

County Newsletter



Autumn/Winter 2020



Welcome



Wow!

...has to be where I start. It is so impressive to see what everyone has been up to despite the hugely challenging circumstances we have found ourselves in during 2020. Your creativity and adapting to a different way of guiding makes me so proud to see. I know that our Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and their parents are really appreciating your efforts so thank you for keeping the guiding spirit alive.

I'd also like to thank Lesley Bailey our County Commissioner who has stepped down over Christmas, for the enormous contribution she has made to the county over the last four years and for steering the county especially through the last year.

I know that 2021 will continue to be a strange and difficult year but I hope guiding brings real purpose and fun to you.

Best wishes

Jennifer Sibley
County Commissioner





Newly Qualified Leaders

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have completed their Leadership Qualification or added modules to their qualifications since June 2020.

Leatherhead Division

Georgia Stratton Bacon

Downs Heath Division

Julie Clark

Epsom Division

Emily Zoeller

Samantha Foster

Natasha Walter

Carla Woodcock

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 Janet.

County Leadership Team

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Caterham District

At the end of July 1st Chaldon Guides enjoyed a socially distanced BBQ and rounder's! It was Caterham and Chaldon's first outdoor meeting back!



9th Caterham Guides and Caterham senior section held separate events on different parts of the field to keep within Covid safe numbers. Socially distanced BBQ and games were enjoyed by all.

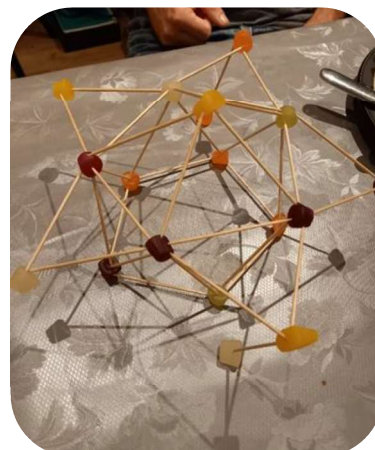
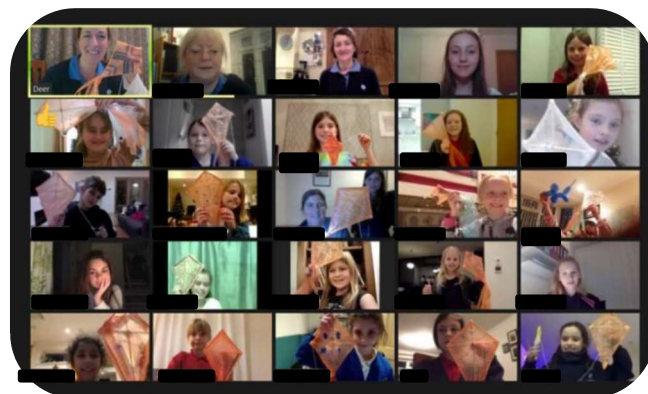


1st Effingham Brownies



It is an understatement to say that 2020 has been a challenge which has required compassion, community and a lot of creative thinking in order to keep the girls engaged and enjoying their time in Girlguiding. At 1st Effingham Brownies, we'd like to think we have achieved this aim. Since the start of the pandemic in March, we've had a consistent group of girls (the majority of our unit) joining every week for creative, fun, and I won't lie, a little chaotic, zoom sessions. The Brownie Smile song at the end is always a source of entertainment! We've found our groove and completed lots of challenges and badges. Our girls are moving steadily through the Programme by working on UMAs and Skills Builders that have been adapted. They have done an escape room, participated in Stay About over the summer, and created their fair share of baked delights (mug cakes anyone?). One of our great successes has, without a doubt, been the Amey Challenge Badge. The girls completed a series of STEM activities which included creating jelly sweet structures, kite building, catapult making (one pet dog was very happy with the new treat delivery system), tension filled egg drops, and the wiggliest scribble-bots you've ever seen. Through trial and error and lots of giggles, the Brownies were able to develop their creative and technical thinking. Judging by the smiles, we think they enjoyed themselves and learned a little bit of engineering in the process. We're looking forward to going back to face-to-face meetings in the future, but for now, we'll continue making memories, learning and creating virtually. Our Brownies have shown us their resiliency and willingness to learn and participate and we couldn't be more proud of them!

- Heather Blackburn



1st Effingham Brownies (continued)



Chennai Challenge



Units across the county are being encouraged to take on the “Chennai Challenge”, a wonderful selection of Indian-themed activities. Those completing the challenge – created by Clare Coker of 1st Effingham Guides - can buy a special badge, which will help fund the building of a new school for disadvantaged children in Chennai.

The school and boarding home is being built by charity The Batemans Trust. Clare Coker learnt about the project from her aunt, Suzanne Kuyser, a trustee of the charity. At the start of March – just weeks before lockdown – Suzanne joined around 40 Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from across the Fetcham and Leatherhead District for a colourful, fun-packed day of Indian themed activities (see photos!). This was the first “Chennai Challenge”!



