



Girlguiding

Bedfordshire



BedsBuzz

Spring 2003

WE CAN'T WAIT - IT IS FANTASTIC!

The existing Brownie Programme has been with us since 1968 with virtually no change but the Brownie Renewal is coming soon. Five Bedfordshire Guiders attended the Region rollout in November. Much of the information is top secret but we can tell you that:

- ◆ the new programme meets the needs of girls and guiders of today
- ◆ it has a number of favourite ingredients in a new recipe
- ◆ this new recipe is up to date and exciting and easy to administer
- ◆ It revitalized us as Guiders.
- ◆ There is LOTS of support material - you will need to start planning financially.

We are organising evenings across the County on 7, 8, 13, 14, 19 and 22 May, 2 and 3 June to launch the new programme. You can attend whichever venue you want and there will be plenty of the new resource material available at the launch evenings. County will be making you an offer you can't refuse on the resources - so it will definitely be worth coming to one of the evenings. Every Brownie Guider will be receiving an invitation, individually mailed, which have full details.

WE ARE DESPERATELY KEEN TO SHARE ALL THIS WITH YOU, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT A LAUNCH EVENING!

Sue Tyler County Training & Development Adviser

IF YOUR GUIDES ENJOY ARCHERY WHY NOT TRAIN AS AN ARCHERY LEADER?

This course, organised by Bedfordshire County Archery Association, offers 25 hours of training by qualified Grand National Archery Coaches and is run as part of the Community Sports Leader Award. It will be held at Woodside Middle School, Bedford.

Training: Sat/Sun 25/26th Jan
Sat/Sun 22/23rd Feb
Assessment: Sat 22nd March



Cost approx £75, includes insurance, loan of equipment, handbook, and assessment fee. Grants available.

Contact: Mrs Sue Harper. 15, Highfield Road, Oakley, Bedford MK43 7TA
email: coaching@quillpen.fsnet.co.uk
Tel: 01234 822134

BADENPOWELL ADVENTURE CHALLENGE GREAT HAUTOIS HOUSE APRIL 25-27

This is a weekend organised by Anglia Region and Guides will go without a Guider from this area. We will help to organise transport. You will be very well looked after in this beautiful house set in 33 acres of grounds on the outskirts of Norwich.

Please let me know if you would like to reserve a place - the final cost will be £10 but Hautbois need an initial deposit of £15 (£5 to be refunded) and places will be limited. Contact me if you would like further information and/or would like to meet up in advance with other Guides who will be going.

Kathy Carroll, County Guide Advisor
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(01462) 711345

County Weekend at Foxlease 9-11 May - There are just a few places remaining. To book a place contact Hazel Donald, 4 Oakwood Road, Shefford, SG17 5JZ, (01462) 812575 ASAP.

WALES	W hole plethora of activities based around the United Kingdom Countries
IRELAND	I n Goldington Middle School, Haylands Way, Bedford
SCOTLAND	S at 8 th March (Brownies & Rainbows), Sun 9 th March (Guides & Senior Section)
ENGLAND	E xtra details from Julia Routledge, County International Adviser

Girlguiding Bedfordshire is providing the **Colour Party to parade the World Flag in Westminster Abbey on Thinking Day.** If any



Beds Guiders are in the Abbey for the service send your thoughts to **Philipa Tolley, Sophie Parry-Okeden and Erika Marshall,** all from Bedford Division, as they walk down the aisle and do your best to say hi to them afterwards. If anyone has spare tickets please contact Caroline Nash on (01234) 266671.

Imagine **thousands of postcards** from the girls asking for requests to be played for their friends all sent to the same radio programme on **Thinking Day 2003.** All units will shortly receive a package containing a number of postcards. Please get your girls to fill them in as a unit activity and then send the postcards in the envelope provided. Let's see what an impact Girlguiding Bedfordshire can have! Any questions contact Paul Hunt.

Take our Daughters to Work Day offers girls of any age the opportunities to learn more about the world of work and to experience the wide range of careers they could pursue. This year it will be on Thursday 3rd April but units could organise events during their normal unit meeting anytime that week.

