



Girlguiding
Warwickshire
girls in the lead

COUNTY NEWS SHEET

January 2012



Editor: Rosie Dalby - for detail, please see the County Directory

COUNTY DIARY

January	1	"HAPPY NEW YEAR"
	19	Arden 2012 Meeting - Henwood House
	28	Camp and Holiday Licences Training - Hampton-in-Arden
	31	Final deadline for 2011 Expenses
February	4	Coventry Guide Shop Sale
	10 - 12	Baden Powell Adventure
	25	Spring Walk - Hatton
March	10	Spring Day Training - North Leamington School
	10	Midland Region Singing Day - Nottingham
	30	Social Walking Weekend - Shropshire

1. MESSAGES FROM YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Debbie Warden)

Happy New Year to you all. As we start a new year I would like to take the opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for their contributions to Girlguiding Warwickshire in 2011. Through this fantastic organization so many girls, young women and some of us more mature ladies have had a variety of great experiences and adventures but these opportunities only happen with a lot of hard work and dedication from a committed team of volunteers - that's you. I hope you have managed a break over the Christmas period and feel refreshed and ready for the challenges and adventures that 2012 will bring.

I am delighted to announce that Laura Pye, Jude Harris and Rebecca Williams have agreed to lead Arden 2014. These experienced leaders led some amazing celebrations in Leamington for the Centenary and I hope you will support them as they start planning for Warwickshire's next International Camp. The first meeting is planned for January - please come along and find out more. (See item 8 later in News Sheet).

2. BADEN POWELL ADVENTURE

The next BP Adventure - "Swanning around in Stratford" - will take place between Friday 10 February - Sunday 12 February 2012 and will be led by Vicki James.

Participants will begin the Adventure at Coventry Guide HQ in Grosvenor Road, Coventry, spending one night at each of two different venues and completing challenges in two different towns before finishing at Grosvenor Road late on Sunday morning.

Applications should be sent to Stephanie Sherlock, as soon as possible, using the attached form. Places will be reserved on receipt of the completed form together with full payment of £50.00. Further details will be sent nearer the time.

3. TRAINING NEWS

(i) Autumn County Training Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Autumn Training Day. It was great to be able to use a conference venue and whilst this had advantages, there were a few acknowledged issues. Thank you also to the leaders who cancelled their places in good time, enabling us to offer the opportunity to leaders on the waiting list.

(ii) Spring County Training Day

Planning for Spring Training Day is well under way. The day will be held at North Leamington School on Saturday 10 March 2012. The theme will be Celebrations - there is a lot to celebrate in 2012!

Further details and application form can be found at the end of the News Sheet.

4. OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

(i) Spring Walk

Is your New Year resolution to get out more? I am planning a walk of about 5 miles for adults (leaders, helpers and partners), including a pub lunch, on Saturday 25 February. It

will be in the Hatton area (near Warwick). Come to learn more about map-reading, or just for some gentle exercise! Anyone interested please contact me for further details.

(ii) Social Walking Weekend

Why not blow away the winter cobwebs by exploring the Shropshire countryside in good company?

I have booked Clun Mill Youth Hostel, Shropshire from Friday 30 March to Sunday 1 April. On Saturday you could walk up some of Housman's "blue remembered hills", follow part of the Shropshire Way, or explore Clun castle and the local tea shops - we aim to offer a choice of at least 2 walks on Saturday, with a shorter walk on Sunday morning, but you are very welcome to choose your own routes. The cost will be £45.00 which will include an evening meal on Friday, two breakfasts, and a packed lunch on Saturday. There are lots of excellent eating establishments in the area, so we will have a pub meal on Saturday evening (at additional cost). Sunday lunch will also be at a local pub, and is optional. The weekend is open to all adults registered on GO! and their partners, but as numbers are limited it is advisable to apply early.

If you would like to join us, please complete the form that was in December's newsletter and return it to Janet Lockett with a deposit of £20 per person (cheques payable to Warwickshire Guide Association) and a SAE as soon as possible.

Janet Lockett, Walking Adviser - please see County Directory

5. LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATION

Congratulation to the following Leaders who have recently completed the Adult Leadership Qualification:

Leader	Division	District	Unit	Section	Modules
Michelle Morby	Castle	Abbey	6 th Kenilworth	Rainbows	1 - 4
Susan Joughin	Castle	Priory	12 th Kenilworth	Brownies	1 - 4
Beverley Buxton	Coventry South	Pheonix	Pheonix Ranger Unit	Rangers	1 - 4
Rachael Evans	Coventry South	Pheonix	2 nd Coventry South	Brownies	1 - 3
Emma McLean	Coventry South	Copsewood	26 th Coventry South	Rainbows	1 - 3
Sarah Kinghorn	Coventry South	Leofric	36 th Coventry South	Guides	1 - 3
Karen Coen	Coventry South	Greyfriars	52 nd Coventry South	Brownies	1 - 3
Rachael Hickenbotham	Coventry South	Greyfriars	53 rd Coventry South	Rainbows	1 - 4
Katie Davies	Coventry South	Pheonix	17 th Coventry South	Guides	1 - 4
Vanessa Smith	Coventry South	Pheonix	16 th Coventry South	Guides	1 - 3
Kerry Dunn	Coventry South	Pheonix	2 nd Coventry South	Guides	1 - 3
Danielle Phillips	Rugby	Bilton	8 th Rugby (St. Matthews)	Guides	1 - 4
Emma Sparks	Rugby		1 st Kilsby	Brownies	1 - 4
Sharon Hartup	Rugby		1 st Cawston	Brownies	1 - 4
Elaine Cresswell	Rugby	Avon	1 st Newbold-on-Avon	Rainbows	1 - 4
Stephanie Turner	Solihull Widney	Hockley Heath	Tanworth in Arden	Guides	1
Tracy Smith	Solihull Widney	Knowle	1 st Knowle	Rainbows	1 - 3

Many thanks to Sandra Barnsley, Katherine Hancock, Doreen Birch and Enid Lacey for mentoring the above.

