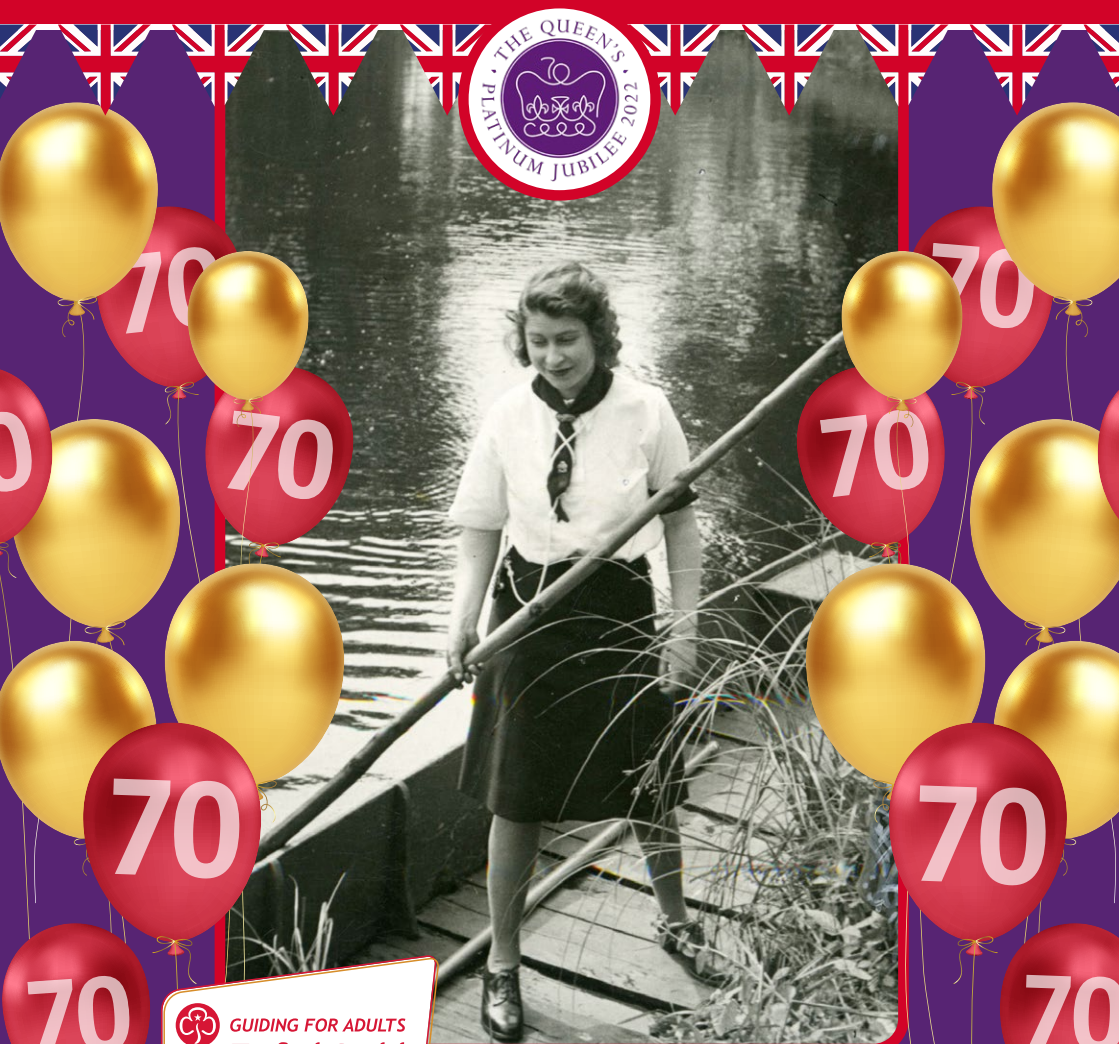


# The Trefoil

[www.trefoilguild.co.uk](http://www.trefoilguild.co.uk) | June 2022 | Issue No 265



GUIDING FOR ADULTS  
**Trefoil Guild**

**Trefoil members offer our sincere congratulations  
and thanks to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II,  
on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee!**

# In this issue

## Regular features

- 03 Welcome
- 06 Noticeboard
- 20 Programme suggestions
- 22 Raising funds for the Air Ambulance Service
- 26 Eastern promise
- 39 The last laugh
- 40 Classified

## Features

- 04 A novel experience
- 14 Keeping Trefoil lively, fresh and relevant to our members
- 28 My first experience of the Trefoil National Gathering

- 32 Aberdeen Trefoil members Zoom with a difference
- 34 Crafting an introduction
- 36 Trefoil key messages photo challenge part 2
- 37 Coronation reminiscences
- 38 General knowledge quiz

## Girlguiding

- 16 Girlguiding news

## Your pages

- 08 Snapshots
- 18 Achievements
- 24 Meet a guild – Loddington Trefoil Guild
- 30 Letters

**Cover images and wrap:** With thanks to The Guide Association©

**The official journal of the Trefoil Guild**

Published each March, June, September and December

**National President** Liz Burnley

**National Chair** Eileen Martin

**Editorial Board** Judy Ellis (Editor), Jane Smart (Deputy Editor), Tasha Best, Eileen Martin, Sheran Oke, Sheila Leete, Frances Parrett, Margaret Froome, Jean Kelly, Fatima Carvalho

*The Trefoil* is issued subject to the following conditions, namely that it shall not be lent, resold, hired out or otherwise disposed of in mutilated cover or in any unauthorised cover by way of trade or affixed to or as part of any publication or advertising, literary or pictorial matter whatsoever.

The Trefoil Guild takes no responsibility for statements made in any advertisements or from any matter arising whatsoever. Readers should be aware that *The Trefoil* is not in a position to investigate goods or services advertised in inserts included in the magazine, and the inclusion of the inserts is not to be taken as an indication that the goods or services concerned have been investigated or approved.

Responsibility for the failure of any advertiser to fulfil his or her obligations to customers gained from an advertisement or insert in *The Trefoil* cannot, and will not, be accepted by the Trefoil Guild or *The Trefoil*.

