

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### A word from our new County President Anne Baxter

“What a tremendous honour and privilege, to be appointed as County President of Forth Valley. I find this quite intimidating but am looking forward to the challenge and to working with you all”

### ANNUAL EVENT 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY

We are looking for photos and stories from YOU to help us produce an exciting new format of the Annual Review this year. Thanks to those of you who have already sent some great photos, but what about the rest of you?

Work will also start very soon to put together the Powerpoint presentation for our Annual Event in the Tolbooth on 27<sup>th</sup> May, so please make a New Year's Resolution to send as much information, and of course lots of photos to me at

[kaudreybrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kaudreybrown@yahoo.co.uk)

### WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce that we now have a Senior Section webpage on our County website, as well as a County Calendar. The calendar is for us all to use to tell others in the County about our Unit, District or Division Events. It is also a reminder of all the Meetings and Trainings coming up this term. Please [email us](#) soon with details of your events!

### ACCOUNTS

All our accounts should now be closed and audited for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007. They should be forwarded to your District Commissioner by the end of January.

### CENSUS

Census time is here again, the amount we need to pay for each girl and leader we have on 22<sup>nd</sup> February is £20 this year. Please ensure that your census forms and money are in your District Commissioners hands as soon as possible after the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

Congratulations to Rebecca Sweeney (16 -19 yrs) and Camille Penman (14 - 16 yrs) who were successful at recent County Selection for International Camps this Summer. Good luck to both girls in the next selection process at Scottish level!

### COUNTY MEETING

The next County Committee Meeting for all Commissioners and Advisers is in Stirling Guide Hut on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

### SUSAN WALLACE

Sadly on Hogmanay, Susan Wallace 1<sup>st</sup> Cambusbarron Brownie Guider died in Strathcarron Hospice. At the service of thanksgiving for her life, special mention was made of her love of Guiding and how proud she was to be have been told, just before her death, of her daughter Emma's completion of her Leadership Qualification. In recognition of Susan's long commitment to Guiding there was good representation from Girlguiding Forth Valley at the service.

### RAINBOWS 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY

All Rainbows in Forth Valley are invited to join in a Magical 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party on 3<sup>rd</sup> May in Boness Town Hall. Rainbow Guiders will already have received details about the celebration, but we need to know by *the end of January* if your Unit plans to take part, as the organisers need to know in advance how many out of a possible 400 Rainbows we can expect!

Please contact Jane Fletcher 01324 638094

Or email [jane Fletcher1954@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jane Fletcher1954@yahoo.co.uk)

### GUIDE SWIMMING GALA

The Guide Swimming Gala will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm - 10.00pm at Grangemouth Pool. This is an excellent fun event for all Guide Units, so even if you have never entered before, please give it a go this year, and join us for a great evening!

Application forms will be sent to each Unit Guider with this Newsletter. Please be aware that entry forms need to be returned to June Hammell by *7<sup>th</sup> February at the very latest*.

### DISABILITY ADVISER

Welcome to Susan Rodger who has recently taken up a new post as Disability Adviser. Susan has asked us to remind you that she is available for any advice or support regarding inclusion of girls with disabilities within your unit. Please contact on [inc@plus-stirling.org.uk](mailto:inc@plus-stirling.org.uk) or by phone on 01786 450086.

### WALKING SCHEME- LEVEL 2 TRAINING

This is a Level 2 Assessment for those who have completed the training and gained the necessary experience. It will be held at Bonaly Outdoor Centre, Edinburgh from 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2008 and costs £70. Bookings should be returned by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008 For more information contact Anne Fielding, Outdoor Activities Adviser, 01786 463584, or email [ralph-anne.fielding@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ralph-anne.fielding@tiscali.co.uk)

OUTDOOR WORKSHOP - a fun evening with the Countryside Rangers and the new Outdoor Access Code Activity Packs will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> March in Stirling Guide HQ. Freebie activity packs will be available to take back to your unit!! To book your place, please contact Sue.

