

Birmingham Broadsheet



Girlguiding Birmingham July 2012

A June Falklands Reunion

Mid Summer Games Lost Property



The wedding of Sue Nunn and Steve Arthur this June, gave four members of Girlguiding UK, an opportunity for a very special reunion with the Ann and Paul who as Governors of the Falkland Island gave the girls additional hospitality when they found themselves stranded on the island due to an earthquake in Chile in 2011.

In the picture from the left Ruth Smith (Birmingham), Ann and Paul, Eloise Whittaker (Dorset), Ruth Barsby (Leicester) and front of picture Steve and Sue (Nunn) now Mrs. Sue Arthur.

The following items found at Mid Summer Games:

A small purse
A child's umbrella
A guide gilet

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Mid Summer Games

We held our breath, all week the weather was terrible, but just before the marquee went up the rain stopped and it stayed dry for the day! The girls queued for ice-creams, had faces painted with trefoils and unit numbers, waited anxiously for the bouncy castle to re-inflate, swayed to the music of Zumba, finally mastered the walking skis, had fun in the play area; pontificated in the shop and went home exhausted after a wonderful day at Beaconfield.

172nd Brownies—Sue Burton



Queen's Guide Award for Charlotte

Congratulations to Charlotte Atkins on her Queen's Guide Award. Charlotte is seen in the picture receiving her Queen's Guide Badge from Baroness Floella Benhamin and Chief Guide Gill Slocombe (herself a Queen's Guide) at a special Ceremony held at the House of Lords on Wednesday 25th June.

Charlotte is a leader with the 147th Birmingham Brownies and whose Queen's Guide achievements Included attending the World Scout Jamboree and taking Brownies on a residential.

Well done Charlotte!



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Tuptonia Treat for Marian

On the weekend of June 22 - 24th a group of my Guiding friends gave me a wonderful surprise. Unknown to me they had booked Tuptonia! What an amazing time we had. Jeff, our skipper, was a bit worried when we turned up as raw novices, but in true guiding spirit we soon learnt the ropes and whizzed through the locks enabling us to spend two hours browsing round Hatton craft shops. Thanks to those who organised this, and we are all converts to narrow boating and want to go again next year.
Marian Bagley



Date for your Diary Goodrest Autumn Working Day

Goodrest Autumn Working Day Saturday 20th October 2012. Bring your tools and help clear up the campsite for the winter. Contact Diane Morgan 01214585422 for more details.

Wythall Jubilee Party

Wythall District celebrated the Jubilee a little later than everyone else! The party was held at Goodrest Campsite on Saturday 30th June. We crossed our fingers for the rain to stop. We had a couple of short sharp showers, but luckily we had been prepared with gazebos so no one got too wet. Girls made notebooks, shakers, flags, decorated cakes and biscuits, folded paper napkins, made the queen using a wooden spoon, completed a Royal Family Tree card game and got very muddy on the rope bridge!! One of our leaders made some cakes and everyone tucked into the buffet. The day was a great success and the girls enjoyed themselves.

Nicola Edwards
Wythall District Commissioner



SCORCH

As you may or may not know the national guide scratch orchestra is coming back to Northants in September and we are still looking for people to join us. We are a group of guiders who get together every 2 years for a fun weekend playing music (rather badly at times) and eating lots under the leadership of Mary Gentry. WE ARE NOT EXPERTS, the emphasis is very much on the scratch so everyone is welcome, although we also welcome experienced players to keep the rest of us going! Any guiders or senior section (age 16+) are welcome to join us. This years weekend is 7-9 Sept at John Lowther and costs £50. We would LOVE some new faces to join us, for further info please email me. Even if you aren't musical yourself, please can you forward/promote to people you think may be interested so we can ensure we have a full house! Oh and you are all welcome to come to watch the concert on the Sunday, 2pm at John Lowther!!

Thanks Jo Addis
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Sarah Trinder County Commissioner

Sarah out and about this month, Jubilee Parade, Mid Summer Games, Torch Parade, Summer Social and much, much, more.....



Best wishes,
Sarah Trinder, Birmingham County Commissioner



Virtual Bouquet

A big Thank You and Congratulations to all the Mid Summer Games Team: Sheila, Sarah, Hayley, Janet, Emma, Diane, Jean and Sue—A special thank you to Keith who helped us put the marquee up and Len and Gill Gregory, Barbara, for all their help in dismantling; Linda, Lin and Margaret for the shop and Jean and Margaret on registration, to all the ladies who patiently undertook face painting and Suzanne Hodgetts and Derek Boole.

