

WE NEED YOUR VOTE—PLEASE HELP US!!!

Girlguiding Birmingham are in the running for a grant from the Natwest Community Force Fund, but we need your help!!!

This grant would help towards the replacement of Tuptonia the Guide Narrowboat and could be up to £6,000 but it depends on the number of votes we get.

To vote for us:

Go onto the Natwest Community Force Website <http://communityforce.natwest.com>

Click the “REGISTER” button on the top right hand side of the screen. Enter your email address and a password of your own choice, tick the top box (and any others you feel you wish to!) and click on “SUBMIT REGISTRATION”.

You should then get an email from Natwest.

Go into the site again (you can use the link in the email). Click “LOG IN” on the top right hand side of the screen. Enter your email address and your chosen password and click on “LOG IN”.

At the next screen, click on the “PROJECTS” tab (3rd from left).

Click on “LIST” button in centre of screen.

Go to search facility on the left hand side of the screen and click on button marked “by project name”.

Type “Girlguiding Birmingham” in the space underneath and click on the Search button (magnifying glass symbol).

On the right of the screen, tick the box to accept the terms and conditions and click on “VOTE FOR US”

You have the option to vote for 2 more projects but that is up to you!!!! THANK YOU!!!!

BIG GIG REPORT FROM BIRMINGHAM

I woke up at half 6 ready for my friend Leah to pick me up. I was really tired and I thought I would have a sleep on the coach. I arrived at the coach in my red and white Where's Wally outfit! I had my blanket and my food with me. I sat by Leah on the coach and she was getting comfy by putting her legs over me! We were both snuggled up and we drew our Olly Murs and Pixie Lott posters for the gig. I was too excited to catch up on my sleep!

When we arrived, Heather my leader painted a pink and yellow flower on my cheek and a blue and green dotty pattern around my eyes in UV face paint. All 24 of us were dressed up in Where's Wally outfits even the leaders, and we had our photo taken and then made our way to the concert. We were given flashing bunny ears and boppers too. We were getting more and more excited as we had our tickets handed to us and waited in the line! We spotted lots of guides in tutu's, a couple in Where's Wally outfits and some even in their Guide uniform. When we went in, I was shocked to see that we were only four or five rows from the front!

Whilst we were waiting, I went and bought a Big Gig bear and a drink. There were big gig badges, me to you bears, and t shirts.

I went back in and waited, Suddenly the music went louder and we all knew it was about to start! The lights went down and the arena was filled with flashing lights. OLLY MURS was the first to come on and there were lots of screams for him! He entertained me with his weird dancing and his 'Olly Murs' chants!

My favourites of the show were Olly Murs, Pixie Lott and The Wanted. I liked it when Rizzle Kicks came on with Olly Murs during 'Heart Skips a Beat'. I also took a picture of Pixie Lott and it looks like she is falling on the microphone! And I also think I have fallen in love with Nathan from The Wanted! I have never been to the Big Gig before and even though I was expecting it to be good, it was so much better than I imagined!

Molly Brown aged 12, 231st Birmingham Guides



BIRMINGHAM'S GOT TALENT

All sections are invited to showcase your unit's talent.

Wednesday 7th December 2011
time 6pm at St. Johns Church Hall,
Culmington Road, Northfield.

Entry Fee £2.00 - Audience £2.00

Awards will be **GIVEN** to the winners of each section (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section and Leaders)

Please register your unit's acts by emailing Felicity Callanan felicity-callanan@hotmail.com or Ingrid Veitch i.veitch@btinternet.com by 20th November 2011

DIGITAL BROADSHEET

If you would like to receive the Broadsheet by email, please contact
Rachel McMaster: mcmasterrachel@gmail.com



GRACELAND FOR JENNY

As some people may be aware I am a care worker in Quinton, I work with some amazing people and I key work one very special individual, her name is Jennifer and she has a degenerative illness. Jenny makes me smile everyday, she has a wicked sense of humour and doesn't let anything get her down. Sadly within the next 5 years Jenny will lose the rest of the motor skills she has and her speech and mind will deteriorate beyond recognition. I am making a plea across Girlguiding Birmingham for anyone who can help make Jenny's dream come true while she can remember it. She is a massive Elvis fan and has always wanted to go to Graceland, this will only be possible if we can get funding for her and 3 carers including the cost of insurance. Although we need money we also need help with flights etc, if anybody has contacts that can help anything would be so well received. Many thanks
Hayley Jones
Email: Hayley.jones28@gmail.com

SENIOR SECTION ZUMBA

**"IT'S ZUMBA TIME
FOR THE SENIOR SECTION!!!"**
Monday 21st November 7.30pm
at Trefoil House
Cost £3.50
Come along and have a go,
whether it's for the first time,
or you're already a Zumba expert.
It's great fun
and
doesn't require any special skills.
we hope to see you there.
See attached flyer for more
information and booking

Karen Edwards

LADYWOOD DIVISION FUN OUT AND ABOUT!!

