

Region Newsletter

September Thoughts

I have had a great beginning to my centenary year attending seven parties and hearing stories about many of the others.

Our special weekend was a spectacular success - we couldn't have dreamed how high the profile of Girlguiding would rise in the press and it was very hard to miss the fact that Guiding is alive and well!

More importantly, as far as I could see the girls were having a great time at their party, whatever format it took. It will be interesting to add up how many people were involved in these events but it was certainly a very high percentage of the membership of the region. Thanks must go to all who were involved in delivering such imaginative and exciting celebrations. It seemed to me that those events which gathered hundreds or thousands of members together were especially powerful. As one Leader said to me, it was the first time her Rainbow daughter really realized she was part of a very big organization.

I hope that has set the scene for a very exciting year for everyone.

A new opportunity coming for Brownies is the possibility of joining in a sleepover before or after Fusion at the Centenary Camp. Up to 1000 Brownies can stay on each night and have a truly amazing experience which will be especially suitable for those who will soon be Guides. This will cost £35 plus a Fusion ticket but for that price you will be able to visit the camp, join in a Big Gig type activity, get two meals and take one special centenary tent home for every four Brownies who take part. See the Centenary website for more details.

Hope to see many of you at our carol service at York Minster on 5 December.

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