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DIARY 2006

SEPTEMBER			
4	Opening after Summer		Equipment Store
11	SSECS	7.00-9.00	County Office
27	Young Leaders and their Guiders	7.30	County Office
OCTOBER			
3	Air and Share - Rainbows	7.30	Barrow on Soar
9	New Mentors	7.30	Glenfield
11	'Stitch and Bitch' - Rainbows	7.30	County Office
11	'Stitch and Bitch' - Senior Section	7.30	County Office
NOVEMBER			
13	'Stitch and Bitch' - Guides	7.30	County Office
13	'Stitch and Bitch' - Brownies	7.30	County Office
30	Getting ready for Thinking Day	7.30	County Office

EQUIPMENT STORE OPENING HOURS

**MONDAY, TUESDAY &
THURSDAY**
12.30 - 7.30

FRIDAY
12.30 - 3.30

SATURDAY
10.00 - 12.30

**CLOSED ALL DAY
WEDNESDAY**

We are happy to put together orders for collection or we will post orders out.

Please email orders to equipstore@leicestershireguides.org or send in an order form



Until the next time!

BULLETIN DATES

1st October for November issue
1st December for January issue

**Please remember that we are
now A5!**

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BULLETIN

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**Dates
for your
Diary**

**8th-10th
September**

Sensation



**County Day
3rd
February
2007**

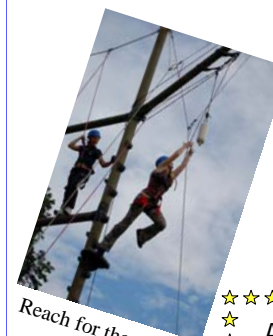


**27th-29th
April 2007**

**County
Weekend
Waddow
Hall**



Charnwood Scrapbook



Reach for the skies!



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 ☆ A huge 'thank
 ☆ you' to the
 ☆ organisers and
 ☆ to everyone who
 ☆ made
 ☆ Charnwood 2006
 ☆ such a week to
 ☆ remember.
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The Chief Guide tries diabolo



Name that nun!



Frances Gore
Gold Duke of
Edinburgh Award

We reported the death of Jan Folwell in the last copy of the Bulletin. The following is taken from a tribute to Jan given by Sally Illsley at her funeral service.

Jan Folwell 1939 - 2006

Jan was a Guider for over 35 years. Her unit was the 44th Leicester (St. Christopher's) Guides. She was a Camp Adviser, Trainer, District Commissioner, Division Commissioner and Assistant County Commissioner. She was Chairman of the House Committee, a member of the Arts Team, a regular in the Equipment Store and recently County Chairman of the Trefoil Guild. She made a very significant contribution, not only to Leicestershire but to the lives of many girls and young women and was awarded the Good Service Brooch in 2004. Guiding was, without doubt, a huge part of her life.

Jan had her own distinctive style, apathy was not in her vocabulary. She would rather you tried and came short of the mark than did nothing at all. Whatever needed doing, Jan was there. She could never understand why people were not as excited by a project as she was. Her enthusiasm was boundless and her ideas often inspirational. She encouraged us all to do our best. She would reassure us. She would tell us when we had done something well. She always had time to listen. She gave us all tremendous support.

Jan was a lady of immense courage not only in relation to her health but also in her general attitude to Guiding and was never afraid to voice her opinion. She would often be the person to say what others were thinking but didn't like to mention and would make us all question why we were doing things. She thought very carefully about everything we did. Jan believed in Guiding with a passion and anything which might be seen as unfair or out of the reach of ordinary girls was to be challenged.

She had a wonderful sense of humour and was proud, independent and determined. Most of all Jan was very kind. She was always ready to listen to a problem and help to find a solution. People mattered. She took the time to say thank you.

She certainly will be remembered, not only for the tremendous work she did but for the character she was. We have all been very privileged to know her, to gain from her wisdom and to admire her courage, to call her a friend. This was a lady who lived the Guide Promise. We can celebrate what Jan has meant to us rather than mourn her passing.



Charnwood 2006

After two and a half years in the planning, Charnwood 2006 is now nearly behind us - just the reports and follow ups to finish before we can move on to the next project!! Scouts and Guides are already dreaming of the next camp, while staff and leaders are still catching up on their sleep from this one. Everyone seems agreed that this was a great camp, with TOP TOILETS!!!!

We opened the week travelling through "Charnwood Time" at a spectacular opening ceremony in full uniform. The atmosphere when the Charnwood flag was paraded to the stage was electric. On Sunday we enjoyed a hectic International Day of challenge and competition which closed with a gathering for presentation of the prizes, and a chance to reflect on the difference Scouts and Guides can make to world peace.

