

# County Newsletter



Spring/ Summer 2022



# Welcome



Our Newsletter provides you with a flavour of what Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, together with their amazing leaders, have been up to.

I am delighted to see units across the County having such a wonderful time at so many incredible events – with Bazzaz, Scoutabout, Magic and Mayhem, Activity days at Faurefold – building life long memories for everyone.

We have had some very special opportunities such as being the Guard of Honour at the Epsom Derby and being selected from across the Region to attend Downing Street for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and have enjoyed trips to places such as Legoland, Port Lympne, Godstone Farm, Juniper Hall and Byfleet boating.

We have celebrated with all our award winners – Queens Guide - Alexia Beale, Hero Award winners – Joanne Hayward, Hilary and Laura Gudge, County Good Service Awards for Kate Fowles and Angela Hammond and Region Chief Award for Mary Zoeller. We also have presented lots of Long Service Awards – including a 60 years long service for Veronica Ballard. Congratulations to all our very well deserved Award winners.

Congratulations too, to everyone who has completed their Leadership Qualification. We welcome you to Surrey East.

Thank you to all our volunteers for everything that you do.  
Enjoy the summer break!

**Best wishes**

**Beverly Heywood-Jones**  
**County Commissioner**

P.s. the lockdown blanket made by Stoneleigh Brownies looks incredible



## Newly Qualified Leaders

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have completed their Leadership Qualification or added modules to their qualifications since January 2022.

### Leatherhead Division

Lucy Cassidy  
Katie Garland  
Nikki Oxford  
Kate Kostlin

### Reigate Division

Fliss Tomlin  
Maryam Naz  
Pamela Keenan  
Lynda Russell

### Epsom Division

Robyn Hill

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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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Merstham Brownies

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Merstham Brownies Sleepover at Legoland

After so many cancellations over the Covid period our long awaited Legoland sleepover finally came around! Having dropped off our luggage in the Education centre, we were then free to roam the park and go on all the rides. Everyone was so excited! Luckily the queues weren't too long and we got to go on lots of them. We even had a photo with one of the Lego characters!

When the park closed we went back to the Education centre where we enjoyed a fantastic pizza dinner organised by Legoland. We had the place to ourselves!

We had use of some of an outdoor area so after dinner we let the girls loose for a few run around games before getting all their beds set up for the night.

Once set up we put on a movie, but most girls were asleep before the end!

Legoland provided a nutritious packed breakfast for us all the next morning and then we learned how to make robots in the Robotics Workshop session. This was so much fun and everyone was given lanyards and special badges for taking part.

The next few hours were spent enjoying even more rides and the girls went home at lunchtime.

I highly recommend this sleepover- The staff at Legoland were absolutely fantastic, you couldn't want for anything and everything was well organised. They catered for all of our people with food allergies and nothing was too much trouble.

We'd all love to go back again :)

- Elaine Rollason





# Walton on the Hill May Pageant

We love to take part in our village fairs and to be part of our local community.

In Walton-on-the Hill, we have the Walton May Pageant. The theme this year was 'Our Precious Planet'. Guides paraded as Wild flowers and gave out wild seed balls. Brownies and Rainbows had tabards of planet earth adorned with plastic. Chloe, who is also a guide was the reigning May Queen having been crowned in 2019.

The Brownies also delighted the village with their Maypole dancing organised by leader - Avril Farley.





## 4<sup>th</sup> Stoneleigh Brownies

## Lockdown Blanket

Look at this amazing blanket created by 4<sup>th</sup> Stoneleigh Brownies! The idea started in early lockdown (March 2020) when they had been working on the Express Myself theme. Leaders had given the Brownies several topics to do at home including "Stitch Up Your Six" and several of them came back with felt squares featuring the NHS. It gave the leaders the idea to ask every girl to make one and it just grew and grew. Every event they did they created a square to celebrate all the fun they had despite the pandemic. Well done 4<sup>th</sup> Stoneleigh Brownies!

- Mary Zoeller





# Epsom Division

## World Thinking Day 2022

Epsom Division units celebrated World Thinking Day on 22/02/2022 by taking part in some great activities based on palindromes (as the date of World Thinking Day was one!) Everyone who took part was given a lovely badge designed by our neighbours in Surrey West.



