



Celebrating 100 years of Girlguiding Birmingham County

Girlguiding Birmingham county was established in 1921 ... and so we are celebrating being 100 in the way the Arts Team does best
—lots of fun makes to mark the moment!

This resource pack accompanies the Arts Team's Activity Day, held for 100 young members and includes information, crafts and ideas for each of the decades.

Lots of the activities can also be used towards various challenges, skill builders, unit meeting activities and badges

More ideas...



If you fancy some more Birmingham themed ideas, are up for a challenge or want to explore your city and a range of different activities linked to it, then the Birmingham Challenge could be for you.. The challenge and resource pack are on the leaders' page of the Girlguiding Birmingham website and badges are available in the shop.



What was happening in the world?

New dance called the Charleston named after the town in South Carolina, USA. Women get the vote. School leaving age increased to 14 years old. White sliced bread and bubble gum invented. Winnie the Pooh born and the first Mickey Mouse cartoon shown.



What was happening in Birmingham?

Birmingham known all over the world as "the city of a thousand trades". Famous for making jewellery, guns, ammunition, toys, cars, tools and metalware. The city was smaller in the 1920s but by 1928 the city boundary was extended to include Perry Barr. Fox Hollies Park was opened in 1929 and the Hall of Memory in Centenary Square was built and opened in 1925. Cadbury Flake was first made in 1920. Typhoo Tea opened a factory in Birmingham. Many people lived in "back to back" houses with a shared toilet in the back yard.



What was happening in Guiding?

In 1926, Thinking Day on 22nd February was introduced, this date being chosen as it was the birthdays of Robert and Olave Baden-Powell. New national Guiding Headquarters opened in London 1929. Guides in Birmingham helped to raise funds for the headquarters by buying bricks.



The Birmingham County badge was designed, incorporating the Birmingham city crest.



1920s

Twenties fashion is often remembered for its glitz and glamour, so how better to mark this than by creating your own bejewelled and glamorous headband fit for the 'Roaring '20s?



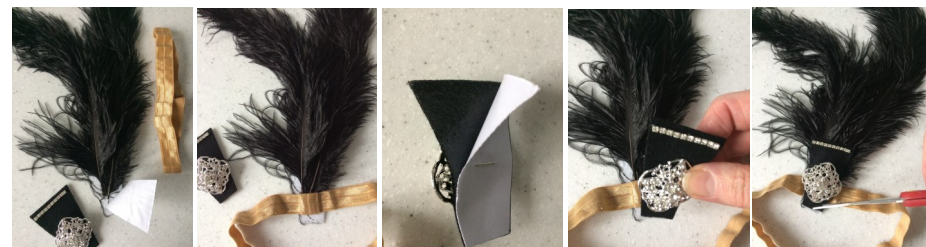
Make of the decade:



Collect together an elastic headband, two feathers, a sparkly brooch or other costume jewellery and some self adhesive felt. Cut two identical shapes from the



felt. Peel the backing from one of the pieces and position the feathers. Place on one side of the headband. Decorate the other piece of felt, pinning on the brooch. Peel off the backing and carefully position the second piece of felt over the first. Trim any uneven edges, then get ready to party!



Why not try:

Completing your look by ...

Making a fringed dress from a tie-handled bin bag (cut along the bottom to form the skirt and wear the handles over your shoulders, add recycled decorations)?

Making a long necklace?

Learning the Charleston?

What was happening in the world?

Amy Johnson first woman to fly from UK to Australia. Driving tests became compulsory. A time of mass unemployment with food and petrol rationing in England. J.R.R. Tolkien's novel *The Hobbit* published and *Snow White* released as a cartoon feature film. The start of the second World War

What was happening in Birmingham?

The first cinema under the Odeon name was opened in Perry Barr. In 1931 the city boundary was extended to include Castle Bromwich and Sheldon with a city population of one million people. An Art Deco bridge was opened alongside the original bridge in Perry Barr.

Baskerville House and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital opened in 1938.