Clare has now developed these activities into a challenge pack for other Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units to use, during face to face meetings or district and divisions gatherings when life is back to normal, during virtual meetings, or even for Guides and adult leaders to complete on their own. The challenge can be completed over several weeks or during one fun-packed evening!



The challenge pack includes information on activities including:- designing and making a Sari; making pakoras and Chai Tea; having a go at some traditional Indian designs, such as Rangoli, Kolam and Henna; using paper craft to make peacocks or elephants; drawing or colouring in the Taj Mahal.

Chennai Challenge (continued)



There is no time limit to complete the challenge and no requirement to complete a particular number of clauses. Your unit will be supporting the building of the new school by The Bateman's Trust, simply by taking up the challenge and buying the badge. Alternatively, if your unit would like to make a donation via Just Giving, you can earn the badge that way.

Having enjoyed the challenge activities in a unit meeting in March, Effingham Guides were finally able to complete their fundraising goals and ran a market stall at the Effingham Village December Farmer's Market. They raised an amazing £258 for Bateman's selling homemade gingerbread and pakora mixes, as well as rustic Christmas decorations. They also offered decoration-making as a craft activity, a great opportunity to showcase Guiding - going strong despite lockdown.

Take part in the Chennai Challenge and you really will be helping to build a school, as well as exploring the fascinating culture of India. The challenge pack is available on the County website [Chennai Challenge Badge | Girlguiding Surrey East](#) or available directly from Clare Coker at fox1steffingham@btinternet.com

Badge payments, fundraising or individual donations towards the building of the school can be made at.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gg-leatherheaddivision-chennaichallenge>

-Jen Broh



Congratulations!

So 2020 has not turned out to be the year we thought it would be but good things still come in threes!

Firstly the region awards board agreed Margaret King was to be awarded the Region Chief award for services to Guiding.

Then we had Alison Cotteril who was also awarded the Region Chief award to recognise her work with 2nd and 12th Dorking Brownies and their many achievements both locally and further afield. Including a scarecrow festival at Hampton Court Palace.



Then we had Val Hickmott awarded the Laurel award for Guiding by the national Girlguiding awards council, for her services to the county, region and Faurefold.



So many many congratulations to all these ladies and please do remember if you would like to find out more about the Guidings awards there is more information available here:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/running-your-unit/managing-your-team/awards-and-recognition/>

- Lesley Bailey

LaSER Awards



LaSER have some awards that may interest someone in your unit.

There is the **Girlguiding LaSER Diamond Award** which is an award for any member of Girlguiding, up to her 30th Birthday, who has done something exceptional, as well as being a committed member of Girlguiding. For example it may be given for:

- great dedication to a charity or cause
- caring for a relative or a Girlguiding member
- exceptional service by a young leader or a Brownie or Rainbow helper
- significant contribution and impact on guiding outside of an adult leader's own unit (e.g. as a County or Region Lead Volunteer, a Peer Educator or Trainer, or someone who has shared skills with other units over a period of time.)
- significant impact on membership growth (e.g. helping to keep units open or opening new ones)

More information about how to apply can be found here - <https://www.girlguidinglaser.org.uk/challenges/girlguiding-laser-diamond-award>

There is also the **Make a Difference Award** which is for groups within Units, Districts, Divisions or Counties who have made a significant difference to the lives of others through a community action project. This could be through fundraising or a practical project.

More information about how to apply can be found here - <https://www.girlguidinglaser.org.uk/challenges/girlguiding-laser-make-a-difference-award>

Growth and Communities

New Growth and Communities Coordinator

I have recently been appointed as the new Growth and Communities Coordinator for Surrey East, as part of the Space for Grow Together Project, which has been extended until the end of March 2021. The role has (with the agreement of the funders) been refocused to support existing groups with Guiding during the pandemic. This support is quite flexible depending on local needs. It might mean; helping a unit set-up zoom meetings; sharing resources that can be sent out to girls who don't want to engage online; talking through risk assessments for outdoor meetings all depending on a unit's need. I will also be working to recruit new volunteers for Surrey East. I have been involved in Guiding for many years as a volunteer and am currently a Brown Owl in East Grinstead. Like many of you I have had to learn a whole new way of Guiding in the past year, from the mixed blessing of the mute button online to a brief foray into outside meetings complete with social distancing and hand- sanitiser. I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few months.

Tanya Turner – tanya.turner@girlguiding.org.uk

2nd Bookham Rainbows

The 2nd Bookham Rainbow unit was formed 30 years ago and we had planned to have a celebratory party in the summer, inviting past leaders and girls. But of course Covid-19 put an end to all that and we ended up combining our Zoom Christmas party for the Rainbows with a 30th birthday party. We delivered Rainbow party bags to each girl. These held all sorts of goodies including balloons, party poppers, the items to make a cheer leader pom pom and of course our special badge. The girls loved the sparkly thread. Over Zoom, we played games and danced to Christmas music, waving our colourful pom poms we had just made. Then we each lit 3 candles on a fairy cake (assisted by parents) and sang Happy Birthday to ourselves. It wasn't quite what we had planned a year ago, but it was a lovely, fun way to finish the term.

