

Birmingham Broadsheet



Girlguiding Birmingham January 2012

THINKING DAY - FLAG RAISING AND BRUM CHALLENGE

Sunday 26th February

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR, COUNCILLOR LEN GREGORY AND HIS WIFE GILL will be joining us once again for the Thinking Day Flag Raising Ceremony.

We look forward to welcoming them and hope that as many of you as possible will come and join us. (10.45 am outside the Council House)

We can also tell you that **Blackwell Adventure** have kindly donated activity vouchers as the prize for the winning team of the Brum Challenge Quiz which will take place after the ceremony.

Please come and join us with your units, everyone including families welcome.



Self Defence for Senior Section

Calling all senior section members and senior section leaders to come along to Trefoil House on Wednesday 21st March for an informative and fun evening of "SELF DEFENCE" learn how to increase your personal safety and how to defend yourself and get away from an attacker as well as boosting your confidence and self esteem.

See attached flyer for more details.

Brownie Centenary 2014

Were you excited and enthused by our Guide Centenary? Would you like to help the Brownies celebrate their centenary in a spectacular way? Would you like to be part of team organising events and memories for our Brownie centenary? Maybe you think the Brownies can do it better than the Guides????!! Well if so then this is your chance! We're looking for a team of enthusiastic Brownies, Senior Section and Adult volunteers from across the county to help Birmingham County prepare for the Brownie Centenary in 2014.

If you'd like to be involved please let Gaye Collie in the county office know and we will be in touch.

Gaye Collie

County Administrator County Office



New Narrowboat.....

Tuptionia Fundraising still marches on - we have received several donations since the last broadsheet, including £5,000 from the Higgs Charity, £1,500 from the Edgar Lawley Foundation, £250 from Moseley Round Table (from our evening on the sleigh with Santa) and a £500 donation. **Our total now stands at £90,000!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The order for the new boat has been placed, the contracts signed and work will begin soon, watch out on the builder's website www.everythingcanalboats.com for more details of how work is progressing. We hope to have an official launch "do" at the end of October - watch this space for more information.

County International Opportunities Weekend



for Guides aged 14+ years (by July 2013) and Senior Section members aged 14-18 years

Saturday 14th-Sunday 15th April 2012

Goodrest Campsite, Kings Norton, Birmingham

Cost: £15.00

If you would like to find out more about what it means to represent Girlguiding at an international event, would like to be considered for international opportunities in 2013, have a go at a variety of activities, make new friends and HAVE FUN! Then come along to the International Opportunities Overnight Camp!

For more info and an application form please contact me as soon as possible.

Closing date for application forms is Friday 6th April 2012

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEADERS 2013

International travel with Guiding is a wonderful experience and we are always looking for either individuals or teams to work with Girlguiding Birmingham and Girlguiding Midlands to give our senior section members a life-changing opportunity!

If you are a leader who is excited about the prospect of being part of a leadership team on an international trip and/or keen to learn more about what is involved in being a leader on an international trip then **please contact me asap!**

Claire Storrie—County International Adviser

Tel: 0121 459 9172 Email: c.storrie1@btinternet.com



Sarah Trinder County Commissioner

Happy Thinking Day to everyone from all at Girlguiding Birmingham! We hope you have a wonderful time celebrating with your girls and remembering our guiding family all over the world. Sarah sends her greetings from Kandersteg where she is enjoying some winter sports with Guides and Scouts from Birmingham, from what I hear they are all having a fabulous time. If you still don't have any Thinking Day plans why not join us, the Deputy Lord Mayor Len Gregory, his wife Gill, and Scouting colleagues at the Council House on Sunday 26th February at 10.45 to raise the World Flag followed by a city quiz, great fun for all the family and your unit. Hopefully some of you will be joining the Trefoil Guild as they celebrate Thinking Day with a special event at Trefoil House this weekend (19th February). It has been lovely to see so many girls and leaders having fun at various fun days held at Trefoil House. Both Edgbaston and Middlepark have had successful Division Days. Remember your division can have a day at Trefoil House too, each division is allowed one free booking a year which many divisions use to hold a girls fun day type event. There has also been a fully booked out arts half-term fun day run by Pat Broughton and her hard working team. I popped my head in and Trefoil House was a hive of activity with girls in every available room, making creme egg dragons, masks, playing international themed games and so much more, no doubt they all went home with a bag full of goodies and many happy memories.

There has also been a very successful mentors and new leaders training day. It was good to see so many new leaders and their mentors able to attend the training and meet trainers from out of the county as well as our own trainers. A fun opportunity for your unit is being planned for June the 23rd. We will be having a County Olympics styled fun day for all to take part in at Beaconfield. More details available soon but save the date for your girls!

We have wonderful news from the Tuptonia fundraising team, through everyone's hard efforts we finally have enough to go ahead with building our new narrowboat. The contracts are now signed and building will be starting really soon. These are exciting times and we look forward to seeing our new narrowboat taking shape. Look out for more information about her launch later in the year.

Thank you to everyone who makes all of these wonderful opportunities available for our members.