A Virtual bouquet for Michelle Beams for organising the brilliant Tuptonia weekend for Marian Bagley.

Bouquets for Charlotte Atikins and Verity Fisher on their Queen's Guide Awards.

Leadership Qualifications

Congratulations Edgbaston!!

Lydia	Baldwin	114th Birmingham Rainbow	Mod 1&4	Edgbaston	2012-05-17
Katherine	Parker	1st Bartley Green Rainbows	Mod 1-3	Edgbaston	2012-06-15
Katherine	Parker	296th Birmingham Brownies	Mod 1	Edgbaston	2012-06-15
Lesley	Gartshore	1st Bartley Green Rainbows	Mod 1-3	Edgbaston	2012-06-15
Emma	Cooper	6th Birmingham Brownies	Mod 1-4	Edgbaston	2012-07-05
Jessica	Brown	172nd Birmingham Brownies	Mod 1-3	Edgbaston	2012-05-10



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Sarah Trinder County Commissioner

Hello to all our leaders, friends, members and supporters of Girlguiding Birmingham,

June has been another fun packed month. Two of our members, Kayleigh and Steph Wootton, from Perry Barr Division, took part in the 80th Anniversary Gang Show at the Hippodrome on 10th June. This was a lovely occasion and brought together Scouts and Guides and Gang Show enthusiasts from all over the country.

9th Sutton Coldfield Guides celebrated their 90th birthday with a banquet! The Guides had all helped to plan the celebrations, which included a display with a letter from the Queen and photographs of their cake-making exploits to earn their Party Planners badge. Congratulations to you all on a wonderful achievement!

Our big County event this month was the culmination of months of planning, when we held our Midsummer Games at Beaconfield. I watched as the first few Guides walked down the long tree-lined drive and their faces lit up as they saw the bouncy castles and shouted with excitement! We had a wonderful day - over 350 Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members took part in a variety of activities, including face painting, fun races, picnic lunch, eating lots of ice cream, bouncy castles, and zumba dancing. The zumba music added a carnival atmosphere and prayers were answered when the rain held off! Former Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Len and Gill Gregory, joined us to help present everyone's gold medals at the closing ceremony. A fabulous day and enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to Sheila Kimberley and her team of helpers and volunteers who made this such a special day for so many.

Wedding bells rang out for leader and Water Adviser, Sue Nunn, at her marriage to Steve Arthur on 29th June. Congratulations, Sue and Steve, and we wish you every happiness in your future together!

Another(!) rain-drenched County Social was held at Goodrest this year, but this didn't dampen our spirits and over 30 leaders and friends enjoyed a barbeque and diamond jubilee-themed quiz.

The County Property team were delighted to visit the new Tuptonia narrowboat, being built at Alvechurch Marina, this week. Following so many years of fundraising, the boat is really taking shape and will be ready for a launch party and celebrations in the autumn. Thank you Cynthia, Lynne and the Tuptonia Management Committee for all your hard-work and commitment and to everyone who has supported the new boat project for so many years.

I'm sure there are lots of you who are putting the final touches to your plans for summer camps and holidays with your units. Many of our leaders and members will be attending or helping at BrumJam too. Best wishes to you all for successful events - residential opportunities really give our young members exciting challenges and special memories of great fun with their friends.

Happy holidays everyone!
Sarah

Sarah Trinder, Birmingham County Commissioner

Virtual Bouquet

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Midsummer Games!

Happy 90th Birthday to 9th Sutton Coldfield Guides!

Congratulations Sue and Steve and best wishes for many happy years of marriage to come!





Letters to the Editor

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As another term rapidly comes to a close and the summer (what summer I hear you say!) holidays peep tantalisingly around the corner, you might be forgiven for switching off! Not so the case, we have the Thank You Evening for Sarah and Ruth to look forward to, when we can all express of thanks for all the work they have carried out over the last 5 years! Including a very special and if I may say so, frantic Centenary Year! If you cannot join us on Tuesday 10th July, 2012, I hope you will take the time to send your thanks in which ever way you can to Sarah and Ruth for all their hard work over the last five years.

We look forward to the next five years and working with Maggie Jones as our new County Commissioner.

Sue

Shard End District Fundraising Rainbow, Brownie and Guide Units gathered together for a successful fundraising evening. Bric a brac, books and Jewellery were on sale as well as prize a time, a raffle and treasure hunt. The best seller was the ice cream cup cakes made by Sally Simpson. Over £200 was made and I am sure Sally will let other leaders have her secret recipe for a small donation!!!!

Jayne Howle



Calling all Rainbow Guiders!!



