



Celebrating 100 years of Girlguiding

The Scouting movement was started in 1907 by Robert Baden-Powell, with an experimental camp on Brownsea Island, for 20 boys. At the Scouts' first rally, at the Crystal Palace in 1909, several small groups of girls turned up and insisted that they wanted to be Scouts too. In an age when skirts were ankle length and young ladies never ran, the idea of girls being involved in camping and hiking received a mixed response. These pioneers called themselves Girl Scouts, but Baden-Powell wanted to create a separate identity for the girls so that they could work for self-development independently, not in imitation of their brothers.

In 1910 Baden-Powell formed the Girl Guides, asking his sister Agnes to look after the new organisation. A few years later his wife Olave became involved and, in 1918, was appointed Chief Guide. Such was the enthusiasm for guiding that it soon spread worldwide

Today there are ten million girls and women involved in guiding worldwide. Girlguiding UK provides a unique girl only experience, giving girls and young women a voice that is still as relevant today as it was 100 years ago.

Come to the exhibition in church to learn more about Girlguiding over the last 100 years - nationally, internationally and locally here in Bedfordshire.

St Andrew's Church Country Fayre

With an exhibition
celebrating "100 years of
Girlguiding"

Entry is FREE so come along
and join in the fun.

- *Tombolas*
- *Climbing Wall*
- *Craft Stalls*
- *Cakes and Bread*
- *Plants and Vegetables*
- *Entertaining events in the arena throughout the day*
- *Win £200 in the Grand Raffle*
- *Jams and Chutneys*
- *Toddler's play area*
- *Face Painting*
- *Putting*
- *BBQ, Teas, Coffees and Soft Drinks*

All proceeds from this years
Country Fayre will be donated to
the Railway Children and
Mollivers Activity Centre.

www.biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk

An invitation to the Country Fayre

on
Saturday 25th September
2010
from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm

St. Andrew's Church
Shortmead Street
Biggleswade, SG18 0AT



Including an exhibition celebrating
"100 years of Girlguiding"



100
Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Free admission to all

The 2010 St Andrew's Country Fayre & Exhibition

Girlguiding UK are celebrating their centenary this year and we have chosen the organisations that we will be supporting with this in mind.

Girlguiding UK: Changing the World

In September 2009 Girlguiding UK launched its Centenary celebrations by teaming up with 19 fantastic partner organisations - 18 charities and the Girlguiding UK Branch Associations - to create 19 different projects for girls and young women to change the world. One of these charities was the Railway Children which is the first of our 2010 beneficiaries. So far 296,591 members have helped Change the World! Now it's your turn.



Girlguiding Bedfordshire

Girlguiding Bedfordshire is the largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women in Bedfordshire. The local Bedford Division activity centre, Mollivers, is currently undergoing a major refurbishment and we have chosen this as the second of our 2010 beneficiaries.

Further information on both of these good causes can be found in this leaflet.



The Railway Children was founded in 1996 for 'The relief of children and young persons under 25 years of age who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress, anywhere in the world and in particular those who are living on the streets'.

Since then Railway Children has worked with thousands of vulnerable children and young people living alone and at risk on the streets. Railway Children works with over 26 partner organisations with 117 projects worldwide across Africa, Asia, and the UK. Last year they helped 27,756 street children around the world.

The last official estimate on the numbers of street children across India was 12 million. They estimate that across 50 mainline railway stations at least 87,000 street children arrive onto the platforms every year. Here in the UK there are at least 100,000 children who runaway every year, many of which are not reported as missing by either their parents or caregivers.

The Railway Children look to reach children when they first arrive onto the streets, as they know that this gives the best possible chance of protecting a child from abuse and the best chance of restoring family relationships. They achieve this through paying outreach workers to make interventions directly with children on the streets and social workers who offer shelter, food, counselling and protection whilst they endeavour to return children home or look for long term care.

www.railwaychildren.org.uk

Mollivers Activity Centre



Mollivers Activity Centre is located in Bromham, Bedfordshire and provides self-catering accommodation for guides and their leaders in and around the Bedfordshire area.

The Activity Centre can sleep 24 girls and their leaders. 24 mattresses are provided along with 4 camp beds for leaders.

In addition to the surrounding campsite facilities the guides can enjoy a wide range of on-the-spot local activities including, nature trails, pioneering, games equipment and they can also visit the local Bromham Water Mill.

Proceeds from this year's Country Fayre will help enhance the facilities provided by Mollivers which is currently undergoing a major refurbishment.

www.bedsguiding.org.uk/mollivers.htm