



# Girlguiding

Bedfordshire



*girls in the lead*

## **Centenary Report**

**February 2009**

### **County Centenary Champions Team Members – Page 3 in the County Directory**

Betsy Marley	Kathy Carroll	Chris Daniels
Debbie Docherty	Paul Hunt	Gill Lake
Emma Wright	Sarah Hunt - PR	Gill Edwards – Secretary

### **County Events and Plans so far**

#### **Centenary Events works in progress**

Centenary Launch Party - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009 Ampthill Park  
World Thinking Day 2010 Region Arts Festival - February 20<sup>th</sup> 2010  
Centenary Ball – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
Centenary Celebration Show – March/April 2010  
Big Moment – June 2010  
Finale – 20/10/2010 at 20:10  
Multi Faith Celebrations – February 2011 – Divisions

#### **Centenary Heritage – Paul Hunt**

Photo Wall  
Children's Story Book Competition  
Coffee Table Book  
History, Exhibitions and Open Buildings etc.  
Centenary Open Days at County Guiding Centres  
Centenary Mosaic for County Guiding Centres

#### **Centenary Creativity – Marion Prior**

Centenary Tree and Wild Flower Planting at Marston Vale  
Centenary Sponsored Roundabouts – Trefoils in flowers  
Centenary Garden Competition  
Centenary Adventures of Celia the Centipillar  
Please don't forget about Celia she would love get involved in any activities you are planning in your Divisions, Districts or Units. It would be really great if Celia was able to visit the whole of the County before 20/10 2010 20:10. To book Celia please speak to Marion Prior.

## **1 Centenary clearing of Ampthill Park**

Thank you to Sophie Dackombe for her continued help and support in co-ordinating this project the next date for clearing is 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Please contact Sophie for details.

## **2 Centenary Communication**

The main forms of communication from CHQ are Guiding Magazine, the website and Centenary Champions.

The new CHQ Centenary website address is [www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary)

In January Guiding 2009 was the Ways to Celebrate Catalogue and a DVD with a calendar of what comes next in the Centenary Countdown. The Centenary Gift Catalogue comes with February Guiding 2009.

Bedfordshire County Communication will be through the County website, Mail shot, Beds Buzz, Email and County Exec. through to Divisions/Districts/Units and Members.

Bedfordshire's website address is [www.bedsguiding.org.uk](http://www.bedsguiding.org.uk)

Debbie Docherty is keen that we should use the County website as our main communication tool and the information will be kept up to dated on a regular basis. Work has already begun on updating the County website.

## **3 Changing the World Feedback**

CHQ and County would like to hear from anyone with feedback on what they are doing and how they are getting on.

## **4 World Thinking Day 2010 Region Arts Festival - February 20<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Tickets should be available in May/June details will be available via the CHQ, Region and County websites.

## **5 Centenary Celebration Show**

All Division Commissioners will have a flyer in their Division packs asking for help and support. Your County Centenary Team can't undertake this show on our own if we do not get enough interest, help and support we will not be able to proceed. The flyer will also be sent out in the next mail shot.

## **6 Centenary Launch Party – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Ampthill Park**

Thank you to everyone who responded to my letter asking for approximate numbers for this event. The numbers I submitted to CHQ were based on the numbers of replies I received.

The date **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

The time **10.00am to 4.00pm**

The place **Ampthill Park**

The cost **£5.00 per head**

**A brief outline of the format so far:**

Arrival and welcome	10.00 am to 10.30 am
A variety of activity zone	10.30 am to 12.00 noon
Entertainment	10.30 am to 12.00 noon
Packed Lunch in Divisions	12.00 noon to 1.00 pm
A variety of activity zones	1.00 pm to 2.30 pm
Entertainment	1.00 pm to 2.30 pm
Mass Group Involvement	2.30 pm to 3.00 pm
Camp Fire	3.00 pm to 3.45 pm
Cake, Farewell, thank you and depart	3.45 pm to 4.00pm

As you can appreciate this is just a rough idea there is still a lot of work to do and we don't want to give too much away at this stage.

Every member will receive a County invitation to this event that can be kept as a memento.

Every member attending the Launch Party will receive a goody bag.

County will produce a cloth Centenary badge.

**Logistics so far:**

Travel	Divisions to probably travel by coach – apart from Mid Beds.
Equipment	Each Division will need at least 1 Marquee - 1 First Aid tent

**7** The Outdoor Activity Team is planning a Centenary Walking Challenge. Nancy Watkin has the details.

**8** Region Chief Commissioner's Challenge – Rosie would like to walk throughout the areas in the Region. In Bedfordshire it has been suggested a walk at Whipsnade followed by a sleepover at Windy Sales to take place between April/June 2010. Debbie Docherty has the details.

**9 Don't forget the not to be missed Jeanne Wain special the one the only - Centenary meal - Feast For Funds**

Jeanne has very kindly offered to do this to raise some much needed funds for Bedfordshire's Centenary.

The date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009

The time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

The Place: St Mark's Church & Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford

The cost: Donations minimum £10.00 per head

**R.S.V.P. Mrs Jeanne Wain by the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009**

**If you or any one you know would like to get involved with the Centenary then please do let me know.**

Betsy Marley  
Centenary Champion