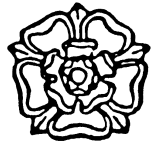




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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The countdown to the Centenary has started!

Hopefully you found time over Christmas to read the January 2009 *guiding* magazine with its two free publications - the 'Ways to Celebrate' book and the 'logos, guidelines and resources Centenary edition DVD'. Please remember that the Centenary logos should only be used on internal publications until September, and then it can be used on stationery and displays which will be seen by the public.

The County Centenary team has been busy putting together a variety of challenges, activities and events for the centenary year, so those that cannot or do not want to take part in the national events can find a memorable local activity to share with their unit. The WYN County Centenary Pack will be distributed in January by the Centenary reps or DCs.

For more information contact your Division Centenary rep. If in doubt email: mail@wynguiding.org.uk



WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Mary Smith, Division Commissioner for Bradford North will take over as County Commissioner at the Handover Ceremony to be held at St Andrew's Church in Undercliffe, Bradford, at 2.30 on Sunday 25th January.

Mary is developing her team of advisers and the new County Directory with their contact details will be sent out as soon as possible, along with the Outdoor Pack and the new County Resource, which has been developed by the County Training Team. Please check with your DC if your unit hasn't received these by Thinking Day.

Welcome, also, to the following new District Commissioners.

Bingley West - Claire Mooney
Idle - Claire Seymour
Undercliffe - Carole Bannon
Keighley South - Kay Bolton

Wynches working days, can you help? Free drinks & biscuits provided, bring a friend

- Paint the basement, Sat 24th Jan from 9.00. Bring a brush.
- Site tidy up, Sun 8th March from 10.00.

Senior Section News

New Senior Section and Young Leader Registration forms have been distributed and should be completed and returned as soon as possible to ensure that all members of the Senior section get informed of any opportunities as soon as possible.

Please ensure that all Senior Section Members get to see the fantastic Centenary opportunities and volunteering opportunities (e.g. at the Centenary Camp) in the 'Ways to Celebrate' book, extra copies of the book are available from Trading Services. Further information is available on the new Centenary website.

Innovate will be 26 - 28 June and will take over the Hellidon Lakes Conference Centre in Daventry which has 220 acres of grounds with lakes and a waterfall, for a fun filled weekend. Join workshops, try something new and enjoy evening entertainments. Innovate is a chance for Senior Section members to have a say in your Girlguiding. Look for the booking form in February's *guiding* and details on the website. Contact innovate@girlguiding.org.uk



Lost Property. A grey Berghaus jacket left at the Wild & Wacky Day in October. Contact Elaine Hiley on 01943 602428

Music in the unit. Wish you knew more songs? Forgotten the tune of an old favourite? Perhaps you know some that others would like to share? Why not take part in the County DVD of songs? Contact your Division Centenary Rep or the County Arts Co-ordinator please see the county directory for details

Why not go to St Andrew's Church, Undercliffe on Friday 30th January for the Mencap or 'Stepping Out' events? **Mencap** - how to make your unit accessible to people with disabilities and how to adapt games and other unit activities; develop your understanding of the needs of disabled people (you will also be given the chance to place your unit on the MENCAP register as a flagship unit, suitable for children with disabilities to join). **Stepping Out** is for all section leaders who are nervous about or wanting more information re the requirements for taking their unit out of the meeting place. Everything you need to know about taking your unit out - whether as part of the Centenary or not! **To book your place** contact Guiding development in the county directory

County weekend at Waddow 13-15 March. Have you completed a form to register your interest? If not, ask your DC for a form, or contact Guiding development in the county directory

Census training Mon 12th Jan. at St Andrew's for Commissioners or representative and Registration Secretaries. Census forms will be distributed at this training.

Online CRB training for Commissioners (or their representative) If you have not yet attended, please email one of the trainers, if your log-in has not arrived, please email wymcc@btinternet.com



Has your unit decided which of the 19 amazing projects to support?

Please let your Division Centenary Rep know what you are doing. *Below is a message from the GirlguidingUK Centenary team:*

Please evaluate the projects so that we know what everyone has been doing and this also provides us with the information for the final report. We need photos and stories on the

Changing the World website so please encourage leaders and girls to take part. It's only early days, but some facts so far: we have • recorded action for over 12000 members which is only 2% of our membership! • raised over £20 000 in 3 months. • Planted over 7000 trees • Made 2500 friendship pledges • Over 2000 members have learnt life saving skills to deal with asthma attacks • 1500 girls have changed the way they consume to help limit climate change • 62% of leaders said it was easy or very easy to take part • 98% said they had fun taking part and had learnt new things!

Centenary Camp: Volunteers are still being sought for the Camp Adult Support Team and for specialist jobs such as waste management, water, electricity, etc. There are leaders out there with the relevant professional skills! Not all roles need the person to be available for more than the week of the camp. Interested? See the Get Involved page of the website or page 67 of the Ways to Celebrate book.