### The Trefoil Guild

17-19 Buckingham Palace Road  
London SW1W 0PT

**Tel:** 020 7834 6242 EXT 3010

**Email:**  
trefoilguild@girlguiding.org.uk

**Website:** [www.trefoilguild.co.uk](http://www.trefoilguild.co.uk)

© The Trefoil Guild 2022.  
Registered charity number  
1075232.



If you would like to advertise in *The Trefoil*, please write to Trefoil Guild, Advertisements, at the postal or email addresses above

### Design and Production

**Newhall**  
[newhallpublishing.com](http://newhallpublishing.com)

Newhall Publishing Ltd, New Hall Lane,  
Hoylake, Wirral CH47 4BQ

**Tel:** 0844 545 8102

**Email:** [hello@newhallpublishing.com](mailto:hello@newhallpublishing.com)

**Senior Managing Editor** Fergus McShane

**Managing Editor** Gill Hook

**Senior Designer** Owen Moran

**Picture Editor** Tracey Pocock

**Managing Director** Richard Woolliams

**Print** Swallowtail Print Ltd



Become a fan  
[facebook.com/  
TrefoilGuildUK](https://www.facebook.com/TrefoilGuildUK)



Follow @TrefoilGuild  
on Twitter

Please send all items for inclusion in *The Trefoil* direct to Trefoil Guild, Editorial Board at the address above. We regret we cannot guarantee publication of all items sent in. **SEPTEMBER 2022 EDITION COPY DATE: 28 JUNE 2022**



# Hello everyone



some of the innovative ways our members find to enjoy being part of our wonderful organisation. Through our recruitment campaign, we have a great opportunity to let everyone know how they can be part of Trefoil, but in a way that works for them.

As President, I have seen at first hand just how hard our trustees work to support Trefoil. Thank you to all of them, on behalf of all of our members, and in particular to Eileen, our National Chair, who has worked so hard over challenging times to take us forward.

I'm really delighted to welcome Della Salway as our new President. Della has a vast experience of all forms of guiding, and chairs an innovative guild herself – she will tell you more about that herself on page 15. Della and I have shared many guiding adventures and I know that she will be a real asset to Trefoil.

Guiding makes a difference to the lives of young people. Through Trefoil we are all able to make a difference too, by supporting guiding but also by making a difference to our own lives and those around us in our communities. Trefoil brings us together through fun, friendship and connection with the movement we all love so much. And that really matters to us all. Happy 'trefoiling'!

*Liz*

**Liz Burnley**

Trefoil is all about guiding for adults. It is for friendship, fun, opportunities and new challenges. It might be about adventure or travel, and it is certainly about supporting guiding and our communities. So why don't more people know about us? Our recruitment campaign this year is a real chance to spread our message wider and encourage new members to find out all about us and become a part of something we all know to be very special indeed. Please do all you can to help us share our message and extend a warm welcome.

I have been very honoured to serve Trefoil as President. It has been particularly special to see for myself



# A novel experience

During the last two years, many members have used their time at home to fulfil long-held ambitions, including **Avril Duncan**, who tells us here how she came to write her book *Diverted Traffic*

I was born and grew up in Perth, Scotland, and after a short period away, have been back home for 30 years. Since then I've worked in management for charities including WRVS, NHS/Macmillan Cancer Support and Crossroads Caring for Carers. I'm now retired and my leisure time is spent as a member of Trefoil, and of Soroptimist International. I'm also a trustee of The Free to Live Trust and the Annie Unwin Trust. I regularly visit India, write poems and books and look after my granddaughters.

After having been a Brownie Leader for around 35 years, I retired and helped to re-start Perth Trefoil Guild, which was in abeyance. I stay connected to Girlguiding by being a county Vice President. Our guild is lively and great fun, meeting monthly throughout the whole year, doing activities our members love – challenges, fun outings, fundraising, crafts, quizzes, campfires, doing activities with Guides and much more. I think I love the



challenges best, having recently completed the STARS challenge.

I developed a love of writing at school, winning a poetry competition in 3rd Year at secondary school. I've had a few things published in local magazines and one of my poems published online. Most

of my poetry has a comedy element, or a very serious

side – nothing in the middle! I attended a creative writing course at Perth College and joined a writers' group. Both gave me great encouragement when writing my book.

I had a lifelong ambition to write a novel.

I started this one about seven years ago but abandoned it. When I turned 70, it became item number one on my bucket list, so I re-wrote it and was lucky enough to find a publisher. The subject was easy to choose – when staying at Sangam World Centre in India in 2014, we saw first hand the horrors of human trafficking of children in India. *Diverted Traffic* is about a child who is



**“The subject was easy to choose – when staying at Sangam World Centre in India in 2014, we saw first hand the horrors of human trafficking of children in India”**

trafficked from her village in India to work in the sex industry in Amsterdam. My heroine, Ellie, attempts to rescue the child and so begins a race against time to get her to safety.

So far the book has been selling well. Friends and family, and lots of strangers too, have given me some lovely feedback. I've been asked to do lots of talks and presentations about it. This gives me the chance to sell copies of the book and donate the money to my charity, The Free to Live Trust ([freetolivetrust.org](http://freetolivetrust.org)). Our charity built two children's homes in India, and continues to support the ongoing running costs. These look after children who have been rescued from the horrors of trafficking, after being brought out of the red light area of Pune. One nice change in my life is being introduced to people as a published

author – this never fails to delight me. I waited such a long time to become one!

I've got tentative plans to get a book of my poems published and I'm also about halfway through my second novel at the moment. My publisher would like to get it on the market by the summer of this year, so I'd better get my skates on! If my second book is as successful as my first one, then I might even get around to writing a third, although the third one would be a completely different type of book – I quite fancy trying my hand at a romance!

Diverted Traffic by  
Avril Duncan





# Noticeboard

Bulletins and information for all our members

## Tell us your story

Have you got a bee in your bonnet – or an anecdote in your head? Have you a moving or amusing story to tell? Do you feel strongly about something? Do you draw cartoons, tell jokes, write quizzes or songs? If so, please let us know.

*The Trefoil* magazine is written by and for its readers and the editors welcome contributions from Trefoil members (see submissions information below). The longest piece must be no more than 650 words. See page 2 for details of where to send your contributions.