## Little Acres Campsite

There's a brand new Gnome Grotto at Little Acres campsite! Please come and find it and decorate the gnomes' home with anything you can find.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Whyteleaf Guides

To celebrate Chinese New Year in February 1<sup>st</sup> Whyteleaf Guides made their own paper puppets of the 12 Zodiac animals. They then used these to retell the story of 'The Great Race'.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Whyteleaf Brownies

To celebrate Chinese New Year in February 1<sup>st</sup> Whyteleaf Brownies made their own red lanterns. .







## 1<sup>st</sup> Whyteleafe Rainbows and Bazzaz

This year was the year Bazzaz at Merrist Wood returned, landed in our diary on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 6 Rainbows put their names forward to go on what turned out to be a fun packed, full on, energetic, & somewhat excellent day.

There were so many activities for all wants, needs, likes and even dislikes that there was not a moment to be inactive. From the moment we arrived the Rainbows eyes were out on stalks at the site of enormous bouncy castles and yes there was a mass of them. It was like a kids party on a gigantic scale. The activities ranged from the straight forward to the faintly bonkers with anything in between.

It was a day of freedom for the children - 2,500 in one area plus their leaders a sight to behold after the 2 years of restrictions we've all had.

Bouncy castles were a massive hit, anything with a lollipop was a winner, managing the queuing expectations was a case of diverting minds and I think judging by the 4 sleeping Rainbows and 2 non stop chatterboxes on the way home we had had a pretty good day.

We will be going back!



# Scoutabout



Over 500 Guides and Rangers from Surrey East have just returned from Scoutabout 2022. This extraordinary camping event held at the South of England Showground in Ardingly is organised by Surrey Scouts providing over 200 activities for over 5000 participants.

Our thanks goes to Jane Luff, County Outdoor Adviser, who represented us on the organising committee and to others who helped in First Aid, Service Crew and Administration teams - Lorna Smith, Caroline Leeson, Stephanie Leeson, Sharren Bridges and Lesley Bailey.

Thank you too to the catering teams, Division coordinators, home contacts and for leaders who ran activities. None of it would be possible without you.

It was so lovely to be back after the long 2 year wait. A truly wonderful event!

Activities ranged from caving to car driving, dunk tank to bungee slide, archery, Army to International Rugby, SUP/canoing to the waltzer and circus skills, pyrogaphy to para chord, fireworks, and live music. There was certainly something for everyone.

The event ended with an amazing parade of flags accompanied by the Scout & Guide Band. This year the county standard was carried by Sarah from Downs Heath escorted by Jess (ranger) and Poppy (guide) from Godstone.

The next one will be in 2024!  
- Beverly HJ





# Scoutabout





# Caterham Valley and Woldingham District

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, we had a District Day at Godstone Farm with the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. The girls enjoyed seeing and touching the different animals, playing in the indoor play barn, walking around the dinosaur trail, playing in the sand pits and exploring the adventure playgrounds. All the units meet up and had lunch together, then we went and watched the pig race, which the girls really enjoyed and went and spent some money in the shop. At the end of the day, we all gathered together again and gave out some awards and renewed our promises, before we all went home. All the girls and leaders had a lovely day, and we had such beautiful weather!

-Nicola Edwards





## 30 Years Service

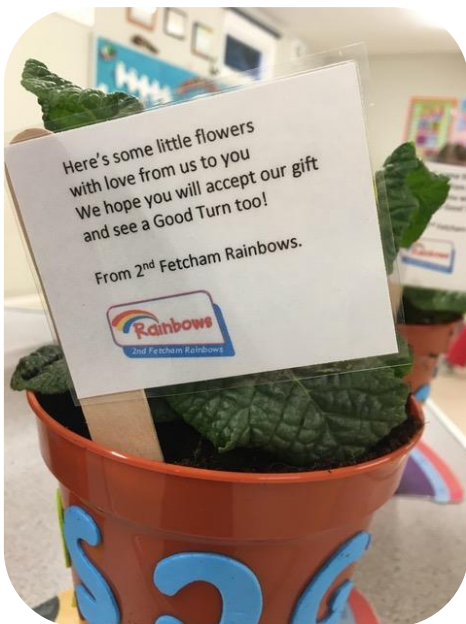


### Christine Edwards - 30 years service award

At the farm Christine Edwards was awarded her 30 year service badge (2 years late due to Covid). Christine has been a leader at Rainbows, Brownies and Guide Weekly meetings for over 30 years. She first opened the 5<sup>th</sup> Caterham Rainbow Unit, with her daughter in September 1995, and still currently helps in this unit. Christine was presented with her 30 year badge, certificate with some flowers and chocolates from the Caterham Valley and Woldingham District Commissioner Nicola Edwards.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Fetcham Rainbows

