



SENSATIONOPOLY

57 Senior Section girls from across the Midlands Region and leaders had a great weekend in Birmingham with Sensationopoly. 9 months ago at a 'voyage' meeting the girls came up with the ideas for their weekend. They wanted to have a weekend of challenges and fun. Some of the girls used the weekend as the residential element of their Queen's Guide award and others for element 4 - participating in a committee.

The weekend comprised of a stay in the neighbouring Ramada Hotel with activities in Trefoil House and around Birmingham city centre.

Sally Illsley, Midlands Chief Commissioner welcomed the girls on Friday evening and was impressed with Birmingham as she explored the checkpoints on Saturday. Sensationopoly was based on the game of monopoly with girls able to complete it in any order they wanted. The challenges were worth an amount of 'monopoly' money and the aim was to see which team could obtain the most monopoly money. Locations around the city centre were used so the girls had the chance to explore Birmingham city centre as well as do a bit of shopping if they wanted to. With Birmingham themed quiz questions and chocolate tasting challenges the girls had plenty of fun as well as learning about Birmingham.



On a sunny weekend in July, around 50 senior section members from all over the Midlands came together for the start of an adventurous and exciting break. I was lucky enough to experience this amazing weekend in the heart of my home town. Meeting at the Ramada Encore Hotel late Friday afternoon, threw me straight into the weekend's activities. After almost being blinded by a guiders camera flash as I stepped one foot into the hotel, I proceeded to unpack (dump) my belongings onto my very comfortable sofa, and then immediately head out across the main road to Trefoil House, for the start of the evening's activities. I should make it clear now, that one of my most memorable moments during the weekend, was the number of times I sprinted, with arms flailing in the air, across that main road to get to Trefoil House. Of course, none of us were intelligent enough to use the crossing about 30 feet away...

Sensationopoly gave me the opportunity to make new friends, as well as reconnect with the old. I was fortunate enough to meet up with a good friend from the midlands, who had been on an international jamboree with me in 2008. Since then, we lost touch slightly, and it was truly wonderful getting to reform that friendship again.

To get the evening started, we began by playing some ice breaker games, after the briefing for the tasks ahead during the weekend. From magical floating sticks, to blind trains and from jumping on groundsheets, to discussing goldfish, there really wasn't anything called 'personal space' anymore. Once we were all out of breath from laughter, we sat down and found a group for our 'expedition' the next day. My group were effectively named 'The Rejects', as we were all made up of girls that had attended the event alone, without knowing anyone before we arrived. Being in the same position as one another really gave our group a strong connection, which helped us immensely in the day ahead.

We awoke at the break of dawn, ready and enthusiastic for the day ahead. Well... at least I did. The other members of my team didn't take too lightly to being woken at 6:45am, because I had lost my hairbrush... We ate a BEAUTIFUL breakfast prepared by the hotel, although there were no hash browns with the hot breakfast, which was a topic later discussed the following day, during a very serious discussion on improving the senior section adventure weekend in the Midlands. We were given maps and instructions when arriving at Trefoil House, but one thing was instantly clear: there would be walking... LOTS of walking, the length of which I still somehow managed to underestimate, until I was actually doing it. After being serenaded by a few gentlemen at Holloway Circus, and then running away practically screaming, we went in search of our target items: a padlock, a lion's head and an Aston Villa logo of some sort. This was possibly the most creative part of our challenge as many teams thought outside the box, and came back with pictures of canal locks, and strangers off the streets of Birmingham wearing Aston Villa t-shirts. The aim of the game, was to travel across Birmingham finding checkpoints, completing challenges, taking enough pictures to cover the city we were searching, and attempting to not be distracted by shops and freebies being given out in city centre. We failed at one of those categories, but looked amazing in our bright red team headgear from Primark. I would take this opportunity to express my complete and utter shock, when I realised that the city held more than simply shops, and that the custard factory is MILES away from Millenium Point. After taking around 50 pictures at various landmarks across the city, and completing challenges at ridiculous points in town, we collapsed into chairs at the fine dining restaurant, Mc Donalds. We were most definitely not the only group to do this during the course of the day. After eating around 30 chicken nuggets and 4 burgers between us, we went for ice cream, because we simply weren't full enough by that point. We completed scouring the city for challenges and photos and arrived back at trefoil house for more challenges, which included making a rainbow dog out of pegs and feathers, and dipping our feet in a custard bucket to retrieve plastic frogs.

