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gather to enjoy the
Annual Meeting



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Extract from the Annual Report

Trefoil Guild continues to be forward thinking in its plans and arrangements to enable all members to have a positive and meaningful experience.

Supporting Girlguiding and the community has continued, with members being actively involved in Girlguiding and supporting local and national charities. Grants have been available to support (a) members and their carers, (b) Girlguiding members to travel overseas and (c) our members to travel overseas to develop guiding and attend conferences.

Organisational structure and digital strategy

Producing four magazines each year has proved popular and helps keep our members informed and interested in our objectives and programme.

Our new website, with pages for all Countries and Regions, is enabling our members to keep up to date. An online database was introduced at the end of the year for members to enter and update their own personal details.

Work continues on reviewing our structure and governance.

Grow membership and retain existing members

Our membership remains steady, with

encouraging growth in younger members. Our developing programme and activities have had a positive effect on this.

The Thanks and Recognition brooch is proving popular as a tangible way of saying 'thank you'. The national Chairman sends cards to members reaching 90 years of age, which has had a positive effect of retaining our more mature members.

Develop our key messages

Eight members visited Russia last autumn to work with the Russian Association of Girl Scouts in developing guiding. Positive evaluations have been received and this partnership will continue for two years.

The Voyage Award continues in popularity and we plan to develop new programme ideas to retain our enthusiastic members. Magazine articles suggesting ideas for guild activities have helped to develop our messages.

Conclusion

This has been a successful and busy year for the organisation, with great interest and enthusiasm for our planned activities for celebrating our 75th birthday in 2018.

Pat.

Pat Downer

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Sun, sea and 1,770 members!

The lure of Brighton saw Marion Millinger, of Surrey West Out and About Guild, attend her very first Trefoil Guild Annual Meeting. Here she gives us her impressions...



Blue skies over Brighton seafront

Have you been to a Trefoil Guild Annual Meeting? I had to admit that I hadn't, but thought that it might be interesting, so I put my name down for Brighton. I hadn't been there for many years, so I was keen to know how much it had changed.

People stay away by the coachload from most annual meetings, but not so Trefoil Guild members. They came on coaches, buses, trains, bikes and some even walked to join in the weekend. We were collected from the station and dropped at our hotels, and after booking in, we went out to explore. So many things were just as I remembered, and on the seafront was a new addition – the huge British Airways i360 tower with a viewing platform around it. Some members booked to go up it and see the amazing views from the top.

On Saturday morning after breakfast, some of us went on a walking tour of Brighton, taking in the famous historic

Lanes with their dozens of jewellery shops – locally known as 'twitters'.
Back for lunch, then the Annual Meeting. There were signs in town to warn drivers that Trefoil Guild was here, but I did not expect so many members – 1,770 to be exact. It was amazing!

Friends meeting up after a long time; introducing friends to new friends. I met several members that I had been to Our Cabaña with last year. Everywhere there was laughter and chatter and hugging.

Our national Chairman, together with the rest of the top table, arrived and all was silent. So, this is it, I thought. The meeting was interesting and concise and we were through it quite quickly. We heard what had been achieved in the past year and some ideas for the year to come. We heard about the charity for our 75th Birthday year, Riding for the Disabled Association – it is a wonderful charity and does a great deal of good work for the disabled of all ages.

Then we had our speaker, Ms Sally Kettle, adventurer, who told us how



Some of the 1,770 members who attended



Flags at the ready for the evening's show...

she rowed across the Atlantic. After a false start because her boyfriend was ill, she tried again two-and-half months later – with her mum! This was doubly wonderful because, as Sally told us, she had not spoken to her mum for ten years. A lot of training, preparation and getting to know each other again was squashed into those two-and-half months, and then

"Friends meeting up after a long time; introducing friends to new friends. Everywhere there was laughter and chatter and hugging"



A colourful welcome for Trefoil Guild members



The Pearly Kings and Queens don't disappoint

the great rowing adventure began. They made it, of course, taking 106 days. The silence of the hall exploded into cheers and much applause. Sally made it sound so much fun, but somehow I don't think that it will be on my bucket list!

We finished the meeting with the date of next year's meeting, daylight taps and tea.

That evening we were entertained by the Pearly Kings and Queens of the Cockney Pride Band. We all, of course, joined in with much singing, swaying and dancing around, as far as space allowed, and with much laughter, as always.

On Sunday we had a choice of what we could do, and I chose a coach trip to Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex. The countryside was beautiful and the afternoon was enjoyed by all – we particularly appreciated the start of the Naked Bike Ride! More entertainment followed in the evening with a male voice choir, Punch and Judy show and a very good brass band. Monday was the day of packing up to go home with promises to meet up again very soon.

The whole weekend felt like a great big hug, and of course I have put my name down to go again next year. See you all there I hope!

Noticeboard

Bulletins and information for all our members compiled by Frances Parrett

Message from Pat

Congratulations and thanks to all involved in helping to make our Annual Meeting and weekend in Brighton such a success – a time to renew friendships and make new ones while enjoying the sun, sea and Brighton entertainment.

I look forward to welcoming you all to Birmingham Symphony Hall on Saturday 16 June 2018 for our next Annual Meeting and a fantastic celebration of music in the evening.

Pat Downer

Trefoil Guild HQ news

We are very glad to tell you that our administrator Charlotte Anslow's second daughter (another Rainbow!), named Felicity Skye, has arrived. While Charlotte is on maternity leave, the Trefoil Guild office is being very well looked after by Tasha Best. A keen photographer, Tasha says she makes a good cheesecake, but not quite up to Mary Berry's standards,



Hello Felicity Skye



Welcome Tasha Best



Jane Webster is now Chairman of Finance

and one of her ambitions is to have a flat with a garden so she can have a cat!

Needless to say, it is going to take her a while to get on top of things, as there was a break before she took up her position, but we are extremely glad to welcome her (and her technology skills) to the Trefoil Guild staff.

There are changes within the Finance Committee too – Jane Webster has kindly taken on the role of Chairman of Finance and we will need to tell you of a new Treasurer soon as, sadly, Kim Clegg has had to leave us. Thank you for all your hard work, Kim!