2<sup>nd</sup> Fetcham Rainbows planted up pots of kindness this term, and delivered them to elderly neighbours.



# County Awards

Kate Fowles and Angela Hammond were awarded the County Good Service brooch at the County First Response training held at Faurefold by Beverly Heywood-Jones, County Commissioner.

Kate is an excellent County First Response Trainer bringing both her practical experience as a volunteer and her skills as a trainer to the benefit of everyone who attends. In addition, she is Guide leader for 5<sup>th</sup> Dorking Guides and Division Commissioner for Leith Hill.

Angela has managed the administration for County First Response training for 3 years and supports the training with her professional nursing experiences.



Joanne was presented with the Guiding Hero Award and Thanks badge in recognition of her continued enthusiasm and dedication to Guiding as leader of 3<sup>rd</sup> Merstham Rainbows and assistant leader 10<sup>th</sup> Redhill Brownies, despite her own health battles over the last two years. Jo is admired for her courage and determination as the mainstay for both units zoom meetings, and then face to face as soon as we were able. She even continued to work on her units' admin and organise meetings whilst waiting for appointments, to ensure the Rainbows and Brownies had yet another exciting and fun meeting. She is an inspirational leader. The award was presented by Beverly Heywood-Jones, Surrey East County Commissioner and Emma Marsh, Joint Reigate Division Commissioner joined by her remarkable family who are also in Guiding and the local District Commissioner Karen Shepherd.





# County Awards

County Commissioner, Beverly Heywood-Jones, attended the Epsom Division Meeting to present Division Commissioner Mary Zoeller with the Region Chief Commissioner's Award. This had been awarded during covid, but we were waiting for a face-to-face opportunity to present it. In nominating Mary for the award, her peers spoke of Mary's endless enthusiasm for Guiding, her community and the positive impact she has on those around her. One person said that Mary's enthusiasm is infectious and that Epsom Division would not be the same without her.

'Mary has an incredible ability to organise and promote an event where a lot of fun will be had (and a badge too). The highlight for many was the Thinking day sleepover at the Epsom race course, attended by over 300 girls and leaders who had an amazing time thanks to her efforts!'

'She loves to support her local community, always taking part in the annual Epsom duck race fundraiser, even encouraging others to dress up in duck suits and have a lot of fun.'

Epsom Mayor said "I have worked closely with Mary in her role as District Commissioner as Girl Guiding was one of my charities (chosen largely due to Mary's enthusiasm for Little Acres Lodge). She has given enormous support to the fund raising for the 3 mayors charities as well as taking full advantage of the opportunities for raising Girl Guiding profile and awareness."

The Region Chief Commissioner award is presented to a member of Guiding who has made an outstanding contribution to Guiding and is one of the highest awards given. Congratulations Mary on receiving the Region Chief Commissioner's Award. Very well deserved.



Hero Awards have also been presented to Hilary and Laura Gudge, both leaders in Epsom who bravely stepped in to deal with a challenging first aid incident. Congratulations to all our Award winners.

# Leith Hill Division

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June saw the return of a face to face Division Social at Faurefold for Leith Hill Division. Tea, Cake and chat was the order of the day.

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces as well as new ones. We took the chance to present two very long over due 20 year service awards to Madeliene Rietchel who is our Division DBS co-ordinator & verifier and Gill Morgan a leader with 5<sup>th</sup> Dorking Rainbows.

We also presented a Thank You badge to Siobhan Nolan who will be stepping down from 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorking Guides at the end of the term.