- Arrange for people to come and talk about their job. Perhaps you have a mum (or dad!) with an unusual job who can come and talk about what they do!
- Visit a company and finding out more about the jobs people do there. Last year Macdonalds, Homebase and Waitrose all ran behind the scenes tours for us.
- Obtain literature from a variety of companies and use it as a basis for activities.

Girlguiding CHQ will also be providing support and ideas through www.girlguiding.org.uk so log on and start planning what to do! They have also designed a questionnaire - one for leaders and one for girls - to find out about the careers help and guidance people currently receive and the job they are aiming for.

Any questions - contact Denise Yates on 01525 381 474

Can you design a new front cover for the Bedfordshire County Directory? It needs to be A5 Landscape. Please send your ideas to Margaret Johnson by the end of January.

Hopefully you are all enjoying the happy faces of your 2003 **Girlguiding Bedfordshire calendars.** To feature in next years calendar contact K.Feigh.2001@Cranfield.ac.uk You can either supply your own photos or Karen will come and shoot them for you.

Anglia Region are looking for someone with fundraising knowledge to help fundraise for Hautbois and a PR Adviser. Both these roles are voluntary

Due to falling numbers the current system of **County Walks** is under review contact Phillip and Cecilia Brown, the County Walking Advisors, on (01234) 881238 with your comments.

Pam Andrews would like to thank all who contributed in any way to her **Surprise Party.** It was a wonderful evening and will long be remembered. In particular thanks to Nancy Watkin and her accomplices for such **SPLENDID CELEBRATION.** And **Pat Maddison** would like to thank Christine Garrett and all her team for helping her **FLY UP** to affiliate membership.

Denise Yates had been e-mailing a Guider about the Friends 2002 badge but her computer has crashed and wiped off all her e-mails - please get in touch (and everyone else who feels sorry that she has to build up her address book again) denise@yatesda.fsnet.co.uk.

Thanks to Gill Lake, County Treasurer, for answering a few common accounting queries:

- You do not have to register your unit as a charity unless the unit has an 'interest' in land or buildings or a permanent endowment. Even if your unit is not registered the Charity Commissioners may require sight of your unit's accounts. Don't forget that you can now claim Gift Aid on subscriptions.
- Accounts must be drawn up annually - some Districts/Divisions have agreed to have the same year end. If your treasurer leaves, they should prepare, & have examined, accounts to the date of transfer. Accounts must be kept for at least six years.
- Your Commissioner should get a copy of your units accounts, independently examined. Your examiner does not need to be qualified but they must be competent in financial matters and not related to any of the unit Guiders.
- Blank Bedfordshire accounts forms have been distributed as a helpful guideline; Gill can provide the blanks on a disc on request.
- Separate accounts should be prepared for each of your unit's financial activities. All of these should be added (consolidated) together to come up with a combined set of accounts showing the total income, total expenditure & total assets for the unit. You cannot just show camp surplus/deficit as one line on the annual accounts. All camp income must be shown as income & all camp expenditure as expenditure. This can be one line with a copy of the camp accounts attached to the annual accounts.
- You don't have to keep a separate bank account for my camp/pack holiday money although you do have to keep proper records of the event. If you have a joint holiday account with another unit, the first-named unit must consolidate it with their unit's annual accounts and the other units should attach a copy of the holiday accounts to their units' annual accounts.
- Major items of equipment should be individually stated and valued as assets. 'Disposable' items with a cost less than £100 individually need not be included but a flag or Toadstool should probably be included. The recording of the asset is more important than spending a lot of time trying to value it.

The County Website has won a Golden Web award.