Guilds registered in the 1940s and 1950s

If your guild was registered in those early years – maybe it was an 'Old Guides' group that re-registered as a Trefoil Guild – we'd really like to hear from you!

Trefoil Rose

There is still time to order your rose, so look for the form on page 14 of your June magazine, or on the Trefoil Guild website at www.trefoilguild.co.uk/Trefoil-Rose.

New scarf...

The new Trefoil Guild scarf sold out at Brighton! If you have still to buy yours, you will find them on the Trefoil Guild pages of Trading's online catalogue at www.girlguidingshop.co.uk.



Don't throw away your address sheet!

The address sheet with this issue is very important to the Editorial Committee! Please try to find time to fill in the questionnaire... but if you did throw it out by mistake, you can find a link to it on the Trefoil Guild website.

All about The Constitution

Details of our Constitution can be found on the website at www.trefoilguild.co.uk/Constitution. The main change is that there will no longer be a council, but all members of the Trefoil Guild Executive will now form the Board of Trustees. While you are there, you might find it useful to check the part about 'Membership'.



An old Trefoil Guild scarf is put to good use

...old scarf

What are you going to do with yours? Somerset Trefoil Guilds met together at Shaftesbury for a holiday – but their flag wasn't available to go with them, so someone used an old scarf to create a stand-in flag, as you can see above! What uses have you found for yours?

Submissions to the magazine and website

We welcome all items submitted using the appropriate pro forma. These can be downloaded from the website and sent to the corresponding email address. If submitting items for the

magazine please state whether you are happy for them to be considered for the website if there is too little space in the magazine. Submissions date for December 2017 issue is 3 Oct 2017



Your snapshots

Here's a selection of snapshots taken by some of our members and student Valeria Keller, from the University of Brighton, at the Annual Meeting. Can you spot yourself in any of them?





Your letters

Find out what other Trefoil Guild members have on their minds



Four generations of the same family in guiding

Guiding's in the family

Four generations of my family are involved in the guiding movement: Sylvia Rivers of Kennington (mother-in-law), 84 years in guiding (Trefoil Guild), pictured centre; June Price of Bridgend (my wife), 45 years in guiding (Brownie Leader), back left; Rhiannon Evans of Swansea (daughter), eight years in guiding (Brownie Leader), back right; Holly Evans of Swansea (granddaughter), four years in guiding (Brownie), front left; Willow Evans of Swansea (granddaughter), two years in guiding (Rainbow), front right.

While courting June over 40 years ago, one of our first outings had me shovelling up cowpats (dried!) in an Oxfordshire campsite field. I'm so proud of my ladies' record of service, and am convinced that it is guiding's presence in their lives that has resulted in a group of well-rounded human beings that any partner would be proud of.

Geoff Price, Bridgend, South Wales

Memorabilia exhibition

A small but fascinating collection of local guiding memorabilia was recently displayed at the Three Rivers Museum in Rickmansworth. The exhibition was the brainchild of Pat Hamilton, a volunteer at the museum and a retired Brownie Leader.

Guiding in the area started in 1913, when May Barton Smith founded 1st Croxley Green Guides, where she served as Guide Captain until 1948. Her photo was central to the display, along with camp photos and old handbooks from the era.

A special event was held for local Trefoil Guild members to view the exhibition, plus the extra photos and scrapbooks that there wasn't room to put on display.

Hazel Carmichael, South West Herts Division



Some of the display

Memorial stone location clarified

I am a volunteer at the National Arboretum at Westonbirt, leading guided walks, and I have numerous visitors asking where the Trefoil Guild memorial stone is. In *The Trefoil* it was stated it is here when, in fact, it is at the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas, near Lichfield, and I feel the location should be clarified. I always enjoy taking our members on guided walks.

Carol Tipper, Gloucestershire West Division

Please send your letters to: Trefoil Guild Office, Girlguiding, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT, or email: thetrefoilmagazine@girlguiding.org.uk

Birthday Honours

Congratulations to members who were recognised in Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Honours 2017. MBEs went to Mrs Margaret Brookes of Cheadle North Trefoil Guild; Mrs Jean Edusei of Newcastle East Trefoil Guild and Mrs Pip McKerrow of London Walkers and Talkers Trefoil Guild. BEMs went to Mrs Andree Falla of Knebworth and Welwyn Trefoil Guild; Mrs Jane Kett of Grimsby Littlecoates Trefoil Guild; Mrs Margaret Stewart of Clogher Trefoil Guild.

Gold standard

The following members have achieved their Gold Voyage Awards: Sheila Wightman of Tynemouth Trefoil Guild; Jenny Barton Hibbs of 1st Hastings & St Leonards Sussex East Trefoil Guild; Betty Gosling of Walton-On-Thames Trefoil Guild; Diane Gosling of Weybridge Trefoil Guild; Sarah Stanley of Tettenhall Trefoil Guild; Dawn Potter of Newcastle West Trefoil Guild; Judith Child of Monifieth Trefoil Guild; Elizabeth Hodges of Bridlington Trefoil Guild; Moira Dalmedo of Gibraltar Trefoil Guild; Ann Marshall of Chester-le-Street Trefoil Guild; Victoria Bagshaw of Darlington Trefoil Guild; Katie Yates of Southampton Windover Trefoil Guild; Phillida Russell of Clutton District Trefoil Guild; June Shakeshaft of Port Talbot Trefoil Guild and Maureen McNamara of Hillmorton Trefoil Guild.

Charity champion

Helen Marsh of Stranraer and Rhins Trefoil Guild received the Adult Volunteer Award and overall Volunteer of the Year Award 2017 at a ceremony hosted by Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway during Volunteers Week 2017. Helen provides practical and emotional support to families with at least one child under five throughout the county of Wigtownshire. She has been heavily involved in raising funds for the charity through events that have included a zip wire challenge and organising a musical evening and a fashion show event.