Tram travel was introduced and the Birmingham Edmdon airport opened in 1939.

What was happening in Guiding?

Birmingham had 1000s of guides and Brownies in the 1930s. The first Guide Shop opened in Imperial Arcade, Dale End. Goodrest Campsite was acquired. The Old Jewish School on Blucher Street was Birmingham's Headquarters. In 1936 The Queen (then Princess Elizabeth), was a Guide and Princess Margaret a Brownie. Special services to celebrate Guide Sunday were held at St. Martin's Church, The Central Hall, Aston Parish Church and St. George's Church in Edgbaston.



1930s



The period between the wars saw the rise of the Art Deco movement, characterised by geometric shapes, straight, smooth lines, sunrise motifs, and loud, vibrant, and kitschy colours. This is your opportunity to try your hand at re-creating this style.

Makes of the decade:

Use bright and geometric foam shapes to transform a plain photo frame. Cut simple shapes and arrange carefully to give a symmetrical design. Glue in place, finishing with some well positioned jewels.



For a stylish way to carry all your makes, try decorating a black gift bag with assorted gold tapes and jewels. Plan your design carefully! Alternatively use black card to make a name plate, or greetings card in the same way.

Why not try:

Looking for Art Deco architecture in your area?

Making a 'stained glass' window with tracing paper and markers?

Painting a paper plate in Art Deco style?



What was happening in the world?

World War 2 continues with air raids, food rationing and wearing of gas masks.

Coventry Cathedral bombed. The bikini swimsuit shown in a Paris fashion show.

Royal Wedding in 1947 Princess Elizabeth marries Philip Mountbatten. National Health Service started in 1948.

What was happening in Birmingham?

Abdul Aziz opens a café shop selling curry and rice in Steelhouse Lane. Castle

Bromwich Aircraft factory turns out its first Spitfire MK 11. St. Philip's Cathedral bombed and gutted. The Empire Windrush ship arrived in Britain in 1948, many of these people made their homes in Birmingham. Sutton Coldfield transmits first Television broadcasts to be seen outside the London area.

What was happening in Guiding?

Brownies and Guides helped with first aid, growing fruit and vegetables and raising funds for ambulances and a lifeboat during the War years.

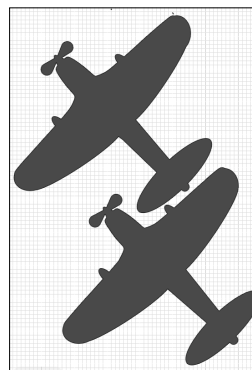
Birmingham Guides made garments for people who had lost their clothes in the bombings and over 20,000 cotton reels were collected for the Air Ministry, AA Batteries and the Royal Corps of Signals. Birmingham Headquarters bombed - £6,750 needed to repair the damage. A new water pump installed at Goodrest Campsite. Yardley Guider Phyllis Mary Thorpe awarded an MBE in 1994 for bravery during the war.



1940s

Spitfires produced in Castle Bromwich took to the skies as fighter planes—make your own spitfire display with a personal message.

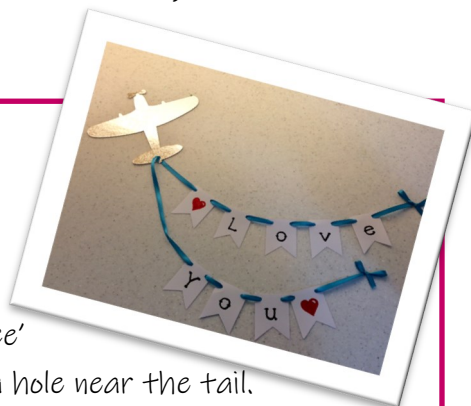
Make of the decade:



Cut a Spitfire silhouette from card (we used a silver 'cracked ice' design). Punch a hole near the tail.

