

Birmingham Broadsheet

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Brownies to the Rescue



At the beginning of October the 147th brownies decided it was time to become mini experts in fire safety and complete their fire safety badge, this included a trip to the local fire station, where the girls had lots of fun learning! They got to try on uniform and equipment, which was much too heavy for a little brownie to carry around plus it looked very funny. They learnt all of the information needed for their badge and then came the best part.....



THE FIRE ENGINE! The siren made so much noise that the girls had to cover their ears. They got to sit in the driver seat, have a look at all of the equipment and then even go for a little drive around the car park with the sirens and flashing lights on, the smiles on the girls faces were almost as big as the fire engine itself but the fun did not stop there, they even got to have a go at using the fire hose and trying to get Brownowl wet!!! It was a fantastic evening the girls all got certificates and learnt lots of new things whilst having fun at the same time. This is a fantastic trip that is recommended for all Brownies and Leaders.

Charlotte Atkins

147th Brownies

Notices and Reminders



"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!

Thursday 29th November - Training at Trefoil House

Whats in the Programme - Rainbow, Brownie and Guide sessions suitable for all leaders 7-9pm registration and refreshments from 6:45. Please wear uniform if possible. Let me know by the 26th November if you are coming including your telephone number.

text 07795511099, leave a message 0121 373 6471, email janice.price@gmail.com



Join Us III

The way Join Us operates is being updated and Midlands Region Join Us III is going live on 26th November. Division Commissioners and Key Users will have received their training by the time you read this. The system will enable parent enquirers to be contacted directly with details of three units of their choice. Main Contacts in units will also be notified about the enquirer.

The system will eventually save time for us all but it is really important that everyone has an e-mail address added to their details on GO and that the Unit meeting address is up-to-date. Ask your Division and District Commissioners for more details or go on to the Join Us section of the Members' Area of the Girlguiding UK website.

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Editors Notes

Hiya, Wow what a response this month! I don't think I have ever seen so many Virtual Bouquet requests, I am virtually over run, it really is great to see so many people actively helping each other and thanking each other.

After last months new edition we had some really positive feedback, people saying it was easy to read and flowed nicely, I don't know how nicely it will flow for this edition however as we really are jam packed but I really appreciated the comments and messages! We did have some negative comments but I was expecting that and always appreciate different opinions, however in general you have answered the critics by sending in all the information, photos and stories, it is the best response we have had for ages. We had a request for more dates and information about meetings etc, I have done my best but if you don't tell me about it I can't print it, my crystal ball is a bit cloudy at the moment. Anyway always remember this is your Broadsheet for your news so send me your opinions and articles to our new email address: news@girlguidingbirmingham.org.uk, these need to reach the editor by the First Sunday in December - Please note this is a week earlier than normal.

Your new editor - Hayley



From the Editor

Adventure A - Hoy



Saturday 27th October dawned - the day we had all been waiting for - it was cold but sunny and the sky was blue, the perfect autumn day! The new Narrowboat was to be formally named Tuptonia and the Chief Guide, Gill Slocombe, was coming to name it!

At 12.00 the celebrations began, Gill arrived and after coffee we all made our way to the boat, moored on the edge of the marina, accompanied by Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section girls. The boat was decorated with pink, blue and white balloons and a multi-coloured ribbon was across the rear doorway. The ribbon was cut to gain access to the boat after Gill had poured champagne over the bow to name our new Narrowboat. A photo shoot followed - every Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Senior Section member wanted a photo on the back of the boat with Gill, and Gill was happy to oblige! The girls returned to their marquee after their tours of the boat to continue with the activities provided for them and next emerged for the cutting of the celebratory cake, before going home clutching their special Tuptonia Launch Day badges. Meanwhile the invited guests enjoyed a buffet lunch and a glass of champagne before their tours of the boat began. Lots of other visitors from many Counties came to visit us over the whole weekend, to say a fond farewell to the old Tuptonia (which was moored nearby) and to have a look at the new boat. The members of the Management Committee would like to thank everyone who came to visit us that weekend and of course everyone who has helped us over the past 7½ years to raise the money to have our beautiful new boat built. - Tuptonia Management Committee

County Commissioner Maggie Jones said: "We are delighted that the Chief Guide could join us to help celebrate the launch of our fantastic new narrowboat. The boat is a tremendous resource which will provide girls with an adventure as well as opportunities to learn valuable new skills."

Chief Guide Gill Slocombe said: "I'm proud to be able to launch this wonderful new boat.

