



Girlguiding BGIFC

Autumn 2005 ~ Newsletter British Guides in Foreign Countries

Hello Everyone

Welcome back to the world of Guiding in BGIFC. I do hope you have had a really nice relaxing summer break and are now enjoying the time with your Units.

I was very pleased to see so many of you at Foxlease in July. We had record numbers and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the week. We had wonderful weather and it was such fun - we laughed our way through the week, despite a lot of hard work from all the adults. Don't forget, it's Waddow next year - July 22nd - 27th

Girlguiding UK is now working on plans for the Centenary Celebrations - remember to keep looking in Guiding Magazine, not only for information on the Centenary but it's also full of lots of other information. There will be a HOTLINE in Octobers Guiding Magazine about the new Appointment Cards - so watch out for that too.

You can also find lots of information and updates on the BGIFC Website and also the Girlguiding UK Website.

Finally, don't forget the Home Team, here in the UK, are always on the end of an e-mail and we are here to help you, so just give us a shout if you need us.

Happy Guiding.

Vivienne Scouse

Commissioner - Girlguiding BGIFC



THANK YOU very much to everyone who sent good wishes, cards and gifts on the occasion of our wedding.

We were overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of everyone. We had a lovely day with beautiful weather, surrounded by family and friends and are now left with some very happy memories.

Vivienne and Vic

Message Board

A warm welcome to NEW UNITS OPENED:

- 3rd Gutersloh Guides, BGIG County.
- 1st Bandar Seri Begawan Guides, Brunei East District.
- 1st Arabian Ranches Brownies, Dubai District.

New BGIFC Merchandise

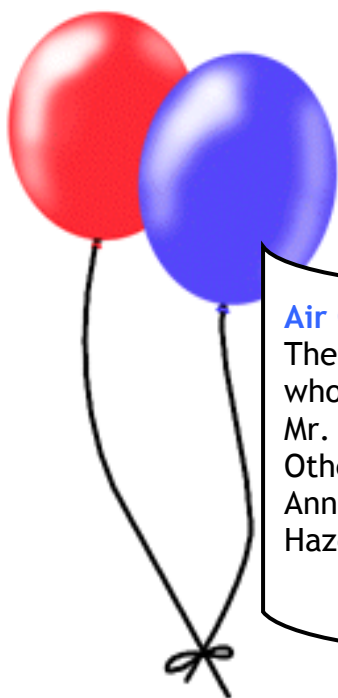
Log on to www.BGIFC.org.uk to see details of our new goodies.

Bookmarks, Coasters, Note books, Note Cards and Woggles.

They will make great Christmas presents.



New BGIFC note card design



Air 05 Balloon Race

The winner was Poppy Reid, a Guide with 14th Dromedary Guide unit, Kuwait who received a small gift from BGIFC. Her balloon was recovered by Mr. Brown on the Isle of Wight.

Other balloons found belonged to the following: Aisah Abu marzouq, Anna Boyer, Eloise Clancy, Victoria Coleman, Heather Crossman, Hazel Jenkins, Elise Lavielle, Suzanne Middlehurst and Karen Pointon.

Air 05 LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

- 2 yellow neckers
- 1 red fleece jumper from NEXT, for 8 years
- 1 white cotton blouse for girls, size 34
- 1 Girlguiding peak hat, blue, no name
- 1 Brownie peak hat, no name
- 1 blue AIR 05 T-shirt, size M
- 1 blue AIR 05 T-shirt, size Youth XL with 2 Guide Challenge metal badges
- 1 black cotton jacket with zip, Addidas stripes and hood, no name
- 1 blue rain jacket with zip, name: Eustis = no such name found on the list
- 1 AGFA use and dispose camera, no name
- 2 torches, one silver "Varta" and a black one "Halfords"

Please contact the Girlguiding BGIFC office to claim any of the above lost property.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE to all who have been awarded a Girlguiding BGIFC Brooch:

- Sandra Arnold, BGICyprus.
- Gill Crapper, Financial Adviser.
- Carol Faulkner, DC Rheindahlen District and Rainbow Guider, BGIG.
- Pam Keay, Public Relations Adviser.
- Pat Mayle, Senior section Adviser.
- Vivienne Scouse, Commissioner.
- Sue Sotheran, Outdoor Activities Adviser.
- Phyllis Thompson, Assistant Commissioner.



