

Centenary spectacular



Girlguiding Bedfordshire

More than 20 talented rainbows, brownies, guides and senior section members from Luton North and Luton South Divisions, some of whom are picture above rehearsing, took part in Girlguiding Bedfordshire's County Centenary Show at the Grove Theatre, Dunstable.

The girls helped devise the 1930s and 1990s acts, based on the musical Annie and the hits of the Spice Girls respectively, including choreographing the dances and designing the costumes and props.

Months of rehearsals paid off when the cast were rewarded by

an audience who literally danced in their seats.

About 200 Girlguiding members from all over Bedfordshire took part in the Dunstable display, performing a variety of acts representing each decade during the last 100 years of guiding.

It was a thrill to perform in a real theatre, with excellent lighting, sound and special effects and proper stars' dressing rooms.

For the finale the whole cast joined in to sing a centenary song specially written by the show's co-ordinator, Chris Daniels, a commissioner from Leighton Buzzard.

Cast and crew were delighted to receive a standing ovation from the near-capacity audience.

"Totally professional and an exceptional example of what great guiding is all about" was a comment from one member of the audience, whose members were nearly as excited as the performers.

It would not have been possible to stage the show without guiding's volunteer leaders and many supportive parents, friends and families.

Next month, 234 local guiding members will be among the 2,000 plus rainbows, brownies, guides, rangers, leaders and Trefoil Guild members attending Safari 100, an exciting day out at Woburn Safari Park.

If you are interested in becoming a member visit www.bedsguiding.org.uk or call 07803 845588.