"The fact that it's now on the water ready for all these wonderful girl-only adventures is testament to the spirit and determination of our volunteers, who worked so hard to raise the funds."

Tuptonia launch!

172nd Rainbows (Edgbaston Division) had a lovely day at the launch and enjoyed their chat with 'Queen' Guide (ie the Chief Guide!!)

The picture is of the Chief Guide taking a picture of the Rainbows!!

Janice Barnett



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County Commissioner's Comments

Maggie's Message



Hello Everyone!

It's been a very busy first month and I have been really pleased to meet so many of you in such a short space of time, despite getting lost a few times on the way!

Firstly thank you to Perry Barr Division for giving me such a great send off at our Harvest Celebration last month. My gift, flowers and cards were a huge surprise and very much appreciated.

My visits this month included: Edgbaston Division AGM - how busy you all were throughout 2011; the Rainbow 25th Silver Birthday Party in October half term - what a fantastic event enjoyed by approximately 100 girls; Kings Norton Division Church Parade - a lovely service to celebrate "Volunteering". Thank you all for making me so welcome!

The weekend of 27th and 28th October was indeed a very special one; the launch of our new narrowboat, Tuptonia, declared 'open' by the Chief Guide, Gill Slocombe. I'm sure you will read all about it in this edition but thank you to the Tuptonia Management Committee for organising such a brilliant weekend, and although the weather was not so kind on Sunday, the sun shone on us all on Saturday.

Our County "Welcome to Birmingham" morning last Saturday was also a successful event. It was great to meet some young, new Leaders or existing Leaders new to Birmingham. You are all very welcome! Enjoy Guiding in Birmingham!

Well that's it for another month. Next stop - Christmas!!

Best wishes

Maggie

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Leadership Qualifications

I am please to confirm that the following have now completed their Leadership Qualification...

Well done everyone!

Hannah Pettit	22nd Sutton Coldfield Guides	Mod 1-3	Vesey
Emma Bourne	56th Birmingham Brownies	Mod 1-3	Cole Valley
Rosie Austin	147th Birmingham Brownies	Mod 1-3	Cole Valley
Louise Hoskin	119th Birmingham Rainbows	Mod 1-3	Yardley
Beverley Parsons	60th Birmingham Guides	Mod 1-3	Hall Green



IMPROTANT 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

COUNTY INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATION EVENING

Saturday 1st December 2012 7.00pm Trefoil House

Please come along and join us to browse the various displays and listen to the experiences of girls and leaders who have attended International Guiding events during 2012. This will be an enjoyable and enlightening evening as you listen to the adventures that girls and leaders have had!!! EVERYONE IS WELCOME! It would be helpful to know in advance who will be attending if possible - many thanks.



CONGRATULATIONS to Felicity Callanan (Northfield) on gaining her Travelling Abroad module by leading the Midland Region group to 'Roverway' in Finland during the Summer! Well Done!

International Trips

WONDERFUL NEWS!!! I am delighted to report that we have 3 County International trips taking place next Summer (2013) to 'Our Cabana' - Mexico, a Jamborette in the Netherlands and a team travelling around Europe taking part in Jailbreak 2013! The groups for each trip are as follows:

'Our Cabana' - Mexico (10th-24th August 2013)

Leaders: Janice Barnett (Edgbaston), Emma Cartwright (Northfield) & Janet Rickerby (Edgbaston)

Participants: Grace Branch (Kings Norton), Rhiannon Cole (Hall Green), Libby Dorsett (Trinity), Casey Dunne (Kings Norton), Clare Galbraith (Trinity), Katie Shannon (Kings Norton), Hannah Stone (Edgbaston), Christine Turner (Kings Norton) & Katie White (Kings Norton)

'Jailbreak 2013' - Europe (27th July-3rd August 2013)

Leaders: Katie Jennings (Edgbaston) & Tracey Branch (Kings Norton)

Participants: Elena Derham (Hall Green), Frances James (Edgbaston), Niamh Keen (Hall Green), Emily Perrott (Kings Norton), Natalie Turner (Kings Norton) & Eleanor Williams (Perry Barr)

'Marsna Jamborette 2013' - Netherlands (28th July-11th August 2013)

Leaders: Elizabeth York (Northfield), Anna Alcock (Middlepark) & Stephanie Wootton (Perry Barr)

Participants: Ashleigh Avery (Kings Norton), Hayley Edwards (Trinity), Jessica Hall (Kings Norton), Halina Henry (Cole Valley), Mary Holden (Edgbaston), Laura Powell (Trinity & Vesey), Paige Scarfe (Kings Norton), Charlotte Smith (Kings Norton), Hannah Walker (Trinity) & Valentina Zanetto (Edgbaston)

Congratulations to all and good luck with your fundraising.