- Jodi





# Epsom Division Awards

## Awards

Congratulations go to Robyn Hill of 1st Ewell Village Guides who has completed her leadership qualification! She was presented with her badge and certificate at her Guide unit meeting by unit leader Tracey Pettit. Well done Robyn!

Our Division Outdoor Activities Adviser Michelle Hall (pictured in the below photo on the right) had the great pleasure of awarding Brownie unit leader Carla Woodcock (pictured below left) with her Going Away With Scheme qualification recently! Congratulations Carla and thank you for completing this training, meaning you can take your Brownies away and give them even more exciting adventures!

- Mary Zoeller



# Queens Guide Award

It was celebrations and a campfire at Faurefold for Alexia Beale who was finally awarded her Queen's Guide Award, the highest award you can work towards in guiding. Alexia, formerly a 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorking Guide and Young Leader and Leader, received the award at a campfire with the Guides from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Dorking, Leith Hill Rangers and their leaders.

The award was presented by Jennifer Sibley, our County Queens Guide Award Coordinator, who supported her together with various mentors within and outside of guiding for the different parts of the Award. Jennifer explained what a challenge it had been to complete it during the pandemic and congratulated Alexia for persevering. Alexia had volunteered at a Brownie group and took on the role of first aider at a sleepover. She developed her piano skills, and because of the pandemic held a virtual sleepover on the Growing Up Wild Birds badge, attended by members across the UK which led to new friendships being formed. We think this is a first! She also organised an exploration on a space and physics theme with her university friends.

The Queen's Guide Award usually takes 3 years to complete and Alexia is highly congratulated for her achievements. In due course she'll be invited to a national presentation for her Queen's Guide Award as well – because for such a high honour, two celebrations are needed! Alexia's parents were at the presentation along with past and present 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorking Guide Leaders and County Advisers who supported Alexia on her journey.

The opportunity was also taken to ask the County Commissioner to work for her tea and cake and present long service awards to 5<sup>th</sup> Dorking Guide Leaders: Nicola Hamill – 5 Years, Fiona Butler – 10 Years, Lynda Mackie-Gandy – 20 years. Leith Division thanked Nicola Brett who has stepped down as DC after 10 years and also Alison Cotterill who has retired as Brown Owl from two Units within the Division. Thank you and congratulations to them all. If you are interested to find out more, take a look at the [Queens Guide Award](#) or contact [Jennifer](#) directly.





## 60 Years service

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May Reigate Division held an event at Empire Hall to celebrate all of our volunteers but there was a special presentation for Veronica Ballard who has been volunteering with us for 60 years.

Surrey East County Commissioner, Beverly Heywood-Jones made a speech and presented Veronica with this amazing achievement.

Over her 60 years, Veronica has taken on many roles within the Division and County, from unit leader to District Commissioner to still sending out qualification certificates for the County!

Veronica was presented with the Girlguiding Silver 60 years badge along with some flowers and a Girlguiding Swarovski vase.





## SURREY EAST TREFOIL VISIT TO FOXLEASE

Over 2 years ago Surrey East Trefoil decided to have a few days at Foxlease during their Centenary Year. So this May saw 21 members at Foxlease for 4 nights. During the day there were walks in the New Forest or locally into Lyndhurst along with visits to places such as Brownsea Island and Exbury Gardens.

Of course there was cream tea at a local garden centre restaurant one afternoon which was enjoyed by all. Each evening after supper there was a different activity. One evening saw everyone gathered for a talk by Deborah Lafferty, the Foxlease historian, on popular campfire songs since the beginning of Girlguiding.

Other activities included picking an unknown paper and talking on the subject for a minute while another was a 'beetle' drive with added variations each round along with passing the dice to the left after being thrown. One round was even managed with no one speaking! On last evening members spoke of memories of Guiding/schooldays followed by campfire singing. The weather was good throughout and the time was enjoyed by all.

- Jenny Powell





# 1<sup>st</sup> Fetcham Guides

1<sup>st</sup> Fetcham Guides were very kindly invited back to Byfleet boat club to go rowing. They had a fantastic time on the water learning a new skill.



1<sup>st</sup> Fetcham Guides enjoyed Juniper Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> June. They also tested their fishing nets in June completing the 'catch of the day skills builder'.