## Beverley Tremayne

In our March issue we announced that Beverley Tremayne had been awarded the Order of the British Empire medal. Beverley has asked us to correct that information and explain she was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to Girlguiding and Trefoil particularly during Covid 19. We are sincerely sorry for the mistake and apologise to Beverley for any embarrassment this may have caused her.

## Commonwealth challenge

Earlier this year, Tonga suffered a devastating volcanic eruption and tsunami. Now the Scout and Guide Fellowship UK, together with Commonwealth members of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship, have created the Commonwealth Together Challenge to raise funds for Tongan Scouts and Guides, which includes a chance to explore the Commonwealth during this summer's Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

*Find out more at [sagf.org.uk/are-you-ready-for-a-challenge](https://sagf.org.uk/are-you-ready-for-a-challenge). Buy badges from [challengebadges@sagf.org.uk](mailto:challengebadges@sagf.org.uk) £2.50; P&P single badges to UK addresses, £1. P&P for bulk or overseas orders on request.*



## Celebrate your new members

Come and tell us about your new members at the Annual Meeting in Llandudno. The PRA's table will have a very twinkly tree that we would like you to decorate with silhouettes on which you can write on how many new members your guild has found.



## Submissions to the magazine and website

We welcome all submitted items using the appropriate pro forma, which can be downloaded from the website. Please state whether you're happy for them to be considered for the website if there is too little space in the magazine. Submissions date for the September issue is 28 June 2022.



# Achieving the impossible

Meet adventurer, author and President of Girlguiding Cymru, **Tori James**, who will be our inspirational speaker at the Annual Meeting in Llandudno

Tori describes herself as a professional adventurer, author and keynote speaker. She is the first Welsh woman to climb Mount Everest and she was a member of the first all-female team to ski to the Magnetic North Pole in a 360-mile polar challenge. Tori also holds the record for the longest open sea kayak in UK waters, which she set with the Beeline Britain team. And that's to name just some of her many adventures and voyages!

Over the last 20 years, working in collaboration with high profile sponsors, Tori has undertaken some of the world's

most extreme endurance challenges, setting many records and achieving what most people would consider impossible.

From surviving the death zone on Mount Everest to racing across frozen sea ice in the Arctic, she is not one for a quiet life.

Currently, however, Tori lives in Wales and combines her outdoor adventuring, speaking career and training work with being a mum. Not to mention the fact that

Tori is also President of Girlguiding Cymru, so has lots of experience with an organisation many of us know well and support through being Trefoil members.







# Your snapshots

We take a look at what guilds have been up to



## Mayoral meet

The Hon Mayor of Gibraltar, Christian Santos, invited members of Girlguiding Gibraltar and Gibraltar Trefoil Guild to a reception at The City Hall to recognise the voluntary work carried out locally by both groups.  
**Moirá Dalmedo, Gibraltar Trefoil Guild**

## Happy 'Twosday'

Members of the South East Herts Trefoil Guild and guest enjoyed a meal at their local Italian restaurant to celebrate 22.02.2022 – yes, our World Thinking Day, or Happy Twosday! Gifts were presented to our past Chair and we welcomed two newly registered members. Our new Chair led us in renewing our Promise followed by the cutting of a special cake made by one of our members to mark the occasion.

**Sandra Robson, South East Herts Trefoil Guild**



## Heritage trail

As part of the Stars Challenge, members of Leeds South West Trefoil Guild had a trip to Saltaire Village in West Yorkshire. Built over 150 years ago by Titus Salt, it is one of the best preserved villages in the world. We followed a heritage trail, viewing the beautiful buildings and learning about Titus Salt. After lunch at the Boathouse Inn by the River Aire, we had a narrowboat trip along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal and a visit to Salts Mill.

**Anne Schofield, Leeds South West Trefoil Guild**



## A close call!

The grass sledges were out on a Northants County weekend to Waddow and a few members had a go. Brenda wanted to have her photo taken in one, without going down the hill, but Steve the coach driver had other ideas!

**Jane Causebrook, Danetre Trefoil Guild**



## Recruitment drive

Members of Kington Trefoil Guild along with our new 'friend' Aggie dressed a local shop window with information promoting Trefoil Guild countywide. We dressed Aggie in a Trefoil jumper and scarf and invited her to join us as a new recruit. She was very well behaved and very happy with all the attention she received. We then took her to our local coffee shop, Border Bean, for refreshments.

**Nancy Wheatland, Kington Trefoil Guild**





### Double celebration

To mark the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Iveagh Trefoil Guild, and to rise to Prince Charles's challenge of planting a tree for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, guild members planted a field maple in Solitude Park, Banbridge, Co Down. One member made her Promise after the planting ceremony and the ladies needed their Trefoil scarves as the weather was very inclement!

**Jeanette Thompson, Iveagh Trefoil Guild**



### Beach clean

For Thinking Day, Girlguiding Ayrshire North had a beach clean on Irvine Beach and five members of Kilwinning Trefoil took part. We started in drizzle and finished an hour later in sunshine. It was good to see all the girls running around and having fun.

**Liz Howie, Kilwinning Trefoil Guild**

### Digging in

Gribbin Trefoil Guild had a tree-mendous end to 2021! They took part in the Tywardreath Christmas Tree Festival, promoting and publicising Trefoil in the local area. They have also planted a flowering cherry and a Victoria plum tree in St Blazey Park to commemorate the Queen's 70th Jubilee.

**Lynne Gouldsmith, Cornwall PR Adviser**



### Afternoon 'cruise'

HMS Trefoil set sail with members of Airedale Trefoil Guild on board for an afternoon 'cruise' for World Thinking Day. The ship visited various countries and passengers went ashore to participate in cultural delights with passports stamped. Back on board, members took part in quizzes, wordsearches and deck quoits; made Swedish baskets, tied knots in spaghetti and tasted Belgian chocolate, all topped off with afternoon tea on the viewing deck.

**Muriel Baines, Airedale Trefoil Guild**



### Chilly Promise

Val Vowles of Arfon Trefoil Guild made her Promise on Llandudno Pier earlier this year in extremely cold weather!

**Wendy Moore, Llandudno and District Trefoil Guild**





## Rambling Trefoil

Members from guilds across Renfrewshire in Scotland had a good spring Trefoil Ramble in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh. There were ten of us, which was a good number as the path on the way up was very busy. We stopped for a picnic at Dunsapie Loch.