On Saturday 17th September we held our Division Fun Day and Sleepover. We decided that this would be an out and about weekend when the girls would attempt to do the Midlands Get About Challenge Badge. The badge has lots of ideas for outdoor and indoor challenges and games. Our day started with lots of games using our feet and 3 legged challenges. We then made compasses so that we knew where we were going. It was then time to grab our picnics and macs and make our way to the canal to do a tow path walk. Everyone had an I spy sheet and a towpath challenge. The girls were very excited each time they found something to tick off and one Brownie even asked a couple if they would mind holding hands so she could put a tick on her sheet. We found nearly everything but couldn't find Rosy and Jim, this was a disaster where were they. There were hundreds of Police (they weren't on our sheets) but they didn't know where Rosy and Jim could be. We found a lovely place for our picnic near the locks in the hope that a narrow boat would come through so that the girls could see the locks working. We were just packing up to walk some more when Granny Button arrived. This boat was owned by a lady who used to keep packets of chocolate buttons on board to give to the children and became known as Granny Button to the children along the canal. The man who now owns her was lovely and made a big display of taking the boat through the locks with lots of showmanship and ropes. The girls explained to him that they had to find Rosy and Jim and guess what he disappeared inside for a minute and Rosy and Jim appeared peeping out of one of the windows. Everyone happy. We played pooh sticks and went back to learn about our region and beyond through quizzes and Games. The Rainbows went home after they had made Hot Chocolate with cream and Marshmallows and iced biscuits. The Brownies and Guides had tea and a pamper evening, played Beetle and Bingo, made their hot chocolate and went to bed (to sleep??? I leave that to your imagination) Everyone finished their badge. Janet Jones

TUPTONIA NEWS

QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 29th October 2011
at Trefoil House there will be a Quiz Night,
teams of up to 6 people,
£4 per person, including refreshments - tea/coffee and nibbles.
Please contact Lynne Alexander (0121 427 8313 or lkalexander@waitrose.com) to register your team.

We are still looking for volunteers (from Brownies upwards!!) to join us for a meeting about plans for the new boat - come and have your say on how you would like the boat to look!!!

We now have approximately £60,000 and are getting closer to our target.



SARAH TRINDER COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Hello to all our members, leaders, friends and supporters!

I'm sure you're all back into the swing of things now we're entering a blustery October!

Thank you for all that you do to offer good quality guiding to our young members. Some years ago Girlguiding UK sent out a bookmark with *Guiding* magazine, reminding us that good guiding is about Fun, Learning, Decision making, Out and about, Oppwithortunities, Going away, Moving on, Awareness and Skills. Now might be a good time to look at your unit programme! How are the young members involved in making decisions? Do you use the Five Essentials? When did you last attend a section-related training to make sure you are up-to-date with Girlguiding UK's latest thinking, offering a programme that is girl-led, modern, relevant and varied? Do you work with other sections to ensure the girls feel confident and happy as they move on to the next section? When did you last renew your first aid qualification? Are you planning a residential experience with your unit? If you need a hand with any of these or are uncertain, please contact your local commissioner. Also please remember the Evening Training on Forms, Safe Places, Risk Assessments, History and International (20th October at Trefoil House) or why not join us at Foxlease in May 2012 for our County Weekend - see the Broadsheet for further information. There's lots of experience and fantastic guiding in Birmingham - let's see if we can make it even better!

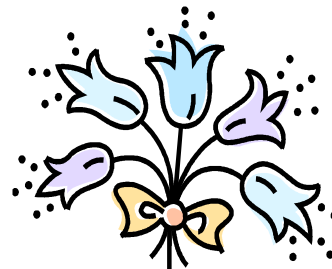
Forty of our Senior Section members challenged themselves on a recent 10 mile walk through the Lickey Hills and surrounding countryside. Well done to you all! Thank you Mel Hurst (Walking Adviser) and Karen Edwards (Senior Section Adviser) for planning and organising such a fun event and to everyone who helped on the day.

Don't forget - Ruth Smith (Assistant County Commissioner), members of the county team, your commissioners and I look forward to seeing as many of our new leaders, and helpers or new-to-Birmingham leaders and helpers as possible at our Welcome to New Leaders morning on Saturday 12th November at Trefoil House. See further details in the *Broadsheet*. This event is combined with a drop-in training - so all are welcome. If you have a new leader or helper in your unit, why don't you both come along?