Flame of Hope

Alice Mascarenhas, Deputy Editor of the *Gibraltar Chronicle*, has won one of 15 Flame of Hope awards from Cancer Research UK in recognition of her contribution to the charity through journalism. Nominations for the annual award are received from all over the UK and Alice was named joint winner of the Media Supporter of the Year award.

Have you received an award, or know someone who has? Why not shout about it? Send the details and a photo to The Trefoil. Contact details on page 2.

Art of the matter

Sheila Edwards, who designed our lovely new Trefoil Guild scarf, tells Vivienne Grant about her love of art and sharing her enthusiasm for it with others

Sheila was born in Kent and lived too far from a unit to join Brownies, but when she found a Guide handbook in her local library she was captivated – she remembers trying to light a fire with tiny twigs and a match! She finally joined Guides at the age of 13 after her family moved to Swansea in 1949.

She has been painting and drawing for as long as she can remember. Paper was a luxury during the war, and Sheila now has a cupboard full of different sorts of paper – she can't throw clean paper away.

Her love of books was the greatest influence on her wanting to paint. "There were so many great illustrators – EH Shepard's pictures in the *Winnie-the-Pooh* books are funny as well as beautifully drawn," she says. "We walked most weekends out in the country – I was so keen on birds, butterflies and flowers and had many nature books. Another favourite was *British Countryside in Colour*, illustrated by S R Badmin – very detailed landscapes that really appealed to me.

"My father insisted that if I went to art school, I would have to train as a teacher. I was extremely lucky to discover Bath



Sheila Edwards

Academy of Art, the only teacher training college to provide tuition by some of the leading artists and craftsmen of the time. My three years there were totally inspiring. The principal believed in a future with more leisure, with people needing satisfying part-time occupations – as art teachers, we had to inspire our pupils to have confidence to draw and paint for their own pleasure."

Sheila says that the great thing about drawing and painting "is that one becomes so aware of colour everywhere, interesting harmonies, or contrasts that catch the eye; light reveals the forms in the landscape; there are patterns created by trees, rocks and water – all suggesting paintings". She tries to draw attention to these values, to stimulate this awareness as an individual. "We are all different, and that is important," she adds.

Sheila's life is very much influenced by the outdoors. She may paint all morning



Drawing and painting for pleasure

then work in the garden, cook or sew in the afternoon. She also enjoys reading, and attends live theatre screenings at the cinema. She tells us, "I married a stained-glass artist who also enjoyed walking and birdwatching; he added photography to my interests. Our sons grew up with similar interests, but are more scientific in their careers, and our grandchildren all enjoy outdoor activities far more energetic than we are capable of now! We all enjoy each other's company, but we are inclined to watch and admire the photos, while they are much more adventurous!"

Sheila was a Ranger Leader from 1970 to 1997, and held several arts-related appointments in Wales and the UK. She was part of an arts team brought together in the 1970s to produce a pageant, *The Story of Arthur*, and a few years later they produced *The Legend of the Red Dragon*, Henry VII's journey through Wales to the battle of Bosworth. The arts team developed long-lasting friendships.

Sheila is proud to say she designed the centre panel – *Guiding Then and Now* – of a Girlguiding tapestry made in 2016 for an exhibition held in the National Library of Wales. A group of needlewomen from West Glamorgan



Embroidering the tapestry shown top right



embroidered the panel and every County made their own contribution to the border. It has been beautifully framed and hangs in Broneirion now. She also designed an apron to raise funds for West Glamorgan Guides' Centre in Gower.

Sheila was involved in starting Bishopston Trefoil Guild and has been their Chairman and Secretary. She was also County Trefoil Guild Secretary and has been the elected member for Wales on the UK Trefoil Guild Council. Her group of painting friends came together when they joined Trefoil Guild and had time to paint for themselves.

Sheila is obviously an inspirational and talented lady, and we are lucky that she belongs to Trefoil Guild!

We're making great progress

At the Annual Meeting, Sally Christmas, Chief Commissioner for LaSER, reported on Girlguiding on behalf of the Deputy Chief Guide, Sally Illsley

I am so sorry I can't be here in person today to thank every one of you for your involvement in Trefoil Guild and to reflect together on a wonderful year. At the 2016 Annual Meeting, we were beginning The Senior Section centenary celebrations with a fantastic range of events delivered across our Countries and Regions by thousands of members. I would like to thank Valerie Le Vaillant for her stewardship of the organisation as Chief Guide over the last nine months, and in consultation with the Girlguiding Council, we will begin the recruitment process for the new Chief Guide over the summer and update you in due course.

Having made great progress towards goals set out in our Being Our Best strategy, we have much to celebrate. I'd like to share some highlights with you across the four strategic themes.

Excellence: Hopefully, in May, you will have seen the publicity around the launch of #BadgeGoals inviting further input into the programme framework, the renewal of which is underway since a review in 2015. We are due to launch the new programme in summer 2018. As part of this work, we will be creating two distinct offers for The Senior Section, working in consultation with girls, members and their parents.

Access: At the end of 2016, Girlguiding trustees agreed a new strategy that will



The Senior Section centenary celebration

focus on growing our membership to, in turn, support even more girls and young women. Separately, we ran a campaign called #ForTheGirl, which has successfully raised awareness of our brand.

Voice: We have campaigned for compulsory sex and relationships education in schools in England, and our girls' voices have been influential in fighting sexual harassment in schools, contributing towards the decision to hold an enquiry into this issue.

Capacity: Our membership system upgrade is set to be delivered later this year, helping to streamline membership administration. Our new website launched in September 2016 and we have received positive feedback on the user experience.

I look forward to joining you on your 75th birthday celebrations next year and marking an amazing milestone.

Guilds' histories

The Annual Meeting revealed fascinating facts about the age of some of our guilds

Thank you for coming to visit *The Trefoil* magazine's stall in the Brighton Centre. We invited you to bring us information about when your guild started, but we discovered so much more! Many of you will know the story of Rangers who had to leave at the age of 21... so they created 'Old Guides' clubs. Then HQ came up with the name Trefoil Guild in 1943. Several members told us that their guild started in 1943, but was not registered until later – and we heard about a guild that can prove they were a group of the same people for 80 years, thanks to the 'Old Guides' organisation!