KANDERSTEG 2014 - SWITZERLAND

There will be another joint Birmingham County Scout and Guide trip to Kandersteg during the February 2014 half term holiday (14th-23rd February 2014)

It is a winter activity trip therefore the activities will include 3 days skiing, a snow play day, a snow hike day and a day trip out! The trip is for Guides and Scouts (aged 12+ years at the time of travel), Senior Section members, Explorer Scouts and Leaders.

Cost: £730.00

There will be a promotion evening for this trip at Trefoil House on Monday 19th November 2012 at 7.30pm for anyone interested in attending the trip or finding out more information!

If you need an application form for the trip please contact me.

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Cross Section Day out for the 9th

It started as a suggestion between Leaders over coffee. We hadn't done an activity with all the 9th Sutton Coldfield units before. Would it work? Between us we had 6 young Leaders or Leaders working on their leadership qualification, could this support their training?



On the morning of Saturday 3rd November, 9th Sutton Coldfield Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers held a joint activity morning at Kingsbury Water Park. The morning started with a lot of rain and the erection of an event shelter, but as hardy Guiders we decided that we were 'girl guides', and the weather wouldn't deter us! By the time the girls arrived the sun had started to shine and we opened the morning by sharing how we all started meetings and the Guide Colour Party raised the flag much to the awe of the Rainbows! The leaders working for their LQ or YLQ, all planned an activity each which cross sectional teams worked around. It was fantastic to see the Rangers helping the Rainbows and the Brownies growing in confidence because the Guides were listening to their ideas and involving them in the discussions.

Following a short break, we all tried Orienteering in our individual units, with the Rainbows having to find 3 marker posts, The Brownies 7 and the Guides and Rangers about 15! I think the Rainbows got the best deal as they did a much shorter walk, managed to feed the Ducks and got a bit of time on the play area! The morning finished with all the end of meeting songs and the Rangers lowering the flag. Great fun was had by all!



Kirsty Moore

9th Sutton Coldfield Brownies & Rainbows

Trafalgar Day Parade



This year's annual Trafalgar Day Parade and Ceremony welcomed Birmingham's Lord Mayor & Lord Mayors Consort and other Dignitary's along with other service members including The Band of the West Midland Fire Service, HMS Forward, Sea Cadets and members of Girlguiding Birmingham.

The wreath from the Guides and Scouts was laid by a Guider from King Norton District and the District was represented by 2 Guiders, 2 Young Leaders, 6 Guides and a Unit Helper.

After the Ceremony at the Bull Ring we paraded along New Street and Corporation Street to St Phillip's Cathedral Churchyard where the Lord Mayor took the Salute. After being dismissed, the Lord Mayor thanked the Guides for taking part. It was then off to Macdonald's for a hot chocolate!!!

Barbara Storrie 141st Guides - Kings Norton



Santas Little Helpers

231st Rainbows and Brownies collected and covered 61 shoe boxes, raised money to buy things such as flannels, toothpaste and brushes hats, scarves soap and small toys. After covering the boxes they raised enough money for purchase of all goods and also postage and tracking funds. The boxes were collected on Monday 5th November and we were told that our boxes will be going to the Ukraine. We are looking forward to seeing the joy on the children's faces when they receive them on Christmas Day.

Georgia and Melissa Hasker



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Trefoil Guild News



A beautiful autumn October Saturday at Trent College, Long Eaton was the setting for a gathering of over 450 Trefoil Guild members from the Midlands Region for International Day: an annual event of friendships renewed and experiences shared.

We were welcomed by Jo Dowling, the Region Chairman and joined by Brenda Peart, the Region President and by Margaret Routley, the National Chairman as well as some other Region Chairmen and guiding friends.

After the opening ceremony, including the lighting of the Counties' Peace Lights, we were off to Gambia courtesy of a Leader and 2 Rangers from Gnosall, Staffs.

In 1999, whilst staying at Waddow, they discussed what project they could support and decided to raise funds for a school in Gambia. Since 2003 the Rangers have visited Gambia several times and the video presentation showed then helping with decorating and teaching the children games and songs from the UK. There is a party of 29 going in 2013 and half of the collection taken at the opening ceremony was given to the Guides 4 Gambia project.