During the week campers enjoyed onsite activities, a sub camp challenge with the biggest hungry hippos you have ever seen, visits from younger sections, and days out to Alton Towers and Holme Pierrepont. In the evenings there were so many things going on it was impossible to sample them all - bands, discos, pamper parlour, international entertainment, inflatables to mention but a few. The weather was mostly kind to us, and when we flocked to the final of the C factor and the closing ceremony in sub camp fancy dress we were sad to be saying goodbye to all the friends we had met during the week. The ceremony closed with fantastic fireworks and us all agreeing we had had THE TIME OF OUR LIVES!!

We were pleased to receive visits from a variety of friends and supporters, including Filbert Fox!! The Chief Guide and Deputy Chief Scout also attended and made presentations of awards to young people after touring the camp.

Visitors to the camp were amazed and impressed at the services provided to the camp - water, power, communications, catering and trading outlets were of a standard to rival those provided in any small village. Our own Charnwood "village" had it's own red telephone boxes and pillar box, and the flags of all our international visitors fluttered in the breeze in the heart of the "village". R5, our Faith Centre was a haven for campers/staff of all faiths in need of "time out" from the hustle and bustle of camp.

Sub camps, the home of campers for the week, provided the most amazing gateways based on the theme of their "era". All sub camps managed to wake their campers in the mornings, but some (you know who you are) made more noise doing this than others!!

Our thanks are due to all who made Charnwood 2006 such a wonderful place to be for a week (or more for the build and take down teams!!), with very special thanks going to Lord and Lady Crawshaw for making us SO welcome - Whatton House was a beautiful backdrop to a great camp. Until we meet again at a future international event you can relive the memories of both Charnwood 2001 and 2006 by purchasing camp DVDs - see order forms overleaf.



DVDs of Charnwood 2006 and 2001 - Order Form

Keep your Charnwood memories alive with the DVD of the camp - Cost £15 for a double DVD including postage!!

You can also order a DVD of CHARNWOOD 2001!!
Cost £12 including postage - or £25 for both camp DVDs!!
They will be available by the end of September, but can be ordered NOW!!
Don't miss out, order TODAY!!

**DVD of Charnwood 2006
Order Form**

PLEASE PRINT ADDRESS CLEARLY AS
THE SECOND ADDRESS WILL BE USED AS
A LABEL TO SEND THE DVD TO YOU.

Name.....

Address.....
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.....Post Code.....

I enclose a cheque for £15 made payable to
"Charnwood 2006".

Return this form, with your payment, to
Charnwood 2006, 97 Princess Road East,
Leicester LE1 7DW NOW!!

Name.....

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**DVD of Charnwood 2001
Order Form**

PLEASE PRINT ADDRESS CLEARLY AS
THE SECOND ADDRESS WILL BE USED AS
A LABEL TO SEND THE DVD TO YOU.

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County Weekend
April 27th-29th 2007,
Waddow Hall. Lancashire

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A weekend to learn, share experiences and enjoy the company of
other Guiders.

En suite accommodation. Meals included. Licenced bar.

The cost will be in the region of £65 pending confirmation of costs
from Waddow.

Friday: arrive anytime late afternoon or evening. Enjoy an evening
meal followed by an introduction session with your trainers. An
evening meal can be provided for late arrivals.

Saturday: breakfast followed by morning training session and lunch.
Free time in the afternoon to explore the area. Evening dinner
followed by entertainment and time to be sociable.

Sunday: breakfast and morning training session. Depart for home
after lunch.

This weekend is suitable for new and experienced Guiders. Those who
have not been before will be made very welcome. If you have been
before why not bring someone from your local team?

Book NOW by completing a training booking form and sending a
£15 deposit to County Office or contact Chris Lovell (01530 450970)
for further information.

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County Day

**The provisional date for County Day is Saturday 3rd February 2007.
Make a note in your diaries! More details in the next issue.**

Thinking About Thinking Day

Thursday 30th November 2006 County Office 7.30pm

It may seem a long way off, but it is perhaps something we
should be planning for.

An opportunity to discover resources and challenges designed
to encourage the international aspect of Guiding, not just for
Thinking Day but for the general Programme, all year round.

This training is for Guiders and Young Leaders from all
Sections.

TRAININGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Please book a place on the trainings of your choice by
 tel: 0116 254 5290
 fax: 0116 254 2587
 email: office@leicestershireguides.org
 or complete the booking form in this Bulletin

Trainings are held at County Office at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated.
 Please remember to cancel if you are unable to attend (we often have a waiting list).

If you need the Equipment Store, please try to arrive in good time as it is usually very busy and you may miss the start of your training session.

Date	Title
27th September	'Young Leaders and their Guiders' - for Young leaders and Guiders who " know nothing" .
3rd October	'Air and Share' - Rainbows Church Rooms, Barrow on Soar
9th October	New Mentors St Peter's Church, Glenfield
11th October	'Stitch and Bitch' - Rainbows. An informal evening for you to have your say and also take away some ideas for Christmas.
11th October	'Stitch and Bitch' - Senior Section
13th November	'Stitch and Bitch' - Guides
13th November	'Stitch and Bitch' - Brownies
30th November	Getting ready for Thinking Day - all sections International ideas for everyone to take away and use.