Another guild brought a letter dating from Trefoil Guild's 50th-year celebration, that told them their guild was registered first among all the guilds still running in Anglia... but that another guild, in Wales, called 'Denbigh' was registered five months before them... and was still running. Is this still true? Does anyone have any more information about the research that was done in 1993?

Apparently, some guilds have files of archive material about their guild, while another one has made a complete book on the subject. Some Counties

hold entire lists of every guild and the dates they registered, and many of you gave us information about specific guilds.

As a result of your contributions, we now have a database, but would like to hear stories about the early days of your guild – where you met, what you did, who came to visit you etc. We will be featuring some of them in our issues in 2018, so please send your information to the Trefoil Guild office at the address on page 2.

The thing that struck us most about the stories you told is that Trefoil Guild was really started so that young women could stay in touch and do enjoyable things together when they were over 21! We must refute in very strong terms that Trefoil Guild is for the 'Grandmothers of Guiding' and let everyone know that Trefoil Guild is open to anyone aged 18 years and over!

What is the average age of members of your guild? Is it less than 30 years? We'd like to hear from you too!



Jo Taylor (left), Editor of *The Trefoil*, with Deputy Editor Frances Parrett



Sheila's favourite books

Sheila Howes

Sheila belongs to the Internet Guild, which provides Trefoil Guild membership for those who cannot attend meetings

The books that started Sheila's love of reading as a child were *The Famous Five* series by Enid Blyton, and in particular the first one, *Five on a Treasure Island*.

As part of the bronze section of the Voyage Award, Sheila set herself a challenge of reading 35 books, but in fact ended up reading 64, some of which are below.

Andy Miller's *The Year of Reading Dangerously: How Fifty Great Books Saved My Life* recalls when the author began a year of reading that was to transform his life. This is a reader's odyssey through literature.

Sheila calls herself a murder mystery girl and reviews crime novels online at the website thequietgeordie.wordpress.com. Her present book certainly fills that criterion. *The Cuckoo's Calling* is a mystery set in London, from Mayfair to the East End. This is the first crime novel by J K Rowling written under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith.

Scarlett Thomas's book *The End of Mr Y* is another choice by Sheila. When Ariel Manto discovers a copy of *The End of Mr Y* in a secondhand bookshop, she can't believe her eyes. She knows that the book is exceedingly rare – and some say cursed. With a copy under her arm, she finds herself thrust into a thrilling adventure.

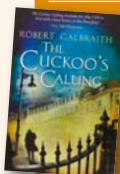
If Sheila had to choose her favourite book of all time, she would have no hesitation in saying it is *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie. This, the most famous of her books, involves Hercule Poirot seeking out a murderer after a passenger is found dead on the Orient Express.

Sheila was talking to Gillian Spriggs



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Programme ideas

Compiled by Sue Muxworthy, *Programme Adviser, Wales*, and Hilary Richardson, *Programme Adviser, Ulster*

As easy as ABC

Programme planning for your Trefoil Guild meetings for the rest of the year can be 'as easy as ABC' if you use some of the ideas suggested in our A-Z of Activities

Here is S-Z, the last in the series. As the summer comes to an end, these ideas might stimulate your autumn programme planning. Why not pull these and the other A-Z pages from previous magazines and keep them for future use? We hope you have found the ideas useful – why not send us photos of your guild trying some of them out to the address on p2?



Spices – cook a new dish



Satisfy your curiosity...

- Safety in the home and on the internet
- Salsa dancing
- Sangam – has a member of your guild been there?
- Sensory garden – visit one, or make one

- Show time – think of TV shows past and present – *Countdown*, *Call my Bluff*, *Just a Minute*, *Pointless* and *Eggheads*, and create activities around them
- Skipping games – teach Brownies
- Snorkelling
- Soda bread – try making some
- Somme Centre – if you are at Lorne, why not visit the centre? Or invite a speaker to talk about the Battle of the Somme in this anniversary year
- South Africa
- Spanish evening
- Stars (study the stars, or find out who is a star at...)
- Sweden
- Synchronised swimming



Toys – bring in a collection of old favourites

Try something new...

- Tapas
- Taps – learn it in another language
- Targets – set some for you, or your guild
- Tea dance, or vintage tea party
- Tearfund
- Theatre trip
- Theme evenings
- Thinking Day
- Thought for the day



Tropical punch



Used stamps



Tie-dyeing

- Tiddlywinks
- TOPAZ – find out how to get involved
- Trangia – find out how to use a Trangia stove and cook something on it
- Transport – how many different means of transport can you use within a given length of time?
- Trash to treasure
- Tunes – name that tune
- Twitter – find out how to use



USA

Understand the world around you...

- Underground stations quiz
- Underground – visit a colliery or mining museum, sewer, caves etc
- Uniforms past and present
- University – set up a recruitment stall at your local university, or college of further education
- Ulster-themed meeting

- USA cookies
- Used clothing – recycle to raise funds
- US versus UK English



Vet talk

Vary your meetings...

- Valuation – invite a local antiques dealer to value your treasures
- Vegan and vegetarian recipes
- Victorian evening
- Voice your opinion, or hold a balloon debate
- Volleyball
- Volunteer
- Voyage Award – now is an ideal opportunity for you to try something new



Vineyard visit



Water aerobics

Why not?

- Waddow – take part in one of the weekends on offer in this centre
- WAGGGS on the web
- Waltz – learn or teach
- Watch a film
- Water Aid project
- Water tasting – see if you can differentiate between different types of water, eg soda water, boiled water etc
- Wedding traditions
- What's this – bring in unusual objects and see who can guess what they are
- Who's who – create a who's who of your members' skills and talents
- Windsurfing
- Woodland Trust
- Wool dolls
- Words that we use from other languages
- World Wildlife Fund
- Worship – different places of worship
- WRVS



Weaving



Yogurt

You can do it!

- Yellow party
- Yogurt cake, or yogurt recipes

eXtra activities...

