

Girlguiding Herefordshire County Newsletter

Winter 2011

COUNTY CALENDAR WINTER TERM 2010

January

28/29th Region Exec Ashby

February

2nd County Exec

8th Trainers' Meeting

11/12th BP Celebration w/e

21st First Aid renewal

March

3rd County Day

12th Newsletter Deadline

13th County Finance Committee

17th Qualifications Day



TRAINING DATES COMING UP NEXT TERM

Tuesday 21st February 2012
1st Response Renewal

Saturday 3rd March 2012
County Training Day

Saturday 17th March 2012
Qualifications Day
For further details and how to apply see attached flyers



Have you been looking forward to the next County Training weekend?

The next one has been booked at

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8TH-10TH MARCH 2013

Put the date in your diary as further details of how to apply will be coming in the next newsletter.



We both thought this time last year how could we ever match the excitement of all the events in the Centenary Year? Due to all your hard work and enthusiasm we needn't have worried. The girls have certainly continued to develop their potential through the different ideas you have all come up with week in week out throughout this year. Please find some time to update any new members you have in the New Year on to Go, so when your invoice is produced it will be correct, as it cannot be changed. With your help it will make all our lives a little easier. We are really looking forward to the talent competition, as we know there is so much in Herefordshire. Thank you so much for all you do for Girlguiding Herefordshire, we hope you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year. *Sue and Lesley*

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Guide Shop News

The Shop will be closing on Wednesday Dec 14th & will be reopening on Wednesday Jan 11th

Remember that the Shop now has a new phone number-07582182791

Many thanks for all your support, please continue to ask remind parents to use the Shop



Were you a Brownie or Guide with 9th Hereford?

Were you a leader or permanent helper?



Then you are invited to our 80th Birthday Party

Please contact Kestrel on 07527 516336 (after 7pm)



Check out our websites
www.girlguidingherefordshire.org.uk
www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk
www.girlguiding.org.uk

TUPSLEY DISTRICT'S OLYMPIC PACKHOLIDAY

11th Hereford Brownies have just been on an Olympic themed Pack Holiday at Canon Pyon Village Hall. Over the holiday, all the Brownies gained their Agility and their World Cultures Badges, as well as Pack Holiday or Pack Holiday Advanced Badges and the Midlands One Night Away Badge. With the Olympics as our theme. Sixes and Leaders were named after some of the top-ranking countries from the Olympics medals tables. The Brownies all made an Olympic torch to take home. They all had Olympic word searches and pictures to colour to put in their Pack Holiday Diaries. For the Agility Badge, we were able to make use of the nearby playing fields and court, where we did warm-up and aerobic exercises, skipping and hula-hooping and had a 'international' game of rounders between Brown Owl's team representing Germany and Snowy Owl's team representing France! We were lucky to get some dry and quite mild weather for our outdoor session.

Indoors, we also did an aerobics workout to music, some training circuits and we played 'Sevens' and other ball-catching games. Brown Owl is feeling very stiff today (Monday) after all the exercises at the weekend, which hopefully counterbalanced all the lovely food we ate! For the World Cultures badge, we made scrapbooks about England/Hereford's culture; painted ceramic Russian doll coin boxes; made masks of animals from Australia, Russia and the USA; made USA pumpkin cakes, which were surprisingly scrummy; made Australian didgeridoos; and the Brownies made a national dish - cottage pie - for Saturday night's supper. We finished with an Olympian lunch and medal ceremony on Sunday. Some of our Brownies were quite young and I would commend them all for their good behaviour and helpfulness over the holiday - we had some of the best table-laying and washing-up that I have seen over several years on a pack holiday. Now where are we going to go next.....??



Ledbury District

Ledbury District has enjoyed an eventful Autumn. We welcomed new leaders Bridget who has joined 1st Ledbury Brownies, Julia at Colwall Guides and Yvonne at Eastnor Brownies and Georgina and Felicity are starting Colwall Rangers.

Our District day at Much Marcle was enjoyed by five units. All the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and leaders enjoyed a quiz out in glorious weather, prepared an apple crumble to bake at home, and made a table mat and we all had great fun with musical activities and singing.

Ledbury Guides are making good progress with Go for It challenges. They went on a Witch Walk up to the Obelisk on the Malverns to the light of a misty but very bright full

moon. They have tried out the new ice rink in Malvern and raised £75 for Children in Need running a cake stall in conjunction with the switch on of the Ledbury Christmas lights.

1st Tarrington Brownies had great fun working and completing Healthy Heart badge. They invited Much Marcle Brownies to join them for a Singing Evening. They attended Tarrington Church for the Harvest Festival and the unveiling of the new Tarrington flag.

