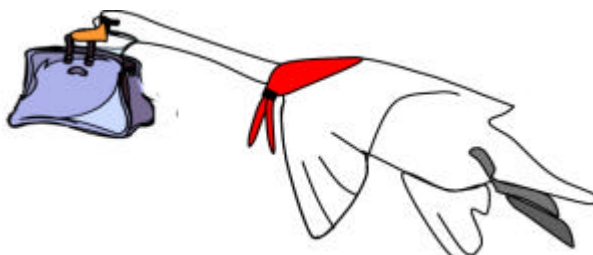




Girlguiding

Buckinghamshire

The Bucks Bulletin



*Lots of news from units
around the county.
BP challenge success.
Jamboree Fun.
Ranger mysteries.*

Editor's Bit

Welcome to my first edition of the Bulletin as editor. I really want to say a huge thank you to Mary Hall for all her hard work and dedication to the bulletin over the last few years. She made it a 'relatively' easy task to take on and allayed my fears of the rather daunting task of filling 16 pages with relevant and interesting news. So here it is, I hope it lives up to the very high standard set by Mary.

Keep your articles coming, Mary has been forwarding them to me but they can be emailed directly to me at: nickyseymour@yahoo.com. Creating this edition has opened my eyes to the huge variety of activities and events that are taking place around the county (particularly, it seems, in Newport Pagnell, how do you manage it all?) so keep writing about them and taking photo's. We've got a lot to be proud of so let's shout about it.

Nicky

County Show

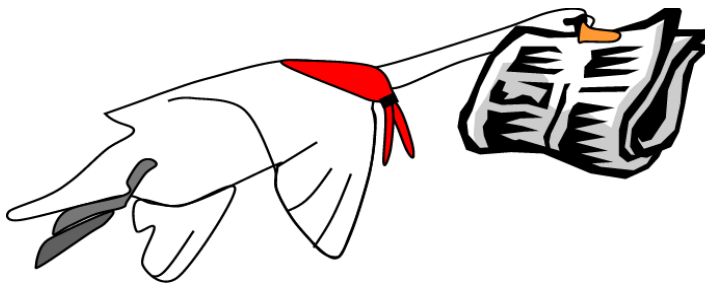
What great support we had from girls and leaders for our stand at the County Show this year. The best yet!

1st Stokenchurch Rangers and Guides organised and worked on a craft table for most of the day while a Young Leader and Guides from 1st Dinton took their turn to help with the Giant Jenga and other games. Finmere Guides, who were camping at Ellesborough, came to visit the show and 4 girls volunteered for an hour on the stand and helped transport equipment back to Ellesborough at the end of the day.

As a result of an invitation sent to all our Ambassadors a couple of weeks before the show, 2 of them visited the stand as well as several parents requesting information on local units for their daughters to join. Approximately 80 carrier bags containing information on guiding and volunteering were handed out.

This was a really super effort and thanks are due to Jennie Wood, our Project Worker, who attended planning meetings and co-ordinated the activities. We're also especially grateful to leaders, Chris Edwards, Sue Napier, Jenny Newton and Diane Austin for their special support in encouraging the girls to come along and demonstrate their enthusiasm for guiding.

Marketing & Communications Team



Unit News

The recent adventures from Rainbows, Brownies and Guides around the County...

Fairy Fun for Loudwater Rainbows

On Saturday 23rd of June 12 girls from the 1st Loudwater Rainbows enjoyed a Rainbows sleepover at Princes Risborough Scout and Guides Hut - our theme was fairies. Here are some of their comments



Sharon Bailey - Rainbow Guider
1st Loudwater Rainbows

Rainbow Challenge

Rainbows all over the county are celebrating the 20th Birthday with parties and outings. Loads of units are doing the Girlguiding Anglia 20th Birthday Challenge. Lots of activities based on 20 with a sparkly badge at the end.

Caroline White—Rainbow Advisor.



Got some Unit News?

3rd Chenies and Chalfont Guides are off to play with a giant Scalextric set later this term. Suddenly we have been inundated with offers of help from previously disinterested boyfriends and husbands. I cant imagine why!