- X is the Roman numeral for ten – do something in groups of ten, try ten new things, go on a ten-mile hike
- eXplore your world – walk footpaths, or get involved with environmental issues



Yellowman

have you ever tried yellowman honeycomb? In Ulster, there is the Auld Lammas Fair in August in Ballycastle where dulse

and yellowman are sold. Find the recipe at www.niconnections.com/201608/how-to-make-yellowman-auld-lammas-fair-style

And finally Z – do it with zest and zeal!

- Zips – make a bag from zips
- Zoom in – use that zoom lens on your camera and take lots of photos of all your guild activities to send to *The Trefoil* magazine
- Zumba



Country & Region reports

A look at what's been happening across the Countries and Regions over the last 12 months

Anglia Region

2016 was full of activities in Anglia, which began with the Annual Review hosted in Witney by the Oxford Team. More than 200 members enjoyed a full range of activities in the morning, including the Wool and Blanket Trail around Witney town and a visit to the museum. Activities were followed by the speaker, Alan Brewer, who gave an amusing talk with anecdotes of his life as a BBC chef and aircraft steward, and interactions with celebrities such as Fanny Cradock and the Royal Family.

In June, members headed to Harrogate for the national Annual Meeting, with most staying on for a longer break, visiting the fabled Bettys Cafe Tea Rooms or Valley Gardens for the 1940s event. For many, the pleasure came from meeting old friends and making some new ones.

In September, Anglia took its annual holiday at Hautbois Activity Centre, with everyone having a right 'royal' week of fun. The royal theme played out across the year, as members celebrated Her Majesty The Queen's birthday with cream teas and picnics, talks and challenges. Members sent handmade cards to Her Majesty and were rewarded with acknowledgment letters from the Queen's Lady in Waiting at Buckingham Palace. Some members also attended the Queen's Official Birthday Parade and Patron's Lunch.

The range of activities undertaken by Anglia guilds was amazing and ranged



A visit to the Museum of London Docklands

from talks on things as varied as prisons, lip-reading, bushcraft and Victorian underwear! They also visited museums, rooftop gardens and hunting lodges, had cooking, crafting and singing sessions, made ice cream, went on walks, sailed narrowboats – the list goes on...

Many guilds' activities had a fundraising element, and their support of charities and Girlguiding across the Region was astounding with more than £12,000 raised for good causes.

The Voyage Award continues to capture members' imagination and 2016 saw 21 Bronze, 24 Silver and nine Gold Awards going to Anglia members.

The Region increased in membership in 2016 and now has 173 guilds with 3,000 members.

Jean Kelly
Anglia Region Chairman

London and South East Region

LaSER Trefoil Guild has had an eventful year fulfilling our four key messages:

Find Friendship – We held a successful holiday on the Isle of Wight where many members enjoyed a week at Warner's Norton Grange and met local Trefoil Guild members during our stay. In September, more than 500 members descended on Margate for our Annual Review, where they were enthralled as Lee Ault described and showed clothing and underwear that we would have worn during the 1920s and 1930s. Members of Kent East Trefoil Guild performed a display of the Trolley Dollies – an absolute triumph!

Get Active – Preparations for our 75th birthday are under way. The first legs of the Capital Ring challenge (a 75-mile walk around London) have taken place. This year sees our first LaSER Region camp, which we hope will be the first of many. We are proud that two of our members were part of the first TOPAZ expedition, and a further two are in the team for the second expedition taking place later this year.

Get Involved – Our members have been involved in actively helping Girlguiding – within the units, at Division, County and Region events such as LaSER's 'Discover Day' held at Royal Museum Greenwich and the Old Royal Naval College.

Give Support – Many charities have received support, both financially and with time spent volunteering. We are now focussing our efforts on supporting RDA, our 75th birthday charity.

We have been trying to improve communication between LaSER Trefoil Guild and our membership with notes from national and Region Executive



On the first leg of the Capital Ring challenge

meetings being distributed directly to members or via County and guild Chairmen, enabling everyone to be kept informed about news from Trefoil Guild at national and Region levels plus the events and opportunities that are available. We also have a LaSER Trefoil Guild Facebook group, which currently has a membership of more than 160.

LaSER Trefoil Guild was delighted to host the national Annual Meeting this year and welcome members from all Countries and Regions. Thank you to all who helped to make this event the success that it was.

Sarah Little

LaSER Chairman



Entertainment at the national Annual Meeting

Midlands Region

On 1 May 2016, Jo Dowling finished her term as an excellent Midlands Chairman, which meant a new team of officers; Brenda Ames remains as President, but Ann Ward became Secretary and Sarah Stanley is now Treasurer. Thank you to all the outgoing team for all they did for Midlands Trefoil Guilds.

This year, there have been more changes and thanks, as Cynthia Pigeon, Birmingham; Charlotte Cooke, Northamptonshire; Denise Healey, Staffordshire and Jill Bowen, Worcestershire, came to the end of their appointments. They have been replaced by Sheila Kimberley, Elaine Diack, Chris Blenkinsopp and Roberta Morris, respectively. Chris Smewin has been appointed to replace me in West Mercia and Yvonne Hurrell, from Herefordshire, has also resigned and has been replaced by Eleanor James. Muriel Rayner has become PR Adviser.

Many members attended the Annual Meeting in Harrogate, enjoying the talk from Gervase Phinn, visiting Harewood House or Fountains Abbey and having coffee in Bettys Cafe Tea Rooms.

Guilds have undertaken numerous community projects; many are doing the Midlands International Challenge and Trefoil Guild's Voyage Award. Muriel Rayner of Shropshire, our

Elected Council Member, took part in the first TOPAZ project to Russia. I am amazed at the number of special cards I have sent out to members who have celebrated 90th, 95th and 100th birthdays!

Staffordshire hosted a very successful International Day in October. Angela Gorman told us about the charity Life for African Mothers (LFAM) and Lesley Knighton entertained us by telling us about her experiences with British Guides in Foreign Countries (BGIFC). An impromptu collection and a donation raised several hundred pounds for LFAM, sufficient to finance the cost of getting the next shipment of medicines out to Africa.