-Joy Lord

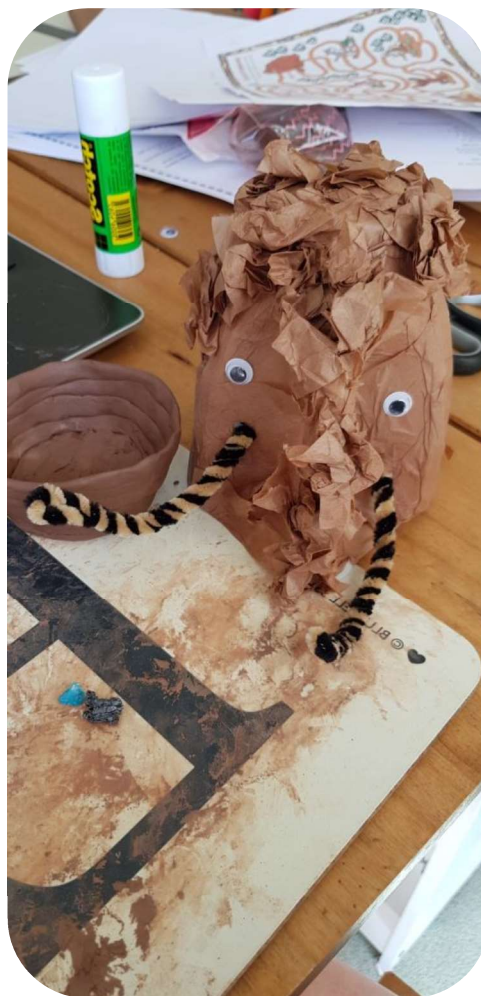


Banstead Brownies

5th Banstead Brownies did a virtual "stone age" camp over the summer. We built clay pots (and some girls drank out of theirs!), we made woolly mammoths, hunted for fossils, lit candles and made s'mores and finally made eggy bread for breakfast. A great time was had by all!

One of Banstead Brownies will be receiving her Bronze Award for completing 2 themes and 3 interest badges during "virtual Brownies". She is shortly leaving us to go to Guides, she is our first girl to achieve an award under the new program - we are very proud.

Stones of Remembrance, 5th, 6th and 2nd Banstead Brownie units worked together to produce memorial stones which have been placed on the war memorial in Banstead. As we sadly couldn't attend the Remembrance service this year.



1st Bookham Rangers

After all the events of this year 1st Bookham Explorer Scouts and Ranger Guides were unable to attend our greatly anticipated international camp. Two weeks of hiking, camping, and lots of fun activities planned in the French alps have been postponed.

Although not quite the same, to encourage active lifestyles, teamwork, and a bit of healthy competition, we are currently racing in teams to walk, run, and cycle the 535 miles from Bookham to Annecy. We're hoping to reach our goal before 2021. This competition is running alongside our regular weekly zooms where we have held debate evenings, been on a (virtual) American road trip, made Christmas decorations, and this week we will be baking yule logs!

Of course we cannot wait to get back together in person soon and hopefully all be in Annecy for summer 2021. From all of us at 1BESRG we wish you a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Lucy Cassidy



1st Tattenhams Guides

We were all very excited and impressed to hear that one of our Guides, Gemma, has decided to mark the end of her time as a 12 year old by walking 12km to raise money for Children In Need. Gemma was motivated to fundraise after seeing a Children In Need feature on TV, and after Gemma's mum received the Girlguiding email about fundraising with Children In Need.



1st Tattenhams Guides are excited to have been selected as one of three Co Op Local Causes in the 2020/2021 Community Fund. All funds we raise will be used to cover the cost of activity training for leaders so that we can offer a wider range of activities to the Guides without having to pass on additional costs this can incur. Co Op Members are invited to select the cause they would like to support and so the more members we are able to encourage to support us, the more funds we will raise. Anyone wanting to support us can find out more through this link: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/53251>

- Helen Pierce

Epsom Division

Young Artist Competition

This year Epsom Rotary ran a young artist competition for Brownies and Guides.

The initial judging to arrive at six finalists in each age group was carried out by the Girlguiding Epsom Division from a total of 73 entries. The judging of the finalists was done by members of Epsom Rotary. The theme of the competition was Fantasy Land and the ages given below are when they completed their entry.

Rainbows

Winner - Penny Fisher age 6 - 1st Stoneleigh Rainbows - "The Wavy Forest - when the leaves drop, they turn white and they feel like snow hitting your face."

Second - Emilia Patel age 5 - 1st Stoneleigh Rainbows - "Rainbow Tree - A boy picks a coconut from the tree and when it cracks open, out spills sand and the sea."