I am a Bear of Very Little Brain, and long words Bother me. - Winnie The Pooh

Pack Holiday Poetry

By Emily Miles

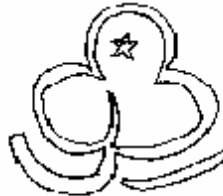
Brownie Holiday Diary

*On Friday night we all arrived,
Unpacked our bags, said hello to the guides.
We had a tour and made some craft,
Had pizza outside, with the others we laughed.
At the midnight feast, we laughed again,
And stayed up late, ('til gone ten).
That night was dark, that night was hot,
But we'd had fun and giggled a lot.*

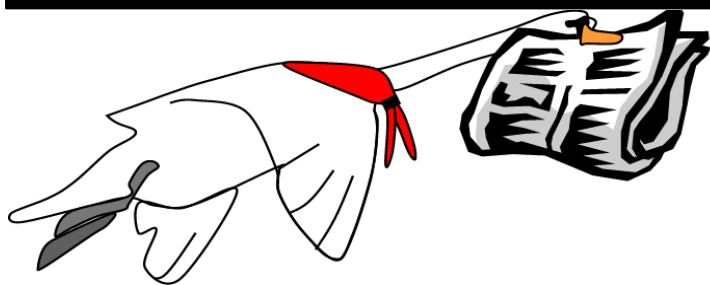


*Saturday, day 2, so quickly flew by.
Sue came for the day and we said "Hi!"
With the Ocean Olympics and BBQ
Saturday was great! And the food was too.
The washing up was not so great,
Not when there's ketchup all over the plate.
Another Midnight feast and a bit more sleep.
Oh no! Tomorrow we have to leave.*

*The final day was surely fast
In fact I'm surprised the holiday's nearly past!
3 final photos, and packing away,
Phew! What a hard working day!
Goodbye Everyone! The holiday was ace!
So thank you leaders! What a fab place!*



Emily Miles— 5th Penn and Tylers Green Brownies



Unit News

They're changing guard at Newport Pagnell

3rd and 4th Newport Pagnell Brownies Visit to London 2nd August 2007.

On the 2nd of August 39 of us from the above Brownie packs travelled to London for a day out.

It was intended that we watched the Changing of the Guard from inside the gates of Buckingham Palace followed by a visit to



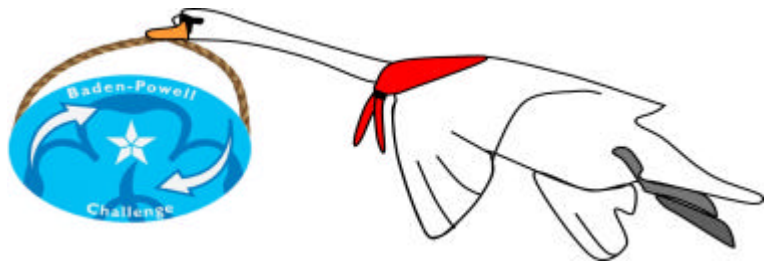
the Icando Centre and then the Royal Mews. We were all smartly dressed in our best uniform and excited about the visit to the Palace, however on arrival at the Palace Gates we were told that there was no Guard change that day and the Letter of permission shouldn't have been issued, this was disappointing as it meant we had part of the day taken from us. One of our guiders decided to go back to the Policeman on the gate and ask if it was possible if we could just walk inside and then walk back out again so as the girls could still say they had been inside Buckingham Palace Gates as this was to have been the highlight of their day. Trevor the Policemen phoned though to security and got us permission not only to be escorted inside the gates but also to have our photo taken (THE FIRST EVER GROUP TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS).

After this we then went on to have a great day at the Icando centre where an adult leader and a young leader made their promises and then on to the Royal Mews where another Young Leader made their promise. A great day was had by all. We returned to Newport Pagnell at 7.00 pm having left at 8.30 am very tired but happy with the fantastic day.

Sue Robinson Guider - 3rd Newport Pagnell Brownies

You can't stay in your corner of the forest, waiting for others to come to you; you have to go to them sometimes. - Piglet.

BP Challenge



BP success in Milton Keynes

Amy Hewitt and Katie McIntyre recently became the first Guides in Loughton Lodge District (Milton Keynes) to receive the Baden-Powell Challenge Award. The Awards, presented by District Commissioner Wendy Thirlwell and Guide Leader Susan Mullett, were the culmination of two years of planning



and completing the ten clauses required by the Award including organising a Guide bike ride to Milton Keynes' famous concrete cows, a 'Ready Steady Cook' style competition, completion of the Culture badge and a pyjama party for Brownies. Amy and Katie also attended a Baden-Powell Challenge weekend at Waddow Hall in Lancashire, where they undertook many exciting and challenging activities and made many new Guiding friends from around Britain.