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SENSATIONOPOLY CONTINUED

After a thorough shower, we all got dressed and glammed up for the Ruby ball, celebrating the 40th anniversary of senior section in the midlands. There was a delicious meal served by Birmingham's most glamorous waitresses (my mum told me to put that bit in!) and then folk dancing. Everyone was eager to get involved, filling the main hall with music and dancing galore. It was a spectacular sight to witness, and possibly one of the most enjoyable moments of the weekend. By changing partner every 10 seconds, if you were not already associated with a person on the weekend, you were by the end of the night. It was very fast, hot and tiring dancing, but worth it for the pure enjoyment of the dance. The awards from the city challenge were given out, and then the dancing continued, taking the speed up a notch. At the end of the day, everyone was thoroughly tired, but still managed to run around the hotel until the early hours of the morning.

After another delicious breakfast we started the day with hour long talks on different issues within senior section in the midlands, such as event organisation, in4mers and international selection and opportunities. This was a vital part of the weekend, as after all the fun and relaxed entertainment of the previous day, it was time to sit down and have our voices heard. We put forward many different idea, and reconvened after lunch for a voting session. Many of the ideas put forward by the groups who had the opportunity to have a longer session were supported by the other members of the midlands senior section showing preference across the board. We hope we have made a difference into the running of girlguiding with some of our suggestions.

After a brief thank you and slideshow of the weekend we were free to leave and get back to our boring lives back home. It was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend for all involved and definitely holds long lasting memories. Two things are certain: 1: I have made great friends who I will most definitely be keeping in touch with. 2: I will NEVER look at Birmingham town centre in the same way ever again. Article written by **Bev Parsons—1st Senior Section Hall Green**



SENSATIONOPOLY ~ SENSATIONAL STAFF!!

Girlguiding Birmingham you are amazing!!! Rising to the challenge to provide checkpoint staff to assist with the Midlands Region Senior Section 'Sensationopoly' monopoly event around the City Centre on Saturday 2nd July.

Over 20 sensational leaders and senior section members agreed to sit on various street corners and park benches with clipboards (thankfully in the sunshine) to marshall teams of senior section girls as they rampaged around town on a mission to visit and photograph most of Birmingham on foot! Our willing helpers then returned to Trefoil House to assist on activity bases during the afternoon, including very messy challenges as well as more crafty options.

A fantastic team including our ever faithful, hardworking BAGS also helped long into the night, waitressing at the Ruby Gala dinner for the girls. Nothing was too much trouble for our attentive waitresses and thanks must also go to Margaret Aiken for providing us with such a wonderful 3 course gala dinner and to Michael Collie for his help in hosting the evening.

Sensational!!

Karen Edwards
Senior Section Adviser



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SARAH TRINDER COUNTY COMMISSIONER COLUMN

Hello to all our members and friends,

During June, Penny Hall (Division Commissioner for Cole Valley) and Sarah were delighted to visit the Children's Hospital and see some of the work that goes on week by week at the Onaway Scout and Guide Unit - see separate article to find out a little more about how guiding and scouting is offered at the hospital and how to get involved.

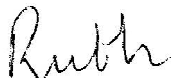
Girlguiding Birmingham was pleased to host Senior Section members from across the Region for a weekend of activities - Sensationopoly! Midlands Region held its Ruby dinner on the Saturday evening at Trefoil House and many members of our county helped with cooking and serving the meal. Michael Collie, one of the Ambassadors for Girlguiding Birmingham was also there to MC and give a speech. Ruth Smith (Assistant County Commissioner) represented the County at the event and said a great evening was had by all.