As a result of our visit to Sangam earlier in the year, a raffle raised £4,200 to be used for that World Centre. Midlands Trefoil Guild members are generous and willing to help those less fortunate than themselves – thank you for your support.

For the future, we look forward to the special events for Trefoil Guild's 75th birthday in 2018 and to a visit to New Zealand/Australia at Easter in 2019.

Eirlais Tomkins

Midlands Region Chairman



Members enjoyed the Annual Meeting in Brighton

North East England Region

When I look back on 2016 the word that fills my thoughts is Harrogate, but there were other highlights too. North Yorkshire South hosted an excellent Region Annual Meeting at York University with a speaker who made us all examine our decisions. We ended the year with our Advent service at St Michael le Belfrey in York, with more than 600 members in attendance. The Venerable Christopher Hawthorn and Canon Sheila Bamber led the service and we appreciated their input. The fantastic collection was shared between the church for their outreach projects and Air Ambulance charities.

Back to Harrogate – our Region hosted the national Annual Meeting, attended by 2,000 members, the largest number ever. Maybe our wonderful speaker, Gervase Phinn, had something to do with that? The evening entertainment showcased the talent of our Region. The support from Trefoil Guild members in the Region was incredible. It has been a great pleasure for Marianne and I to visit so many Counties, meet members and enjoy different events.

We have a great team in North East England. I appreciate the support given to

us by Girlguiding and I am very grateful to all who sit on the Executive Committee. Our President Margaret's card challenge was successful and resulted in Jean Rippon's winning card selling out.

We decided to do something different in 2017, so in March, 117 members set sail for Belgium. We sailed from Hull and stayed for two nights in Ghent. We enjoyed a day in Brussels meeting up with Glen Aston, TGIFC Co-ordinator, and two of her members and having a meal together. The weather was fantastic and we were able to spend time in Bruges before the return crossing. We are being asked where we shall go next.

April 2017 saw our Region Annual Meeting in Ilkley, so well organised by West Yorkshire North. The speaker was Rachel Hesselwood who inspired us all with her experiences of Guiding Overseas Linked with Development (GOLD).

I conclude this report with a special thank you to those who take office in Counties and guilds. It is you who make Trefoil Guild the great organisation it is.

Jackie Dickinson

North East England Chairman



A trip to Belgium by 117 members earlier this year

North West England Region

It has been a very busy year. Our Annual Meeting at Southport was very well attended by members from across the Region. The speaker gave an interesting and humorous insight into her ministry.

In April, 52 members had a five-day leisure break at Foxlease. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the visit to Beaulieu and Lymington was an interesting and informative day out, with lovely gardens in which to sit and relax.

An outdoor event at Waddow gave 74 members lots of challenges, such as abseiling, archery, crate building and zip wiring to name a few. Again, the weather was very kind throughout the day and we sat outside in the sunshine to eat lunch. One member raised nearly £100 in a bucket collection as a result of completing three challenges at adventurous things she had not done before. Overall, with sponsorship from friends etc, she raised £1,350 for the charity Kidscan.

In November, a training day for the County Executive teams was held at the Corpus Christi School in Preston. It was very pleasing to see so many appointment holders or a representative present. Three national advisers and the national Treasurer from Trefoil Guild came to lead their specific role sessions. The feedback from the participants about the event was very positive.

Throughout the Region, the guilds have provided some wonderful activities and outings for their members that were varied, unusual, informative and fun. They have helped the different sections in guiding and raised money for projects and charities. Blankets have been knitted for hospices and care homes by members



Challenging events at Waddow

and many comfort bags for hospitals have been sewn and filled.

Members from Cumbria North had a very successful visit to Sangam and now want to go to Our Cabaña in Mexico, and 47 members had a holiday to Scarborough. Many guilds had days out, including trips along canals, to places of interest and to theatres. Many tea parties to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday were held by Counties and guilds.

Aileen Higgs

North West England Chairman



A successful visit to Sangam

Scotland

2016 has been another busy year for our 1,900 members. Speakers and demonstrators have inspired and interested members on many diverse subjects including gardening; dolls' houses; beating doorstep crime; stained glass; Roman Musselburgh, where the speaker dressed in Roman costume; Rosslyn Chapel Trust; superstitions and traditions of the fishing community 'Up The Creek'; floral arrangements; food banks; the Great Tapestry of Scotland; Teapot Trust, which works with chronically ill children; a mill owner talking about the lace industry, and Jane Haining, who was honoured for giving her life to help Jews in the Holocaust.

Many guilds supported Queen's Guides from 259th Glasgow in their Step In My Shoes Campaign, helping to gather more than 6,000 pairs of shoes and socks for refugees.

Our members have shared in travellers' tales from New Zealand, Malawi, St Kilda, India, Mexico, the Sinai Desert and Cambodia. Even if we cannot travel to all these exotic places, we can certainly sit back and enjoy the tales from those who have.

Food is an integral part of what we do. There have been joint lunches, international food tastings, Christmas lunches and celebrations of milestone birthdays.

Members have

continued to participate in Dark Horse and Voyage Awards, which are growing in popularity, and we have several new guilds.

We were delighted that Elizabeth Higton was selected to take part in the first TOPAZ trip to Russia, and many members helped with fundraising for this. Susan Hogg from Gordon and Helen Johnson, a Lone member, are both now preparing to take part in the trip in 2017.

Two residential events were held at Netherurd, based on the Scottish Senior Section Spectacular Tea Party Challenge. As well as dressing up in their finery and being served tea in china by members of the committee and having a most interesting tea-tasting session, some ladies took the opportunity to try their hand at zorbing.

Others, meanwhile, were lucky enough to meet HRH The Earl of Wessex, who was at Netherurd on a youth event to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

We are looking forward to our 75th birthday celebrations in 2018.

Eileen Martin

Scotland Chairman



HRH The Earl of Wessex chats to members at Netherurd



Fun and friendship in Torquay

South West England Region

It is challenging to know where to start when I read of all the activities undertaken by guilds and small groups of members. Some amazing challenges have been undertaken when completing parts of the Voyage Award, including swimming the length of the English Channel in a local swimming pool and walking around the complete edge of Jersey. The Voyage Award has proved very popular, with many members now achieving their Gold Award. Well done to everyone taking part.