## TRAINING REMINDER

**Easter Crafts Workshop** - 24<sup>th</sup> January, come for lots of new craft ideas and buy some lovely things at the shop!  
**Guide Guiders Day Workshop** - 27<sup>th</sup> January, get up to date, find out more about the new resource "Looking at Me", meet the County team and give us your ideas for the Guide centenary in 2010!

**Big Ball & Parachute Games** - 26<sup>th</sup> February, come along, have some fun and maybe win a parachute!

**First Response** - 2<sup>nd</sup> March, this all day session is now full with a waiting list. Please remember to let Sue know if you cannot attend.

**First Response** - 28<sup>th</sup> February & 6<sup>th</sup> March, this two part session is now full with a waiting list. Please remember to let Sue know if you cannot attend.

**Senior Section Guiders** - 11<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 - 9.15pm. with Scottish trainer, Janet Ballingall

Contact Sue about any of above [sbeck89@aol.com](mailto:sbeck89@aol.com)

## NEW SENIOR SECTION PROGRAMME

The new Senior Section Programme CD has been bought by the County for all divisions and districts and anyone wishing to know more are invited along to the Training on 11<sup>th</sup> March. This evening also includes the new programme for Young Leaders.

Senior Section are holding 'The BIG Quiz' on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 in Stirling Guide HQ and this is open to all members aged 14 to 26.

All Senior Section members should get a copy of the new Senior Section Newsletter from Kateri this month, please Advise [kateri@runbox.com](mailto:kateri@runbox.com) if yours does not arrive!

## COUNTY CAMP

County Camp 2008 will take place from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at Gartocharn. All Guide Units in Forth Valley AND ALL GUIDERS and MEMBERS of the SENIOR SECTION are invited to take part. So if you are a Rainbow or Brownie Guider or Young Leader, why not come along? Further information and registration forms will be available in February from your District/Division or by email from [mary@sheldon.plus.com](mailto:mary@sheldon.plus.com)

## NEW TREFOIL GUILD

We have a new Trefoil Guild in Falkirk, meeting on the first Wednesday of every month in the Greenpark Centre, Polmont at 7.30pm. New members are very welcome, please contact Anne Baxter (01324 631975).

## WORLD THINKING DAY

There are still places available for the World Thinking Day Event at Netherurd on 22-24 February 2008. Application forms were included in September's edition of the Guiding Magazine, or phone Netherurd for more details - 01968 682208.

## PACK HOLIDAY

The Garden House at Netherurd was enjoyed by many girls from around Forth Valley last year including these Brownies from 1<sup>st</sup> Polmont and 3<sup>rd</sup> Falkirk Units.



## GIRLGUIDING SCOTLAND

Get your shopping from Amazon and raise funds for Girlguiding Scotland! Enter the Amazon site by clicking 'Shop at Amazon' at the bottom left of the homepage, see [www.girlguidingscotland.org.uk](http://www.girlguidingscotland.org.uk) and help us support our 65,000 members across Scotland.

## METAL NAME BADGES

Some of you have enquired about the Guiding name badges which have the Guide badge on them. If you are interested please [click here](#) and then go to Resources on the website to see more information and details of how to order. There are blue & red (for Trefoil Guild) badges available costing £6.

There may be discounts for bulk orders, and if a few people wish a badge, Marie Muir has offered to take any orders. Please contact her by the end of January if you are interested. [marie.muir@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:marie.muir@tinyworld.co.uk)

## PLEASE!

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## [www.ggfv.co.uk](http://www.ggfv.co.uk)

Date	Event	Location	Time
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Easter crafts workshop	Stirling Guide HQ	7.30- 9.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Guide Guiders Day Workshop	Stirling Guide HQ	9.45- 3.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> February	County Meeting	Stirling Guide HQ	7.30- 9.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Big ball & parachute games	Bantaskin Primary School	7.30- 9.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> response part 1	Stirling Guide HQ	7.30- 9.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> response part 2	Stirling Guide HQ	7.30- 9.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> response whole day	Stirling Guide HQ	9 - 3.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> March	County Executive Meeting	Stirling Guide HQ	7.30- 9.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Outdoor workshop	Stirling Guide HQ	7.30- 9.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Guide Swimming Gala	Grangemouth Pool	7 - 10pm