Now's the time of year when many of our members pack their bags and travel for day trips, holidays and camps over the summer. We wish you well for your travels and hope you all have a great time. In particular, ten members of the county are going to Sweden for the World Scout Jamboree - Joy, Ruth, Olivia, Libby, May, Eleanor, Christine, Katie and Rosie and leader Laura Monk - we hope you have a fabulous time and look forward to hearing all about it! Ruth and Sarah are coming to the Jamboree for a day trip to visit you all and look forward to seeing you soon.

With best wishes for happy holidays and time to relax too!



Sarah and Ruth



Challenges Update!

So far nearly 700 members of Girlguiding Birmingham (and a few members of guiding from out of the county) have completed the Lord Mayor's Deaf Awareness Challenge for 2011. This is a fantastic achievement and we have ordered more badges!



Only one unit has taken part in the Football Challenge so far - but they had a great time and would highly recommend it! Why not offer it to your unit to choose as part of programme planning for the autumn term?

Copies of both challenges and the Midland Region Get About Challenge are available from Gaye in the County Office, please call 0121 643 3686 or email girlguidingbham@btconnect.com.

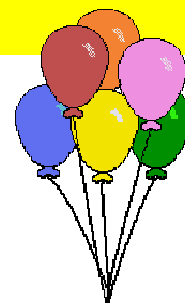


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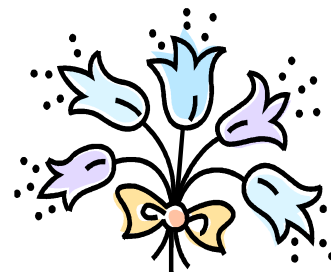
Heather	Smith	199 Birmingham Brownies	1-4	Highbury	2011-06-27
Kirsty	Moore	9th Sutton Coldfield Brownies	1-4	Trinity	2011-05-24

Janet Nunn

County Leadership Coordinator - Tel: 0121 421 5954



VIRTUAL BOUQUET



Thank you to Mel, Christine, Jules and team for a relaxing, fun, challenging and very well fed walking weekend!

To Pauline, Ann, Val and Diane for all your work at the Children's Hospital - thank you

Speedy Recovery to Jill Biddle—we need you back with the Despatch Team

Thanks to Karen, Linda and Jayne for your work behind the scenes on Sensationopoly!



EDITOR'S NOTES

Well so much for a quiet July!
My thanks to all the contributors this month and if you feel that you are not being represented or are passionate about something you would like changed in the Broadsheet format—then you need to contact me and let me know! I do not have a crystal ball!!
Have a lovely summer everyone, whatever you are up to and keep the articles coming in please.

Sue

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The County have some very old 8mm, 16mm & 35mm film reels, it would be nice if there was anyone out there who could transfer them on to disc, or know anyone who would do it for a small fee? Please contact me Margaret Birkett on 0121 783 4723 or
Email: mbirkettjlb@btinternet.com

Brownies Enjoy A Traditional Sports Day

Despite claims that children's interest in sports is falling nearly 90 Brownies from across the Kings Norton division came together to enjoy a traditional sports day and to take up the "Brownie Challenge" of winning the district shield for their pack.

Girls from eight Brownie packs across the area took part in traditional races including the three legged race, egg and spoon, wellie wanging, the sack race, roll a hoop and a teddy relay. The Brownies took part in races across two age groups 7 - 8 years and 9 - 10 years. The Brownies were so excited to be able to take part in the competitions and meet other girls from their local area.

"It was an amazing evening for all the girls, great to have all Brownie friends together" Anna Stanley, a leader from Wythall said.

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TUPTONIA - Locks Event 27, 28 & 29 August 2011

This event is going ahead !!! We will be at Cambrian Wharf in Birmingham City Centre (follow the canal round the corner by the NIA, going down the side of the Malt House public house) on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the August Bank Holiday weekend.

We would love you to join us - either come and help open and close locks for boats passing through (all equipment and safety gear will be provided), or come and help serve tea and cakes to passers by, or just come down for a chat and a cup of tea!!!

We would be very pleased to have Brownies, Guides and Senior Section Girls in particular, either as a group or just with the family, but everyone is welcome. It is always a fun weekend and you will be helping us to raise money towards the cost of replacing Tuptonia.

Any donations of cake or cake(s) would be very welcome.

