

**2** 6th August. We all woke to a grey damp morning. Not the centenary weather we have been used to, but by the time we reached Crystal Palace the rain had stopped and it was brighter.

We walked to see the monsters where Margaret Remfry spent many happy hours playing as a child. We then went on to the Maze and started our journey to the centre. At the snowdrop monolith the Angela Holbrook renewed her promise and was welcomed as a member of Harlow Trefoil Guild.

We went this way and that way, tried to follow many children, but of course they were far too quick for us. So as we were feeling hungry we cheated and went to the centre via the escape route.

It was a great feeling to think we were in the same place where Guiding started and we were still having fun and doing interesting and silly things. we had a super day and half way home the rain came down. How lucky we were yet again.

**Avril Brampton**



**T**he 2nd Corringham Scout and Guide Group have become famous for their after AGM shows and this year was no exception. Guiding forms an important part of the group and being the Centenary year, this years show was very much Girlguiding centred. There was a very funny moment during the show when some of the male leaders dressed as Guides and Brownies, including the Group Scout Leader Bradley Lane as a Brownie - copies of the pictures are available for a suitable bribe!

**A**s we head into a new Century of Guiding under the direction of our new County Commissioner Jan Knight and her team, now is the time to remind everyone to make use of the County Advisers who are there to help you plan exciting programmes for the girls. No matter what you need there is somebody there to help. Walking, boating, camping, holidays, arts and crafts, the list is too long to include. All you need to do is contact Linda or Sylvia at the County Office and they will be delighted to help you find the help and advice you need. Remember, you are not alone, Girlguiding is a family and you are all an important part of it.



**Merry Christmas**

OK, it may be a bit early, but if you want to have your Seasons Greeting included in the next newsletter you need to email or post it as soon as you can but before 31st October. Address for snail mail and email on the front page.

**Greetings!!!!!!**

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**O**ur fantastic Family Fun Day at Orsett was crowned when the Princess of Wales's Regiment The Tigers Freefall Parachute Team dropped perfectly into the main ring at the end of a perfect day.

The team were met on the ground by our Centenary Champions Linda Harris and Margaret Henderson before being entertained to tea in the Presidents Marquee.

About 2500 girls, Leaders, and Families gathered round the ring to watch the skydivers after enjoying a host of activities during the warm sunny day in July.

On offer was a circus skills base, an ice-skating rink, a model steam train, go-karts, inflatables and a host of crafts.

A display of historic Guiding uniforms, log books and badges in the large marquee gave an insight to the last 100 years of Girlguiding in Essex West.

The County also enjoyed three hours of the best advertising possible when Steve Scruton

broadcast his Saturday afternoon programme live on BBC Essex and included interviews with girls, Leaders and even an England cricketer who was at the event with his Brownie daughter.

A camp for more than 700 girls and Leaders was held over the weekend, the highlight of which was a campfire on Saturday evening.

The final event in our stunning year of celebration takes place on 20th October and this will now also be at the Orsett Showground. The Vision Finale was planned for Chigwell Campsite but because of the overwhelming numbers in the County wanting to join in, almost 2000, the County was forced to seek a more suitable venue.

The Finale will also be the last event for our present County Commissioner Linda Taylor as she will hand over to Jan Knight, our new C.C. after the renewal of Promise

We look forward to seeing you there.

# Jack Petchey Awards at Queens Theatre



The Queens Theatre, Hornchurch was the venue for the 2010 Jack Petchey Awards in June. Girls and Leaders from all parts of the County were presented with certificates and medals to recognise the hard work done during the last 12 months. Entertainment came from the girls who staged such a memorable show during the Disney weekend in January.



**BRENTWOOD:**-Jessica Wood; Laura Soall, Ellie Watson; Alice Graves; Kelsey Freeman; Charlotte Wyatt; Elimear McGowan; Jennifer Templer.



**Epping Forest North**  
Holly Curtis; Lucy Mann; Emma Dowling; Rowan Wylie; Hannah Milne; Zoe Curtis; Hannah Barnard; Paige Cariarne; Lucy Askewyatt; Elimear McGowan; Jennifer Templer.