Appointment Cards

An exciting change will be happening to your appointment card in November. Following a number of issues with the printing and distribution of the current cards the Executive Committee of Girlguiding UK has agreed that the cards will be given a 'facelift' to fit the forward thinking and lively image of guiding today. In addition to a new style card the way in which the cards are distributed will also change so that they reach appointment holders quicker than the present system allows.

The new cards will be made of durable plastic and will be the same size as the bankcards and loyalty cards we are all familiar with.

WATCH OUT for more details in THE HOTLINE of October Guiding Magazine.

A plea:

Only Guiders who are recorded on the Adult Membership Database held at the BGIFC Office in London will receive a new-style card in November. The BGIFC Office relies on the information received from YOU. By helping Jeannette in the Office to register a new guider swiftly, keep data tidy and every ones record up-to-date a new appointment card and the mail out of your personal monthly Guiding Magazine will be triggered.

Thank you for your support!

Vivienne Scouse and Jeannette Crosier

Advisers News

Guiding Development

EVENTS in BGIFC

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to the success of AIR 05.

This term training is taking place in Amsterdam, Brussels, Oslo/Stavanger and Germany. Any Guider/Unit Helper or Young Leader in all of these areas may attend and should contact their local Guider or Commissioner for details.

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Plans are already underway for next years event which will take place at Waddow, our training centre in Lancashire. The dates for your diary are Sat. 22nd to Thurs. 27th July. The training is primarily for Adults but we hope to be able to invite the Young Leaders to join us. More information will be available in November.

Phyllis Thompson

Leadership Qualification Co-ordinator

It was lovely to meet so many Guiders at Air 05. The get-together also gave me an opportunity to meet with the Area Leadership Qualification Co-ordinators and to get up to date with what is going on leadership-wise around the world. There are a lot of Guiders working on the Leadership Scheme, and all making encouraging progress. Well done to you all, and also to your mentors. I hope that you have all had a refreshing summer break and that you will tackle the Leadership Qualification (LQ) with renewed determination this term. I know that some people are very close to completing the LQ, and I hope that you will make a big effort to have your books signed before the end of the term. Good luck!

The LQ Co-ordinators are all contactable by e-mail at the following addresses:

- Heather Crossman for the Mediterranean on allan@crsman.demon.co.uk
- Laura Pollock for SE Asia on pollock@singnet.com.sg
- Mary Taylor for Japan on mp_taylor@hotmail.com
- Mary Dunn for the Middle East on alistair@emirates.net.ae
- Sally Inshaw for the rest of the world on t.inshaw@tiscali.co.uk

Please send any leadership issues their way!

Good communication is very much the key to the Leadership Qualification. Can I once again, please, urge mentors and mentees to stay in regular contact with each other, either by e-mail or telephone if a personal visit is not possible. We are having great success with Guiders completing the scheme so please try to maintain this two-way contact.



The new Mentor Guidelines are now available via your area Leadership Co-ordinators. We would welcome any feedback if you feel that they can be improved in any way.

It remains to add a big 'thank you' to all the Leadership Qualification Co-ordinators for the fantastic job that they are doing, and to wish new Guiders success and fulfilment as they work towards the LQ.

Sally Inshaw

Finance

Olave Baden-Powell Bursary

The purpose of this fund is to help girls to further their hobbies and interests to help make a 'dream come true'. The Bursaries are awarded annually. Members between the ages of 10 and 18 may apply. Patrol/senior section group applications are welcomed as well as those from individuals.

Applications to help make a non guiding wish come true are just as valid as those relating to a guiding activity, but to qualify for a bursary, applicants must be current members.

So, if you have wanted something for a long time, have worked or saved towards it, and now a little help from the fund will make your dream come true.....



Applications are available from The Secretary, Olave Baden-Powell Bursary Fund, Girlguiding UK, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London. SW1W OPT. They should be completed and returned by the Spring of next year so you have plenty of time.

Setting Up A Depot

At Foxlease we discussed the advantages of setting up a depot in various areas. The big advantage is that a discount is offered to Depots, thus helping with the large postage bill. The big disadvantage is finding someone to run it. This is where you may find a parent to be very helpful. If you are interested, Please contact Sue Clare, Customer Service Advisor, Girlguiding UK on Tel No 0161 942 1844 or SueC@girlguiding.org.uk



So sorry to bring this subject up so soon again, but it is just a gentle reminder that forms and subscriptions will need to be sent to BGIFC office as soon after February 22nd 2006 as possible.

I can confirm that there will be various Guiding magazine articles. Census Hotline will be included in February's Guiding magazine together with the Personal Details Form. Jeannette adds a message here, "Please do not lose this form!". There will also be information available from www.girlguiding.org.uk, including the census forms in an electronic version.