Additional information contact Lynne Alexander on 0121 427 8313 or email lkalexander@waitrose.com

Warning

Birmingham City Council are introducing park charges
from 6pm - 8pm

and all day Sunday, so be warned!!!!

When coming to Trefoil House make sure you have some loose change to hand for the metre,

that's if you are unable to park on our property or in the garage.
The traffic wardens do watch and wait when our building is in use.

I am not sure when this comes into force so BE PREPARED!!

Margaret Birkett

Congratulations go to Shard End Brownie leader Sue Jones who married Geoff Hogan at Birmingham Registry Office on Saturday 14 May. Sue has been involved in Girlguiding since she was a young girl following family tradition as her late mother was a Guider for many years. Sue is photographed with her Girlguiding friends - from left to right Sally Simpson-Millward, Hilary Draper, the beautiful Bride, Muriel Castle, Pat Davies and Jayne Howle. Sue had a wonderful wedding cake made with cup cakes and it was no

surprise that the cake holders were gathered up as they would surely prove useful for a craft activity in the future!!!



Tales from Pack Holiday from Sally Simpson Millward -
Brownie to Sally: "when did you arrive Sally?"

Sally to Brownie- "I arrived last night late because I finished late at work."
Brownie to Sally: "Work?"....."
have you got another job other than being Brownie Owl then?"



TREFOIL GUILD WARM WELCOME

TREFOIL GUILD WELCOMES YOU

Calling all guiders, unit helpers and other adults; have you ever thought of joining the Trefoil Guild? The Guild is open to, and welcomes, everyone (women and men) aged 18 and over who is or has been a member of Girlguiding UK or the Scout Association or who makes the Guide Promise.

The Trefoil Guild offers friendship, fun and activities for its members as well as opportunities to support guiding. Guilds usually meet monthly in various locations. Some meet during the day and others in the evening.

The programme for each Guild is decided by its members and includes demonstrations and talks, trips both locally and further afield, social events and opportunities to share skills with members and with Units. And this is just the 'tip of the iceberg'.

Meeting and making new friends and having the chance to take part in new or familiar experiences with other like-minded people is the underlying ethos of the Guilds. To find out about your local Trefoil Guild ask your Commissioner (District or Division) for the name of the chairman and ask if you, and maybe another guiding friend, may attend one of their meetings - the answer will be YES. You'll be very welcome.

Joan Caine

GUIDING WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Birmingham Children's Onaway Hospital Scout and Guide Unit is now well established. Four members of Girlguiding Birmingham - Pauline Leddy, Ann Willis, Val Comery and Diane Thomson - as well as members of Birmingham Scouts spend Thursday evening working on a number of wards, providing activities for the children and often as not their siblings too. When Penny Hall (Division Commissioner for Cole Valley) and I visited in June, one boy had just been admitted to hospital that day, his mother hadn't wanted to leave him to get some necessities from the shop, he had come to hospital in a rush with no books, games or activities... the Scout and Guide Unit provided him with his own colouring pens, a mask to make, colouring to do and his mum had the chance to dash to the shop. His face lit up! Two sisters were delighted to receive a badge and a certificate each having made bead necklaces, while their brother who was in hospital was occupying most of their parents' attention. Sometimes children who stay in longer develop a relationship with our leaders, sometimes it's one meeting only. Parents are often relieved to have something for their children to take part in that's part of normal life, not hospital, and also someone else to talk to. Funding for the activities and resources is provided by Birmingham freemasons. I was struck by how the activities offered and time spent on the wards were really valued by the children, their families and the staff too - is this something you think you could help with? There is extra training to do provided by the hospital but essentially the unit is offering scouting and guiding as best it can in an environment where it really makes a difference to the lives of young people and their families. What more could you ask? Please contact me if you would like further information:

ccguiding@btconnect.com, 07853 137555 or email Penny on pennyjhall2@yahoo.co.uk.

BAG'S DAY OUT ON TUPTONINA

We try each year to support all our properties, in May it was Goodrest, September it will be three days at Trefoil Croft. Monday 27 June was our planned trip on Tuptonia. There is always one, who notes the wrong meeting time down in their diary, but it never bothers us because several of us can't even remember what we did yesterday, we just laugh about it.