Anne McIntyre— Guider, Loughton Lodge District

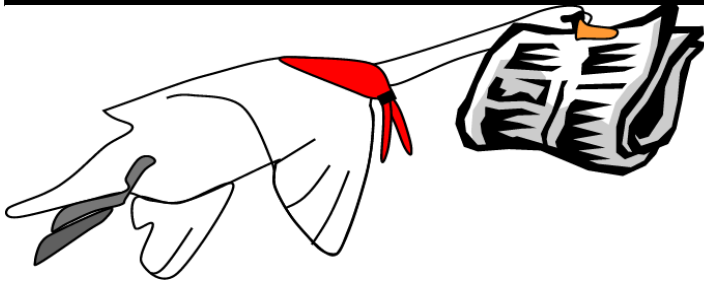
And Bradwell Common

Bradwell Common Guides are very proud to have five guides gain the Baden-Powell Award. They are Eleanor Guppy, Nikita Carleton, Jessica Griffin, Nicola Pedder and Victoria Clark. Four of these five girls have decided to stay in Guiding and are now young Leaders within the District.

Lisa Smith—Unit Guider.



Before beginning a Hunt, it is wise to ask someone what you are looking for before you begin looking for it. - Winnie the Pooh.



Unit News

Wow! That was great! When can we come again?

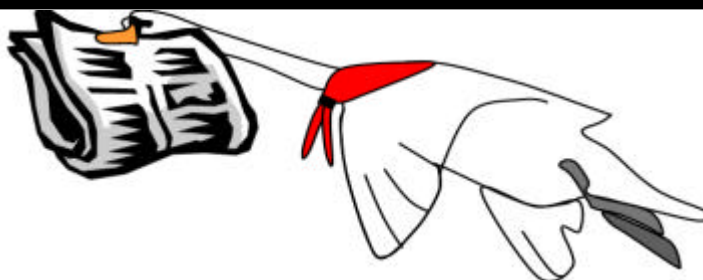
Those were some of the comments from 5th Newport Pagnell Brownies after their first time at Caldecotte Lake in Milton Keynes. The older girls had a fantastic time in canoes and sailing boats. The younger girls had fun on land with archery and artificial caving. Everyone had a great evening. This was made possible because of a grant from the Neighbourhood Initiative Fund, so thanks to Milton Keynes Council for their help in securing the funds.

Linda Morris - Brownie Guider



Did you ever stop to think, and forget to start again? -Winnie the Pooh

Unit News



New recruit for Fire Service



Josie Drake, from 5th Newport Pagnell Brownies, tried a firefighter's uniform on for size when she completed her Fire Safety badge.

Josie, aged eight, who has Prader-Willi Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder, which affects her in many ways but does not prevent her enjoying all aspects of Brownie life, was given a guided tour of Newport Pagnell Fire Station by Firefighter Andy Harding.

He talked to Josie about the causes of fires in the home, how to prevent fires starting, and what to do if fire breaks out, and helped Josie make an escape plan for her home. He tested her on her fire safety knowledge, including how to call the fire service in an emergency, how to prevent smoke entering a room, and what to do if someone's clothes catch fire.

Firefighter Harding also showed Josie the different types of firefighting equipment on board a fire engine (or 'pump' as the fire service refers to the vehicles), including hydraulic cutting equipment which was used to free casualties in the recent National Express coach crash on the M1 at Newport Pagnell Services.

Josie said: "I liked looking round the station and seeing the printer which prints out where they've got to go when they get a call-out. I liked seeing the rescue boat too, which helps rescue people when there are floods."

*Linda Morris, Brownie Guider,
5th Newport Pagnell Brownies*



If the person you are talking to doesn't appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear. - Eeyore.



SSAGO
Student Scout and
Guide Organisation

Senior Section

Student Scout and Guide Organisation

Last September I was a bundle of nerves as we packed the car up and made the 4-hour journey to Aberystwyth, Wales. I was moving miles away from home, into a totally new environment, however, cheesy as it sounds, I was reassured by the fact I knew that there was a Student Scout And Guide Organisation (SSAGO) in Aberystwyth, as it was a bit of familiarity in a totally different world!