Finally, if you would like to speak to a friendly voice for help, do not forget Jeannette and I are here for you.

Gill Crapper

International

Hello everyone. It was wonderful to meet so many of you at AIR 05. It was an excellent week and provided an opportunity for us to get to know each other really well as we enjoyed activities and trainings in the wonderful setting of Foxlease.

Do contact me if you have any questions about the International aspects of Guiding. I hope you will try to include a range of activities in your units to ensure that all our members are aware that we all belong to an International organisation and develop an understanding of different cultures. Try to include activities throughout the year and not just for 'Thinking day'.

Very best wishes to you all.

Dorothy Naylor

Outdoor Activities

Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members enjoyed the week of AIR 05 as did the teams of Guiders who ran our holidays and camps. The week reinforced the value of the residential experience. Girls learn to live together, help each other and make friends.

All residential events demand a lot of preparation of venue, programme and menu. They give opportunities to do activities at greater depth and a chance for you to get to really know each girl in your Unit. It is good to see that so many BGIFC Units go away. There are plenty of Guiders willing to help others gain experience to take their girls away - just ask! If you wish to take your Unit away, first complete your Adult Leadership Qualification, make sure the girls want to go and ask for help.

It is encouraging that there are always Guiders and girls working towards qualifications.

It is important that the correct form (usually A/A) is submitted in good time. The form is a requirement and it enables the Commissioner and Adviser to check qualifications, venue and ratios before giving permission for the event to take place. The Hague Guides were camping at the beginning of September, starting what will hopefully be a busy year for BGIFC residentials!

Do remember to use all the current Sectional publications to introduce outdoor related activities to your weekly meeting. If you want help - please ask!

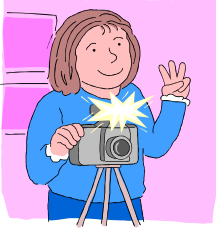
Congratulations to those who have recently gained qualifications:

- Liane Cullerton, Avenwedde Brownies, Brownie Holiday Licence
- Sarah Elliott, The Hague Guides, Guide Camp Licence
- Katherine Fortier, The Hague Brownies, Brownie Holiday Licence
- Honey Haynes, Riyadh Brownies, Brownie Overnight Licence
- Julia Hoult, The Hague Brownies, Brownie Holiday Licence
- Melanie Russell, Elmpt Brownies, Brownie Overnight Licence
- Maxine White, Rheindahlen Brownies, Brownie Holiday Licence
- Anke Wyatt, Gutersloh Brownies, Brownie Holiday Licence
- Nikki de Podesta, Muscat, Catering Scheme
- Kate Smith, 1st/2nd The Hague, Guide Camp Permit

Sue Sotheran

PR Adviser and Website Editor

Photographs wanted



During the next few months we are planning to publish a new BGIFC publicity leaflet, renew the photographs in the BGIFC room at Foxlease and up date the photographs on the BGIFC website. Can you help? How? By sending good quality photographs of your units in action, especially depicting the country in which you guide. Please send your photos to the Girlguiding BGIFC Office. We can deal with both prints and digital images (by email or on CD)

Pam Keay

Rainbow Guides

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer break. It was great to catch up with some of you at AIR 05.

It's hard to believe that we've been following the Rainbow Jigsaw for a whole year now. I hope you are all working with the new programme and resources. Please email me if you want any help with any aspect of the programme or in obtaining the resources.

There is a new Roundabout out now - Roundabout Festivals (Order code 6167). The Roundabouts are lovely resources which help the girls to make their own decisions as well as doing activities from all four programme areas (and they receive a lovely badge to show they have taken part). A unit will usually work together on one roundabout a year.



I would love to hear how you are finding the programme one year on.

Lesley Irvin

Brownie Guides



It was great to meet so many of you at Foxlease and I hope that like me you had a great week.

I can't believe that the Brownie programme is two years old now. I hope everyone is comfortable with it. Don't forget that Adventure file 2 is out with some great ideas to use with the girls.

I will be attending a workshop on the Brownie programme two years on and I will Email you with any ideas or suggestions I get from it.

Please remember to Email me if there is anything I can help you with regarding your unit or the Brownie programme.

Bridget Sutters

2nd Luxembourg Brownies had a great evening choreographing disco dances, designing disco clothes and accessories for Barbie and eating chocolate fondue at their midnight feast for the Giant Sleepover.