Best wishes,
Sarah

VIRTUAL BOUQUET

A big THANK YOU to Janice Barnett for all her brilliant fund raising on behalf of Tuptonia with another £3000.00 raised this month.



For leaders, friends and helpers who are having a hard time at present, perhaps struggling with ill-health, grieving lost friends and family, difficult relationships, problems at work - with our love and thanks for all you do

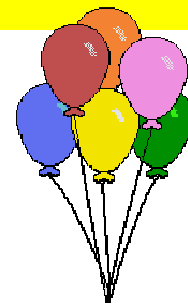
Thanks to Becki Vesey and Ansley Stenning for their hard work on our behalf at the Birmingham University Freshers Event, signing up over 80 potential volunteers for Edgbaston, Middlepark and Ladywood.

HELP WANTED

Good at paperwork? Obtained a Duke of Edinburgh Award? Spare a little time to help Girlguiding Birmingham keep girls obtaining DofE Awards Contact Claire Gibson
claire@claireoctober.co.uk

LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Katy	Westwood	28th Sutton Coldfield Guides	1-4	Trinity	2011-08-17
Elizabeth	York	132nd Birmingham Guides	1	Northfield	2011-09-26
Linda	Blewitt	289th Birmingham Guides	1-3	Middlepark	2011-09-07
Katherine	Phillips	224th Birmingham Brownies	1-4	Middlepark	2011-07-27
Sarah	McGuire	1st Hall Green District Rainbows	1-3	Hall Green	2011-10-02



Janet Nunn County Leadership Coordinator - Tel: 0121 421 5954

Challenges Update!

The Deputy Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Len and Gill Gregory, will be delighted to visit units who have completed the Deaf Awareness Challenge and present everyone with their badges. If you have completed the challenge in your unit and would like your badges presented, please contact Lena and Gill on gill.gregory@blueyonder.co.uk. Why not see if you can get some media coverage too of your unit's achievement - contact your Division PRA or Sue Burton (County PR adviser) for more help: sueburton62@blueyonder.co.uk.

Copies of the Deaf Awareness and the Football 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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GIRLGUIDING UK MIDLANDS REGION TRIP – MEXICO 2011!

The adventure began in July 2010: as a Young Leader with 1st Rednal Rainbows and a Weoley Ranger, I attended an International Opportunities selection weekend for Birmingham County. A weekend of putting up tents in teams with our arms tied together, trying some very strange new foods, completing different challenges and sharing campfire songs, I was chosen to represent Birmingham County on a Midlands Region trip to Our Cabana, to meet Guides and Girl Scouts from all over the globe and to work on a service project with some of Mexico City's poorest children!

However, as I was told many times leading up to the trip, £1800 does not grow on trees! A lot of effort went into fundraising over the following twelve months. Although some of the work was hard and time-consuming - bag-packing, letter writing, car washes - some was great fun, including a series of Mexican Fiestas, a gig starring King Edward VI Five Ways School's finest bands and a Quiz Night, with many opportunities to meet new people. I am very grateful to everyone who contributed and helped me to fundraise; I would not have been able to go without you.

When the 31st July 2011 finally came round, I met the rest of the Midlands Region team and we got to know each other over the twenty six hours of travel time that stood between us and Cuernavaca, Mexico. These girls would be only a fraction of the people that I was to meet over the next fortnight; some of the best friends that I made came from The Bahamas, Texas, Japan and Mexico itself. This trip allowed me an insight into these different cultures in a way that cannot usually be achieved in such a short time by only visiting one country. Each travel group taught a dance and a song from their own country to the others, as well as presenting what they felt to be the most important parts of their culture and sharing their favourite local foods. I hope to visit my friend Katherine from the Bahamas to see the festival of Junkanoo, which she explained to be a vital part of her heritage: many of the dances and costumes that she showed me had originated when her ancestors moved there before the abolition of the slave trade. The most touching part of the international festival was listening to the Guides from Japan talk about their suffering due to the earthquake and tsunami last year.

For me, the best part of the trip was the service project. Early in the morning, we welcomed the orphaned and impoverished children we would be working with. When they walked through the door, we were surprised not only by the vast number of children but also the spread of ages represented, from five year olds to sixteen year olds and some adults too. At first, many of the children seemed apprehensive, but after some loud Spanish singing games with the whole group, everyone had a smile on their face and was ready for more. The children were then divided into age groups and spent the morning rotating between the different activities the visiting Guides had organised for them.