Make flags from thin card, punch holes in the tops and add your own design. Wrap the end of a piece of ribbon tightly in Sellotape, to give a

shoe-lace style end which will make threading easier. Arrange the flags and 'sew' them into place, sliding them right along the ribbon. Once you have completed one line, thread the ribbon through the plane and continue. Tie the ends in bows and trim. Hang your plane on the wall.



Why not try:

Making (and perfecting) paper planes? Experiment to find the best designs and materials.

Precision flying—send your paper plane through a series of hoops?

Making a plane launcher?



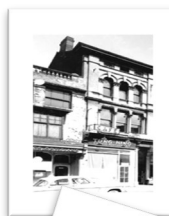
What was happening in the world?

IBM produce the first electronic computer.
King George VI dies . Princess Elizabeth becomes Queen at the age of 25. Walt Disney opens Disneyland to the public as the world's most elaborate amusement park. Russia sends a dog into space. British suffragette Christabel Pankhurst dies. Elvis Presley is "King" of rock 'n' roll. Sweets come off rationing. Popular TV programmes: Watch with Mother, Bill & Ben the Flower Pot Men, Crackerjack. The safest place to watch Dr. Who was from behind the sofa.



What was happening in Birmingham?

Bull Ring redevelopment. First Chinese restaurant opened in 1956. Scout Jamboree takes place in Sutton Park. Famous for the manufacture of cars. British European Airways begins a regular helicopter passenger service from Hay Mills to Northolt and Heathrow..



What was happening in Guiding?

Birmingham has a new County Standard. Chief Guide Lady Baden Powell attended a Garden Party in Bournville with more than 200 guests hosted by Mrs. Cadbury, Birmingham County Commissioner. First Hall Green elderly party. Opening of the Guide shop in Corporation Street. The Duke of Edinburgh started his award scheme. In 1957 there was a celebration of Lord Baden Powell's birth with a Scout and Guide Thanksgiving Service at Birmingham Cathedral.



1950s

Birmingham is becoming a multi-cultural city and the first Chinese restaurant opened during the 1950s—celebrate that with some Chinese-themed activities.



Make of the decade:



Red and gold are used to spread the message of good fortune and prosperity for everyone, so use these colours as the basis for a fan design. Either draw your design in gold markers or make stencils and paint, stamp, or draw your design through



Why not try?

- cooking a Chinese dish?
- Finding out which Chinese year you were born in?
- Using chopsticks?
- visiting a Chinese supermarket or restaurant?
- Making Chinese lanterns or a dancing dragon?

What was happening in the world?

Known as the "Swinging Sixties". Mini dresses, pop music, colour TV and pocket transistor radios. Mary Quant a British Fashion designer and Twiggy (Lesley Hornby) becomes an icon model. First woman in space Lieutenant Valentina Tereshkova. British and French agree a deal to construct Channel Tunnel. Beatles Paul, John, George and Ringo awarded MBEs. QE 11 Liner Launched. 850 women on strike at the Dagenham Car Plant over equal pay. Prince Charles, aged 20, crowned Prince of Wales.

What was happening in Birmingham?

The first Balti restaurant opened. The new Bull Ring shopping centre, an open market with 150 stalls, Rotunda, BT Tower and redeveloped New Street Station all completed. Famous pop groups emerged including Spencer Davis, the Moody Blues and Black Sabbath. Associated Television begins broadcasting the programme Crossroads. Restoration of Sarehole Mill and the Central Mosque completed. The homeplace of modern Bhangra music.

What was happening in Guiding?

Following four years of fundraising, the new Birmingham Headquarters, Trefoil House, was officially opened with a visit from HRH Princess Margaret, the President of the Guide Association. In 1962 the hut at Goodrest Campsite was destroyed by fire; a new hut called The Martineau Hut was opened for use in 1968. Trefoil Croft, a Chartist Cottage, was purchased 1965 at costing £7,500, following fundraising by girls and leaders. New Brownie and Guide uniforms launched in 1968.