Have a very happy Thinking Day

Ruth Smith
Assistant County Commissioner

Sarah Trinder
County Commissioner

Virtual Bouquet

So many bouquets to award this month!

A big thank you to Pat, the arts team and all their helpers for another fun filled, exciting activity day at Trefoil House this half-term.

Thank you to Janice Price and the Birmingham Trainers for all you do to support and encourage our leaders in the county.

A big well done to the Tuptonia committee and fundraising team for achieving the goal of enough money to build a new narrowboat. Congratulations to Yvonne Woodward and Mike Burkinshaw on their recent engagement. Mike romantically proposed in Central Park, New York and the wedding will be this October. Best wishes for their future happiness from all of us, especially from Maypole District.



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Leadership Qualifications

Judy	Flynn	158th Birmingham Guides	Mod 1	Perry Barr2011-11-29
Claire	James	72nd Birmingham Brownies	Mod 1-3	Edgbaston2012-01-19
Cath	Hills	6th Birmingham Rainbows	Mod 1-4	Edgbaston2012-01-19
Katherine	Spellman	94th Birmingham Rainbows	Mod 1-3	Edgbaston2012-01-26
Katie	Walker	172nd Rainbows	Mod 1-3	Edgbaston2012-01-19
Kathryn	Sakwa	12th Sutton Coldfield Brownie Unit	Mod 1-4	Trinity 2012-01-30
Emma	Cartwright	150th Birmingham Guides	Mod 1	Northfield2012-02-04



Congratulations!! **Janet Nunn** County Leadership Coordinator - Tel: 0121 421 5954

Holiday Licence Qualifications

Congratulations to Heather Richardson from Edgbaston Division on gaining her Brownie Camp Licence.

Hazel Megahey County Pack Holiday Advisor



Letters to the Editor

Thinking Day Fun Day Report by Pat Broughton Arts Team Manager
Over 160 Guides, Brownies and Rainbows all arrived at Trefoil House for a day of traveling round the World through craft, games and singing. Girls and their leaders filled the building, excitedly going round the four Zones. Crafts from China, Mexico, America, India, Russia, Egypt and so many more. Shouts and laughter could be heard from the hall where games from around the World were played. Singing was heard from the County Room. The whole place was buzzing.

The girls coming out of the Common Room who could not wait to eat their chocolate dragons; mouths were covered with chocolate. The shop was invaded by girls all eager to take home a memento of the day. The end result was girls going home with bags full of crafts of which the hot air balloon was one. Not sure how those going home on the bus or train managed. This could only happen because the girls' leaders, yet again, gave their time to bring them to the event. But the biggest "Thank you" goes to all the helpers who prepared and organised the activities.
Thank you all for giving the girls a Guiding Day to remember.

Hazelwell Hub Social Committee are pleased to announce they will be holding 2 Craft Fairs in 2012 and would like to invite you to have a stall for your own group. The tables will again be free of charge, with a request of a small prize for our raffle as a donation from yourselves.

There will be refreshments available and our fantastic cake stall.

The stalls will be set out ready for you, indoors in the light and clean Hall, and depending on numbers may also be in the Studio.

The most important bit the dates... Sunday 29th April and Sunday 2nd December from 11am till 4pm. Stalls can be set up from 9am.

If you would like to book a stall, please contact us via email to e.bennett40@yahoo.co.uk or telephone or text 07411 062389

Please give you contact details and type of product you make/sell.

Sorry, we are not accepting any cake or preserve stalls, as this already taken.

Further details of the Hazelwell Hub facilities can be found on our web site <http://www.hubhazelwell.org.uk/> Any queries please contact us using the above details. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Elizabeth Abbott

On the 21st January All Saints Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and Sea Scouts preformed a play written by Ian Henery, one of our Sea Scout Leaders and also the Poet Laureate for Walsall, called Harvest Home (World Citizen). The Play is fundamentally based on readings from the Bible about the commands that God gave us about the care of the planet and how by ignoring his words we have caused Global problems, such as poverty and starvation, extinction of animals and climate change. We took the show on tour to Aldridge as well as Bloxwich, which we performed in front of the Mayor, and shortly Willenhall. Its the first time we have all joined forces to get a message across and to raise money for the charity "Forever Angels", a orphanage in Tanzania that looks after abandoned babies, often as its parents have died of AIDS, that was set up some years ago by one of our Sea Scouts. So far we have raised £1000.00.

Pauline (37th All Saints) Brownies, Sutton Coldfield

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Congratulations to Liz Haskins and all the Kings Heath Trefoil Guild for a very inspiring Thinking Day Celebration on Sunday.

Two of our young women from Birmingham have been asked to be available as spokespersons at the Big Gig, Jasmine Rahman and Rhianna Frost, well done both of you. Keep up the good work everyone in Birmingham Guiding.

Looking at Publications - Do you keep hearing about these and not sure how to get going. We are running two sessions

Moving On - How do you get your Guides to move on to Senior Section
Together We Can - is for all sections but what is it all about? How can I use it in my unit?

26th April 7-9pm at Trefoil House, registration from 6:30.

