

# Girlguiding Light



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

Cambridgeshire West



Adventures  
Awards  
And Bouncing Brownies...

Autumn 2017



I hope you enjoy looking at some of the activity within the County from the last term.

Through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure we enable girls to find their voice, inspire them to discover their best and to make a positive difference in their community. This is all possible because of the tremendous commitment of all our volunteers. Thank you for all you do, it would not be possible without you.

*Helen*



County Commissioner



## Rainbows

2017 was the 30th Birthday of our youngest section Rainbows.

We celebrated it with a Disney Themed birthday party.

We had dancing, games, crafts, inflatables and 'of course' cake.





# The Holme Front



2017 has been a busy year for 1st Holme St Giles Guides, our small village unit in the heart of the Cambridgeshire Fens. When October arrived, it brought the first of three important occasions on our Autumn to Winter calendar, each bringing the local community very much to mind for our girls.

The first weekend of October always sees our small village transformed, as it is transported back in time to the 1940s for 'Life on the Holme Front'. Tradition has it that a simple stall of wonderful home baked cakes and makes is set up, furnished with goodies and manned by Girls and Leaders for at least one of the two days. This year was no different except for the fact that vintage costumes were eagerly sought from our lovely archive ladies and, as the pictures show, we really looked the part.

Casting our minds back was also a significant part of our important November occasion, Remembrance Sunday. The parade was a solemn event for those who took part: bearing the flag, laying the wreath, and speaking for all during the service 'Lest we Forget'.

The Poppy Rocks, which lay already at the memorial as the service began, had been painted by the girls in our meeting days before and looked beautiful as the sun shone.

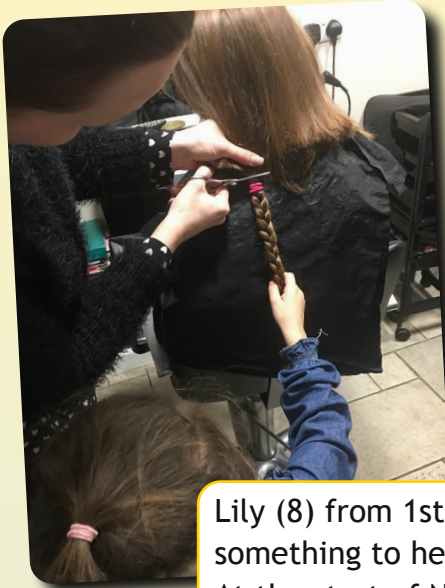
Moving into December, our thoughts (like most) have turned towards Christmas. Although finding it incredibly difficult to 'think like your Nan or Grandad' we have been busy off searching for gifts. We found enough to fill several shoeboxes, each destined once wrapped and ready, we hope, to make someone not known to us but in need, a little happier as 2017 comes to an end.

So, a busy few months to round off a busy year. Well done all!





## Fundraising Star



Lily (8) from 1st Hilton Brownies, decided she wanted to do something to help others.

At the start of November Lily had over 14 inches of hair cut off. She has donated it to The Little Princess Trust to make wigs for young cancer sufferers.

She also got sponsored to do this and raised £1.5k!



In September 1st Bretton Guides spend the weekend at PGL Caythorpe. They had rain, sun, hail stones and fog!  
The theme this year was the superhero Batman. As always the staff joined in.







Guiding is possible thanks to the contribution of many people, but there are a few outstanding individuals who provide exceptional support to the organisation.

One is Jan Walker, who was awarded the Anglia Brooch in recognition of her exceptional service. Jan works with everyone: teaching Brownies to tie Brownie ties, helping leaders manage their units, and providing invaluable advice and support to local commissioners.

She runs the St Neots Division depot, efficiently delivering uniform, badges and other resources. And she still finds time to be District treasurer, and help at camps and other events.

Her passion and enthusiasm are remarkable. She is much loved by many girls, for her kind and friendly help, and always reliable smile. Her wise advice is appreciated by many leaders.

In recognition of all this, and much more, Girlguiding Anglia are proud to award her the Anglia Brooch.

The Anglia Brooch is awarded for exceptional quality of service given within the Region. Girlguiding Anglia is one of the nine regions of Girlguiding UK

## Baden-Powell Adventures

This autumn we hosted 2 Baden-Powell (BP) Adventures.

In August Guides spent two days solving a Midnight Mystery. They enjoyed canoeing, pioneering and bowling. The Guides made Baden-Powell bracelets, with beads representing their 10 challenges and Adventure, linked by the golden thread of Guiding and held by three beads representing our Promise.

In November we had 'Make and Bake': Lots of craft, time to make a big noise on African drums and a river trip to chill out. Then tacking the Great BP Bake-Off, preparing afternoon tea for our guest judge. Finally there was just time for some ten pin bowling.



The Baden-Powell Challenge Award is the highest award a Guide can achieve.

The Challenge is divided into five zones:

- Healthy lifestyles
- Global awareness
- Discovery
- Skills and relationships
- Celebrating diversity

Guides must complete ten activities covering all five zones.

To finish the Award they will take part in a Baden-Powell Adventure. These are usually residential events in which they will meet other guides who are working towards their award.





# Bounce

Bounce was a world of inflatables, exclusively opened for GirlGuiding Cambridgeshire West.

Popular with everyone - Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, The Senior Section and Leaders alike - this event was a great opportunity to bring together units from across the County.





# Duke Of Edinburgh Awards

We have had a busy year with Duke of Edinburgh's Awards (DofE). Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions were successfully completed. Many of our girls benefitted from DofE volunteers helping at their units. We also saw 5 of our girls receive their Gold DofE Award at Buckingham Palace.



Members of Girlguiding Cambridgeshire West receiving their Gold Award at Buckingham Palace

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a programme of activities for anyone aged 14 to 24. Girlguiding has joined forces with DofE so our girls can complete this fantastic challenge as part of their guiding experience.

DofE has three levels.

- Bronze - for those aged 14 and over, takes at least six months to complete.
- Silver - for those aged 15 and over, takes at least 12 months for direct entrants (those without Bronze Awards).
- Gold - for those aged 16 and over, takes at least 18 months for direct entrants (those without Silver Awards).

For each level girls must complete a challenge for each area

- Volunteering
- Physical
- Skills
- Expedition
- Residential (for Gold DofE participants only)

Girlguiding provides opportunities for girls to complete all of these areas, whether it's volunteering with one of our units, or taking part in an expedition.





**Our Leaders!**  
 Girlguiding is possible thanks to our amazing volunteer leaders - could you be one of them?

Do you believe girls should have access to a wide range of experiences?

Could you spare a few hours to help make that happen?

Contact us find out how to start your adventure.



## Join Us on the Adventure



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**Start your adventure today!**

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