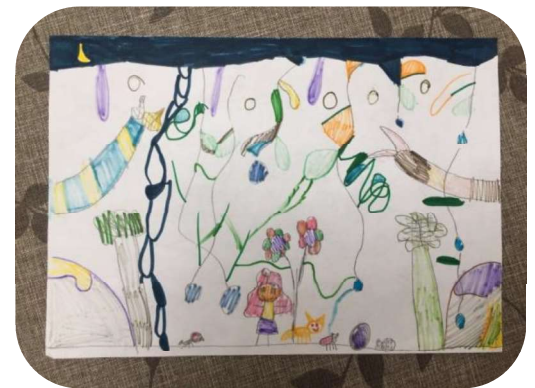
Brownies

Winner - Milly Clanfield age 7 - 9th Epsom Brownies - "My fantasy is showing a beautiful ocean. The ocean is beautiful because jelly fish, fish, sharks and starfish are all happy and I would love to be underwater swimming with them."

Second - Lexi Webb age 9 - 1st Ewell Village Brownies - "A fantasy village called the long and short town for tall and small people."

Well done girls!

-Mary Zoeller



Epsom Division

Happy Glaze Pottery Painting Session

1st Ewell Village Brownies and Guides enjoyed two separate Zoom sessions with Angie from Happy Glaze Ceramics in Epsom to celebrate the end of the summer term.

The girls were supplied with everything they needed to create their masterpieces and Angie talked them through the techniques over Zoom. The results were incredible and the girls had a great time making them! The Guides created doughnut plates of different flavours and the Brownies painted, scratched and dribbled their way through their zoom session to produce these amazing ice cream beakers.

Both the doughnuts and the ice creams looked good enough to eat!



Long Service Awards

Congratulations to Robyn Hill of 1st Ewell Village Guides who has received her five year long service award and to 1st Stoneleigh Rainbows Unit Leader Maria Smith who was presented with her 10 year long service award. Thank you to both Robyn and Maria for your amazing commitment to Girlguiding in Epsom.

Leadership Qualifications

More congratulations from Epsom Division this time to Samantha Foster and Emily Zoeller who completed their leadership qualification!

-Mary Zoeller



Hawthorns Rainbows

We've had so much fun with our virtual sessions. We started the term by thinking about the things we are good at and celebrating each other, whilst also learning about how to stay healthy by eating the right things, getting plenty of exercise and a good amount of sleep.

We had a farm animal evening, hosted by our in-house expert Tulip who lives on a farm. It was wonderful to learn about and see the animals she cares for every day.

Whether you like floss or macarena, our disco night was a huge success. Watching everyone's groovy moves was entertaining; who enjoyed it more, the girls or the leaders?!

Firm favourites were back with lots of baking, crafts and of course, a virtual sleepover. Over half-term the girls went on a nature walk and collected items to make a woodland creation using paint and conkers.

Dressing up ready for an adventure, we learnt how to be an explorer and created our own landmarks out of recycling. It was great fun!

In true Christmas fashion, we made salt dough decorations and painted them the following week. It was lovely to see how everyone made their decorations unique and special.

We've had a busy term and heaps of fun, a super end to an unusual year.

- Karen Wyborn



Hawthorns Brownies

Our Zoom meetings have been full of fun this term. We were delighted to welcome six girls in to our unit, they made their promise virtually and have made a super start to being a Brownie.

Taking part in Parliament Week is an annual event we look forward too. We learnt about how laws are made and what voting is. We may have some politicians in the making as a few of the girls made very good arguments!

Back by popular demand, we had another virtual sleepover, we've played lots of games and been crafty making puppets, rooms in a box and numerous other creations. We also had a sizzling time cooking fajitas and creating our very own 'Hawthorns Mess' dessert.

Our first face to face meeting since March was met with great enthusiasm! We visited Cudham Shaws as part of their Campfire and Sparklers event. The girls had a super time singing camp fire songs, watching a beautiful blue moon, playing with sparklers and enjoying hot chocolate. A wonderful evening spent altogether.

Reading the poem, 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae, was a special moment on Remembrance Day. Everyone renewed their promise and we made poppies which were worn to school the next day.

We were delighted to have a 'Brownie Take Over' evening when one of our girls, Emma, planned and led the evening. We made Christmas decorations – there was glitter everywhere! We were very impressed #thisgirlcan.

With Christmas trees made out of strawberries and buttons (not together!) and lots of festive giggles, we reflect on a wonderful term. We are already planning the Spring Term and can't wait to see what we get up to!

- Karen Wyborn



1st Ashted Brownies

Who would have thought at the beginning of 2020, that 1st Ashted Brownies will be running their meetings over zoom? Surprisingly, it was a huge success. We kept it fun and light-hearted as a remedy to all that was going on in the outside world.

We had a fabulous time doing our autumn activities in the comfort of our home. During this term we did a scavenger hunt around the house, Brownie in a mug, mocktail making, poppy windmill, Christmas crafts as well as various virtual games, such as pass the pen, Brownie by numbers, knife, fork and spoon. But the girls most enjoyed Brownie Bingo, which we played every week at the end of the session.

Our unit also took part in Act Your Age and raised nearly £100 for BBC Children in Need and Girlguiding.

One of our Brownie, Penny Beech kept herself busy with interest badges during the lockdown and managed to achieve her Brownie Bronze award.