Three members travelled with five other volunteers to Russia for three weeks to work with the Russian Association of Girl Scouts. They had a very interesting time. In 2017, two more members are going to Russia to progress the work previously offered there for the Girl Scouts. One member was selected to attend the Trefoil Guild gathering in Canada, and five members attended the Trefoil Gathering in Australia – what wonderful experiences.

In 2016, we held our South West Region Annual Meeting and Review in The Anvil, a theatre in Basingstoke, and around 500 members attended. In 2017, the event was held at the Riviera International Conference Centre, Torquay, and again we

had an attendance of approximately 500. These events are occasions to exchange news, but they also enable members to enjoy weekend holidays together.

Some members have been honoured for their services to the community. Sue Kitchener from Berkshire was awarded the MBE; Angela Thomas, Cornwall, and Ann Malling, Somerset, received the BEM; Anneliese Barrell, Devon, received Royal Maundy Money; and Sheila Rogers, Cornwall, Pat Lloyd, Hampshire North, and Judy Paginton, Wiltshire North, all received the Trefoil Guild brooch.

It is amazing how many activities involve food in some way or another! 2016 was no exception, with many parties taking place to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday. Volunteers have made scones or cupcakes by the hundred, so well done.

Guilds have enjoyed fun and friendship in walking groups; tasting wine, cider and tea; pottery; painting; cycling towpaths; visiting Monet's garden; boules contests; pioneering; working with bee keepers; Scrabble groups and so much more.

Val Sewell

South West Region Chairman



Outdoor activities with Guides



Adventure on a trip to India

Ulster

Perhaps the biggest adventure for some of our members was the trip to India at Easter 2016, organised by Lorna Dane. It was a wonderful experience and yet a sobering reminder of the poverty suffered by many in our world.

India was the theme of our Fun and Friendship overnight in November; it included a visit to the cinema to watch *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* to experience something of India's culture.

The Voyage Award has proved popular, and Roberta Long was the first member in Ulster to receive her Gold Award.

Guilds and individual members continue to find friendship, get active, get involved and give support; they have joined with Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units for fun evenings, and supported Guides going on international trips with fundraising events.

Talks given to the different guilds have included digital film archives, security in the home, the Consumer Council on scams, hidden sugar in food and Raymond King on his trip to Antarctica.

Guilds continued to support many different charities, having knitted 'feelie' mufflers for people who are suffering from dementia; raised money for a new kitchen at Sangam; sponsored children in Africa; made baby blankets for Educate the

Orphans in Kenya and made a donation to the Friends of Londiani. Fermanagh Guild took the opportunity of participating in a Christmas Tree Festival to promote Trefoil Guild, and Lisburn Trefoil Guild received the freedom of the city.

Our newest guild has been active, with some members making their Promise at the top of Slieve Donard; four completed the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Diamond Challenge and members climbed the Ulster three peaks. Other guilds have been tenpin bowling, line dancing, taken part in armchair aerobics or the Derry Dander. Members of Mid Londonderry Trefoil Guild are looking forward to using the new zip wire at Lorne – one way of getting active!

Many guilds celebrated special anniversaries this year, including Londonderry City, which celebrated 25 years and eight founder members were presented with Thanks and Recognition brooches.

We were delighted when our outgoing chairman, Mrs Margaret Crawford, was presented with a Trefoil Guild brooch for her leadership, dedication and commitment to Trefoil Guild and we wish her well in her new role as President of Girlguiding Ulster.

Hilary Richardson
Ulster Chairman



Celebrating a special anniversary

Wales

Members of Trefoil Guild Wales/Cymru started the year at a cracking pace. There were visits to properties owned by Girlguiding Counties, and many others all over Wales. Members have visited Llangollen, been tenpin bowling, had a holiday on a canal boat and visited an ironworks. There were plans to visit a twinned guild in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland. Some went to 'Movers and Shakers' at Waddow while others spent time on the Falkirk to Edinburgh canal.

There were talks on church bells, being an evacuee in World War II, Air Ambulance service, from Trading Standards, from Lord Ted Rowlands, Macmillan, on flood awareness, from a prison chaplain and on historical costumes. Talks on the Falklands and Antarctica also took place.

Several hundred pounds was raised this year for Friends of Broneirion. A successful County garden party raised a lot of money with the added bonus that more members could take part. A group spent a happy time beach cleaning while the more adventurous went caving – and the packing of boxes for Operation Christmas Child is always a happy event for us.

A lively day in one County took place when they held a Dabble Day. Great fun –

if a bit messy at times! Others have been training for the 2017/18 coastal walk with a stroll along their shore, and another guild attempted to learn the art of curling.

Thinking Day was celebrated and members joined with 600 Indian Scouts and Guides for a WAGGGS celebration. Still with an international theme, last year was the 50th anniversary of Sangam, our World Centre in India, and a couple of members produced a book outlining its history. Our International Adviser decided to give us all a challenge to 'Connect'.

Some guilds have had meetings with members from Dunfermline, Gloucester and other areas, which only emphasises the friendships we have in so many different parts of the UK and also the world. Judith Walters received an MBE and Shirley Jones was awarded Citizen of the Year.

We are lucky in Wales as the UK Trefoil Internet Guild is increasing, and the number of specialised guilds of students is on the rise. These and our current members are very important to our continuing success

Vivienne Grant
Wales/Cymru Chairman



An exhibition of Girlguiding Wales



Festive fun for Trefoil Guild members

Trefoil Guilds In Foreign Countries and Branch Associations

TGIFC might have the fewest members in Trefoil Guild, but we cover the largest area, from the South Atlantic to the Mediterranean and to Northern Europe as well as independent members in Australia, Portugal, America, the UAE, Bahrain and Austria. We communicate by email and follow all Trefoil Guild activities, often joining guilds on our visits to the UK. We have had many visitors from the UK, including 119 members from North East England to Brussels.

Benelux and France Trefoil Guild meet once a year, and this year had a varied programme with quizzes, crafts, jewellery making and a visit round the local area.