# Caterham District

## **Could you spare a few hours to raise some money for Faurefold?**

We have an opportunity to raise funds for further improvements to Faurefold and we need your help! We are joining forces with Capel Friends Of Guiding to provide a tea and cake stall at the Capel Show - <https://www.capelshow.co.uk/> on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. The event is traditionally a thriving event attend by several thousand people and includes classic cars, horticultural exhibits, a silver band, bar, stalls, auto jumble, dog show, children's activities and much more.



**We need help on Friday eve 19<sup>th</sup> August to set -up** from 4pm to 8pm – approx. 8 people to set-up the party tent on the recreation ground, van loading, unloading, furniture, water, power set up etc

### **Then on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August we need help from approx 8.30 am to 7.00pm**

8.30am -10am – set- up continues with team of 6+

10am – 5pm - teas/coffee and cake service, cutting and packaging cakes, replenishing supplies, taking money, general clearing and tidying

5pm- 7pm – clear up team to pack away and dismantle all items back to guide camp store

### **If you are not around on that weekend but could help with some pre-event tasks – these include -**

Donation of non-perishable items such as jars of coffee, tea bags, sugar, hot chocolate, jars of jam

Baking of tray bakes for freezing (instructions and trays provided)

Signage making

Organise supply of floats (cash)

If you think you can spare even just a couple of hours to help with any of the above, please contact George Ede, [george@nightlesscopse.co.uk](mailto:george@nightlesscopse.co.uk), 07973161684.

Many thanks!





# Epsom Division

## Epsom Derby

Some lucky Epsom Division Guides were flag bearers for the guard of honour at this year's Epsom Derby where they welcomed the Royal Party including Princess Anne to the racecourse. They were joined by other children from Epsom Scouts, My Time for Young Carers and The Horton Young Creative's alongside 40 of the Queen's jockeys, past and present, including Frankie Dettori and Willie Carson. The Guides represented Girlguiding so well and were all thrilled to be asked to take part in this incredible event.

- Mary Zoeller





# 1<sup>st</sup> Ewell Villiage Brownies

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

1<sup>st</sup> Ewell Village Brownies enjoyed a special Platinum Jubilee party this evening including a visit from Bee Happy Face Painting. We also created a jubilee wall hanging, played Queen's Game (like Kim's Game only royaler!) and The Queen's Keys.

- Mary Zoeller





# Epsom Division

## Epsom Division's First Football Festival

On Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, Blenheim High School hosted Epsom Division Guides for our first Football Festival. The morning began with the arrival of 40 Guides from across Epsom and Ewell and eight of the Blenheim Chelsea Academy girls who were charged with the coaching for the day.

The morning saw the three teams undertake a carousel of coaching drills including tactics, shooting, passing and rules. A quick lunch recharged the teams for an afternoon of matches with each team being coached from the sidelines by one of the Blenheim Chelsea Academy girls. Local families joined the event to cheer on their daughters and the Guides were even challenged to take on their coaches for a fun match halfway through. Needless to say, the coaches won!

The blue and purple teams were joint winners overall with the yellow team coming a close second. Everyone taking part was awarded with a bespoke Football Festival badge and we're looking forward to next year's event already.

Thank you to all of the Blenheim staff and students, Girlguiding leaders and Guides for organising and attending such a fantastic, football-filled day!

- Carla Woodcock





## 1<sup>st</sup> Capel Guides & Dorking Guides

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> Capel Guides & 5<sup>th</sup> Dorking Guides joined together for a cook out day in the woods. The Guides had an awesome day cooking on altar fires, making new friends and getting in a little practice for when they return to camp, with learning to make a grease trap, "paint" their pots before cooking and how to wash up! Food included Camp Pizza, Fruit parcels, Popcorn, Ham in a haybox and filled ice-cream cones. We were so busy we ran out of time to make our dampers! Each Guide earned her Backswood Cooking Badge, completed some Skill Builder clauses and UMA hours.