-Sarita Amin



Congratulations in Downs Heath Division

Congratulations to Avril Farley, Kingswood District Commissioner, who received her 20 years long service award from Division Commissioner Beverly Heywood-Jones at Brownies on the night before the national lockdown.

It was a super evening as 5 new Brownies made their promise.

Congratulations Avril.



For anyone who read the article in our winter newsletter last year from Guide leader Helen Pierce, and watched the series 'The Baby Has Landed' that tracked families welcoming their new baby, we have an update.

At the end of the series Helen and Nigel were questioning whether their family was complete. We can share that Helen and Nigel announce the birth of their sixth child Andrew William Pierce, 9lb 7oz and born (deliberately!) at home on 6th November. Andrew joins siblings Emily, Edward, Charlotte, Rebecca and Abigail.

Congratulations Helen and Nigel.
- Beverly Heywood-Jones



Downs Heath Division

2020 is memorable for the first year we haven't had church parade on my Birthday weekend. My birthday is 11th November - Remembrance Day.

1st Walton-on-the-Hill Guides still took time in making Pinwheel poppies over zoom, read out the Remembrance stories and thought of some of our own special people to remember too.



We lay our wreath beside the beautifully painted Stones of Remembrance that the Rainbows had made.



-Beverly Heywood-Jones

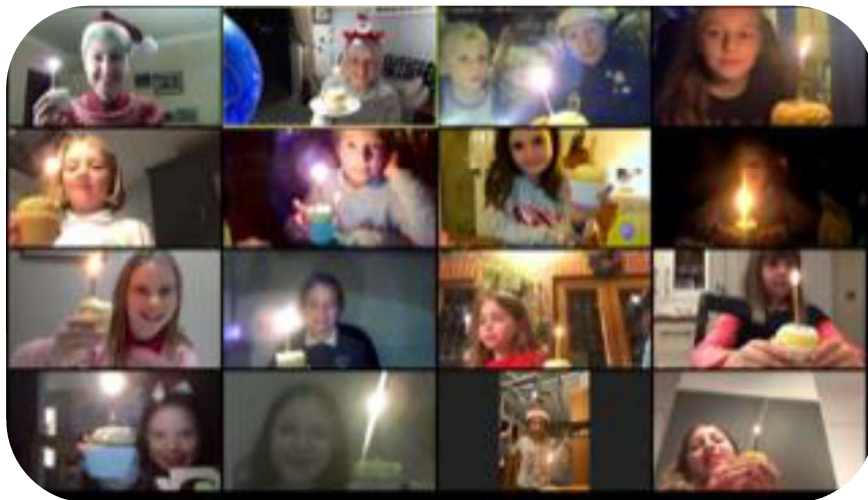
7th Bookham Brownies

We should be celebrating 50 years this year!! 7th BB 's first meeting was on 1st July 1970.

I took over the unit in 1998, when it was about to close. Having ran Guides in Ashted for years I was nervous of taking on the unit of 8 Brownies – 7 – 10 year olds! What would I do with that age group if I couldn't go camping?!! But I got to grips with that age group and loved the Brownies from then on. I had several different assistant leaders with me over the years, and we had some great Brownie holidays in church halls to start with and then going to residential sites such as Faurefold, Cudham, Heyswood, Heron's Wey around Surrey. Some special outings were the London Bridges day, BUTLIN'S weekends, Pax Lodge, Drusillas Zoo, Millennium campfire at Epsom racecourse, Crystal palace, Fiesta camp, Lingfield Park – so many happy memories for me, and hopefully so many Brownies that have good memories of belonging to 7th Bookham Brownies!

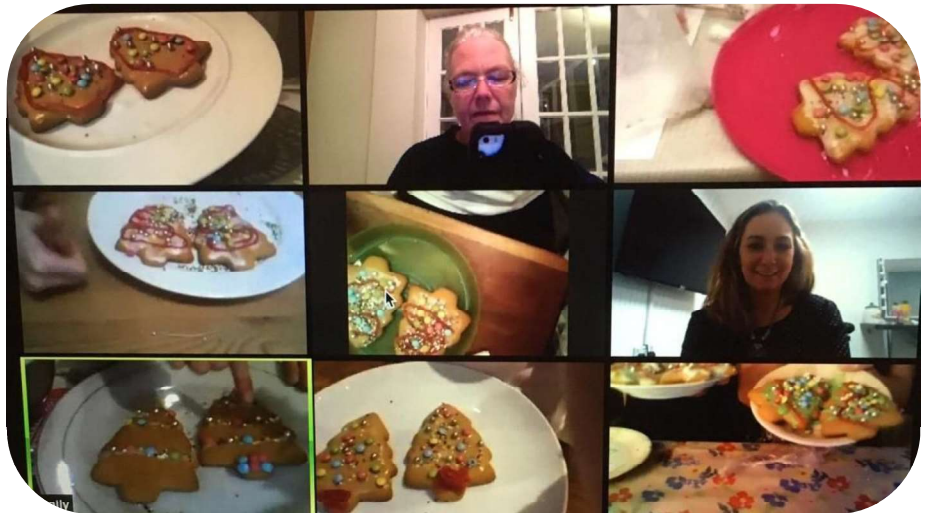
We celebrated 30 years in 2000, and had past leaders join us, we were hoping to do the same for our 50th, but it was not to be this year!