It's your chance to help organise an exciting Rainbow 25th Birthday Party at Trefoil House on 24th October 2012. If you are an enthusiastic Rainbow Guider, perhaps doing your Adult Leadership Qualification and therefore need to take part in organising a large event, we would very pleased to have you on board!

We are holding a planning meeting on Monday 3rd September at Trefoil House, 7.00-9.00p.m. Come along and share your brilliant ideas so that we can make it a very special day for all the Rainbows in our County! Please let County office know if you are able to attend the planning meeting: girlguidingbham@btconnect.com

We look forward to seeing you

Pat Broughton
Art's Manager

Maggie Jones
County Commissioner Designate

Perry Beeches Academy Community Jubilee Party

Members of Perry Barr Division joined in the fun at Perry Beeches Academy, along with the Deputy Lord Mayor, Anita Ward, the sponsors - Asda, local Primary School children and other members of the local community. A tree was planted by the Deputy Lord Mayor and Mr Liam Nolan, the Head Teacher, to mark the Queen's 60th year as our monarch. We all joined in traditional street games and a great time was had by all!





Trainings

County Day 6th October 2012 - book your place by Friday 14th September see flyer
The following are provisional dates for training 2012-12 all at Trefoil House more details after the summer break.
10th November 2012 drop in - Seasonal Activities 10:30-1

29th November 2012 sectional (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) training 6-9
2nd Feb 2013 LQ and Mentors + sectional training 9-4
11th May 2013 drop in 10:30 -1
6th June 2013 topical training 6-9.

further details or booking email janice.price@gmail.com or text 07795511099

Have you got ideas that you would like to share with other leaders? Have you thought about becoming a trainer? Girlguiding Birmingham needs you. For an informal chat or information please get in touch with Janice Price.

County Singing Circle

Birmingham County Singing Circle
If you would like to learn some new songs and sign some of your favourite songs why not come and join us?
We meet bi-monthly in Trefoil House—we don't wear uniform—we Have a tea/coffee break and have fun!
7.30pm—9.30pm.
Tuesday 20th November 2012
December to be arranged

We would love to see some new faces we want to keep music alive in our county.
You will be very welcome.

Olympic Torch Relay Sleepover

As the Olympic flame made its way into Birmingham on the night of June 30th, it was hard to tell whether 20,000 concert goers at Cannon Hill Park were more enthusiastic than the 84 Guides, Brownies, Senior Section and Leaders who arrived at the Baptist Church in Hall Green for their own Olympic Sleepover. The evening consisted of Olympic themed games, thought of and organised by individual units, carried out under the watchful eyes of the leaders in charge of the activity. A points system was devised making the mixed teams of brownies and guides highly competitive. At the end of the evening when all the hot chocolate and prizes had been given out (to many whoops, cheers and 'no way's!'), the evening progressed to something much more special: an enrolment of one of our senior section members [Michelle Whittaker] and the presentation of the Baden Powell award to a guide [Rhianon Cole].
An early start was demanded of both the leaders and the girls, as the torch would be passing by the church at 7am sharp, by which time we had to have eaten breakfast, cleaned up and packed up! After a slightly grumpy start from all at 5am, the normal guiding enthusiasm was quickly found again as we made our way out into the chilly morning air to wave at the torch bearer. We lined the entire street space outside the church and were happy to bang our drums and wave our flags, standing underneath the bunting each individual member had created during meetings, powered along by our bacon sandwiches. Parents and friends were also invited to join us at this event for breakfast, so we welcomed members of the guild and rainbow units of Hall Green along with the most committed of parents. The torch soon came after a short wait on the pavement and I am sure the runners and police officers were quite surprised at the level of greeting they received. It was only after watching playback of the relay, that I noticed a massive difference between normal levels of cheering, and guide levels of cheering.
This unique event will remain in the girl's and leader's minds forever, and was a fantastic sight to witness as an organisation.
The video can be found at the following address:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/torchrelay/day44> :
time approx 07:16
Bev Parsons Hall Green Division



CALLING ALL RAINBOWS
COME & JOIN US
AT THE SILVER PARTY
AT
TREFOIL HOUSE
24TH OCTOBER 2012
10.00am-3.00pm
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
OF RAINBOWS

RETURN SLIP BELOW BY 3RD OCTOBER 2012

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SEND TO PAT BROUGHTON ,11 MOXHULL DRIVE ,
SUTTON COLDFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, B76 1LY
Tel Number 0121 351 5327 Email p.broughton@tesco.net

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Total Rainbows.....Total Leaders.....
Division.....Unit Name.....
Contact name.....
Tel Number.....
Cost £6.00 Per head. Total sent.....
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