**Liz Howie, Kilwinning Trefoil Guild**

## Beret good show

There was a French theme to World Thinking Day for members of Kidderminster Trefoil, who dressed for the occasion. There was a warm welcome, a prayer and Taps, all in French with English translation. We also had Quingo with French questions, a quiz related to France and there were French fancies and brioche – we even welcomed three potential new members.

**Gillian Johnson, Kidderminster Trefoil Guild**



## Indoor campfire

Local leader, Helen Robinson, brought her guitar and led Hull North Trefoil Guild singing campfire songs from around the world.

**Jean Fenwick, Hull North Trefoil Guild**



## Ukulele tunes

While tea and cake were served during the County Christmas Celebration at Reigate Park Church in Surrey, the County Ukulele Band played *Jingle Bells*, *Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer* and *We wish you a Merry Christmas*.

**Jenny Powell, Ewell Trefoil Guild**



## Hospital help

An appeal was made by Burnley Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for donations to replenish stocks of bonding squares, hats, cardigans and comfort bags for parents. Ladies from Trefoil groups across the Fylde Coast set about knitting and sewing. The result was three boxes of items that I took to Burnley NICU.

**Anne Rumley, Blackpool Trefoil Guild**

Please email your photographs to [thetrefoilmagazine@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:thetrefoilmagazine@girlguiding.org.uk). All photographs of members throughout this issue were taken in accordance with Covid-19 guidance.



# Keeping Trefoil lively, fresh and relevant to our members

As Liz prepares to hand over the reins as National President, National Chair **Eileen Martin** pays tribute to her solid leadership during challenging times

I know you will all want to join me in thanking Liz Burnley, our outgoing National President, for her amazing leadership and support to Trefoil Guild.

Liz became our President in 2015 and will have fulfilled the role for seven years, having agreed to an extension due to Covid. Throughout her time in the role Liz has provided support and wisdom to the then Executive Committee and Council and helped move us forward to a Board of Trustees, the Council having been disbanded in 2017.

She has been a wise counsel to the Board of Trustees and an invaluable listening ear to me personally as National Chair, as I know she was for my predecessor, Pat Downer.

I am sure you will have read her uplifting articles as a regular contributor to the

welcome page of Trefoil. You may also have spotted her in action photos in

her role as Chair of Skye and Lochalsh Guild. Liz never

misses an opportunity to spread the word about Trefoil Guild and our links with Girlguiding and the wider community.

In 2018, Liz led the celebrations for our 75th at the Annual Meeting in Birmingham. On Saturday 19 June 2021, she chaired the first Virtual Annual Meeting,

enjoyed by so many members. A new venture but an excellent job.

We look forward to thanking Liz personally at the Annual Meeting in Llandudno this year as she pursues her many other interests, including her love of walking and travel.

With our thanks and very best wishes, Liz, as you take on new challenges.



Meet **Della Salway**, who says she has “extremely big shoes to fill” as she prepares to take over from Liz

Hello everyone! I am honoured, delighted and more than a little nervous, to become National President of Trefoil Guild for the next five years. Liz has left me with some extremely big shoes to fill, but I will do my best to support and offer constructive challenges to Eileen and the Trustees, as they work to help Trefoil recover from Covid, grow our membership, and ensure what we offer keeps Trefoil lively, fresh and relevant to our members.

I've been a Girlguiding member since I was a Guide, and became a leader of a Brownie unit in Exeter when I was 18. A job move meant a switch to Rangers, and it's this section that I have worked with for most of the time since then, as well as time with the Guide section. I'm currently a district supporting leader and trainer in Portishead, North Somerset.

I was fortunate to start working at the UK level as a British Youth Council delegate, and was soon introduced to my first love, international guiding, through attending

a European conference. Since then, guiding has taken me around the world, and introduced me to many inspirational women and girls. As well as five years as international commissioner, I was fortunate to be elected to the World Board of WAGGGS, where I served as the treasurer. I've just ended my time as a trustee for Girlguiding, where I chaired the Audit and Risk Committee. I hope that the skills I've built during this period will benefit Trefoil Guild.

In 2018, I was asked to help at Trefoil's Annual Meeting in Birmingham with a group of friends from the UK. Following this, we decided to form the PIP Trefoil Guild, and we aim to meet up annually, with a camp being planned for this year.

I am really looking forward to meeting members at this year's Annual Meeting and other Trefoil events while I hold this role, and hearing what you like about Trefoil Guild, and what we could improve. Until then!





# How we're celebrating The Queen's Jubilee

From badges to beacons to trees, everyone can contribute to this special occasion

This year marks The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 70 years since she took the throne and became Girlguiding's patron. Her Majesty's involvement with Girlguiding dates back to 1937, when at the age of 11 she became a Guide, and the 1st Buckingham Palace Guide Company was created for her and her younger sister Princess Margaret.

To celebrate The Queen's remarkable 70-year reign, and her 85-year-strong relationship with Girlguiding, we will be joining in with the celebrations across the country and with other organisations.

## We've partnered with the Scouts

To mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee year, we've partnered with the Scouts to create a special commemorative woven badge.

This isn't the first badge we have created in collaboration with them, as we also came together to celebrate The Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 and Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

This year, we've created the perfect badge for this special time, to show how grateful we are for The Queen's encouragement over the years. It's also a statement about the solidarity

between our two great movements, and our spirit of togetherness.

The collaborative badge is woven and features the official Queen's Platinum Jubilee emblem alongside the Girlguiding trefoil and the Scouts fleur de lis.

"There's lots of symbolism within the badge", explains David, Girlguiding's design lead. "We've got dots radiating around from the central logo to represent the Scouts' and Girlguiding's close relationship with The Queen. And there are 70 dots to represent the 70 years, plus the badge has seven sides to represent seven decades of The Queen's rule.

"I had the idea of weaving the two colours of the Scouts and Girlguiding together to represent our close working relationship. The two colours pop off each other to give a shimmering effect too. I also made the conscious decision to have the official Jubilee logo in the centre because it's central to the whole celebration."