Photo taken in 2000 with past Leaders our party for 30 years.
-Christine Moss



1st Burstow Brownies

1st Burstow Brownies getting in the Christmas mood, a home pack was delivered and biscuits iced as a group over zoom.



7th Bookham Brownies

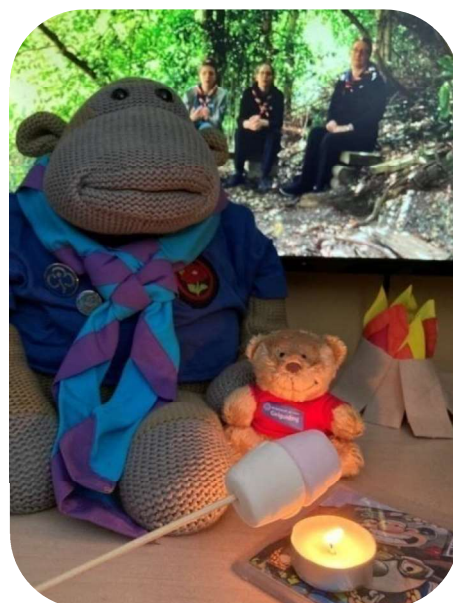
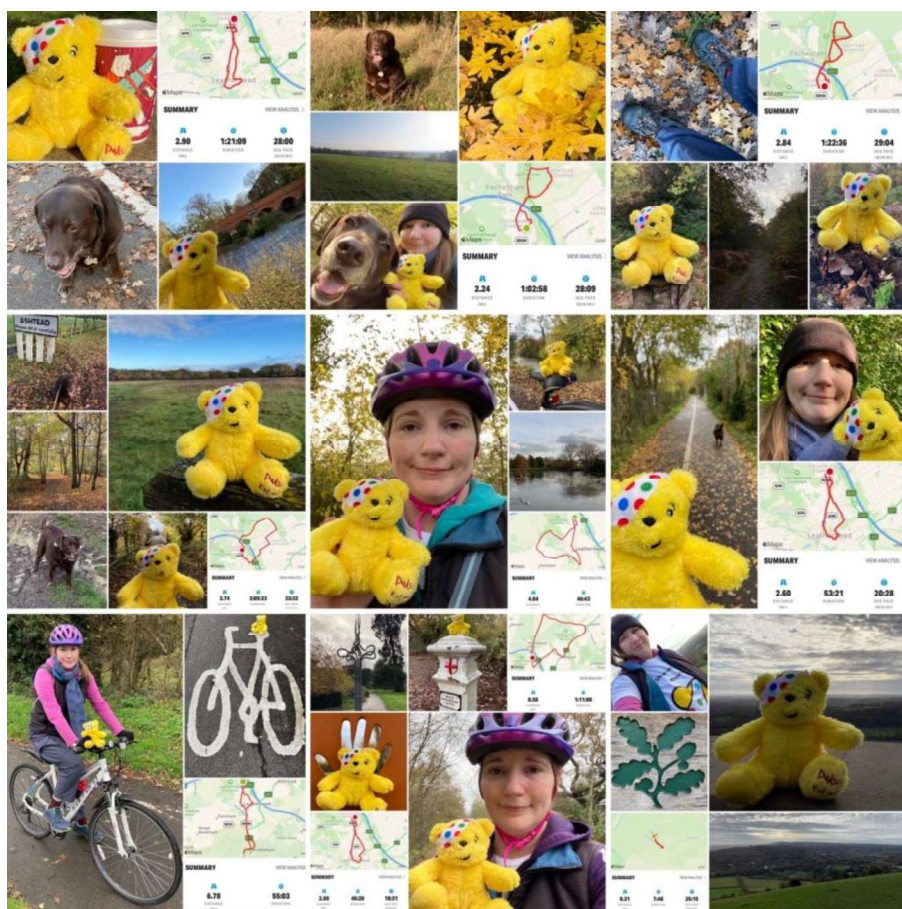
7th Bookham Brownies made armpit fudge over zoom. Delicious!



4th Ashted Guides

4th Ashted Guides took part in zoom meetings all summer. They enjoyed joining in with the Stay about 'camp' and have completed skill builders virtually over the summer & autumn terms, and some of the girls have completed interest badges too. We completed some of the Amey challenge badge over zoom & made edible bonfires too. I completed the Children in Need act your age challenge & raised £70 (from seeing the partnership on the Girlguiding website). Having been furloughed from work, I decided to put my daily exercise to good use to raise some money for the cause and completed a total of 37.25 miles over a week and a half - To 'Act my age'.

- Sarah West



Faurefold

Local Girlguiding volunteers are raising funds for Surrey East's holiday house and campsite at Westcott near Dorking, whose income has been severely affected by the pandemic.