First things first, put the kettle for tea or coffee, guess what? I forgot tea, coffee and sugar the plus side was I remembered the milk, don't panic. Lynne came to the rescue with provisions left on the boat.

At last we get going, in beautiful sunshine, cruising along at walking pace, talking nineteen to the dozen - well! can you think of a better thing to do when retired. There were eleven of us so no one had to walk along the tow path only those of us who chose to walk Lynne's dog. Before we knew it, it was time for us to moor up while we ate our packed lunches which triggered the conversation about diets. Several of us said we wish we could loose weight, might even have it as a BAG's activity ha! Ha! The day passed so quickly with us dodging the afternoon showers, whilst admiring the flora and fauna along the canal side.

After tucking Tuptonia up for the night we all set off for a meal in Hockley Heath, meanwhile Linda dashed off for a meeting at Region and two more members of BAG's joined us. To our consternation when choosing main course it indicated how many calories were in each meal, you can imagine our diets were put on hold. I'm sure our conversation and laughter amused most of the diners in the restaurant.

On a more serious note, if you would like to join our group please do contact me. We are not a rival group to Trefoil Guild in fact several BAG's are in both. The BAG's aim is to support the County in many ways, helping with the organisation of events etc.

Margaret Birkett



BIRMINGHAM COUNTY WALKING WEEKEND 3RD-5TH JUNE 2011

The walk to the falls was brilliant and it was good to chat with new people along the way!
Stella, Edgbaston

The walking weekend was a fantastic opportunity to get together with like minded individuals and explore a new area of the UK.
Kathryn, Sutton Coldfield

On Friday 3rd June, 19 Guiders and members from across Birmingham and the Midland Region, set off to enjoy what was forecast to be a sunny weekend of walking and exploring the Berywn hills.

We arrived at the centre on Friday evening - Yr Hen Felin centre, is owned by Northamptonshire Scouts and is in a lovely quiet setting just outside Corwen. An evening meal was available for those who wanted it, prepared by QMs for the weekend - Jules Hall & Suzie Trevethick and once we had all arrived and explored our home for the weekend, we settled down to plan our walks.

We divided into 3 groups for walks which were to be of varying degrees of strenuousness! No need for any icebreaker getting to know you games - the planning and discussions ensured that everyone quickly got to know each other and once the walks were planned, the more challenging task of working out how to get the right cars out of the car park began.

On Saturday, we set off on our respective walks. Qualified MLAs; our very own County Commissioner Sarah Trinder & Edgbaston Guider, Christine Cheel led one group in advanced level navigation practice, taking in a few hills around Moel Sych, providing extra log book hours in preparation forthcoming Level 3 assessments.

The second group enjoyed a 12 km walk from Llangynog, taking in a Pistyll Rhaedr waterfall and some hills along the way. There was of course time for a short stop in a tea shop at the café near the waterfall (we are Guide Leaders after all!) for a very well earned cup of tea or a diet coke.

The third group set off to explore a section of the Dee Valley, partly on foot and partly by steam train. This group came across a carnival along the way and couldn't resist the opportunity to enjoy a spot of face painting and returned to the centre in the evening with tigers gracing their faces.

The weather turned out to be absolutely gorgeous and sunny; sun cream and hats were a must and fleeces and macs stayed firmly in the bottom of the rucksack!

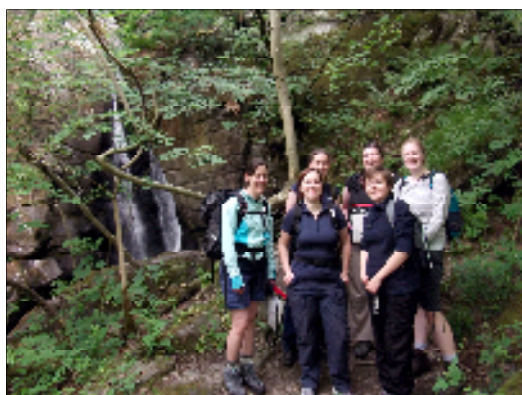
The evening meal on Saturday was an enjoyable and noisy affair - we did what Guide Leaders do best - a lot of chatting, over a plate of cheese and wine!

