

**Manor House Summer Exhibition:  
A Century of Guiding - the Wharfedale Experience.**



*Poppy Anderson presents a posy to Brenda Parke*

To Celebrate the Centenary of Girlguiding, Wharfedale Division has opened an Exhibition at the Manor House in Ilkley. Over 100 people squeezed into the downstairs rooms of the Manor House for refreshments prior to the opening. It was noted that had Alan Bennett been there he would have filled his notebook with material for his next play. Animated stories of times gone by were flying left and right as people arrived and spotted friends they hadn't seen for some time.

The Exhibition was opened by Mrs Brenda Parke, the National President of the Trefoil Guild. The Trefoil Guild was started in 1943 for those who were too old to be guides or rangers but not in a position to be leaders. It is an organisation in its own right but its aims are to support Guiding.

In her opening address, Mrs Parke stated that there are 10 million girls in Guiding throughout the World. She talked about the relevance of Guiding to today's girls and the project they had undertaken in the year prior to the Centenary. In that year, Girlguiding UK ran a project called 'Changing the World' which was linked with 18 other Charities to raise awareness of major issues in the wider world and to take direct action to help them. 600,000 girls in the UK had provided books for thousands of girls in Africa via Book Aid and paid for schooling for thousands of girls who wouldn't otherwise receive an education via Camfed. For Girlguiding we supported one of Girlguiding UK Branch Associations' projects which was to create a secure internet café in Anguilla. That was to mention only three of the charities involved. It was something to be proud of said Mrs Parke who had already taken a sneak preview of what was on display upstairs.

Just before leading the way up the stairs to the Exhibition, Poppy Anderson of 2<sup>nd</sup> Menston Rainbows stepped forward to present a posy made up of flowers in the Centenary colours of blue, raspberry and gold.

The Exhibition is free and runs until Sunday 19 September. The Manor House in Castle Yard off Church Street is open Tuesday 1 - 5pm, Wednesday - Saturday, 11am - 5pm and Sunday 1 - 4pm. Further information from the Manor House 01943 600066 or 01943 600083, or visit the Ilkley Pages on the web.