Set in 11 acres of its own grounds "Faurefold" has provided a wonderful haven for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Young Leaders since at least 1971. The building on site – offering facilities including residential accommodation – was totally rebuilt in 2017, following a previous, sustained period of fundraising.

Due to the pandemic, the site had to close in March and with Faurefold's main source of income being from residential visits, funding for the site has been severely impacted. Between August and October, a number of day events were held on the site within Covid-19 guidelines, but Lockdown 2 forced Faurefold to close totally again. The site is currently running at a loss.

Subject to future lockdown and GGUK restrictions, the site is now open once again for both Covid-19 safe indoor and outdoor meetings for local Girlguiding and Scout Association groups, as well as those undertaking Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Faurefold welcomed around 2000 visitors in 2019 - young people are able to camp, enjoy orienteering courses, a woodland trail and a nature path in the surrounding wooded area. There are giant games to enjoy, as well as a camp fire circle in the woods and an altar fire for outdoor cooking activities.



Faurefold (continued)

Local people can help raise funds for Faurefold over the coming year, simply by doing their shopping, with the site having been chosen to benefit from the Co-op Local Community Fund. Between now and 23rd October 2021, every time Co-op members who have selected Faurefold as their good cause buy selected Co-op branded products and services, 1p for every pound spent goes to Faurefold.

Co-op members can select Faurefold as their nominated charity, by going to:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/55196> . Faurefold is partnered with the Co-op store in Bookham, but if you are a Co-op member elsewhere, you can still choose the site as your charity.

Funds raised will be used to install blinds in the main building on site, to help with sound proofing and to ensure privacy for those using the building, when a different unit is camping outside. It is also planned to install new blinds in the building's kitchen.



Clare Coker, Chair of the Faurefold Management Committee said: "Faurefold felt very quiet without our usual visitors this year and we are delighted we can offer a really safe venue for young people to continue their Guiding, Scouting and D of E activities, despite the restrictions we must all adopt to keep everyone safe. Being active and engaging with the outdoors is such a vital component of young people's mental health and development. Having our first units enjoying the site again after 5 months of closure during outdoor meetings in August and September was a real thrill. To have been selected by the Co-op for their local causes fundraising promotion for 2020/21 is very exciting: we have reduced our spending to essential bills and creating a Covid-19 safe environment only, so the opportunity to fundraise to continue the site development plans we had envisaged is a huge opportunity for us. We hope many local Co-op users will sign up and select Faurefold as their local cause".

To make bookings at Faurefold, go to www.faurefold.co.uk.

- Jen Broh



Remembrance 2020



1st Effingham Brownies poppy pebbles were placed at St Lawrence Churchyard memorial. The girls laid them down on their way to school etc.



10th Redhill Brownies.



Caterham and Chaldon District at St Lawrence's Remembrance parade.



Effingham Brownies and Guides took part in Remembrance Sunday very safely.

Warlingham District

Warlingham district took part in a filming session as Remembrance parade could not happen in its traditional format this year. Following the rule of six and social distancing five girls represented Warlingham Girlguiding laying the wreath and lowering the flag. This will form part of a video released on Remembrance Sunday.

- Lorna Smith



1st Chaldon Guides



In September and October 1st Chaldon Guides enjoyed some meetings outside. They took part in a scavenger hunt and made photo frames using string. They enjoyed a night walk and a quiz around their local aerodrome. And despite the rain, wind and dark... They had fun in the park.



1st Chaldon Guides

1st Chaldon Guides were back inside for socially distanced guiding! First port of call is Halloween crafts and doughnut on a string game. They made the pinwheels during their last face to face meeting due to lockdown and the girls were asked to place their stones in a public place for all to see on Remembrance Sunday. They finished up the term with some socially distanced Christmas crafts.



7th Horley Rainbows



We were actually at Rainbows in March when the lockdown announcement came on the Monday early evening so much so that Brown Owl was already waiting to start brownies after us and she met them all and sent them home! Luckily we had delivered most of the Spring Term programme with only 2 weeks missed until we broke up for Easter. It took me a while to get my head around being on a screen so I had a little practice at home videoing myself doing a UMA for the girls to follow and sent this out on Whatsapp to see whether everyone engaged with it. It turned out they loved it so that gave me the confidence to plan some Zoom meetings and off we went. We completed our Camp Stage 1 over Zoom plus lots of other games and activities during the Summer Term.



Feeling a little weary of virtual meetings and exceptionally lucky that our Leader In Charge has a paddock at her house with access to woodlands and outside facilities we decided to brave the paperwork and commence outdoor meetings for the Autumn term until half term when the clocks changed. We had a plan to utilise our outside space to its maximum completing as many programme activities that required to be outdoors. To fully embrace and celebrate the outdoors and being together again we completed our Paw Print - Mud badge too, where we painted the Trefoil in mud to also tick off the Rainbow Trefoil Creation UMA. The girls, and the leaders, thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and much thanks to our Leader in Charge and her family (also Guiders) for hosting and facilitating all of this.