-Jodi Morton





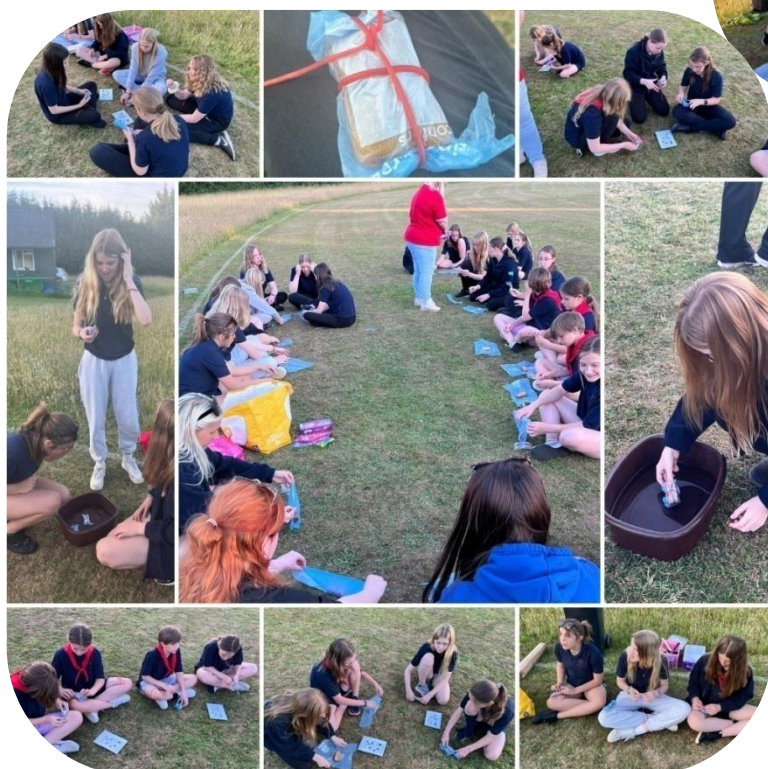
# 1<sup>st</sup> Chaldon Guides

1<sup>st</sup> Chaldon Guides tie dyes t-shirts and celebrated pride month.

Chaldon Guides were super excited for Scoutabout they enjoyed putting up their new tent trying it for size. 16 Guides in one tent – what fun. For 10 of the ones going it will be their first Guide camp.

Bedding rolls are mandatory at camp! The only way to guarantee your bedding is dry, bug free and all together at the end of the day. Practising them is a must to get them right, and what better way to practice than with cake and sweets?! Tightly rolled and tucked groundsheets is the answer to a dry cake (or bed) inside! Give it a go; will your mini bedding roll survive the 'dunk test?' Chaldon Guides had mostly dry cakes first time round.

- Kayla Pearce





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashtead Guides

After 10 years 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashtead guides spent a glorious 3 days at Faurefold guiding site camping with 25 girls. Many of the girls had never camped before and after many weeks of practicing in our unit meetings they got a chance to put their new skills to the test. Four patrols arrived on Friday evening put their own tents up – using traditional ridge tents and settled around a camp fire merrily singing traditional Guiding songs - taking Woody and myself back to our childhood camps as Guides.

After a late night and early morning the girls light their own fires and cooked their own full English breakfast!! Once bed rolls were complete and tent inspections done a full day of fun activities were had. Tiredness caught up with everyone and an early night was had after a talent contest and smores. On our last day everyone pulled together, decamped and 'billy bashed' followed by our closing ceremony to celebrate all the girls' achievements and Merlin (Guide leader) having her overnight license assessment.

- Tracy Marshall





## 5<sup>th</sup> Reigate Brownies

5<sup>th</sup> Reigate Brownies and have been completing the charities badge. Alexa has donated 12" = 30cm of her hair and raised £576 so far for Little Princess Trust to make wigs for cancer patient children. She has been growing her hair for years with this in mind.

Amazing work!

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beata-lyus?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=beata-lyus&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=4ada1c3cee764f7286894794d03da08a&fbclid=IwAR3LgrP5iwEB28dK6ycMuoQXLsIC54Hjiv1LoENqL1FTQfgY8Wtr1TPaYzo](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beata-lyus?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=beata-lyus&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=4ada1c3cee764f7286894794d03da08a&fbclid=IwAR3LgrP5iwEB28dK6ycMuoQXLsIC54Hjiv1LoENqL1FTQfgY8Wtr1TPaYzo)



## LaSER Jubilee Tea

In June three incredible young women from LaSER including Esme from Lingfield, were able to attend a Jubilee Afternoon Tea at No. 10 Downing Street. Esme recounts the event in her own words.