## Beautiful keepsakes for our members

David also created our second Platinum Jubilee badge, a metal pin just for members of Girlguiding. "It's a



circular badge to represent the ongoing relationship we have with The Queen," he says. "The seven jewels around the outside represent the seven decades of her reign. Each of the jewels has four sides, symbolic of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. Then we have purple for royalty, plus the colours of our four sections. You get a lot of storytelling in a tiny little space!" We have also created a fun badge to help girls celebrate the Jubilee activities and events they take part in.

2022 will bring lots of opportunities to celebrate and mark this historic moment. These badges are lovely keepsakes, to remind you of a special occasion spent with the rest of your guiding family. All three badges are available to buy on our online shop now.

## Activities for all to get involved

We've created activities for each section to help girls celebrate in their units or at home. These include edible fires for Rainbows, an interactive Crown challenge for Brownies, campfire making skills for

Guides and building obstacle courses for Rangers amongst many others. You can find them, on our website at [girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/events-and-opportunities/event-and-opportunity-finder/the-queens-platinum-jubilee/](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/events-and-opportunities/event-and-opportunity-finder/the-queens-platinum-jubilee/)

## Beacon lighting ceremony

Girlguiding was also asked to take part in a special beacon lighting ceremony as part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Over 70 beacons were lit by Girlguiding members across the UK and beyond to mark each year The Queen has been on the throne.

## The Queen's Green Canopy

We'll also be taking part in the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. We know the environment is something our young members, and volunteers, care deeply about. We'll be planting a new group of trees at each one of our outdoor activity centres. Tree planting will resume in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year, find out more about how to get involved!



# Achievements



## Women supporting women

Lichfield Trefoil Guild presented £50 to the Pathway Project, which runs a local refuge for those who suffer domestic abuse, to mark the 50 years since the guild was formed. The cheque was presented to Wendy Dee, Pathway Head of Operations, by Rita Thompson, guild chair, and Pauline Cox, guild secretary. They plan to keep links with the project by finding ways in which they can support the work.

## Speedy fundraising

Gibraltar Trefoil Guild has donated £365 to the WAGGGS appeal fund for Ukraine – and all in just 15 minutes! Says Moira Dalmedo, “It was unbelievable that we were able to raise this amount in such a short space of time.”



## Supporting the RNLI

Trefoil Guild West Glamorgan members presented RNLI Mumbles with a cheque for £200, which was raised at their President's Coffee Morning. A similar cheque was also presented to Port Talbot RNLI.

## Charity quizzes

Gillian Halliday of Boston Trefoil Guild composes postal charity quizzes to raise funds for Buxton Mountain Rescue and has so far raised an impressive £3,705. Says Gillian, “I enjoy taking part in charity quizzes myself and decided I would like to compose one. My intention was to do just one or possibly two. However, the kind comments I received as well as money for the follow-on quiz meant I had to carry on!” Gillian's latest is No 17 and closes on 31 October. She adds, “Applications come from the length and breadth of Britain. I donate the prizes and cover all the printing costs, which means 100% of the money raised goes to the charity, and obviously I give my time freely, which I thoroughly enjoy.” Further details can be obtained by emailing [gillianihalliday@gmail.com](mailto:gillianihalliday@gmail.com)

## Special presentation to Cathy

Cathy Woodman, of Gribbin Trefoil in Cornwall, has been presented with a special award from the Diocese of Truro. Bishop Philip presented Cathy with the Cross of St Piran because of her understanding of community. Following the sudden death of her husband, Cathy offered help to her local community and this led her to join a home group at the local church. Cathy has also spent many years volunteering at St Austell Community Kitchen (STAK), which supports the vulnerable, needy and homeless in St Austell, where she is part of a team who provide them with hot food and a chat. Cathy also supports the work of St Petrocs, which has developed halfway houses. Helping is something Cathy enjoys and has always done. “I trained and worked as a nurse, so I suppose it's just something in me, although I prefer to be behind the scenes. I believe you show people God's love by being kind, leading by example.” Cathy understands community because she is interested in people – she helped to get the local carnival back up and running and she also ran Brownies for many years. On receiving the Cross of St Piran Cathy said, “I feel so honoured. It's a real privilege and I'm very grateful.”



## Going for Gold

To gain her Gold Voyage Award, Carol Pimlott of Cheadle North Trefoil Guild applied for grants, joined the general committee of a local theatre group, gained computer skills, arranged Zoom speakers for her guild and had afternoon tea delivered to members unable to meet due to Covid. Carol took three years to complete her award and is rightly proud of what she has achieved.



## Silver Brooch

Hilary Richardson thought she was attending her final meeting as Ulster Chair to hand over to new Chair, Karen Cochrane. But the committee had a surprise in store, and Hilary was presented with the Trefoil Silver Brooch in recognition for all her work with the Ulster Trefoil Executive Committee.



Have you received an award, or do you know someone who has? Send the details and a photo to *The Trefoil*. Contact details on page 2.







# Programme suggestions

Here are some more ideas to give fresh impetus to your guild's programme, says **Sheila Leete**, National Programme and Development Adviser

Are you looking for fresh programme ideas for your guild? Don't forget the activities list on our Trefoil Guild website, which is currently being updated by our country and region Programme and Development Advisers.

In the March edition of *The Trefoil* magazine were a few ideas for Wellbeing, lifting our spirits as spring takes us into summer. In this edition we are sharing ideas under the heading Community.

Many of us will already be aware of what is happening locally, particularly if we are, or have been, involved in running Girlguiding units. We might have arranged a visit to the local hospital radio station or care home. We may have links with local charities, residential homes, or community support centres, making or donating items, or supporting them in other ways.

If we look wider, there are many opportunities for guild visits or speakers. We may have visited the local police station or fire station, but how many of us have attended a local council meeting or how much do we

understand about court procedures? Why not invite your local councillor to come along to your meeting and find out more of their role and how they meet the needs of local people?

Local recycling centres are usually happy to arrange a visit, or provide a speaker, to show where waste goes after it's collected, how it is reused and what happens to food waste. Check on your local council website for contact phone numbers.