— Sarah Limb



7th Horley Rainbows (continued)

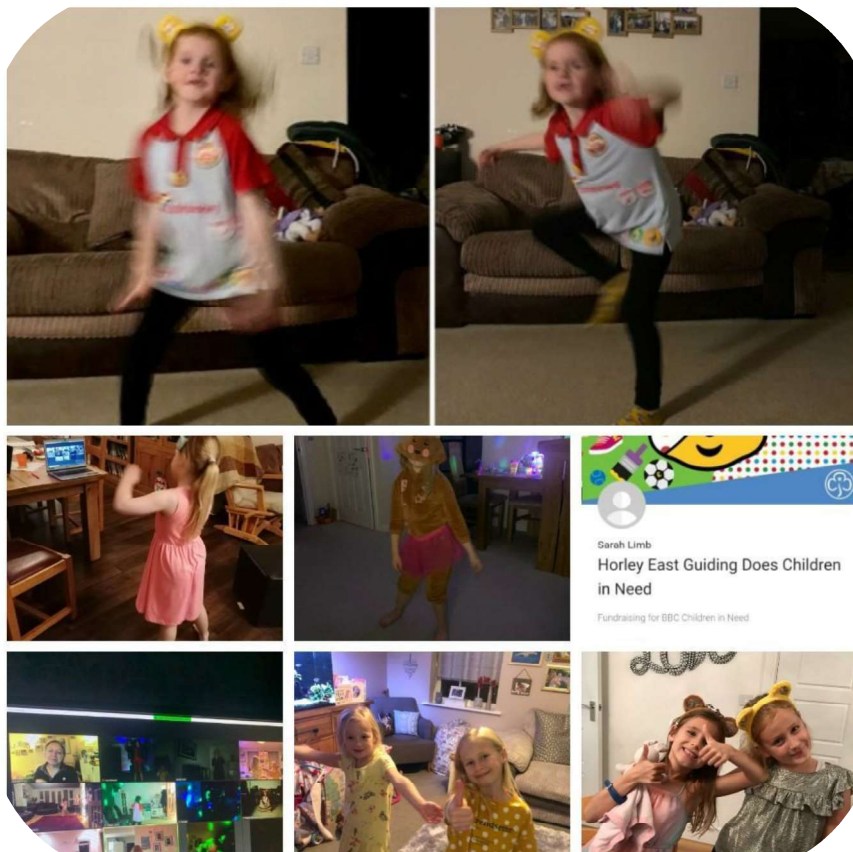
So after an amazingly lucky first half term outdoors I felt I needed to up my game for Zoom for the second half of term and its always a struggle at this time of year to juggle programme activities with seasonal ones but it worked out quite nicely this year. I found a poppy field UMA for Know Myself Theme for Remembrance and then we were keen to support the Girlguiding and Children In Need collaboration. Our Rainbow unit is 32 years old so for act your age we decided to do a 32 minute danceathon over Zoom. I think it was my best Rainbows ever! At the time of writing this Horley East District together have raised £1512 with the Rainbows raising £500 of that. This is all truly amazing, if you look at the link you will see a little info on what each of the units did to raise money [Horley East is fundraising for BBC Children in Need \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Horley-East-District-Children-in-Need) We even managed to tick off one the off the Make Change Skill Builder activities for fundraising, win win.

We have been doing deliveries to the girls to complete activities over Zoom and packs for the girls who don't want to join but have paid their subs, we also did some lovely Christmas crafts, including decorating gingerbread men. My confidence in using Zoom and preparing material to share has really grown to hopefully enrich their online experience, having taken many fantastic ideas and resources from Girlguiding facebook groups.

We did need an extra UMA for the girls to achieve their Take Action theme badge so we did the Big Thank You card virtually with everyone making a contribution and this went out to 5 worth people chosen by the girls. After all this I managed to award 2 Silver awards this term so next term our aim is to get those girls to Gold before they leave for Brownies at Easter. We are not far off and the reduced requirements has definitely helped.

Now just for our Christmas party to end the term!

I am one very proud leader of all our little reds.
- Sarah Limb



Feel inspired by all you have seen ?

To find out more please explore the below links.

This could be you volunteer at :- <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>

County website: <https://www.girlguidingsurreyeast.org.uk/>

National website: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

You can also follow us at:

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2nd Fetcham Rainbows painted Christmas pottery.

Weekly Update & County Newsletter

What is the Difference??

Weekly Update

- 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

County Newsletter

- Comes out twice a year
- Contains Articles about past events and general information
- Send info to newslettersurreyeast@gmail.com

The next County Newsletter will be published on 5th July 2021

(both paper and digital copies will be available)

The deadline for guaranteed inclusion is 28th June 2020

All articles are welcome, from Units, Districts, Divisions or County.

Please do email me whenever your Unit, Division or District has done something that they have really enjoyed or benefited from. It is also great to hear stories of the units when they are out in the community, fundraising or helping in any way. If someone in your Unit, District or Division has done something particularly outstanding then please do email and it is a good way to acknowledge their achievements! Please never feel like we wouldn't want to hear your story because it is so fantastic to see what everyone has been up to and see how vibrant the Surrey East County really is. I look forward to hearing from you!

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