The site was judged for design, content and originality by members of the International Association of Webmasters and Designers who volunteer their time to visit websites. Sue Champkins, webmistress of the site, says " We were very surprised and delighted with this award. We have tried to make this website as exciting as we can for both girls and adults and our approach is clearly succeeding. This is a pat on the back for Girlguiding Bedfordshire." To continue this success contact sue.champkins@ntlworld.com if you have any material, including downloadable resources, for the website. www.bedsguiding.org.uk
See also www.geocities.com/wottonbrownies and www.geocities.com/standrewsguides

**Girlguiding Bedfordshire's
Charity of the Year**

To raise the profile of Guiding service in the community, we are seeking a charity that we could work in partnership for a year on various activities. Contact Bedsbuzz by March 1st to make your nomination, briefly explaining your choice. A list of nominated charities for you to vote for will appear in the next BedsBuzz.

County Training Day 2003 will be on October 11th in Leighton Buzzard. Please contact me with any comments or suggestions. Meanwhile in answer to last years evaluation forms:

- We move CTD around the county so that each year different people have to travel.
- The new style of cross-section training ties in with the new resources from Girlguiding UK which are not section specific. Most of you thought this worked.
- As the full course is just one day there is little to be gained by running a First Aid Refresher Training. We will offer four First Aid sessions next year to meet demand.
- We ran Craft Carousel for a number of years and we do like to try something a bit different. We will review what we do with the last hour when planning CTD03.
- No school in the county can park enough cars for us and most schools do have other things going on. Well done everyone who managed to share transport.
- Sorry about the misunderstandings over lunches.

Hazel Donald, 4 Oakwood Road, Shefford, SG17 5JZ, (01462) 812575

The 2002 Reach Out and Recruit Campaign was aimed at students and one week before De Montfort University Fresher's Fair I suggested we should have a recruitment stand. Luckily I was still able to book a stall. Nothing like leaving it until the last minute! During the week we acquired bits and pieces to put in the goodie bags to give to interested students and the night before we put together 50 bags and prepared four display boards.

The day arrived and we were up bright and early to prepare the stand. This was when my doubts started. "Will we sign up anyone?" "Will anyone even visit the stand?" Then the students started to arrive. In the first hour we signed up 7 people and we could have gone home then happy Guiders. By the end of the day we had an amazing 31 interested students most of whom have now been assigned to units.

My first and most successful Reach Out and Recruit Event. Hopefully there will be many more to come. A huge thank you to the rest of the team.

Philipa Tolley, Bedford Division

BADEN POWELL CHALLENGE ADVENTURE WEEKEND COLMWORTH - NOV 29-DEC 1

The Scene: Friday, 7 pm at a village hall in Colmworth

Enter 23 nervous, expectant Baden Powell Guides (they do not know what to expect)

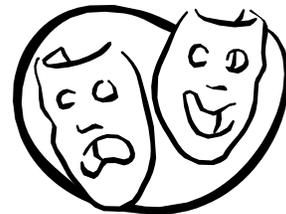
Enter Kathy Carroll (County Guide Advisor), Pat Maddison (Master of First Aid)
Pam Andrews, Angela Gallivan and Nancy Watkins (ladies of the kitchen)

Then the girls were given the challenge: **PRODUCE A SHOW BY 3 PM SUNDAY**

Friday Enter Jan Mackenzie and Marion Prior (Past and present County Arts Advisors)
By bedtime the company had read through a suggested script twice and started on props. Some guides had decided from the start that being on the stage was not for them - they were to find out that their work was just as important and they were kept extremely busy.

Saturday Enter Diane Butler - programmes
Katherine Sulch - photography,
Marilyn Hopley - costumes

Chaos ensues: casting, costumes, programmes, computer design work, four rehearsals, publicity photographs and recording of the opening music - all before dinner at 6.30pm!!!!



Sunday Morning technical rehearsal, dress rehearsal and lunch

Sunday 3pm Enter parents, siblings and invited guests

everyone was nervous, the curtains opened and **THE BADEN POWELL SPECTACULAR BEGAN**

RATS - written by Gillian Ellis (who sent best wishes for our performance)

Thank everyone who was involved in the weekend. We felt as though we could identify with Big Brother as we did not leave the hall all weekend!! But everyone was polite, considerate and generous with their time, ideas and patience, making it a very enjoyable experience.

Kathy Carroll, County Guide Advisor