Each Guide group had been given a task to prepare, such as crafts, health awareness and teamwork games. The Midlands Region was in charge of sports games, so we held a miniature sports day for the younger children, including egg and spoon racing and bean-bag throwing competitions. For the older children, we let loose our competitive streak during a game of hockey played with rolled up newspaper. Despite being one of the least sporty people in the group, I was swept up by the atmosphere and even managed to save a few goals!

After an exhausting morning and despite the language barrier, sharing a meal provided an opportunity to solidify friendships and celebrate the fun we had had. The children were delighted to learn that they could have as many helpings as they wanted, but soon enough everyone had crowded back into the Cabana's gardens to play together for the last time. After a vigorous game of football, contact details were swapped and then it was time to say goodbye. None of us wanted to see the children leave and we all wished that we could have spent more time with them, but we had to admit that after so much excitement we were grateful for an early night's sleep.

During the rest of the week at Our Cabana, our activities included a seminar raising awareness against violence towards girls and young women, a peace ceremony where we reflected on worldwide conflicts past and present, a campfire evening, karaoke and a fiesta night. We also went on several excursions to other parts of Mexico such as Taxco the "Silver City" and the Pyramids of Xochicalco.

We also visited the beautiful floating markets and gardens of Xochimilco, experienced some Mexican high-culture and saw traditional dances at the folklore ballet and visited various churches and pilgrimage sights. Over the course of the trip, we gained an insight into both the Mexico steeped in poverty and also the Mexico of the extremely wealthy.

By the time we began our twenty six hour return journey, I could not believe that we had only been away for two weeks. I have made many great friends that I hope to keep for the whole of my life. I have seen, tasted and experienced a great deal of new things that I would probably never have done otherwise. I am grateful for the opportunity that I was given and to everyone who helped me to achieve it, especially to Karen Edwards and 1st Weoley Rangers. I only hope that one day I will return. I cannot commend Girlguiding International Opportunities scheme highly enough and I encourage every young girl to take full advantage of it.

Rhianna Frost



CONGRATULATIONS!



**WEOLEY RANGERS
SENIOR SECTION
CHALLENGE WALK WINNERS 2011**

FUNDING VOTE PLEASE!

Guides & Senior Section
have applied for Natwest Funding
Please use one of your 3 Votes for Us!
[http://communityforce.natwest.com/
project/151](http://communityforce.natwest.com/project/151)

Thanks
Felicity Callanan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Email sueburton@btconnect.com

What a beautiful start to October, crisp sunny days that kick start us all into action—not that we seem to have been anything but active over the last month—Congratulations to the Weoley Rangers on winning the Challenge Walk, on one of the not so sunny days!

Recruitment seems to have been on lots of agendas over the last month with a fantastic number of students signing up at the Birmingham University Freshers Event—let's hope we can convert them into help in our units.

We have a new enthusiastic Webmaster Amy Jones from Cole Valley Division. Templates for the new look website are being formulated and will be launched in the near future. Your suggestions, photographs, articles please to be forwarded to me in the first instance. We have hoping to get the Broadsheet onto the site once we have sorted out new secure email addresses.

We now have additional frames and A1 posters for Trefoil House and Trefoil Croft. Please keep your photographs coming in and ensure that you have permission for these to be used for both posters and on the web site.

The penultimate Broadsheet for 2011 will go out the second week in November, so get writing and snapping now!

Sue Burton
Broadsheet Editor

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BrumJam International 2012
Places still available. go to
www.brumjam.org for more
Information.



Bookings for Trefoil Croft 2012
Now being taken—More information
contact Sheila Kimberley on
01527 585 531

New Safe Space Advisor
Deb Shaw
Contact on 0121 689 4627
Or 0794 372 0844

1ST REDNAL RAINBOWS GET ABOUT!

The 1st Rednal Rainbows spent the summer term enjoying a range of activities from the Midland Region Get About badge. We “Got Ready” by pampering our feet and packing a bag for a walk, we “Got Information” about local places of interest and weather forecasting and we “Got Wise” by tasting energy foods and drinks and learning how to spot wild birds and flowers. We then felt well prepared to “Get Out” for a Promise Party in Cofton Park and a visit to Cadbury World, where we entertained the lengthy queues with enthusiastic singing games to while away the time! Finally we “Got On” by making shoe gardens in everything from tap shoes to old boots and as pictured, by visiting Northfield Fire Station where the Rainbows were made very welcome and even got to hold the hose!

We'd recommend this resource and it's easy to adapt for all sections - go on “Get About”!

Sue Frost Northfield Division



2012 bookings for Beaconfield Campsite
Now being taken
Contact: Mandy Hall on 0121 694 5885
Email: captain289th@yahoo.co.uk

Vote for
Handsworth Gang Show on Natwest Community Force Project 2462
<http://communityforce.natwest.com>