Each SSAGO group is different, but the basic idea consists around similar elements; socials each week that are aimed at everyone, some sort of Fresher's weekend or camp, participation at national SSAGO camps (Rallies) which are organised by different universities across the country 3 times a year and then generally just having a good time! You can be a member of SSAGO without being a leader in the local area and vice versa, meaning it fits in around what you want to do.

A year on and I would definitely recommend SSAGO as a way to stay in Guiding; I've made some fantastic friends from all over the country (and even from back here in Bucks!), had an absolutely fantastic time at rallies in Bangor and Loughborough, froze at Winter Camp in Swansea, increased my cake consumption dramatically through Coffee and Cake SSAGO socials and stayed in Guiding locally, helping with a local pack in my first term and reopening a pack in January.

I still miss my Brownies back here in Bucks, but am grateful that it was so easy to stay involved at university. Good luck to all those starting university this term, keep in guiding and stay in touch!

~ Jennifer Willott 1st Terriers Brownies, Bucks
1st Penparcau Brownies, Ceredigion

SSAGO Contact Details



Did you know?

2007 marked the 40th anniversary of SSAGO.

To celebrate they held a Reunion Ball and a Summer Of Love Rally.

There are 29 SSAGO groups in England alone.

To find out more visit www.ssago.org.uk

☛ you want to make a song more hummy, add a few tiddely poms. - Winnie the Pooh

Senior Section



Downley Ranger Mystery Day

How can you possibly persuade six Rangers, two Leaders and a husband to get up at 2a.m. on a dark, chilly March morning - well - by not telling them where they are going for the day!

It began as a case of necessity - we couldn't tell the girls where they would be going for their "Mystery Day" as we didn't know ourselves until we found the flights and then the Rangers decided that they'd prefer to keep the surprise until we got to the airport. The girls had no idea where they were going. They didn't even know what currency would be needed as they had given us their spending money to change for them.

We made our way to the check-in desk - and only then did they realise... "Wow - we're going to Venice" was the excited cry from them all (including the husband who also had been kept in the dark!)

Not long after we were taking off—and soon speeding our way to Venice! On arrival at the airport, we leapt onto the bus into Venice and happily watched the sun come out from the clouds as we approached our destination! Of course, you can't get to Venice without going on the canals so we then hopped on a waterbus to take us right to St Mark's Square for the final leg of our journey.

By mid-day we were sitting in the warm sunshine by the Doges Palace eating the packed lunches we'd brought with us! After lunch we went into the Doges Palace, marvelling at the fantastic decor of the main palace and also exploring the prison cells on the other side of the Bridge of Sighs.

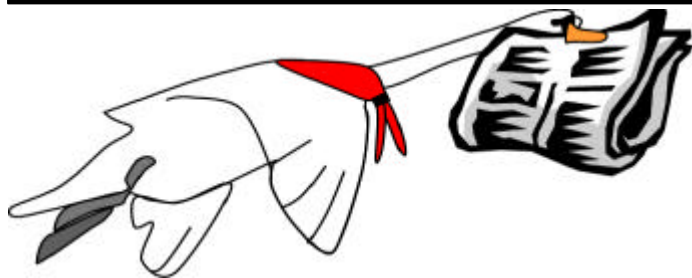
During the afternoon we also went into St Marks basilica, went to the top of the Campanile, ate Italian ice-cream, walked over the Rialto Bridge and even found time for a rather extravagant cup of coffee in St Marks Square! The girls got time to do some souvenir shopping and then we found a lovely little inexpensive Italian pizzeria on a side street off the square for an early evening meal.

We eventually dropped the girls at their homes at about 2a.m. on Sunday morning. Everyone agreed it had been a fantastic day out - not your everyday "day trip"! In fact, the girls enjoyed it so much, we have another Mystery Day planned for 2008 - I wonder where we will go this time...!!

Gill Lawrence Ranger Guider Downley Rangers



When looking at your two paws, as soon as you have decided which of them is the right one, then you can be sure the other one is the left. - Winnie the Pooh.



More Unit News

Pack leaders

After enjoying my time as a Rainbow and Brownie I'm now a Pack Leader helping with the 2nd Bourne End Brownies and 1st Bourne End Rainbows.