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Name and Date of Training/Activity

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Your Name

Daytime Tel

Address.....

Email.....

Unit

Rainbows/Brownies/Guides/Senior Section

I enclose a cheque for *

Other relevant information.....

Please write in confidence or call the County Secretary on 0116 254 5290
 identifying any special needs with regard to accessing buildings, rooms etc

*delete as appropriate

MIDLANDS' MEMO!

Summer 2006

Hello Everyone

Welcome to the new Midlands Region spot in your County Newsletter.

I have been in post now for a year and have very much enjoyed visiting all the Counties in Midlands and meeting as many of you as possible. It is such a privilege to see the excellent Guiding that is going on right across the Region. Through your hard work and commitment over 67,000 girls and young women are having fun and developing to their full potential. On their behalf may I thank you most sincerely for all you do.

I hope this regular spot will keep you in touch with Girlguiding Midlands and help keep you informed. At the end of May, Midlands put on "Off the Couch", a sports festival for Guides. Over 140 girls and leaders from across the Midlands experienced a huge variety of sports and had a wonderful four days. Many of the leaders gained coaching qualifications. I am sure these Guiders will soon be using their skills within your County.

The Arts week-end at Foxlease was huge success and those of you who were unable to attend missed a treat!

In June we held our Region 50k Project week-end. The representatives from your Counties came away from the week-end with a great deal of enthusiasm for the concept of "flexible" Guiding and I'm sure you will soon be hearing about projects in your local area.

I am really looking forward to meeting as many as possible of the Senior Section members, past and present, at "Sensation" to be held in Shropshire in September to celebrate 90 years of the Senior Section.

Details, pictures and information of all these events are available on our website at www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk

Finally, I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer and that the many camps and holidays planned went smoothly. I have enjoyed meeting many of you at your County Camps and welcoming Liz Burnley our new Chief Guide to UNITY and Charnwood.

With best wishes and thanks to you all.

Lesley Knighton
 Chief Commissioner - Girlguiding Midlands

Senior Section Expedition and Camping Skills (SSECS) Nights

If you're doing D of E or Queen's Guide Awards, or want to improve your expedition and camping skills, then come along to our monthly training sessions at County Office, 7pm - 9pm.

- Monday 11th September Expedition evaluations and future plans
- Monday 2nd October Food (lightweight) and storage
- Monday 6th November Map work and route cards
- Monday 4th December Team Building

SSECS Evenings are just £2.00 per session to cover basic costs.

You don't have to come to all of the sessions, just the ones that you need.

If you haven't been before then just come along on Monday 11th September and see what it is all about.

For more information, contact the County Office at office@leicestershireguides.org or 0116 2545290.



International Opportunities Weekend Friday 15th - Sunday 17th September 2006

Do you consider yourself capable of representing
Girlguiding Leicestershire abroad?

Do you think that you would be good enough to represent the United Kingdom?

If you are between the ages of 14 and 17 and would like to be considered for an international camp please contact the Leicestershire International Adviser at County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW. Tel 0116 2545290 or email office@leicestershireguides.org

World Jamboree Centenary 2007

There are two more places left for the World Jamboree. Any Guide who wishes to go and is 14 years old by next July and not over the age of 17 please get in touch with the International Adviser via County Office.



Back by popular demand:
Water Weekend at Holme Pierrepont
18th-20th May 2007
More information and prices to follow.



Have you ever been a Ranger, Young Leader or a member of the Senior Section within the last 90 years?

If so

You are invited to

SENSATION 2006 Sunday 10th September Telford Town Park 10am—1pm

Come and join members of the Senior Section celebrating 90 years of Guiding. Bring along all of those memories you hold and share them with us. There is no cost involved in this event. It is open to everyone!

Why not make a day of it? Spend the morning reliving your Guiding memories, then have an afternoon shopping in Telford's fantastic centre, or visit the many Ironbridge museums.

Let us know you are coming by informing County Office or Girlguiding Midlands on 01530 412703.

Calling all present Senior Section members!

If you would like to join in the whole SENSATION 2006 weekend, which includes fish and chips and a murder mystery night, it is not too late!

Accommodation is in Scout and Guide buildings around the Ironbridge area. Meals will be provided and activities can include pony trekking, dry slope skiing and pottery.

Contact County Office (0116 254 5290) or Girlguiding Midlands (01530 412703) for a booking form and more details.

**** OPPORTUNITIES ****

Would you like to get more involved? If so, we have vacancies for a number of Advisers within the County—Senior Section, Young Leader, International, Walking and Climbing. We are also looking for people to help with occasional programme initiatives. If you would like to discuss what is involved then give Sheila Lickess a ring on 0116 2433808.