Dorking & Leas

Dorking Downs

Dorking Weald

Leith Hill Division

Banstead

How Hills

Kingswood

Downs Heath Division

Godstone Division

Lingfield Caterham Hill

Warlingham Oxted

Tilburstow Caterham Valley

Ashtead Fetcham

Leatherhead

Bookham & Effingham

Leatherhead Division

Horley East Horley West

Merstham Redhill

Reigate Hill Reigate Priory

Reigate Division

Epsom Division

Cuddington

Epsom West Ewell Court

Spring Downs Stoneleigh

Surrey East County



2014



I would like to say a huge Thank You to you all for your continuing hard work in what was a year full of activity and fun.

Following such a busy year in 2013 it wasn't going to be easy, but you all managed it with style!

2014 saw the Brownies celebrating their centenary, with a huge event at Painshill Park and even the weather couldn't dampen the spirits of all participants. Our International selection produced 4 candidates for trips abroad, which included Sri Lanka, Uganda and Malawi.

The County continues to thrive and grow due to the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work of the leaders and others volunteers. I hope you enjoy reading about 2014 in Surrey East.

Elaine Edwards
County Commissioner, Girlguiding Surrey East



Commonwealth Day 2014



On Commonwealth Day (10th March 2014), three Brownies from 1st Westcott had the honour of escorting the Commonwealth Flag during the Commonwealth Observance service at Westminster Abbey, in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and Their Royal Highnesses The Duke of Edinburgh, The Prince of Wales, The Duchess of Cornwall, and the Earl and Countess of Wessex.



The girls stood by HM The Queen during the playing of The National Anthem and then processed through the packed Abbey accompanying the Commonwealth Flag. They were able to relax during the service, which included Lord Seb Coe, Baroness Grey-Thompson, singer Laura Mvula and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Malala Yousafzai.



At the end of the service they accompanied the Commonwealth Flag, and joined the VIPs by the Great West Door where all the Royal party, including Her Majesty The Queen spoke to them, thanking them for taking part. Anna said "The Queen said "Hello Brownies" and smiled at us as she left". Mia was thrilled to learn that Laura Mvula had been a Brownie, and "she wanted her photo taken with us"!









The Trefoil year started with their Annual Review which coincided with Thinking Day, so in the traditional guiding way they travelled the world with songs and readings from each of WAGGGS area. Barbara Wing, their President received a special thanks from Region Chairman, Pat Downer, for 60 years in Girlguiding.

Once again they marked St George's Day with a walk round the perimeter of Polesden Lacey followed by a very welcome lunch in the courtyard restaurant. Our St George's Day walk has now become an annual event and look forward to Wimbledon Common this year.

In June the Guild were happy to help with refreshments at the Big Brownie Birthday at Painshill and Heyswood as over a thousand Brownies shrieked and laughed as they enjoyed the Starquest challenges complete with giant birthday cake and memory rocket. They met for the Big Brownie Birthday celebration at Faurefold with a cream tea and reminiscing with some Brownie Games.

Our services were requested again to man a Water Station at the Denbies Bacchus half marathon and what a memorable day. The runners called at their station for a well-earned rest and drink and were entertained by a local Scottish Pipes and Drum group. It made for a very noisy, but enjoyable event.

This year they learnt that Foxlease was to be rebranded along more commercial grounds and therefore their sponsored room would change. Decorations and artefacts were removed and they decided that their hand-made quilts should find a new home at Headley Court.











Faurefold 2014

We have had a bumper bundle year with 2,200 visitors, 91 bookings of the building and 3 camps. It is good to see the variety of users of the site. The Trefoil Guilds have used the building extensively during the week and local units use the site for evening activities. We have also hosted members of scouting and Duke of Edinburgh groups, a school and had a visit from fungus enthusiasts in November. Every month the Weavers craft group use the hall and we now have a Faurefold Craft group meeting once a month supporting fund raising activities.















Sponsored Campfire



























Surrey East County







The Big 100 Years Somme Birthday



























The Big SOMME Birthday

Star Quest

















Recruitment

The recruitment team have had an extremely successful year visiting units and events and continues to recruit more volunteers and leaders which enables more girls to enjoy Girlguiding. Our new volunteers are supported by a group of mentors who develop the skills and confidence they may require to lead and help in units.

County Information Girlguiding Surrey East



Rainbows

Units: 56

Girls: 773



Brownies

Units: 103

Girls: 1,997



Guides

Units: 58

Girls: 1,245



Senior Section

Units: 11

Girls: 88



Trefoil

Branches: 14

Members: 262

Training

The current training programme ensures that the leaders are up to date with first aid, Go, Join Us, Leadership and many other initiatives within Girlguiding. The outdoor team continue to deliver training to assist leaders to gain qualifications for unit residential.

The training programme is designed to train adult leaders, young leaders (14 to 20 years old) and senior patrol leaders (12+) in the skills and knowledge they require to deliver the unit programme. Evening trainings are held to support new leaders in the understanding of their section programme and to continue to offer ideas for use in their unit meetings. These sessions also concentrate on the basic leadership and core skills.

Financial Review

Our total incoming resources amounted to £108,688 compared to £80,466 in 2013. Our sources of income are from subscriptions, charges for activities, grants and donations. Resources used totalled £48,339 compared to £65,759 in 2013. The main areas of expense are training, costs of activities, grants made and administration. Administrative expenses amounted to £11,237 (2013: £12,674). Net incoming resources were £60,349 (2013: £14,707) which increased the total funds of the County from £110,968 to £171,317. Any surplus has been earmarked for the replacement of a new building on the County campsite Total funds are largely held as cash on deposit and cash at bank.