How much do we understand of different religions? Is there a local synagogue, meeting house or mosque nearby, where the local leaders would be happy to

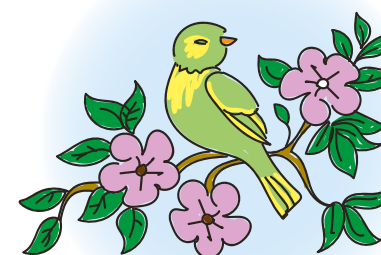


explain their beliefs? Visiting a local place of interest is always popular. This could be linked with a talk from a member of a local history group.

Art, music or drama therapists are often happy to visit to explain their role in the community. Local schools or colleges should be a good link for contacts here.

We hear about national charities running events, such as the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch each January. The Woodland Trust is 50 years old this year: look out for a local event near you.

Did you know that WaterAid will provide free online speakers? With so many of us used to meeting online, this could be an ideal speaker during winter months. Check the WaterAid website for information on Global Handwashing Day in



October and World Toilet Day in November. These charities are just a couple of ideas of many.

If you think that your guild is too small to engage in these ideas, why not invite another guild to join you for a meeting? Or maybe invite local Girlguiding leaders or friends and neighbours to come along to a meeting? This could be an excellent opportunity

to action our recruitment drive and to raise awareness of what Trefoil is all about – find friendship, get active, give support and get involved!

Don't forget, if you are working on the Voyage Award challenge, or the STARS challenge and are stuck for ideas, check out the activity list on our website to find a possible suitable activity.

Turn over to find out about North East England Trefoil's Air Ambulance Challenge



# Raising funds for the Air Ambulance Service

North East England Trefoil launched the challenge with **500 badges** – now they’ve raised more than **£12,000** for this deserving cause

Almost exactly two years ago North East England Trefoil had a region weekend at Waddow. We had a lot of fun and talked about many things, and one of our ideas was to organise a fundraising challenge in aid of the Air Ambulance Service in our region. In North East England there are three air ambulances: the Great North Air Ambulance Service, the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Many people do not realise that air ambulances are reliant on charitable donations and fundraising. The amount of money needed is mind-blowing: it costs £12,000 per day just to keep the Yorkshire Air Ambulance’s two helicopters maintained and in the air.

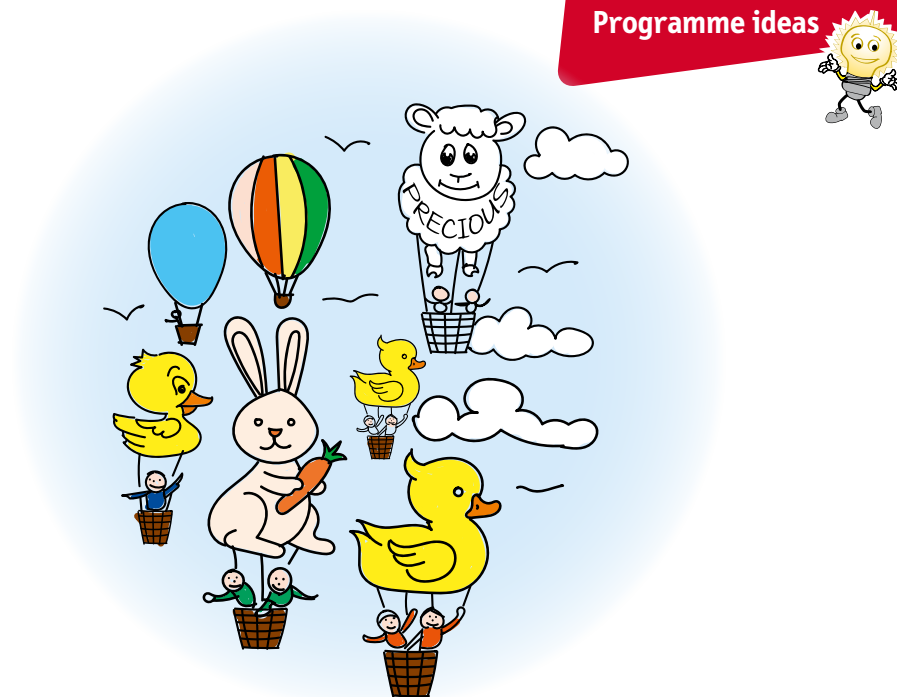
We started designing the challenge by splitting into groups and asking each to think of appropriate challenges within specific themes: Flight, Navigation and Communication, First Aid and Fundraising. The ideas produced were tremendous! In due course they were sorted into three headings: Flight and Science, Navigation and Communication, and First Aid and Safety, and when we left Waddow we were ready to start the work of writing

and decorating the challenge with a view to launching it the autumn of 2020.

Then, almost straight away, we had lockdown. But the work on the challenge continued! Endless emails back and forth kept the process going, and gradually the Air Ambulance Challenge badge came together. We were keen to make the badge accessible to Girlguiding members as well as members of Trefoil Guild, so leaders from all sections were approached to look at our challenges and tell us where they coincided with the programme – a factor that has been particularly good at getting all ages involved.

In autumn 2020 we felt we could wait no longer and so launched the challenge, having tentatively ordered 500 badges. We were delighted with the response! Very soon it was obvious that we would need more badges, and then more again. To date we have sold nearly 1,400.

Fundraising for the air ambulance was an important last part of the challenge, and we provided an opportunity to raise money by organising a Virtual Balloon Race. We never expected it to be as successful as it was, raising £3,500 in the end, and giving us a bit



of excitement just when we were all stuck indoors. In addition, it was completely environmentally friendly, as the whole event was computer generated.

Our race was at Easter, so we had rabbit balloons, lamb balloons, bowls of flowers balloons, and lots of ducks, as well as balloons in all the colours of the rainbow. The race lasted a week and we could see where our balloons were at any time just by putting in the names we had given them. We could even see all the balloons ‘flying’! The delighted winner was Mary Pleavin from Chester Grosvenor Trefoil Guild and her balloon was called Precious. She said she entered the race because a friend owed his life to a helicopter ride from Cumbria to Newcastle. Apart from taking

part in the balloon race, groups have been very inventive with their fundraising. Some counties have invited speakers from the Air Ambulance Service to speak at their meetings and have held collections; others have held activity days where all the activities have been from the challenge badge. Northumberland County Trefoil Guild has produced a calendar for several years, the proceeds from which have gone to a variety of charities; this year all proceeds have been donated to the Air Ambulance appeal.