It is a non uniform event.

to book a place please contact Janice Price by 15th April

email janice.price@gmail.com

text 07795511099 or leave a message 0121 373 6471

There are still spaces for Foxlease 4-6th May 2012 contact details as above

Thank you to all the Leaders and trainers who helped to make the New to Leadership and Mentors day on 4th February such a success. The cold weather and snow did not dampen the enthusiasm for the sessions. It was an excellent day with over 60 leaders taking part, lots of chatter, laughter and learning.

Woodgate Valley, Clapgate Lane, Bartley Green, Forthcoming Events: Conservation Workday Sunday 4th March 11am-3pm

Another opportunity to join the Woodgate Volunteers and learn some practical skills as we manage the country Park. Light refreshments provided

Walk to the Lickey Hill C.P. Sunday 25th March 10am start

A guided walk from Woodgate Valley to the Lickey Hills, all but a few sections off road. This walk is very hilly in parts and is not for the faint hearted. Transport back to the start is provided. Booking essential.

Conservation Workday Sunday 1st April 11am-3pm

It's the first Sunday of the month and another chance to join the rangers working at Woodgate Valley. Light refreshments provided.

Kipsie baskets Wednesday 11th April 11am-1pm

Make a traditional gypsy basket from hazel sticks. Booking essential.

Small charge for materials.

<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/>



Walking

Midlands Region Walking Weekend - 22nd-24th June 2012, North Wales
This is a social walking weekend. Cost is £55 for all Food and Accommodation. Lots of walks of all grades and difficulty. New faces are encouraged. Application form on midlands region website or email me. Places usually fill up quickly, so get in early!

County Walk - Saturday 24th March 2012

Plan: A day walk in Long Mynd area of Shropshire

Who for: Guiders/senior section (over 18s). Partners/friends welcome.

Contact: Please contact me via email if you are interested

Walking courses and First Aid Courses

I have received dates of the walking courses and outdoor first aid courses that are taking place across the country please email me if you would like details of these.

If you would like any further information or have any questions or walking queries, please contact me.

Mel Hurst Walking Adviser

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14-26 Years Old—Read on!

A 4 Basic Training is open to any member of Girlguiding UK aged 14 - 26. It's a free weekend (all you pay is the first £25 of your travel - anything beyond that is paid for) and will teach you how to plan and run sessions on a range of topics for other young people. During the weekend, you experience 4 sessions from a participant's view and then learn how to run your own sessions on topics (such as bullying, healthy eating/eating disorders, media and sexual health) and skills (such as communication, leadership and decision-making). It's run for Senior Section, by Senior Section and is a really fun weekend away! The next training is **23rd - 25th March at Headquarters in London.**

This could also count towards your Queen's Guide Award residential, Look Wider octants and will provide you with lots of activities if you are a Young Leader or Adult Leader. Peer education looks great on your CV and is really fun to be a part of.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in contact with me on felicitycallanan@hotmail.com or 07708 949408. I'm also happy to try and arrange for a current in4mer to visit your Senior Section unit if that would be useful or interesting to you.

Thanks, Fliss, County 4 Coordinator

Sheila Kimberley is again collecting Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers for Trefoil Croft. Please leave Vouchers at Trefoil House.



Liz's Lucky Pot—a collection of new activities for Guide Units. Available from Guide Shop £5. Covering many aspects of the Programme and easily copied. Cheap and easy activities—treat your Unit to some fresh ideas.

Date for your diary—flyer to follow

Saturday 23rd June 2012

Midsummer Games

Where: Beaconfield Campsite

10.00am—4.00pm

Open to all units come and enjoy some Olympic Style Fun!

Duke of Edinburgh



Most of you will be aware that we ran an Introduction to DofE course on 2 April 2011 with 6 leaders from the Region attending.

The aim of this course is to provide the information needed to be a DofE leader and run DofE programmes. It is suitable for new DofE leaders as well as existing leaders who want to improve their DofE knowledge. We run the course during the day from about 9.30am to about 4pm. It would of course be possible to run the course over 2 longish evenings, but this is not ideal from the continuity point of view. And although the course in April 2011 was held at Region HQ, the location is movable depending on numbers.

Is there a requirement to run a course this year?

Please let us know, yes or no - and if yes an indication of numbers.

Many thanks

Best wishes Richard & Sally

Richard and Sally are the Region DofE Advisors their email is

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Sing, Sing, Sing!!!

Girlguiding Nottinghamshire Invites you to welcome Spring at Midlands Region Singing Day On Saturday March 10th 2012

At the Greenwood Centre
Chester Green, off Banks Road
Toton, Nottingham NG9 6LN
10.30am to 3.30pm

A day of singing and fun led by Francis Parrett and Jane Withey
Drinks available from 10.00am, at lunchtime and before departure.

Please bring a packed lunch (non uniform day)

Cost of day :- £4 (£2 for girls, Young Leaders and Rangers)

Cheque made payable to Girlguiding Nottinghamshire.

Please return form and cheques to Anne Allery, address below

Or e-mail anne@mikeallery.plus.com

Or telephone 0115 9177150, mobile 07759 400972

Payment can be made on the day but we should like to know numbers beforehand.