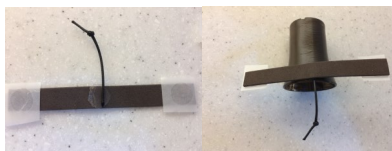
1960s

The Bullring is one of the first things people think about when Birmingham is mentioned, and a bull even features on the community flag. Why not make your very own cute and friendly Birmingham bull?



Make of the decade:

Use a painted shot glass or miniature flowerpot as a body. Cut the other pieces from craft foam. Join the head and horns with a glue dot, then turn the head over and add a nose and eyes.



Put 3 glue dots onto the leg section.

Add the tail to the centre one, then stick this in place. Wrap the legs

around the base and fix into place. Glue the top of the neck to the

back of the head. Fold the neck backwards and use a glue dot to stick it to the top of the container. Add hooves and admire!



Why not try?

- Bhangra dancing?
- Playing a shopping game?
- Painting a stylised bull?
- Finding out about some famous women of the decade?



What was happening in the world?

Britain joined the Common Market amid strikes and unemployment. USA Spacecraft Apollo 14 lands on the moon. UK introduces decimal currency and VAT (value added tax). Margaret Thatcher elected first woman Prime Minister in UK and voting age reduced to 18. Microsoft and Apple founded. The first Apple computer released. Video recorders and disposable razors now available.



What was happening in Birmingham?

Pebble Mill Studios in Edgbaston are opened by Princess Anne. Spaghetti Junction opened. Marjorie Brown becomes first woman to be Lord Mayor of Birmingham.



Sutton Coldfield absorbed into Birmingham. Birmingham Zoo is opened alongside Cannon Hill Park. NEC and Alexander Sports Stadium opened in 1976. First British International Motor Show held at the NEC. Pop groups from Birmingham UB40, Wizzard and Duran Duran formed.

What was happening in Guiding?

Young Leader Scheme started in 1973. Brownies and Rangers celebrate 50 years of Guiding. Lady Olave Baden-Powell, the Chief Guides, dies 1977 the same year we celebrated the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Diamond Jubilee Birmingham County Camp held at Beaudesert campsite in Staffordshire.



1,500,000 used stamps collected by Birmingham Brownies to support sight saving work in India; the winning pack 10th Birmingham Selly Oak collected over 50,000 stamps

1970s

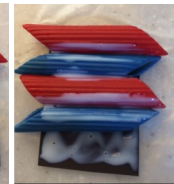
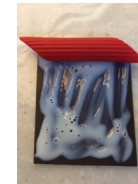
Spaghetti junction, a Birmingham landmark opened during the 1970s. Although this wasn't actually made of pasta, it gives us a good excuse for some pasta themed activities!

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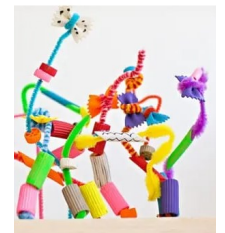


Colour some pasta, by shaking in a plastic bag with a little paint and water/alcohol, spread out on baking parchment and leave to dry. Now get creative!

Try pasta magnets—arrange your pasta pieces and cut a piece of magnetic sheet that is slightly smaller than your design. Place the magnetic sheet SHINY SIDE DOWN onto a plastic bag. Using a strong glue cover the magnet and start to build up your design, covering it in glue as you work. Add eyes etc and leave to dry —BE PATIENT!



Use pasta as beads and create your own necklace by threading them onto cord, adding decorations with marker pens if required or thread and twist onto pipe cleaners for a modern sculpture



Why not try?

Using spaghetti with marshmallows or plasticine to build a tower?

Inventing your own pasta sauce?



What was happening in the world?

First London marathon with 7,000 participants. The start of Post-It notes (square yellow notepad with a sticky strip on the back of each note). Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer married at St. Paul's Cathedral. The Mary Rose, flagship of Henry VIII's fleet, raised from the seabed. Microsoft Word launched. Live Aid raised 70 million dollars for famine relief in Ethiopia. English pound note ceases to become legal tender.

What was happening in Birmingham?