From the comments we have received, the challenge has been much enjoyed by all. The fact that it has raised more than £12,000 for a worthy cause has been a bonus.

**“We were keen to make the badge accessible to Girlguiding members as well as members of Trefoil Guild”**





# Meet a guild

From disco nights and tenpin bowling to beetle drives and bingo, members of Loddington Trefoil Guild in Northamptonshire just wanna have fun!

The Brownie unit's leaders felt ready for a change, so Loddington Trefoil Guild came into being on 7 May 2019, and in 2022, despite Covid, they are still going strong!

A group of like-minded ladies from age 22 upwards who enjoy each other's company, we mostly come from a guiding background, though some are completely new to the concept. We have a most interesting variety of careers: a travel agent, a teaching assistant and a pharmacist, not to mention a school secretary, a nanny and a funeral celebrant, but also some members who have retired from paid employment – a diverse group of



The 'ladies in red' enjoy tenpin bowling

people! Our meeting place depends wholly on our activity, as does the day of the month. Dates are placed in the diary from our AGM planning meeting, and we keep in regular touch via our vital WhatsApp group.

Strangely, many of our activities seem to have included eating in some form or another! However, we have held two fundraising fashion shows with half the proceeds going to Alzheimer's UK and Parkinson's UK (charities very close to our members' hearts) and half to our funds.

Our first major Trefoil event was the Midlands Region International Day at Kettering's Wicksteed Park in October 2019, where some members made their Promise on a train platform. We celebrated with Prosecco and chips! Since then, despite the pandemic, we managed to attend an 80s disco hosted by Martin Kemp of Spandau Ballet; saw Boyzone in concert at Birmingham; supported our local hospice's Starlight Walk around Boughton House and saw the musical *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*. We Zoomed while undertaking a beetle drive and a murder mystery night. Then, once restrictions on social gathering were lifting, we met in a member's garden for fish and chips, and have enjoyed meals at pubs and restaurants.

At our annual meeting in January



Members often wear sashes when out and about

2022, we decided that when we can, our Trefoil wear will be worn during group activities; anything that promotes Trefoil Guild. We also have our own unit neckerchiefs and wear sashes when uniform is not appropriate. We want to feel that sense of togetherness and pride to be part of Trefoil.

We had fun tenpin bowling at the Thunderbowl in February. Ten of us took up two lanes and the 'ladies in red' certainly looked a treat. For a bargain price of £6.99 each, we enjoyed two games and a drink. Many of us thought we were experts before we arrived but soon realised it was difficult. In the end, only a few strikes were achieved, but there was lots of cheering and loads of laughs.

Our future plans for 2022 include going to bingo, indoor golf and Zumba, as well as day trips to Cambridge and the

Black Country Museum in Dudley. Some members are committed to attending the county Trefoil World Thinking Day service as well as the annual meeting this year.

Our members are so supportive and caring of each other; this is how they feel about being a member of Trefoil Guild: "It's a welcoming, kind, fun little community," said one, adding, "we have a sense of belonging to a wonderful friendship group that shares one common goal – to have fun! I've been in guiding as a Brownie, then a Guide; our little group all get on – we love doing varied activities together; what a way to carry on my guiding experience!"

Another said, "I love being a member of Trefoil Guild; it's wonderful to be able to mix and socialise with friends of differing ages, all in the name of guiding for adults."

**"Strangely, many of our activities seem to have included eating in some form or another!"**



# Eastern promise

**Sheran Oke** looks back at happier times when links were formed between Eastern European guiding organisations and ones in the west

Do you remember the re-emergence of guiding in Eastern Europe following the breakdown of the USSR in 1991? It was an exciting time with support for WAGGGS to expand, developing Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting in new countries.

In some countries there was the opportunity for already established but 'underground' organisations to be recognised. Junák, the Czech Association of Scouts and Guides, was the first to be readmitted to WAGGGS in 1990. I can remember the amazing welcome I received when I visited Budapest to plan a Europe Region Guide and Scout event. The joy and pride of leaders, who hadn't met with Guiding or Scouting leaders from abroad for many years, and who

wanted to share openly their pride in being part of a worldwide movement with younger people in their communities, was humbling.

Today, the breakdown of peace across Europe reminds us of the strength and importance of our Girlguiding solidarity. Recognising that community support is enshrined within our Promise – many members of WAGGGS organisations in Eastern European countries bordering Ukraine are offering humanitarian aid. Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego (ZHP), the Polish Scouting and Guiding Association, is aiming to connect Girl Guides who have fled Ukraine with Guide/Scout families in Poland who will host them in their homes. Volunteers from ZHP, Junák and Latvijas Skautu un Gaidu Centrālā Organizācija (LSGCO), the Latvian Scouts and Guides Association, are supporting refugees at border crossings, distributing essential supplies like food, water, clothes, blankets and menstrual supplies.

## JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP...

In 1991, WAGGGS, recognising a need and opportunity, began to support the development of guiding in former Eastern Bloc countries. Each prospective country member was partnered with a European member organisation and was supported



by WAGGGS Europe Region to achieve membership. The first three links to be formed were Norway with Ukraine, Cyprus with Belarus and the UK with Russia. At the beginning, these six countries worked together for joint trainings in Russia and the UK, as they had many of the same needs, so their leaders knew each other well.

■ The Association of Belarusian Guides (ABG) became a full member of WAGGGS in 2002

■ The Association of Ukrainian Guides (AUG) became a full member of WAGGGS in 2011. In 2001, the Association's first president, Anna Gulevska, was elected to the Europe Committee WAGGGS

■ The Russian Association of Girl Scouts (RADS) became a full member of WAGGGS in 2008. Several close ongoing links developed as UK countries and regions were twinned with regions of Russia. There have been many positive connections, with one of our TOPAZ projects taking place in three different regions of Russia.

Liz Smith, currently Girlguiding assistant county commissioner for Greater London West (GLW), first became involved in the development of guiding in Ukraine in



1994. As the leader of a group of Guides from London and South East England region, she attended SOLOR 94, a large camp at Lillehammer in Norway. Whilst there she met Anna Gulevska, who was starting guiding in Ukraine supported by the Norwegian Guides.