**Romford**  
Georgina Taylor; Karen King; Ellie Griffiths; Aimee Carter; Zoe Davis; Holly Meredith; Amy Reed; Victoria Cane; Lois Aston



**Upminster**  
Rachel Jenkins; Hannah Munday; Hannah Levine; Cassie Chick; Clare Handley; Emma Howard; Charis Nelson; Sarah Thomas; Amie Mitchell



Part of the entertainment was provided by the cast of the show which was staged at Disneyland Paris in January

**LEADERS:**-Laura Kennard, Brentwood; Joan Pitman, Epping Forest North; Elizabeth Renny, Epping Forest South; Sharon Donohue, Harlow; Louise Perkins, Hornchurch; Elizabeth Dodd, North West; Rosemary Jeffrey, Romford; Gaynor Bray, Thurrock East; Lucy Hill, Thurrock West.



**Harlow (Below)**  
Melissa Gurnett; Jessica Morse; Eleanor Moss; Bethany Slater; Charlotte Moseley; Alice Carr; Jessica Whitelegg; Victoria Murphy; Julia Black



**Epping Forest South**  
Katy Short; Sophie Lingfield; Sarah Straub; Joanna Couzens; Annalise Glendinning; Katie Bawden; Laura Henderson; Sian Davies; Joanna Lawley



**Hornchurch**  
Adel Ison; Lucy Ash; Kayleigh Gibbs; Harriet Newton Ford; Hannah King; Liza Fisher; Georgina Edwards; Natalie Fuller; Susan Weatherley



**Thurrock East**  
Emma Howes; Eleanor Owen; Melody Hammond; Bethany Lloyd; Lauren Geere; Sarah Tooley; Shanice Harrison; Chiara Martin; Tilly Wheeler



**North West**  
Rowan Townsend; Evelyn Carter; Alex Langer; Iona McGregor-Nelson; Abigail Winter; Sophie Gardiner; Jade McConnachie; Robyn Green; Daisy Musgrove



**Thurrock West**  
Charlotte Jones; Amy Belcher; Laura Thomas; Brogan King; Rebekah Gardiner; Sarah Curtis; Rose Sanger; Abigail Pigram; Toni Dobson

# Anglia Japan Trip

Ten members from Anglia Region (three leaders and seven Senior Section members) took part in a two week 'mountain top moment' in Japan. We flew to Narita Airport near Tokyo in Japan via Dubai, which gave us a 20 hour flight including a three hour stop in Dubai. A bit of a shock for some Senior Section members, many of who had never flown before.

We were met at the Airport by two Girl Scouts of Japan representatives, who made us a fabulous banner and took us out for a meal. After an overnight stay in a hotel near the airport we, along with our Japanese representatives, negotiated the Japanese Metro and Train system, travelling to Nagano to meet our host families. Nagano is a mountainous area of Japan about five hours from Tokyo, where the 1998 Winter Olympic games were held.

All members of trips had different host families and we stayed with them for three days, two nights. As a Brownie leader I found this the hardest part of the trip, as we didn't have any contact with the senior section members, although it was fantastic to hear about all the different experiences everyone had and to know that they had thoroughly enjoyed their adventure. The families were really welcoming and it would be lovely to welcome them back to the UK. We said good bye to our Japanese families and met up with 500 other Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from 13 different countries at Nagano station.



We then travelled by bus to Togashkui mountains where the camp was to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Girl Scouts in Japan. We were very relieved that we didn't have to carry our rucksacks up the mountain as originally thought. The camp which as well as 500 international visitors would also host 500 Japanese Girl Scouts aged from 13 years up, was really well organised. The scenery was beautiful and there was an abundance of wildlife including Bears! We took part in activities such as canoeing, noodle making and a Ninja Hike. It was interesting to find out that most Ninjas were women! As we were the only UK group we had the very special honour of taking part in the Emily Weston festival, which takes place every August.

In the early 1900's it used to be illegal for women to climb the mountains of Togashkui as it was thought to be far too dangerous. In 19?? a British woman named, you guessed it, Emily Weston climbed to the very highest peak and ever year on the anniversary of this, Japanese people gather to pray for the safety of all climbers throughout the year. There was lots of VIPs there from Scouting and Guiding, as well as the Mountaineering association. The camp lasted five days, and had a wonderful international talent night. It was real nice to see the amazing national dress of countries such as Thailand, Philippines, St Lucia, India, Kuwait. **Sarah Low**



We have had a change around of the committee at The Pines and the Chairman, main contact and bookings secretary is now Tracy Kerby, 01277 355882, [juliankerby@aol.com](mailto:juliankerby@aol.com). I have taken on the less demanding role of secretary and Caroline Peters is continuing as treasurer. Claire Bennett is still the keyholder.