For Sunday, slightly shorter walks were planned. This time we split into two groups; one walking Moel Fferna, behind the centre and the other group enjoyed a cool forest walk, returning on the path next to the disused railway.

I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and was pleased to meet some new faces from across Birmingham that I hadn't met before. The weather certainly helped, but we had some fab walks, fab people, fab food, ... roll on next year?... hmm some organising for me to do then?!

Melanie Hurst

County Walking Advisor





INTERNATIONAL

With the summer holidays approaching I'm thrilled to report that we have a number of leaders and girls jetting off on their international guiding ventures!

Leaders

Annette Armstrong (*Kings Norton*) - Haarlem Jamborette, Netherlands
Laura Monk (*Vesey*) - World Scout Jamboree 2011, Sweden
Becki Vesey (*Middlepark*) - 'Our Cabana' Mexico

Participants for Midland Region Trips

Bethan Fiveash (*Edgbaston*) - Haarlem Jamborette, Netherlands
Rhiana Frost (*Northfield*) & Ruth Talliss (*Vesey*) - 'Our Cabana' Mexico
Jennifer O'Sullivan (*Cole Valley*) - Belgium Jamborette

Participants for County Group to WSJ 2011 - Sweden

Joy Aston (*Kings Norton*)
Ruth Burden (*Middlepark*)
Olivia Chant (*Vesey*)
Libby Dorsett (*Vesey*)
May Milojevic (*Kings Norton*)
Eleanor Rowland (*Vesey*)
Christine Turner (*Kings Norton*)
Katie White (*Middlepark*)
Rosie Whitton (*Yardley*)

I'm sure you join me in wishing them all a safe journey and hope that you all have a wonderful international experience! I will look forward to hearing all about your adventures later in the year at our County International Presentation Evening!

Claire Storrie - International Adviser

TRAINING NEWS

First Aid Training Saturday 8th October 2011 9-4 at Trefoil House. Places limited to 30 cost £42. To book a place please send your details to Janice Price - janice.price@gmail.com or text 07795511099 or leave a message 0121 373 6471 with your name, Division and contact details. I will then confirm your place and send out booking forms. You may be eligible for a county training grant towards the costs. Do not send in your booking for First Aid to Trefoil House as it will not be picked up over the summer. Do you want a local training? what would you like it on? Unit, district or division or a group of divisions? please get in touch and we will see what can be arranged - email janice.price@gmail.com or text 07795511099 or leave a message 0121 373 6471

COLE VALLEY CHALLENGE DAY

As you can see from the heading our Sports day this year was handled in a slightly different way. Washwood Heath have held 10 very good annual sports days but when we merged with Stechford and Small Heath to become Cole Valley, it looked like a very difficult job for one of their small units to win the Shield, so it was all systems go to make it as entertaining but also enjoyable for the girls.

So with a small Team headed by Heather Candelent and Sue Hodgetts work was started on a 'Fun Challenge day'. The idea was to charge £2.00 and give every girl a challenge Badge for taking part, everyone a winner. The girls were split into four teams all led by a Guider supporting a sign showing the Team Colour. They worked the field in an anti-clockwise direction, 40 mins at each of the four challenges; Guiding Games led by Rachel, Sue and Nicola, (leaders from WWH), Team Tasks lead by Bethany and Senior Section girls and equipment supplied by Janice Price, Water Wonders with Stella and Silly Sports with Diane, Jacquie assisted by Hayley from the 82nd.

Jayne, Leona and Amy in the Tuck Shop, Andrew Gary and Martin with help from Leona, on the BBQ and two very nice parents from the 82nd on the refreshments, all was set for the off. I must admit I have never seen 3 Gazebos and an Edinburgh Tent go up so swiftly, and thanks to Mike those field markers went in extremely quickly.

We prayed for sunshine, but even so we were not going to cancel even if it did rain!

Things have been learnt for the next one, and thank you to everyone that supported this new Venture for Cole Valley.

