

# County Newsletter



Autumn/Winter 2017



# Welcome



## Welcome to all in Surrey East Girlguiding.

Summer rolls away, but is the camping done for the season?

If you sign up for Sparkle and Ice or Frost camp, then the answer is no.

This County newsletter shows all the great events Girlguiding Surrey East has been involved in over the past few months.

You can see the diversity of activity offered by ourselves to the girls, producing a very varied programme that is enjoyed by all. The unveiling of the new programme continues, so keep your eye on the Our Journey pages of the HQ web site. Also look out on social media for events as they happen, along with ideas from others as you peek into the unit meetings.

Thank you for all the challenges you offer the girls, the variety is key to growing Girlguiding.

I look forward to seeing you as I travel round the county.

Thank you all again for all you do in Surrey East for Girlguiding

**Lesley Bailey, County Commissioner**



## Newly Qualified Leaders

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have completed their leadership Qualification or added modules to their qualifications since March 2017.

### Godstone Division

Zoe Hollands

### Leatherhead Division

Sue Irons

### Epsom Division

Caroline Harding

Amy Luster

### Downs Heath

Emily Shephard

Mary Ruth Smith

### Reigate Division

Annabel West

Rebecca Gee

Andrina Amsdell-Edmunds

Jane Garland

Angela Diggins

Grace Burns

Janette Chapman

Helen Gillett

Michelle Van Zyl

Beatrice McDonough

A quick reminder to all leaders who are working towards their leadership qualification - please come along to the mentor meetings to get clauses and modules signed off. Check the County website calendar for dates of our next Mentor Group Sessions.

We thank all the mentors who help with group sessions, visiting units and supporting leaders in training.

If you feel you could help in any way, please contact Caroline or Lorna

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## Scoutabout 2017

We've got T-shirts, hoodies, bags, hats and even onesies!

Not an intro to a camp to be missed! But onesies they had, along with the nearest experience to an international many guides will see.

This year saw many returning activities alongside new. But a first with a whirlwind on site to coincide with the flyover of Spitfires! No one quite knew what happened when gazebos suddenly lifted off the ground and then returned very unceremoniously. Who needs paragliding!

Leaders overcame the triennial challenge of how to get to camp in a variety of ways from the traditional to the AA van when a guider's car could continue no more. Being on the gate was certainly entertaining as well as challenging for leaders as parents dropped off girls.

Our members enjoyed the freedom of the site and, if it was their first visit, they certainly made the most of the camp. VIPS were served by Brownies of Surrey East – who enjoyed time at the event to wet their taste buds for the next event in 2020- dates out soon!



## BP Weekend in the Paper





## The Royal Society Summer Soiree

Being a LASER champion gave me another great opportunity to shout out about GirlGuiding recently, as well as linking my passion of engineering by being invited to attend The Royal Society Summer Soiree.

The Royal Society is an academy of the world's most esteemed scientists, who also promote excellence in science to all ages. Alice (GGUK advocate) and I had the opportunity to see this year's summer exhibition and speak to the researchers to find out all about their amazing discoveries. GirlGuiding and the Royal Society have similar objectives, so look out for more information in the future regarding a possible collaboration. Raising awareness of STEM subjects is so important and relevant to GirlGuiding as only 21% of the UK STEM workforce are female. We could make a difference just by introducing the concept and spark a girl's enthusiasm from a single unit meeting, or inviting a speaker to visit the group. There are some great resources out there at the moment such as GirlGuiding North West Clever Cogs challenge and South-West region SWEbots. Additionally, GirlGuiding is piloting a flexible volunteering model in Essex West that could allow for more volunteers with STEM background to support units.

**Charity Nicholls**



## 1st Brockham Green Guides

1st Brockham Green Guides spent an enjoyable evening burying a time capsule under one of the posts around the Village Pump on Brockham Green.

The Pump is a memorial to Henry Thomas Hope of the former Deepdene Estate. In the nineteenth century, much of the land

and property in Brockham was owned by the Deepdene Estate. After Henry Thomas Hope died, the Vicar of Brockham suggested that a drinking fountain be erected as a memorial. Contributions were made by Brockham villagers and the drinking fountain was constructed at a cost of £39 19s 6d. Although it has always been known as The Pump, there is no evidence that the water fountain ever pumped water.