Snow and the coldest weather since 1901. Aston Villa win the league for the first time in 71 years. Pop group Duran Duran in concert at Villa Park. The Birmingham Superprix street car racing took place. Brindley Place development alongside the ICC and Broad Street granted planning permission. Birmingham School of Music renamed the Birmingham Conservatoire.

What was happening in Guiding?

The first Girl Guide stamp issued in 1982 costing 29p. Birmingham wins 1st Prize for their float at Lord Mayor's procession on the 75th Anniversary of the Guide Association. A County Camp took place in August 1987 at Blackwell. Rainbows introduced for 5-7 year olds, with 12 units registered in Birmingham in 1988 and 226 girls in 1989. We had a stand at the Sewing for Pleasure" and Craft Shows at the NEC.



1980s

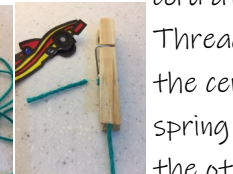
There's normally a lot of traffic on our streets but for the Superprix, the roads in the city centre were closed to normal cars and there were racing cars on them instead!



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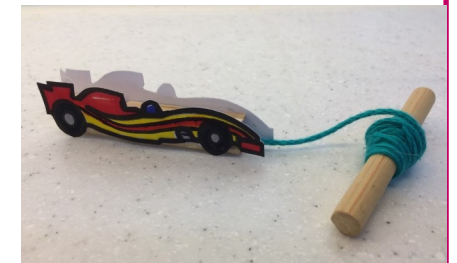
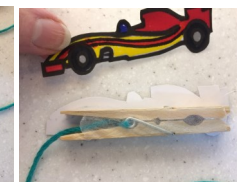


Draw or print out an outline for both sides of a car on card—the pictures need to be slightly larger than a clothes peg. Colour and then cut out. Cut a piece of cord at least 1m long.



Thread one end through the centre of the peg's spring and tie firmly. Tie the other end to a piece of

dowel. Tear a piece of double sided tape and cover one of the opening sides of the peg, line up one of the pictures (with the front of the car facing the string) and stick firmly. Repeat on the other side.



To race your cars line them up one side of a table with the string stretched out to the other side. Twist the stick in your fingers to roll up the string and move your car.

Why not try?

Playing some traffic related games?

Other sorts of races?

Making other things that use string to move, like zip wires or balloon aeroplanes?

What was happening in the world?

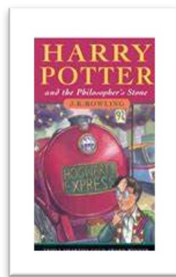
1990s was known as a decade of relative peace and prosperity. Tattoos and body piercing popular. Women Priests ordained for the first time by the Church of England. First Harry Potter book published. Princess Diana died in a car crash in Paris. Chanel Tunnel opened. Euro currency launched but UK decides not to join. Doc Martin boots regain popularity. Online auction website eBay is founded. Search engine Google is founded. Highest grossing film of all time Titanic released in 1997.

What was happening in Birmingham?

Anthony Gormley's statue "Iron man" is erected in Victoria Square. Crufts, the world's largest dog show, relocated to the NEC. First Aldi store opened. Opening of Symphony Hall and the ICC. Sadlers Wells Opera move to the Alexandra Theatre and Royal Ballet located in Birmingham. Princess Diana opens the revamped Victoria Square in 1994. First Midland Metro 1999.

What was happening in Guiding?

New Jeff Banks uniforms introduced. Rangers celebrate 75th Anniversary. County Kim's Game raised £8000 - half was donated to the Children's Society. Tuptonia purchased from Derbyshire Education Service. On a hot September day, Senior Section members climb Snowdon. Rainbows enjoy their 10th Birthday. Brownies and Guides take part in the Sutton Fun Run.



1990s

Fluffy, tiny, sleek or shaggy, there were lots of canine visitors to Birmingham when Crufts moved to the NEC. What better reason to make your own designer pup!?