Sometimes we (the Pack Leaders) do wish we were Rainbows and Brownies again but we try to help the Guiders as much as we can. The best meetings this term have been making icing figures with the Brownies and going on the Easter egg hunt with the Rainbows but of course these are only a few of the enjoyable times that I have had helping at the Brownies and Rainbows.

I also go to Guides too and we go to the theatre (which we are going to do again this year to see 'WICKED' in London). Also we do many team activities and lots of outings as well.

I would encourage any girls who are not a Rainbow, Brownie or a Guide to get involved. We are given many opportunities to do many things during the term when we meet up.

*Ellen Scott- Guide and Pack Leader.
2nd Bourne End Brownies*

Pack leaders

I'm Carrie-Anne and I help at 2nd Bourne End Brownies. I really enjoy helping the girls because they go to the same Brownie pack that I did. I have fun doing all the different activities trying my hardest to make it more fun for the Brownies, particularly those who feel left out or find it more difficult.

Carrie-Anne - 2nd Bourne End Brownies



Bucks Chilterns University College Employers' Fair

Our hard working Project Worker, Jennie Wood, represented us at the above event at the Wycombe Campus on 2nd October - with some great results!

As well as raising our profile generally where we were seen alongside other voluntary sector groups, Jennie promoted Project 50K and the 12 Hour Challenge in particular. As a result of her enthusiasm and hard work, TEN young women have expressed an interest in volunteering with us and their names have been passed to the local commissioners to follow up.

Jennie says "It was a well organised event and especially good for us to have face to face contact with the students. Being able to volunteer for 12 hours a year with guiding is obviously appealing to them."

When having a smackerel of something with a friend, don't eat so much that you get stuck in the doorway trying to get out. - Winnie the Pooh.

21st World Scout Jamboree



Bucks Cygnets at the Jamboree

The Bucks Cygnets Unit for the 21st World Scout Jamboree this summer was made up of Scouts and Guides. Before departure, our preparations included a weekend trip to Castle Reineck near Frankfurt in Germany. For the first day just the UK Contingent were on site, but during the next day and night the site filled up until there were 40,000 people. Our neighbours were from Hong Kong, Hungary, the Lebanon, Italy Portugal and the USA. The main arena ceremonies were just amazing. Each subcamp was led into the area by a Knight on horseback for the opening ceremony. The Jamboree was opened by Prince Michael of Kent and Prince William.



On Sunrise Day we all had to get up at 4am to seated in the arena. The atmosphere was amazing, the knowledge that we would be connected live with Brownsea Island and the pictures were being beamed across the world for the sunrise ceremony to be shared with scouts everywhere made it a truly memorable experience. Live doves and hundreds of balloons marked were released and there was a live message from the current Lord Baden Powell.

Activities during the 12 days included water based activities at Splash!, Starburst (community projects, ours was a garden restoration in Saffron Walden). We also spent a day at Gilwell with a whole range of activities for everyone. My favourite activity onsite was the Global Development village with lots of thought provoking information supporting the One World One Promise theme of the Jamboree.

Another highlight was the night the Chief Guide came for supper with our unit. It was a great honour to have such a prestigious guest in our camp. It was great to find that Liz Burnley is just another Guider who really understands grass roots guiding and the issues we face.



Before we went to the Jamboree people told us the experience would change our lives, it certainly changed the way I look at life and I am sure for all of us in the unit will remain as a lasting very special experience.

Pauline Hall - Bucks Cygnets Assistant Leader, UK unit 009.

Some people care too much, I think it's called love. Winnie the Pooh.



Girlguiding

Buckinghamshire

girls in the lead

Who do they think we are?

Have you ever thought about the messages that we send out to people?

We're not changing what we do, but how we talk about it.

So we need to concentrate on our four key messages . . .