The posts and iron railings were in need of repair and the decision was made by the Parish Council and Brockham Bonfire committee to bury a time capsule under each of the ten new posts. The Guides had a discussion at a meeting previously to decide what to go into the time capsule and were very excited to dig the hole, seal the capsule, and bury it. The posts are expected to last between 50 and 100 years and it is hoped that a few of the Guides will still be in the local area when the time capsules are revealed.





## Epsom Division

Epsom Division Senior Section raised an amazing £900 from their cake sale and sponsored walk to raise money for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. The sun shone and we had a brilliant time on our 20km walk from Dorking Station to Epsom over the very hilly Surrey hills. Thank you to everyone who supported us. Kind regards, Alex Lorenz



## Margaret's 40 Year Award



## Goodstone Division Day





# The Lord Mayors Show 2017

Surrey East roared with the Lion in this show! A very composed Lion sat above our heads and waved to the crowds as representatives of the county walked, waved and chanted their way around the parade route.

The day was months of planning coming to reality and the girls in true Guiding style rose to the occasion.

Unlike many years, the day was dry so a bonus was had in showing off our uniforms. Well done to Stephanie and Amy for their BBC interview – great PR for the movement.

The lunch stop brought visits of other leaders in the show and we found seats to rest our weary foot sore feet. But we were soon off again, energy recharged by an abundance of chocolate coins and compliments from the Parade Marshal on the girls behaviour, so well done all.

The girls decided to continue the chanting – something they had decided on themselves and being girl led they did – bringing in the spectators as we walked back to London Wall.

The day was very enjoyable and thanks to everyone for the support you gave us.

**Lesley Bailey**

**Surrey East County Commissioner**





## 3rd Merstham Brownies

3rd Merstham Brownies enjoyed an evening at Squires Garden Centre in Buckland, Reigate.

After closing time, the girls were given the full run of the shop; staff were brilliant and helped the girls plant up their Terrariums. We supplied the empty soda bottles and the staff arranged all the planting. We also did a scavenger hunt around the shop.

The Assistant Manager gave the girls a 'safety in the garden/and caring for your plants talk', as well as giving everyone free packet of seeds at the end. Our session cost just £4.50 a head and was money well spent, we all had a great time J

For information, or to book your own event, please contact Ian or Mark on 01737 247217 <http://www.squiresgardencentres.co.uk/garden-centre/reigate/>

Thanks, the Garden Centre Manager asked me to spread the word!

**Elaine Rollason**

**3rd Merstham Brownies**

*Should point out though that the price may vary according to the planting activity.*



There was a surprise visit to the Reigate Trefoil Guild on October 10th when the borough mayor, Councillor Roger Newstead and his wife, Mary attended a fund raising event at the Woodhatch Centre organised by Reigate Trefoil Guild.

Mary, an active member of Girlguiding was presented, much to her surprise, with a 40 year service award by the County Commissioner, Lesley Bailey. The mayor, Roger Newstead was presented with a county thanks badge as he has supported the Guiding movement for many years.

The V.I.P. visitors joined in the quiz evening which was won [by a close margin] by 'The Mixed Bag.'

**Veronica**



## Trefoil Guild and The Mayor



## 85 years Epsom Methodist Church



## Trefoil Annual Report Day

London and South East England held their Annual Report and International day on November 4th at the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill. members from Surrey East enjoying the Drumming session.



## Remembrance Sunday Horley

The Silent Soldier in Horley with Guiding It was lovely to see so many photos on Twitter of Guiding remembering. Thank you all for a positive representation.  
**Lesley Bailey**





## **Weekly Update & County Newsletter**

What is the Difference??

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- Comes out on a Friday evening/Saturday Morning (cut off Tuesday 6pm)
- Contains up and coming events, training courses, unit opportunities etc
- Send info to [officegirlguidingsurreyeast@gmail.com](mailto:officegirlguidingsurreyeast@gmail.com)

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The next County Newsletter will be published on Friday 6th July 2018

**The deadline for guaranteed inclusion is Friday 22nd June**

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