During the lunch break 2 parties of TG members were given guided tours of the arboretum adjacent to the college and time for us to look at each County's display of the Great Outdoors' attractions in its area.

Our afternoon session was a yacht trip 'round the world'. Tracey Worth, a guider and yachtswoman, together with her husband and 2 young daughters spent 6 years sailing and visiting many countries. The focus for us was the South Atlantic; we heard about and were shown pictures of their adventures with whales and sighting icebergs. Their visits to South America and the Falklands included meeting members of the Movement and illustrated how guiding binds us all together regardless of nationality.

Our day ended with music and songs performed by a choir and orchestra formed to appear at the Derby Assembly Rooms to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A lovely ending to a full and enjoyable day.

2013 is the 70th Anniversary of the Trefoil Guild and events are being planned to mark this. Dates and venues are still being finalized and will be passed on as soon as they are. One date for diaries is the Trefoil Guild Thinking Day celebration to be held at Trefoil House on Sunday 24th February. All are welcome to this. It is an afternoon event and the time is to be confirmed.

Joan Caine (B'ham TG PR)

Chocolate and Mud...

Just imagine a whole weekend of chocolate (the downside being there were 24 Brownies there as well!!!!)

295th & 297th Birmingham Brownies recently joined forces to have a weekend Brownie holiday with CHOCOLATE as the theme. Baking chocolate cupcakes, writing with chocolate, a chocolate treasure hunt, playing bingo with chocolate buttons as counters and performing their own chocolate based play were all included , oh, and eating chocolate dipped fruit, chocolate biscuits and chocolate spread sandwiches, chocolate bars, etc., etc.

And to use up all the excess of calories we went on a bracing walk over the fields and through a local wood. I had warned the girls it would be muddy, but that turned out to be an understatement. Needless to say we had a few incidents of trainers having to be rescued, girls pulled out, wellies emptied of water and more than one Brownie ending up on their bottom in muddy puddles. THEY ABOLUTELY LOVED IT.

Kathryn Hoskin

Brownie Holiday Adviser for Yardley Division



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Advanced Notices and Reminders pt 2



Advance Notice: County Training Day - Saturday 2nd February 2013
New to Leadership - morning; Sectional Training for all - afternoon; Mentor Training - all day

More details to follow but put the date in your diary!!"

Forthcoming dates for County Teams:

Outdoor Team Meeting - Tuesday 20th November 7.00pm Trefoil House

Finance Committee Meeting - Tuesday 27th November 7.00pm Trefoil House

Reminder:

Brownie Centenary Planning Meeting - Wednesday 28th November 7.00pm, Trefoil House

Reminder:

County Forum for Division Commissioners and Teams; County Leaders and Teams; Advisers and Trainers - Saturday 8th December 2012 Trefoil House 9.00 for 9.30am.

Uniform - Leaders often ask if they should wear uniform when attending Trefoil House. Generally speaking, we say non-uniform for meetings but uniform for trainings or when you attend events with girls. Hope that helps.

Soroptimists

Many of you may be aware that we have links with the Soroptimists who are a group of women who work on many issues including womens' rights. They are very keen to work more closely with us in order that both organisations can benefit.

One of the projects they have asked us to support is the Shoe Box appeal for the Crisis Centre. It would be fantastic if you could send in some items for this appeal.

They have requested toiletries like:

shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small packets of tissues, facial wipes, small hairbrushes, hand wash, flannels, bath sponges, notebook, pens, socks and gloves.

If you could send or bring anything you can spare into Trefoil House by Saturday 8th December at the latest, we will ensure everything is passed on. You can send separate items or fill a Shoe Box if you can; anything will be very much appreciated. Rally your girls to support this in your units or bring a few things in yourself.

We will leave a box in the entrance area for you to put items in.

Thank you

Peter Pan and Parties

The 18th St Faith and St Laurence Rainbows Ladywood Division would like to tell you what a fabulous time we had on Wednesday 24th October

We went to celebrate the Rainbows 25th Birthday at Trefoil House where we made silver wands, necklaces, bracelets and crowns. We also visited the rainbow to make wishes and play with a big parachute, we made lots of wishes and hope they all come true. There was a big birthday cake and Wise Owl kept our pieces safe in a box and we took them to McDonalds and ate them for our pudding after we had Chicken Nuggets and chips.