'It was absolutely epic to have all the fundraising I did when I was ill acknowledged, not only by Amanda, the Chief Commissioner for Girlguiding, but also by Nadine Dorris, the Culture Secretary, who came to say hello and find out about my Man-i-cure challenge. I even got a selfie with Dan Walker from Strictly! It was amazing to actually get to go into No. 10 and to think of all the history that had taken place there. Everything was ornate, the staircases were really posh, and I loved looking at all the pictures of the past prime ministers ... and the food we had for tea was absolutely delicious! I think it'll be something I'll remember for a long time.' Esme (10), Surrey East.





# 5<sup>th</sup> Reigate Brownies

So another exciting start to the year. Three of our brownies have now donated hair to the Little Princess Trust which is such a good use of their lovely locks.

We have enjoyed doing our Archaeology and First Aid badges. We had an evening with The Tiger who came to Tea in preparation for visiting the real thing at Port Lymne where we enjoyed a safari ride and looking at all the animals. We have been out and about and nearly completed our Paws Textures and Shapes badge along with Camp 2 and Explore Skills Builders. We have 20 bronze awards to give out at the end of term and 8 silver so congratulations girls on all your achievements.



Jo Stock

Millie is cutting her hair to donate to Little Princess Trust

Donating my hair for Little Princess Trust because I think all children should have hair when poorly.

206%

£517  
raised of £250 target  
by 35 supporters





## 5<sup>th</sup> Reigate Brownies continued

I look forward to keeping in touch with those moving up to guides and welcoming our new rosebuds in September.

Congratulations to Her Majesty for 70 years of service and to our Snowy Owl who celebrates 10 years service and a special birthday! The girls loved their Jubilee party and badge.

-Rosemarie Belcher





# Rainbow Funday

## Faurefold Rainbows Fun Day

It was great to finally get out and about with the Rainbows after such a long time and the event of choice was the Faurefold fun day.

It was a warm sunny day with lots of activities such as mud pies (very messy), building ladybird homes, clay hedgehogs, stick men and a nature trail. The Rainbows especially loved the leaf print bags, they were surprised by how bashing leaves could stain the linen bags with colour. All finished off with some campfire songs (sadly no campfire though). We ended up with some very tired but happy Rainbows.

-Tracey Honeyman





# Caterham District

## Caterham and District Horticultural Society Spring Show – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.

My Rainbow, Brownie and Guide Unit took part in the Caterham and District Horticultural Society Spring Show, all the girls worked really hard taking part in three different classes:

- Coloured picture of flowers
- Coloured picture of a Caterham Bus
- A specimen of handwriting of the Pebble on a Beach by poet Simone.

The following girls got awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their age group classes:

Coloured Picture of flowers:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Darcie – Rainbows – Group A

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ellen – Rainbows – Group A

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Amelia – Guides – Group C

Writing:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ellen – Rainbows – Group A

Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Amy and Ameila – Guides – Group C

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Georgia – Guides – Group C

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Chante – Guides – Group C

Well done to all the girls who won and to all the girls for taking part!

- Nicola Edwards

## 9<sup>th</sup> Caterham Guides

9<sup>th</sup> Caterham Guides celebrated the Jubilee in style.





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Leatherhead Brownies

This term 2<sup>nd</sup> Leatherhead Brownies have enjoyed lots of visitors to our unit! Sight for Surrey joined us for an evening and taught the Brownies how to write their names in Braille.

We also had a circus skills workshop where we juggled and rode unicycles!

Towards the end of the term we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and sent congratulatory cards to Buckingham Palace.

We were very excited to receive a visit from an ambulance and 4 paramedics who taught us about first aid and gave us a tour on board. The Brownies especially enjoyed using the buttons to lift the stretcher in and out of the ambulance!

- Becca Spicer





# 1<sup>st</sup> Hawthorn Rainbows

Hawthorn Rainbows celebrated World Thinking Day by finding out where they fit into the Guiding family and by creating their very own Rainbow Trefoil.

The celebrated pancake day by having pancake races and of course eating pancakes.