Make of the decade:

Start by cutting a piece of thick card to form the mouth—this will be a suitable size for your hand and a similar size to the sole of the sock. Score and fold, then reinforce the fold with some tape. Insert the card into the sock so it forms a mouth (the bottom jaw will be the heel and the top jaw the toe). Insert your hand and then add some stuffing to form the head. Press to shape, remove hand (temporarily!) and attach features (use strong glue, glue dots, double sided tape or sew).

Allow glue to dry before playing with your sock puppy.



Why not try?

- Writing a story and putting on a performance?
- Adding sound effects?
- Making other sorts of puppets?

What was happening in the world?

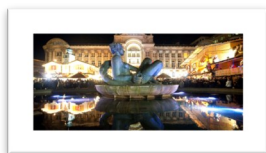
Widespread celebrations to celebrate the Millennium. Harry Potter movies released from 2001-2007. The sport of geocaching begins. Wikipedia on line. A 16 year old Sherpa the youngest to climb Mount Everest. The leaning Tower of Pisa reopens (11 years and 270,000,00 dollars spent to fortify but not fixing the lean). Large ice deposits found on Mars. Facebook, Google and YouTube make appearances. Bottlenose whale spotted in the Thames. Apple unveils the iPhone. The Grand Pier in Weston Super Mare destroyed by fire. Largest hoard of Anglo Saxon Gold found in Staffordshire.

What was happening in Birmingham?

First German Christmas Market. Millennium Point opened by the Queen. The Mailbox opens to the public and in 2004 the BBC Birmingham also re-locates here. The new Bullring Centre opens. HP sauce made for the last time in Aston in 2007.

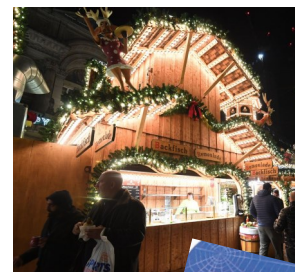
What was happening in Guiding?

New Ally Cappellino uniforms introduced. Brownies celebrated 90 years in 2004. Trading Depot at Trefoil House one year old. 2006 HRH Sophie Countess of Wessex visits Trefoil House. To mark its 40th Birthday. County organised trip to Switzerland. St. George's Day celebrations - 5000 Scouts and 500 Guides paraded from Five Ways to Centenary Square. Rainbows are 21 in 2008.



2000s

Adding a continental touch to Christmas, the German market came to Birmingham, offering all sorts of exciting gifts and snacks. Learn about a German tradition.



Make of the decade:

Using two Christmas baubles, make your own spider decoration. Remove the tops from the baubles and glue a dowel into the body section, leaving the end protruding. Tie a hanging thread around this. Twist together 4 halved pipe cleaners, then twist one of them around the dowel to secure. Bend into leg shapes. Apply some strong glue and press the head into position. Decorate with jewels if desired.



For a challenge try making a foil spider:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2_PXtx-Y8I



Why not try?

Learning some words in German (and other languages)?
Making and decorating gingerbread?
Acting out some traditional tales?



What was happening in the world?

Jessica Watson becomes the youngest person to sail nonstop unassisted around the world. Global population 7 billion. Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Sony release Playstation 4. Microsoft release Xbox One. First Invictus Games took place in London. Females allowed to drive in Saudi Arabia for the first time. NASA release high definition photograph of Pluto. More than 38,000 people take part in the London Marathon in 2015. First Bank of England polymer banknote enters circulation. Cressida Dick appointed first female Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle marry.



2010s

One iconic building that opened its doors in the 2010s was the library of Birmingham, Providing not only books, but magnificent views over the city.



What was happening in Birmingham?

Queen Elizabeth Hospital opens in Edgbaston. The new Library of Birmingham the largest public library in the UK. Refurbished New Street Station and associated Grand Central opened. Centenary Square closed for refurbishment 2017 and reopened 2019. May 2018, flash flooding as more than one month's rainfall deluges the city in one hour. Worlds biggest Primark opens in 2019.



What was happening in Guiding?