We have purchased four wooden picnic tables with benches which are very suitable for Brownie sixes doing crafts or nature projects and six patrol-sized altar fires (see picture). Bricks and grids are provided and your bricks don't have to be quite as precarious as these Guides'!

There is no additional charge for using the new items and prices for hiring the site have been kept at their 2007 level, only 50p a head for a unit meeting, £1 for a day or £2 for 24 hours.



We have been pleased with the number of bookings this summer but would encourage more people to use the site in the autumn and winter months.

It is very suitable for a winter camp having the indoor shelter if weather conditions get too bad, or for a campfire. For more information go to our new website: [www.thepines.moonfruit.com](http://www.thepines.moonfruit.com) or contact Tracy Kerby. We also have a new badge designed by Sarah from 4th Hutton Guides available for £1 either from the County office or when booking The Pines. (see other picture)



**Hilary Prollins**

**3**rd Cranham Park Guides held their annual Awards Ceremony on 10 June.

The theme for the evening was The Lion King and the guides opened the show with "The Circle of Life". During the evening many guides performed individual songs and dances and the finale was "Can you Feel the Love Tonight".

The guides worked very hard putting together what was a really lovely show.

The evening was attended by Linda Taylor, Jenny Aspinall, Janet Cameron and Jan Knight who were full of praise for the guides' performances.

The show was followed by an Awards Ceremony which recognised the achievements of four members of the Unit: Megan Penny received her Baden-Powell Challenge and Commonwealth Award.

Charis Nelson, Aisling Brunskill and Sophie French all received the Chief Guide's Challenge which is the second highest award in Senior Section.

They all received a letter of congratulations from Liz Burnley and were very proud of what they have achieved. Charis is to be particularly commended as she is only 14.

Finally Sophie received her Leadership Certificates for both Rainbows and Guides from Linda Taylor who said that, at 17, she was the youngest person in the County to have completed her Leadership Award so well done to Sophie for this achievement. Megan, Charis and Sophie are also all at various stages of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Charis is working on her Young Leader Award and Sophie is working on her Queen's Guide Award.

Many congratulations to all four girls who have worked really hard on these achievements and continue to do so whilst also taking their GCSE's and A Levels

### Saffron Walden Centenary Display



**A** special exhibition to celebrate 100 years of guiding held in the grounds of Saffron Walden Museum on the 22nd May 2010 by Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and the Trefoil Guild of Saffron Walden District. On display - Uniforms through the ages - Memorabilia - Badges - Bell and Ridge Tents and a chance to Knotting and Crafts.



### Crystals' big day out with Sarah and her mum



**M**y Mum, Crystal and myself were lucky to be invited to Her Majesty, The Queen's Official Birthday Celebrations Trooping the Colour on Saturday 12th June 2010. After the official ceremony we bumped into Avril (County President) who noted that Crystal was with us and I said if my photo was any good then I would send it to you for our County Newsletter. Regards **Sarah Connell** 1st Newport Rainbows and 2nd Newport Brownies

*What a lovely picture of Crystal enjoying her very special day out, we are very happy to include it in the newsletter. Thank you Sarah*

**A**bigail Thompson of the 2nd Buckhurst Hill Brownies was the winner of a competition to design the Centenary Badge for Epping Forest South Division.

If anyone would like to purchase a badge they are available at £1 each from Susan Wiseman 45 Sedley Rise, Loughton Essex. IG10 1LS



### Manuden Brownies on Pack Holiday.

**T**here were 12 Brownies, one Guide, a Young Leader and three Leaders. We stayed at Jubilee House for four days in August and took the Centenary as our theme. We did the County Commissioner's Centenary Challenge- all 20 clauses, to earn the badge, and some did the old Artist badge. As well as using many of the activities on offer at Chigwell Row- archery, climbing, go-karts, grass sledges, trampolines, crazy golf and the splash pool, we found time to paint our own centenary mugs, and make tie-dyed napkins decorated with old Brownie badges. Our bedtime stories were taken from some of the old books, dating from the 1960s and 70s- how things have changed! We decorated the

house with centenary bunting and balloons, an old Brownie uniform and photos. Our holiday ended with a party and a special birthday cake. A very busy, happy time. **Glynis Prothero**



These are just a few of the pictures taken during the Garden Party and BBQ at Blake Hall in June. To see all the pictures log onto the County website at [www.girlguidingsexwest.org](http://www.girlguidingsexwest.org) and open the Gallery where you will find all the pictures taken during all our County Centenary Celebrations and many others.