The Hawthorn Rainbows had the best day at Port Lympne Park, meeting dinosaurs and lots of other exciting animals. At the end of June they enjoyed a Jubilee afternoon tea Rainbow style.

Rainbows also had great fun pond dipping this term and investigating what was living in the lake.





# 1<sup>st</sup> Hawthorns Brownies

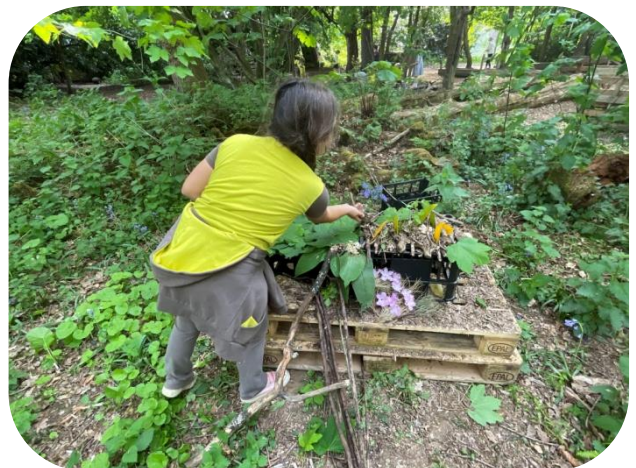
Our girls have been having so much fun!

We started the term with our district trip to Port Lympe and were blown away by the animals we saw – the safari was the highlight for everyone!

If you go down to the woods today.... you will see the prettiest bug hotels you've ever seen! Creating a home for a new little friend involved beds and pretty flowers for decoration.

Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was very special. Everyone dressed in red, white and blue, we decorated cupcakes, played bingo and lots of other games.

And relax..... our spa evening was enjoyed by the girls and leaders! We learnt how to give each other hand massages, relaxed in a foot spa and chilled out with face masks on. We had to wake one girl up to go home!





# 1<sup>st</sup> Hawthorns Brownies

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The summer term wouldn't be complete without a trip to Magic and Mayhem. We slept in the Big Top for the first time – wow! Circus skills, inflatable's, science experiments, magic, a disco, campfire – the list of amazing activities is endless. Thank you to Blacklands Farm for a super event.

We are very proud of six of our girls for gaining their gold awards! They have worked incredibly hard throughout their time with us and our younger girls thoroughly enjoyed their 'Brownie take over' evening. We can't wait for our Clip 'n' Climb sleep over later this term as our grand finale for the year!

Finally, we bid Hedgehog a fond farewell as she relocates. Thank you for everything you have done – you will be greatly missed! We know you will continue your guiding journey in Dorset and wish you well.

-Karen Wyborn /Lisa Tye





# Fetcham and Leatherhead District

Leaders and girls from the Fetcham and Leatherhead District enjoyed a wonderful adventure day at the Juniper Hall Field Centre near Box Hill on 18<sup>th</sup> June. More than 50 people in total from across three units took part – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fetcham Rainbows, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leatherhead Brownies and Fetcham Guides.

Activities included learning to using a compass during a local walk to Broadwood's Folly; firelighting and toasting marshmallows over an open fire, as well as making nettle tea and nettle rope, which some people turned into bracelets.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides also examined the contents of overnight moth traps which had been set at Juniper Hall, helping to identify the exotic-looking moths, including the brightly-coloured Elephant Hawk.

The day ended with campfire songs. Wendy Amer, District Commissioner for Fetcham and Leatherhead District said:

*"This was our first district event since the pandemic and we were delighted to hold such an interesting, hands-on day in such a wonderful setting. It was great to see girls mixing between the units, having fun and all enjoying being out in the sunshine".*

- Jen Broh



*Caption: 2<sup>nd</sup> Fetcham Rainbows making nettle rope bracelets*



*Caption: 2<sup>nd</sup> Leatherhead Brownies learn orienteering skills*



*Caption above: Fetcham and Leatherhead District leaders toasting marshmallows at Juniper Hall*

*Caption left: Fetcham Guides and 2<sup>nd</sup> Leatherhead Brownies looking down on Juniper Hall during their orienteering walk*





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5<sup>th</sup> Reigate Brownies – Port Lympne

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