6. MIDLAND REGION SINGING DAY - Saturday 10 March 2012

At the Greenwood Centre, Chester Green, off Banks Road, Toton, Nottingham NG9 6LN.

Girlguiding Nottinghamshire invites you to welcome spring at a day of singing and fun led by Francis Parrett and Jane Withey, from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. This will be a non-uniform day.

Drinks available from 10.00 am, at lunchtime and before departure - please bring a packed lunch.

Cost of the day - £4.00 (£2.00 for girls, YLs and Rangers) - cheques payable to "Girlguiding Nottinghamshire" please.

Please return the application form (at the end of the News Sheet. Payment can be made on the day but we would like to know numbers beforehand.

Daphne Rayner

7. "TIME FOR A LITTLE LEISURE...."

We all know that famous "Can you spare 2 hours a week for Guiding", and the reality! Which can translate as: Guiding takes over your house and your life. And we also know how manic Christmas can be. So how about recovering from Christmas fever and treating yourself to a little payback through Guiding. We have booked the whole of St Mary's House at Foxlease for the weekend of 7 - 9 September. This is not a qualification-getting weekend. It is not a County planning weekend. Nor is it a Training, nationally organised activity weekend, or any other structured weekend. This is pure leisure. For you to enjoy the company of friends, in lovely surroundings, with somebody else doing all the cooking and cleaning. The New Forest is delightful at this time of year, and Lyndhurst has a stunning market on Saturdays (so you don't have to give up on the retail therapy). The sea and beaches are close by and there are plenty of activities going on all around, from pony trekking to bike riding, from wildlife parks to farm parks. Whatever you have the energy to do. Or even a Luxury Spa just 12 miles away, if that is your inclination. Come as an individual, as a group of Unit Leaders, as a District / Division / Trefoil Group - the choice is yours. The friendship will be there - this is Warwickshire after all. The fully catered cost for the weekend (from dinner on Friday to lunch on Sunday, all inclusive) is £98.00 plus, of course, your transport costs.

We are limited to 65 places and it will be on a first come first served basis. To secure a place, please contact me and then send a non-refundable deposit of £12.00 per person (cheques made payable to Girlguiding Warwickshire). We can operate a staged payment plan, just however you wish. The bookings will close by 6 July (otherwise, if we don't cancel any non-required beds by this date we will be charged full price for them).

To join in the fun, and take a little time out from busy lives, just send me an email, or a letter and I'll put you on the list.

Vicki James, please see County Directory.

8. ARDEN 2014

We hope you all enjoyed a Guiding free Christmas and are ready to think about Arden 2014!

No need for all your Rainbow Leaders to skip to the next item just yet, we really need everyone to be involved so please give us a minute. 2014 will be here before we know it and after 2010 we have a lot to live up to, so it's really time to get started as there are loads to do. The three of us have only been appointed for a few weeks but we are keen to get started and share with you our vision for the camp as soon as possible. With this in mind we have booked Henwood House (Post Code: B91 2TH) for 19 January at 7.30pm and would love you all to join us. Whether you wish to be involved in the running of the camp, bring your girls to Arden, or just be nosey please come along.

If you are unable to make the meeting but would like more information email us at

arden2014@gmail.com

Looking forward to see you on the 19th.

Laura, Jude and Rebecca

9. "BEAR'S BEDTIME"

Is your teddy bear getting out enough? When did you last let him (or her) share a sleepover? We would like to challenge the whole of Warwickshire to take their teddy bears away for a night on Saturday 6 October. What about a Rainbow or Brownie sleepover? How about a Patrol get-together? Maybe a Unit, District or even Division event in your Village Hall. Or a Trefoil weekend at a hotel? However you want to get together and have a midnight feast with your teddies, is fine by us. The Programme Development Team will co-ordinate the registrations, produce a badge, devise an activity pack, and can advise on necessary paperwork if you would like us to. Watch out for details in subsequent News Sheets BUT MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE NOW. **TIME TO TREAT YOUR TEDDY BEARS!**

Vicki James, Chair Programme Development

10. Coventry Guide Shop

Happy New Year to all our customers and thank you for the support you have given to Coventry Guide shop over the last twelve months. Please note that we will be having a January Sale in

February! Saturday 4 February 10.00 am until 12 noon downstairs in Coventry Guide HQ, Grosvenor Road Coventry, CV1 3FZ. (Shop will be open normal times - 10.00 am until 2.00 pm). Lots of bargains, some items reduced to less than half price and will not be available again. Come early for a bargain - hot soup will also be on offer! Enquiries to Jane Johnson - please see County Directory.

11. FROM THE EDITOR

Copy for the February issue should reach Rosie Dalby by 26 February 2012 at the latest.

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**APPLICATION FORM FOR THE MIDLAND REGION SINGING DAY
Saturday 10 March 2012**

County: Number of places:

Contact Name:

Address:

..... Post Code:

Email address: Tel:

Amount enclosed: £.....