We went to McDonalds for our tea because we were going to see Disney on Ice,



we were all so excited and couldn't wait for Mickey and Minnie to come and tell us a story. When Peter Pan, Wendy and Tinkerbell flew nearly over our heads and waved at us we thought it was the best thing we had ever seen.

After the show we went home very tired but we had the best time.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a very Special Day

The 18th Birmingham Rainbows.



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Virtual Bouquets

We have had so many nominations for Virtual Bouquets I have had to give them the majority of a page of their own.

Many Thanks to everyone for all you do.

Fran O'Connor, Frances and John Longstaff-Tyrell, Margaret Birkett, Liam Wood,
Katherine Morgan, Roger Morgan all helping with Autumn Working Day @
Goodrest 20th October 2012 - Diane Morgan



To the Tuptonia Management Team for all their hard work in raising £100,000 for the new narrowboat, a fantastic amount and hard work - well done

A big thank you to Perry Barr Division for my invitation to their Harvest Festival Service and a very well done for all the harvest gifts they collected on behalf of Birmingham City Mission.

Pat Broughton and the Arts Team and everybody who helped out to create a wonderful Rainbow Silver Party

Sue Burton - County President

Our thanks to Barbara Storrie and the Kings Norton Senior Section for attending Trafalgar Day for a second year and braving the extreme cold - well done

To the Tuptonia Management Committee for a fantastic launch weekend.

To Pat and the Art's Team and the working party of Rainbow Leaders for a great

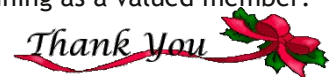
Rainbow 25th Birthday Party - Maggie

Many thanks: To Sue, Gaye and Caroline for all the planning and preparation for the 'New to Birmingham' morning, and to Janet Nunn, Lin Jenks, Diane Morgan, Margaret Birkett, Rosemary Plevey, Jean Lindley, Sue and Gaye for helping on the day.

To Janice Price and her team for organising the Seasonal Crafts Drop-In.

A big "Thank You" to Wendy Strickland from all at Weoley Trefoil Guild. Wendy has been Chairperson since Weoley began 15 years ago, her dedication and guidance has been appreciated by all and we are pleased to say she is remaining as a valued member.

Janet Grice (New Chairperson)



Condolences

We received the very sad news that Linda Bateman's father passed away at the beginning of the month. Flowers and a card have been sent from the County and I'm sure you will join me in sending our thoughts and prayers to Linda and her family at this difficult time - Maggie



Thank You!

I am absolutely overwhelmed by the number of messages, cards and flowers that I have received following the death of my father last weekend. Words cannot express my thanks and gratitude to everyone for their support and friendship at this very difficult time. All the kind words have meant so much and have been really appreciated. The support that Guiding gives at these times is so special and really does help to make things easier to bear.



Thank you so much.
Linda Bateman

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Footballers in the Headlines

Girl's Football

Is anyone is interested in promoting girl's football in Girlguiding in Birmingham with older Brownies, Guides and Senior Section? I am looking for people to discuss it with me and Birmingham County Football Association. This will take the form of a "Task & Finish" group and will therefore not entail any long term commitment, but mainly to put ideas forward with a view to the BCFA doing most of the organisation. It is also going to be promoted as a fun event for girls who are not necessarily skilled but want to 'have ago'.

I would love to hear from you! Please get in touch at ccguiding@btconnect.com

Thank you - Maggie.



Wage Slave Required

Attention - Job Opportunity!

Development Worker required
to work from Midland Region Office
18 months fixed contract
See Girlguiding UK website for full details



Memories Wanted

Girlguiding Midlands - Winter Magic Event
1st and 2nd December 2012

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF RAINBOWS

Did you join Rainbows in 1987?
Have you some interesting memories to share?



This year, Rainbows celebrate their 25th Birthday. We'd love to hear from girls who were part of that new section in 1987 to find out what you remember, and what you are doing now. Did you stay in Guiding? Did the valuable skills you learned contribute to the career you have now? What are your fondest memories?

As we prepare for Winter Magic, our special event to celebrate 25 years of Rainbows, we would like to be able to share with the girls, stories from the very first Rainbows.

Please get in touch with us via email: midlands.headoffice@girlguiding.org.uk and help us to encourage a new generation of Girlguiding.

Bookings are being taken for Beaconfield Campsite for 2013

Ideal Campsite for Guide camps, Brownie revels or fundays, Rainbow gatherings, Guide patrol cooking, hikes and lots more.

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