We provide a safe, girl-only space

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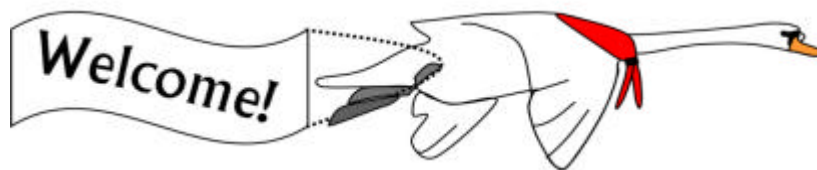
We promote equality and diversity

We give our young members a voice

Project Perception

Further details from the Marketing Team

New Guiders



Welcome to all new Guiders

Rainbow Guiders

Mrs. L. Price	2nd Newport Pagnell	Miss S Flower	3rd Chesham
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Brownie Guiders

		Mrs. S Pountney	1st Oldbrook
Mrs. L Taberer	1st Weston Turville	Mrs. L McKenna	2nd Amersham Common
Mrs M-M Plumridge	2nd Stokenchurch	Mrs. M Burton	1st Aston Clinton
Miss E Tranter	1st Stokenchurch	Miss S Boshier	1st Burnham
Mrs. H Beyer	1st Haddenham	Mrs. C Knight	2nd Stewkley

Guide Guiders

Mrs. J Smith	1st Stokenchurch
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Senior Section Guiders

Mrs. K Scott	1st Prestwood Rangers	Miss A Salter	Kingswood Division Young Leaders
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District Guiders

Miss A Benson	Olney	Mrs. Y Smith	Winslow
Mrs. M Jones	High Wycombe East	Mrs. J Powell	Walton

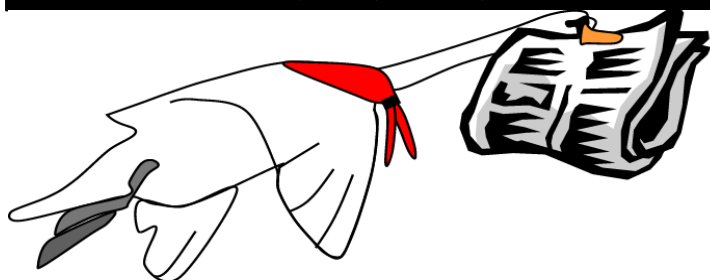
Assistants

Mrs. L Morris, Miss S Thorogood, Miss L Anderson, Mrs. E Barbieri, Mrs. M Marshall, Miss C Morris, Miss C Pritchard, Mrs. A Parrymore, Mrs. E Tranter, Mrs. L Williams, Miss S Garry, Miss P Brunt, Miss P Lane, Mrs. J Walker, Ms C Campbell, Mrs. S Pratt, Miss G Glenister, Miss S McCloy, Miss G Prickett, Ms A Fenwick

New Units

Aylesbury Division Rangers, 4th Gerrards Cross Guides, 3rd Chenies & Chalfont Brownies, 1st Willen Rainbows

This writing business. Pencils and what-not. Over-rated, if you ask me. Silly stuff. Nothing in it. - Eeyore



Guild News

Guild Spring Gathering

On 31st March approximately 70 Members from 13 Guilds descended on the village of Haddenham for our Spring Gathering.

For the 'crafty' members there was a good variety of crafts to choose from - woodwork, having a go at lace making, Victorian cards, tile painting, marble picture frames, to name but a few. The little Museum was opened especially for us and all who visited it and joined in the informative walk thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

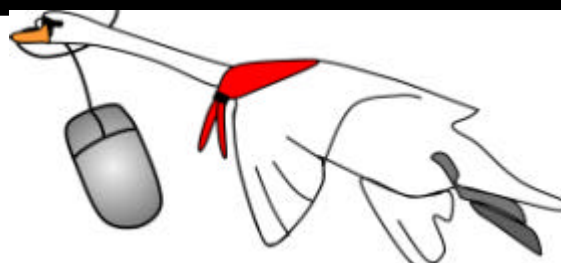
For those not wanting try their hands at the crafts, cards and board games were provided. A very large number enjoyed a hot lunch from the local Fish and Chip Shop.

We would like to express our thanks to all who provided the crafts and helped in other ways to make the day such a success.

Mary Du Puy—Events Secretary.

Website Update

All About the Website



Girlguiding Bucks - the official website www.girlguidingbucks.org.uk

The website has been busy as ever with visitors as far away as Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Rotherham, Ayr, London, Dublin in Ireland, Cwmbran in Wales, Cary, North Carolina in America and even Kuwait.

