
New to Leadership - morning;
Sectional Training for all - afternoon;
Mentor Training - all day
More details to follow but put the date in your diary!!

Committee Meetings:

County Executive meeting
Date: Tuesday 8th Jan @ 6.30pm
Venue: Trefoil House for Division Commissioners

Programme Development meeting
Date: Wednesday 30th Jan @ 7.00pm
Venue: Trefoil House

Outdoor Team meeting
Date: Tuesday 5th Feb @ 7.00pm
Venue: Trefoil House

Property meeting
Date: Wednesday 6th Feb @ 6.30pm
Venue: Trefoil House

County Executive meeting
Date: Tuesday 12th Feb @ 6.30pm
Venue: Trefoil House



Future Dates:

Brownie Big Birthday planning meeting
Date: Wednesday 27th Feb @ 7.00pm
Venue: Trefoil House

International Activity day
Date: Friday 22nd February
Details to follow next month

Flag Raising
Date: Sunday 24th February

Division Outdoor Advisers meeting
Date: Saturday 2nd March
Details to follow in the new year

Swimming Gala
Date: Saturday 16th March
Venue: Cascades swimming centre
Time: 6pm - 9pm



Are you all getting to grips with Join Us III?

Remember as Leaders we will be "locked out" and unable to enter girls on GO after 17th December. New girls and volunteers will then have to be added via "Join Us".

Existing members who are transferring to another section can be added in the usual way on GO.

Thanks to those of you who baked cakes for the Soroptimists to raise money for St Mary's Hospice.

The total raised was £560.



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Senior Section



A simply scrumptious evening for Senior Section

“SIMPLY PUDDINGS”

(also incorporating the Girlguiding Midlands
‘Great Pancake Challenge’ to support Action for
Children)

Monday 11th FEBRUARY 2013

at Trefoil House, Blucher Street, Birmingham
from 7.00 p.m. until 9.00 p.m.

Cost £2.50

- Bring a delicious offering for others to sample and share (there will be prizes!)
- Come along and be creative - have a go at making some new desserts and scrummy things
- See demonstrations from others and get a few new ideas!

**Anyone aged 14-25 (as well as senior section leaders)
welcome to attend!**

For more information Contact: Karen Edwards kazedwards@btinternet.com 07540 953065