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Girlguiding BGIFC

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1st Luxembourg Guides

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Welcome & Our History

We welcome you to the first ever newsletter published by 1st Luxembourg Guide Unit. This issue has extra information covering events since September.

Newsletters will normally be produced termly. Giving details of first meeting of the new term and activities the girls have undertaken. We hope you and your daughter/s enjoy reading the articles.

Firstly, a little bit of history about Guiding in Luxembourg & its UK origins.

The 1st Luxembourg Guide unit was set-up in May of 1977, making us 32yrs old! Not bad for such a small

country, we are part of Benelux & France County (BGIFC). What does that mean? Simply, we are 'British Guides In Foreign Countries'.

As you will all be aware by now we are celebrating 100 yrs of Girl Guiding. We have already started our celebrations with the 'Changing The World Fundraising Project' and for those girls that choose to will be setting off to enjoy the BGIFC camp at Foxlease later this summer. Baden Powell founded Guides in 1910 he formed the Girl Guides, asking his sister Agnes to look after this new organisation. A few years later his wife Olave became involved and, in 1918, was appointed Chief Guide.

Such was the enthusiasm for

guiding that it soon spread worldwide and since those early days countless millions



Lord & Lady Baden Powell

have made the Guide Promise. Today there are ten million girls and women involved in guiding worldwide.

Badge Work & Thinking Day

Girls have worked on several badges since September:

Craft: Girls helped create many items towards our parent's Christmas Fair; girls were given the opportunity to complete badges alone at home and bring their items into the meeting place to show to a leader.

Confectioners: Yum! Girls learnt about different icing techniques and how to make sweets. Tasty!

Agility: Bouncing those balls high & low, Guides had fun hitting the targets and working together.

Thinking Day 2009: A special thanks to the Baden Powell Patrol who taught girls about diseases as part of this yearly celebration. All girls ended with lighting a candle and singing songs together while eating a slice of Thinking Day cake.

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District Fundraising Ice Skating Party

Unit Changes Since September

On returning in September 2008 our current PL/PS decided they wanted to set up a Baden Powell Patrol, they have therefore been working towards this and will complete this highest award with a weekend away to Foxlease in April. Once completed these six girls will go on to start up the first Senior Section Unit within Luxembourg.

This created a new role for many of our current Guides. By January we enlisted a

completely new team of PL/PS to help lead their patrols forward; they meet 2 times a year to help make plans for what is happening in our unit.

By January we had a new intake of girls, from a variety of schools across Luxembourg, giving us a nearly full unit with 2 Leaders and some enthusiastic parents.

GUIDES HELP WANTED!

Unit Helper/Pack Leader

We are now seeking Guides who would like to help on a regular basis in a Rainbow or Brownie Unit. Interested? Speak to your unit leader.

You will receive a special badge, show commitment and gain your help in the community; yearly challenge

Out & About!

Luxembourg Air Rescue

Girls headed out on a cold winter morning to view and learn how the LAR operate. Many girls asked enthusiastic questions & we all ended the tour with hot chocolate & muffins.



Autumn Term: LAR Visit

Changing The World: Ice Skating Party

This was part of the Centenary Celebrations of Guiding. Girls spent several weeks of the new year discussing issues to do with Mental Health & positive friendships, completing quizzes, acting out scenarios and creating jewellery items to give to a friend. We ended

with a District Fundraising Ice Skating Party raising over £460 for The Mental Health Foundation Charity. Well done and many thanks to everyone that took part.



Dec: Charity Shoe Boxes

Community/Charity Fundraising!

Shoe Boxes

All units helped fill shoe boxes to send to the UK for charity. Guide created a tower of boxes to be distributed world-wide for children in 3rd world countries. Well done to everyone who took part!

Christingles

Christmas celebrations meant a few of our girls gained their 'help in the community' by creating these gifts for the local church.

Line Dancing

This was a first for Guides. We took over Gasprich Hall one evening in September and danced the night away with many members of the public and help from FOG. We raised money which was put towards purchasing a much needed tent for the unit.



Dec: Creating Christingles