Diane Candelent

FOXLEASE WEEKEND

County Weekend away at Foxlease, our house in Hampshire

A chance to recharge your batteries and relax with friends.

4-6th May 2012, this is a bank holiday weekend so we may be able to stay

for an extra day, Expressions of interest being taken - Many thanks to those who have

already replied. The cost for the weekend £80 plus travel. If you have not taken advantage of it before you will be eligible for a £20 Training Grant from the County. Please email janice.price@gmail.com with your name, section, division, contact details and an idea of what training you would like, and if you would like to stay until the Monday or send them by post to Trefoil House for my attention. Text 07795511099 or leave a message 0121 373 6471





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TUPTONIA EVENTS

On Saturday 8th October 2011 at Rubery Leisure Centre there will be another Skittles Evening, these are always a very entertaining evening, so do come and join us!

Tickets available from Lynne Alexander or Barbara Hartnell, cost £8.50

including a Fish & Chip Supper. Numbers are limited so book early. Lynne Alexander 0121 427 8313 Email: lxalexander@waitrose.com



On Saturday 29th October 2011 at Trefoil House there will be a Quiz Night, £4 per person, teams of up to 6 people. More details later!



NORTH WORCS CHALLENGE WALK

NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE SENIOR SECTION "CHALLENGE WALK" - SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2011 (9am until 5pm)

BOOK NOW! (closing date for entries is 31st July 2011 so don't delay!)

Please note the Event is also open to guides aged 14+

The route will be approx. 10 miles around Lickey/Waseley/Clent Hills starting and finishing at Beaconfield Campsite

Cost £6 per person to include a celebratory BBQ at the end of the walk. Teams of between 5-8 persons, individuals can also apply and they will be joined with others to make additional teams. Booking forms and further information now available from Karen Edwards/Mel Hurst or Senior Section guiders.

We also need adult volunteers to help at checkpoints (no hiking to reach them will be required!), **at Beaconfield and also as support drivers etc.** If you are available and able to help in any way please get in touch.

For more information: Karen Edwards
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07540 953065

HODGE HILL TO LEGO LAND

Parents and Children Day
Legoland 2nd July

I was amazed upon arrival at The Hunter's Moon, Hodgehill at 7.30a.m. the coaches were already there and also some girls with families! I think the threat of leaving them behind was a factor! Coach 1 and 2 already marked so it was time to allocate the seats. Left 15 mins earlier than planned, super.

This trip was organised mainly because our Rainbows were missing out. They could not do Pack Holiday, sleepover was out of the question so Brown Owl decided why not have a big family day out for everyone, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Best part of this, 10 of those Rainbows were now taking their Brownie Promise on the day.

First Stop Oxford, beautiful services and everyone extremely well behaved and back to the coach on time. Past Windsor Race Course and all the lovely ladies in lovely outfits, Pink Ladies in their Race for Life Costumes (what a sight some of those were!) next stop Legoland. A first for many and definitely not the last though. The weather was on our side and because we are the 231st from Cole Valley, all hurdles crossed. My thanks go to leaders and their partners and family, (Baby Elliot, that's a Pack Holiday and a Day trip he has been on now and he is only 7 months old!) plus L.I.T. Hannah on coach 2 for all your hard work. Also parents without some of whom the day would not have gone ahead. One good thing out of this day trip I came back with a new Member Unit Helper. Welcome to the clan Torie!

Diane Candelent

BOUNCY CASTLE FOR HIRE

202nd Birmingham Brownies have a 15' x 15' Bouncy Castle

Available for hire

Special rate for units and Guiders, Friends and Family

£35.00

Contact:

Elizabeth Abbott on 07929 252 048

For bookings and additional information

BEACONFIELD CAMPSITE

Beaconfield Campsite can be found only 9 miles from the city centre in the idyllic setting of the Lickey Hills.

Day visit £3 per person/evening £2 per adult and £1.25

per child or trefoil guild member and £3.50 per

Camper overnight (all charges include the use of a dry shelter)

For further information please contact:

Mandy Hall (Booking Secretary)

0121 694 4585 or 07891737472

Email: captain289th@yahoo.co.uk

