



# 100 Girlguiding UK

*girls in the lead*

**100 years on .. look at us now!**

Guiding has come a long way since a small group of girls stepped forward at the 1909 Boy Scout rally at Crystal Palace Park and asked Robert Baden – Powell to develop a similar movement especially for them. In 1910 he formed the Girl Guides and such was the enthusiasm for guiding that it soon spread worldwide and since those early days countless millions have made the Guide Promise. Today there are ten million girls and women involved in guiding worldwide.

On 6<sup>th</sup> September, 100 years to the day, 1.2 million Girlguiding UK members and guests attended parties across the United Kingdom to mark this illustrious occasion and, in doing so, launched a year of Centenary Celebrations which will run from the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009 to the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

Members from all sections of Girlguiding UK, from Rainbows through to the Trefoil Guild were invited to Launch Parties and ours was held at Aspull Civic Centre and we partied, partied and partied!

Throughout our Centenary Celebrations we have lots planned –



**On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009, members of our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides were given the special privilege of switching-on the Vicarage Christmas lights.**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – we held 'Thinking Day on Air' at St. Peter's Pavilion.

**On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010 – we held a very special Thinking Day Service in St Peter's Church, followed with a buffet lunch at the Pavilion – everyone was invited to come along and celebrate with us.**

In May, our Brownies will be going on a very special Pack Holiday to Legoland at Windsor, to give them a really special 'mountain-top' moment to remember forever.



**Also, at the Flower Festival in June 2010 we will be arranging the first display in the Youth window corner of Church, which will depict guiding throughout the last 100 years.**

We are in the process of planning lots more events for the next 12 months, which will culminate at 20.10 pm on the 20.10.10 when members all over the country will be renewing their Promise at the same time at very special venues.

We are all looking forward to our very special year – it is a really exciting time to be involved in Guiding and one we will almost certainly never forget!

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