Guides

The exciting new resources for the Guide Section are now available and to quote a 14+ guide in my Unit are “seriously cool and swish”. The G-file is bigger, more user friendly with space for guides to record their own progress plus information on the Senior Section and has a name sticker on the sticker page for the front. Remember that existing guides do not need a new one; It can be phased in as new members join the Unit.

The long awaited, colourful badge file is lovely. There are two new badges, Science badge and Active response. Certain badges have links into a Go-for-it and this is shown at the bottom of the relevant page. The file can be an individual or patrol resource. If it is a patrol resource it fits into Patrol X-tra. The badge syllabuses have been removed from the web site.

Patrol X-tra is a file full of ideas and activities, many of which need little or no preparation and no special equipment. Some of these are five minute fillers for that spare time guides have at the end of Patrol time.

The Guide section part of the web site has been altered and is up and running. Remember also that the leaders’ section is there to be used and does contain some programme ideas.

Go-for-it due later this year Go-for-it! Be a good Sport

Cost: G-file	£6.00
Patrol X-tra	£7.00
Badge file	£4.50



Finally it was lovely seeing so many of you and the girls at Air05.

Margaret Sinclair

Senior Section

What a time we had at AIR 05. I promised you we would be high as the kites our sub camp was named for and we surely were. Much laughter and many new friendships made - even when waist deep in a muddy lake or being given descriptive ways of defending yourself when out and about.

Our In4mer from France, Sonia, ran two good sessions on eating disorders and many of the girls have since expressed interest in the scheme. There are several training opportunities coming up and details are on the Senior . Section. web pages.



We had two girls at Count Down to Zero and many of our members are completing the E'05 questionnaires and facilitation packs so it is good that BGIFC views are going in. The Sen. Sec. E-update - YeSS is informative for all girls. To register the e-mail is

www.girlguiding.org.uk/info/login/register.asp

Importantly, whilst looking at “Look Wider” the girls at camp realised that they had achieved 22+ Octant Certificates. Please remember that the Young Leaders can do any part of the programme and often fulfil the requirements for octants without realising. They just need a little encouragement.

I am pleased to say that the Young Leaders aged 16 - 18 are invited to the Waddow training next July 22nd - 27th. If your girls are interested tell them to keep an eye out for the booking forms in November. Depending on how many apply we can arrange a really great week for them.

Pat Mayle

Friends of Girlguiding BGIFC

Have you made good friends in Guiding?

Would you like to keep in touch?

Then here's the solution join the Friends!



We have an annual Get-Together in the UK and last year, for the first time, a reunion meal which proved to be great fun!

At the invitation of the Commissioner, we often have the opportunity of visiting the girls and leaders at the Girlguiding BGIFC Annual Training Event - this year it was AIR 05 at Foxlease.

If you've left BGIFC you will continue to receive the newsletter.

By paying our small annual subscription of £10 you are supporting guiding in all the countries of Girlguiding BGIFC.

So, you see, it's a 'Win-Win' situation!

We look forward to welcoming you as a new member - see below for details.

Please join via the Girlguiding BGIFC website (www.bgifc.org.uk/friendsbgifc.asp) or by writing for an application form to: Friends of BGIFC, c/o Girlguiding BGIFC Office, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

Our next Annual Get-Together is at CHQ, London, on Saturday, 6th May 2006. We plan to have a short meeting, a presentation or speaker on a light-hearted topic of interest followed by lunch and a few glasses of wine together. How can you resist?!

With best wishes from your Friends committee and we look forward to seeing you or making contact soon.

Christine, Pauline, Don, Angela, Maureen, Carole and Sylvia

Christine Richards

Chair of Friends of Girlguiding BGIFC



Friends of Guiding Groups in Girlguiding BGIFC



After a day spent (busily talking) at Foxlease for Air 05 this summer, I felt incredibly positive, having met so many Guiders and Commissioners from the usual - and unusual! -far flung places. Sorry about the rain...

I'd like to introduce myself to those who I did not meet that day. I have taken over from Brenda Leece as coordinator for Friends of Guiding in BGIFC. I have been a Brownie Guider in BGIFC and can remember some of the isolation. Have you thought of forming a Friends Group? Or is it all too difficult, as the page on the Girlguiding website may not seem to relate to where you live?

Please do get in touch and I can guide you through the setting up process to form a group. The moral and financial support is a real blessing. Drop me an email on mjackson@talk21.com and I will try to reply as quickly as possible.

Maureen Jackson (Coordinator, Friends of Guiding Groups, Girlguiding BGIFC)

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