Centenary Year. With a Carnival at Drayton Manor, Party in the Park, Lord Mayors Reception. 2012- new Tuptonia narrowboat launched. A big Brownie Birthday at Handsworth Girls' School with a carousel and so much more. Mother and Daughter Day at Trefoil House. Scout and Guide Traditions Day 2015. Canal and River Trust Activity Day. Pride 2017. Stage of Wonders Show 2019.



Make of the decade:



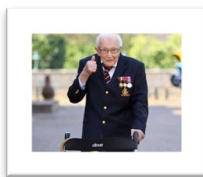
Enjoy discussing your favourite books while designing a special bookmark. Select a strip of card, some embellishments and a length of ribbon. Punch a hole in the bottom of the card, thread the centre of the ribbon through, then pass the ends through the loop you created. Using very little glue, carefully position all the pieces, and then allow to dry.

Why not try?

- Creating a design or piece of art based on overlapping circles?
- Holding a story telling evening?
- Dressing up as your favourite character?
- Creating a scene from a book (maybe in a shoebox)?
- Decorating cakes or biscuits or cooking a recipe from a book?

What was happening in the world?

Global pandemic COVID 19 and Omicron. Masks become new fashion statement. UK officially withdrew from the European Union. 99 year old War Veteran Tom Moore raises £32 million for NHS charities and is knighted. UK experiences the hottest day. Tik Tok video sharing platform a major influence on pop culture and the music industry. Facebook and Instagram rebrand as Meta. Prince Harry & Megan Markle give up Royal status. The Duke of Edinburgh dies aged 99.



What was happening in Birmingham?

Birmingham prepares for the Commonwealth Games with the demolition of the Perry Barr Flyover and refurbishment of the Alexander Stadium, the introduction of the Clean Air Zone and work on the HS2 Station development. The extension of the Metro Line sees it continuing along Broad Street.



What was happening in Guiding?

COVID 19 has been instrumental in leaders utilising video conferencing systems such as Zoom to engage with girls. Super Hero Award introduced. Midland Celebrate Event at the NEC. Activity Packs via post directly to girls in place of face-to-face Activity Days. The Hall Green Elderly Persons party boxed and delivered to doorsteps. A County Virtual Sleepover took place December 2020. Midlands Region held a celebration at Blackwell Court. A County Walk in September 2021 and 100 years as a County celebrated. A first face-to-face Activity Day in February 2022!



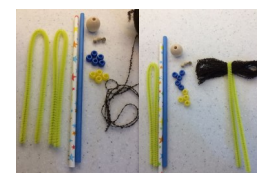
2020s

A lot of unusual things have already happened in the 2020s and there are lots more exciting things to look forward to—what do you think the future holds ... and what would you like to see happen?

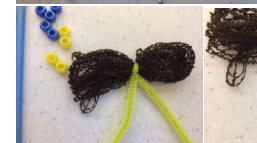
Maybe we need some superheroes!



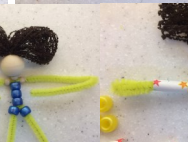
Make of the decade:



Bend 2 pipe cleaners in half. Use one to secure loops of wool for the hair, twist tightly then thread both ends through a large bead for the head and a small one for the neck. Open the ends and add a shoulder bead onto each. Wrap the

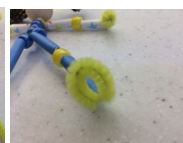
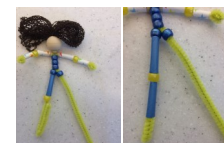


remaining pipe cleaner around the neck, then thread 3 beads onto both strands of it. Open up and add one more bead onto each. Fold



the arms in half, thread pieces of straw and a bead to form arms, bend the ends to make hands and

secure. Thread a straw and bead onto the legs, fold the remaining pipe cleaner and add the straw. Fold up and shape the feet. Add a cloak, features and glue the hair into place.



Why not try?

Making a spoon superhero?

Planning your next adventure?

Anything!