Pinoso Trefoil Guild in Spain made bags for Brownies and Rainbows based a couple of hours away. A very busy guild, they embroidered and sewed a beautiful banner that is now in the local church.

Members of Gibraltar Trefoil Guild have been busy with the Voyage Award – one of their members attained her Gold Award, so well done Moira. Guilds in Germany,



TGIFC lay out their stall at the Annual Meeting

Cyprus, Bermuda and St Helena continue to be busy, although the latter has been experiencing problems with its only mailboat, which makes things a bit tricky!

I visited Malta and met up with some members of the guild. They are all very involved with the Malta Girl Guides, working together with the Leaders to help the girls.

In June 2017, we managed to get a group of 15 members of TGIFC together in Brighton, where we had lots of fun.

Glen Aston

Co-ordinator for TGIFC



Benelux and France Trefoil Guild get crafty



Malta Trefoil Guild work closely with Guides

Financial report

for the year to 31 December 2016

Overview

The financial year ended on a positive note with our restricted and unrestricted funds showing an increase of c£3.6k and c£40.6k respectively over the last year-end result. The increase in unrestricted funds is mainly due to a legacy of c£35k and once again to the positive take-up of the Voyage Award, the introduction of TOPAZ and the sale of neckerchiefs. Additional comments are below.

Income

Subscription income fell again in 2016, but by a smaller amount (£404) against the 2015 figure of (£4,207). The lower return on investments is explained below.

Expenditure

As in previous years, our main items of expenditure remain employment costs, the magazine and the annual meeting. We have been able to offer more grants in 2016 at £30,066 (2015: £24,320).

Designated and restricted funds

The income in these categories is from donations, investments and bank interest and, with the exception of Talking Trefoil, expenditure relates to payment of grants.

Investments

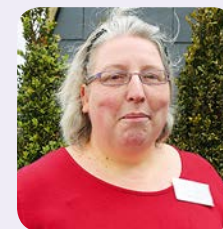
Investment income has dropped and there was an adjustment to the way we record investment income (the accounts reflect three of four payments due in year). The general drop in income reflects current market trends and a more prudent and safe approach to our investing policy. We

have moved all investments into the low risk category having previously held part in low/medium risk investments. The capital growth and investment income in year are greater than the fees charged for managing our investments.

Conclusion

The surplus over last year of £44,287 has been added to the reserves, resulting in a total of £666,371 – £498,675 relates to unrestricted funds that are used to run Trefoil Guild and £167,696 to restricted funds.

Kim Clegg, Treasurer



Trustees' statement

The enclosed figures are a summary of information from the Annual Report of Trefoil Guild. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of our financial affairs. For further information, the full annual accounts (which have been subject to an independent examination) and the Annual Report of the Trustees of Trefoil Guild should be consulted. Copies can be obtained from Trefoil Guild, Girlguiding, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

Pat Downer, for and on behalf of the Trustees



Financial Statement

For The Year Ended 31 December 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2016 Total Funds	2015 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies					
Donations	393	89	-	482	2,593
Legacies	34,982	-	-	34,982	-
LINK	-	-	-	-	6,162
Investments					
Bank Interest	496	64	83	643	682
Investment Income	4,681	167	2,583	7,431	13,609
Charitable activities					
Membership subscriptions	211,153	-	-	211,153	211,557
Members' activities and services provided	61,587	-	559	62,146	21,606
Members' Gathering	3,663	-	-	3,663	40,888
Total	316,955	320	3,225	320,500	297,097
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds					
Investment Managers' fees	2,794	100	1,292	4,186	4,170
Charitable activities					
Grants payable	23,764	1,883	4,419	30,066	24,320
Members' Gathering	-	-	-	-	40,888
Members' activities and services	266,322	-	858	267,180	206,132
Subscriptions	800	-	-	800	800
Total	293,680	1,983	6,569	302,232	276,310
Net Gains/(losses) investments	18,361	656	7,002	26,019	4,656
Net income/(expenditure)	41,636	(1,007)	3,658	44,287	25,443
Gross Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	41,636	(1,007)	3,658	44,287	25,443
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward	423,921	34,125	164,038	622,084	596,641
Total funds carried forward	465,557	33,118	167,696	666,371	622,084

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the statement of financial activities. All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

Balance sheet

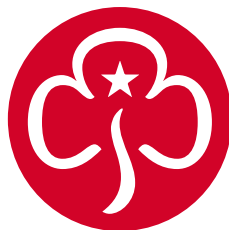
For The Year Ended 31 December 2016

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	-			
Investments	457,715		431,696	
		457,715		431,696
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock	14,737		2,527	
Debtors	19,573		12,261	
Cash at bank and in hand	214,162		200,265	
Total current assets	248,472		215,053	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(39,816)		(24,665)	
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)		208,656		190,388
Net assets/(liabilities)		666,371		622,084
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY				
Restricted funds		167,696		164,038
Unrestricted funds		498,675		458,046
Total Charity funds		666,371		622,084

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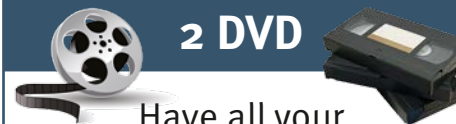
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and tasty fare

Throughout December: Christmas meals starting from £21 per person; Christmas afternoon tea £9.99 per person

16 December: Countdown to Christmas - Festive crafts, activities and wintery trails



Activity Centres

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www.girlguiding.org.uk/activitycentres

Blackland Farm



- In the glorious Sussex countryside.
- Range of activities from bouldering to canoeing.
- Self-catering and camping.

01342 810 493

www.blacklandfarm.org.uk

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Foxlease



- In the heart of the New Forest.
- Range of on-site activities from archery to zip wire.
- En-suite, self-catering and camping.
- Organised leisure breaks.

02380 282 638

www.foxlease.org.uk

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Waddow Hall



- In the beautiful Ribble Valley.
- On-site activities from climbing to curling.
- En-suite, self-catering and camping.
- Organised leisure breaks.

01200 423 186

www.waddow.org.uk

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