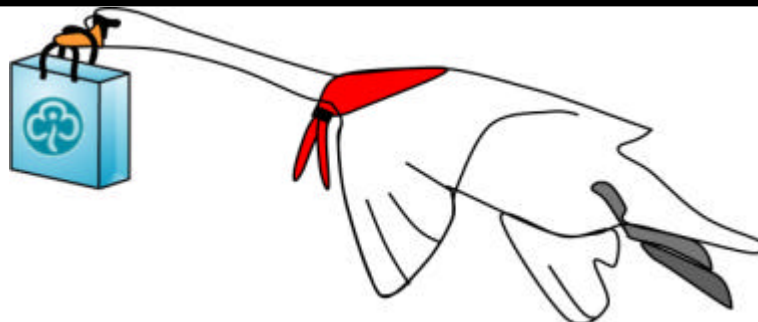
Over the last year the average number of visits per day has been 8 giving an average each month of 165

Keep an eye on the site for information on forthcoming events.

Please send articles and ideas for the website to Deb Shann—
debshann@hotmail.com (the Bulletin and Cygnets are published on the website after they are released to county)

**poetry and Hums aren't things which you get, they're things which get you.
 And all you can do is to go where they can find you. - Winnie the Pooh.**

The Notice Board



Lost and Found

FOUND: Marks and Spencer small navy blue Fleece. Found at Ellesborough in June. Contact **S u e O w e n s** .
sue.owens2@btinternet.com

FOUND: A teddy left behind at Ellesborough. Contact Margaret Craner or Karen at the County Office.

Friends of Ellesborough

Friends of Ellesborough met on Wednesday 16th May and although the turn out wasn't as high as expected because of the inclement weather we had a very good evening. Following a very short meeting and some refreshments we were all excellently entertained by the St Mary's Singers who very kindly visited us from Princes Risborough. This is a group of ladies who have joined together because they just enjoy singing. Their programme included a medley from Rogers and Hammerstein, two very traditional Scottish and Irish songs and a totally delightful solo by our own Jean Smith.

Competition Hike results

The following teams for won their section in the Bucks Competition Hike:
7th Chesham—Guides
Princes Risborough Rangers—Senior Section
High Wycombe Trefoil Guild—Veterans.

The winners of the shorter 10K hike were :
1st Brill and 1st Wendover.
Congratulations to all those who took part.

Romanian Guiding Support



We now have badges on sale with our logo in blue and yellow. They are 30p each and profits go to supporting Guiding (Guides, Brownies and now Rainbows too) in Romania. Contact Ruth MacGill for more details. 01494 763373 or ruth@macgill.co.uk

Take Flight— The Back Page Bits



Editor's Contact Details



If you have anything to go in the next edition, or an up and coming event, please email me on:

nickyseymour@yahoo.com, see county directory for my other contact details.

The deadline for the next issue is January 7th.

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Inspire 2007

Don't forget the county training day on 17th November 2007.

Inspiration

New skills

Socialise

Participate

Interactive

Re-vitalise

Encouragement.

The deadline for applications is November 1st. Don't miss out!

Winnie The Pooh

All the quotes in this edition have come from a variety of A.A.Milne's work. I particularly like this one:

You can't help respecting anybody who can spell TUESDAY, even if he doesn't spell it right; but spelling isn't everything. There are days when spelling Tuesday simply doesn't count.

Winnie the Pooh.

Don't Forget! Dates for the Diary!

For further information about training contact your Division Guiding Development Representative or County Office on girlguiding@buckinghamshire.freemove.co.uk (key - Buck = Buckingham; Elles = Ellesborough; Mar = Marlow)

Date	Event/Location	Date	Event/Location
November 2007		February 2008	
Sat 3rd	Team Conference - Anglia	Wed 6th	New to Guides/Senior Section Guider Training - venue tbc
Wed 14th	Meet and Sing	Wed 13th	Meet and Sing
Sat 17th	"Inspire 2007" - Training day for all - Wendover	Thu 14th	Guiding Safely Training - Buckingham
23 - 25th	BP Adventure - Ellesborough	March 2008	
December 2007		Wed 5th	CRB Training - Ellesborough
Wed 12th	Meet and Sing	Sat 8th	First Response - All day - venue tbc
January 2008		Wed 12th	Meet and Sing
Wed 9th	Meet and Sing	Next Bucks Bulletin Deadline is the 7th January 2008.	
Wed 16th	New to Rainbow/Brownie Training - venue tbc		
Sat 26th	First Response Training - All day - venue tbc		

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