Colwall Brownies have been working hard on the Wildlife explorer badge and on 19th November studied trees in glorious Colwall parkland. We have packed shoe boxes with Christmas goodies to send to soldiers and are busy making

angels to decorate a tree for Colwall Church.

Ledbury Guides 1st and 2nd Ledbury Brownies and Eastnor Brownies were well represented at Ledbury's Remembrance service parade and Colwall Guides and Rangers were at the Colwall service and Tarrington Brownies also joined Tarrington Remembrance Service.

Units are currently enjoying Christmas Activities and looking forward to Christmas Parties.

Thank everyone for making all these events and opportunities enjoyable for the girls and we wish everyone in Girlguiding Herefordshire A Very Happy Christmas.



Ross District

When Mrs Rachel Bushell of the Sparkling Wye WI went to the Victoria and Albert Museum and saw the quilt produced by Girl Guides imprisoned in Changi jail during the Second World War she felt inspired to make a quilt with the Guides of 2nd Ross. The original quilt was produced by girls who, under dangerous conditions, struggled to keep the spirit of Guiding alive in appalling conditions. They

were hungry, threadbare and had to scavenge for every scrap of material. 2nd Ross Guides helped Mrs Bushell cut out material and sew it together for her to produce a quilt, which she has donated to the Guides.

2nd Ross Guides took over Lea Village Hall on Friday, 18th November to have a fancy dress party and sleepover. After an evening of activities, the girls eventually

went to sleep in the small hours to wake up in time for a lovely cooked breakfast. The guides are keen to plan their next sleepover as soon as they can. 1st Ross Rangers took a trip to Cardiff on Saturday, 19th November to enjoy to some Christmas Shopping and a visit to Cardiff's Winter Wonderland, where they spent an hour on the ice rink.

Leominster District

Pudleston Rainbows - enjoyed an outdoors meeting at Dinmore Hill. Kingsland Rainbows - completed their 1st roundabout badge, exploring different countries. Kingsland Brownies - had a film night to raise money for Children In Need and visited Morrisons as part of badge-work. They also went 10 pin bowling at the Grove. Kingsland Guides - two girls are busy raising money as they have been selected to go to Gibraltar. The guides have also been doing badge-work. Kingsland Rangers - Went to the Big Gig and had an evening at Shrewsbury cinema 1st Leominster Brownies - went to B & Q and had a collection along with 1st Leominster Guides and Seniors. Leominster has been chosen by the Mayor as his charity for the year and he was there to open the new store. The brownies also had their pack holiday at Pencombe Village hall. Congratulations to Dannii Watkins on gaining her leadership, and to Sarah Delaney on her Pack Holiday Licence 1st Leominster Guides - went to the Big Gig, enjoyed great weather at Malvern camping, ice skating, Archery, Windsurfing and almost lost them in a huge Maize maze. They went to the roller disco at Leo Leisure Centre, have done craft and several other badges. The seniors had a come dine with me night and will, weather pending, go Glamping in Church Stretton in early February. (a night in a pod) Congratulations to Kerry Juson in achieving her Camp Licence, and Pat Barrington, accompanied by Pat Lloyd had a great weekend in London when they attended Westminster Abbey for a Thankyou service for Scouts and Guides

Credenhill District



Ali Hartless has completed her Adult Leadership Qualification and is now the Guider in charge of Stretton Sugwas Brownies. Corrie Smissen has stepped down from the role of Unit leader but is still helping with the Unit on an intermittent basis. We thank her very much indeed for all her hard work over many years as Brownie Guider and past District Commissioner. Sue and Lesley presented six Guides from 1st Burghill Guides with the Baden Powell Award on October 6th at a glittering Awards Ceremony where everyone had the chance to wear their best fashion items. Our congratulations go to Lara Fanthorpe, Bea Gittoes, Isabelle Lunn, Alice Mapp, Rebeccah Wadley and Rachel Watkins. The guides are spending a "Santa Sleepover" at Dunfield House near Kington at the beginning of December. 1st Moreton on Lugg Brownies had a brilliant Pack Holiday at Colwall at the beginning of the summer holidays on the theme of "Nonsense". They played many nonsensical games and this theme extended to meals and clothes and entailed entering a "Nonsense" room. They also composed and sang their own nonsense songs, which should go down in Guiding folklore! All other Units are following a packed and fun filled programme leading up to Christmas.

Region Chief Commissioner's Award



Congratulations to **Debbie Bishop, 22nd Hereford Guides**

Corrie Smissen Stretton Sugwas Brownies

Sally Yorke 3rd Hereford Guides

There were nine nominations altogether, the most the Awards Committee have had to discuss to date, making this a difficult decision.