In 1997, Anna worked at Pax Lodge and her dream was for some of our young women to travel to Ukraine to work with their young women. After a feasibility study in Odessa in 1999, 22 young women and five leaders travelled to Ukraine to work with guides in Odessa in 2000. They were joined by guides and leaders from across Ukraine for workshops in the woods. Exchange visits to camps and trainings, often with funding provided by GLW, continued until 2010. The links between AUG and GLW mean friends, joy and happiness, growth and development.

We all wish that we could live together in an environment of respect, peace and understanding. Sadly, this is not the case, but whatever happens in the east of Europe we know that there are many members of our guiding family working together, raising funds, giving service and doing their best to help others.







# My first experience of the Trefoil National Gathering

If you ever get the chance to be part of a task and finish group, take it says **Sheila Leete**, National Programme and Development Adviser

Back in the autumn of 2018, I was approached to be a part of a task and finish group for the Trefoil National Gathering. It had never occurred to me that I might be considered to be part of a working group. That this working group was to plan and set up the Trefoil National Gathering, was even more of a surprise. I'd never attended a National Gathering, and had no idea of what was involved. I decided that this was a challenge that I might enjoy!

The National Gathering is an activity holiday for Trefoil members, held every four years. A chance to meet old friends and make new friends.

Planning meetings led by Ann Hall, the then Trefoil National Programme and Development Adviser, were held at Girlguiding Headquarters in London. I had met Ann only once before, when I was interviewed for a place on a TOPAZ project. Our initial team meeting was spent talking

through aims and structure of the event and how to take the ideas forward.

In the 12 months leading up to the event, we kept in close contact through emails as well as face-to-face meetings. We worked on a comprehensive plan for the weekend, checking on resources, arranging activity leaders, booking coaches for day trips, organising evening entertainment, gradually building up a full and varied programme, offering choices for all. Meanwhile office staff were dealing with the applications from members, processing applications for places, allocating rooms; completing the details of the very necessary spreadsheets.

As we drew closer to the weekend, all participants had submitted activity choices, and it was with satisfaction we realised that all preparations were in place – we were as prepared as we could be. The National Gathering is held over



a weekend, with participants arriving at 4pm on a Friday, full day activities on offer through Saturday and Sunday, returning home after breakfast on the Monday.

As the weekend arrived, an important part of the task and finish group's role was about to begin! Donning our colourful neckers for identification, we were there to meet and greet, direct people to their rooms, answer queries, helping or leading activities; generally making sure that everyone knew where they should be and when, helping with the smooth running to ensure that we all enjoyed our time together.

Activities were as varied as photography workshops, yoga or tai chi, murder mystery, learning how to play steel drums or handbells; crafts included lace making and pyrography. There was also a choice of day trips if members wished. These included a visit to the National Arboretum, Crich Tramway Museum or Hardwick Hall. Evening activities were organised for the

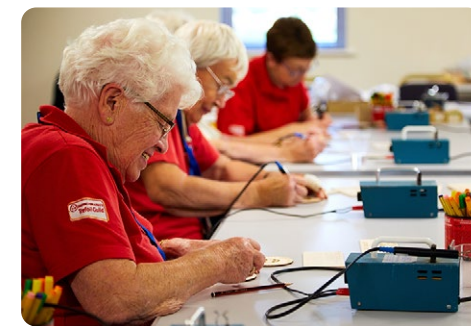
three evenings, culminating in a very lively barn dance!

As a part of the task and finish team, this for me was a working weekend and I enjoyed every minute of my experience, making many new friends.

The next National Gathering will be held in 2023. If you have never attended before and think this sounds like fun, or would like to join us again, look out for more information in *The Trefoil* magazine and on the Trefoil website. We look forward to seeing you there.

As National Programme and Development Adviser, I am now responsible for the task and finish group that will help work up a programme for our next Trefoil National Gathering.

Task and finish groups are a key part of the Trefoil Guild working together on a range of projects. Each group has one task and knows from the beginning how long that will take. If approached to be a part of a group, do consider the opportunity that you are given – your input is important in taking Trefoil forward.



**“This for me was a working weekend and I enjoyed every minute of my experience, making many new friends”**

# Your letters

Find out what other Trefoil members have on their minds

## Beach clean success

I recruited members of Ynys Mon Trefoil Guild to assist in a beach clean as part of our community service activity, to raise the profile of Trefoil and potentially aid recruitment locally.

There was only a small crowd at Plas Llanfair, by the Inland Sea on Anglesey, at the start of the event, but we did manage to pass on one PR postcard. We were given hi-vis wear by one of the main sponsors (One Global Clean) along with collection bags, which were a little more heavy duty than we had envisaged.

It was a sunny but blustery day and recent rain meant access to the beach was extremely muddy and slippery. This combined with a downward slope meant some of our mobility-challenged members had to withdraw. We still managed to collect plenty of rubbish, although we

were beaten by a half-exposed bulk of netting and rope wrapped around what looked like a broken ironing board!

We were surprised by the size of some of the rubbish extracted. We live by the sea and should know more about the marine industry. Perhaps in educating ourselves, we can also encourage the education of our visitors about coastal care.

**Libby Hope-Jones, Ynys Mon Trefoil Guild**



## End of an era

There was both celebration and sadness for members of Shaldon Trefoil Guild as we shared a Devon cream tea to mark our 37th anniversary, which was also our final meeting. Begun in 1984, our once-thriving guild saw numbers fall as the pandemic struck, with some members isolating and some leaving the area.

We will be joining Newton Abbot Trefoil Guild while keeping in touch with those members who do not feel able to join us.

**Anne Mears, Shaldon Trefoil Guild**



## Blue Murder at Bluestone Hall

Stepping out of my comfort zone and being asked to direct and organise a Murder Mystery evening for Stockport Trefoil Guild, I embraced the challenge as I thought this could be part of my Silver Voyage award.

I had some volunteers and twisted some arms to get a cast together, the licence for the script purchased and roles allocated based on personalities. We had two rehearsals, the cast sorted their own costumes, I prepared the props and 48 members joined us for the whodunnit, how they dunnit and why they dunnit! The Murder Mystery



evening was a huge success, full of fun, laughter, clues – and murder!

**Katherine Bowett, Stockport Trefoil Guild**

## Penfriends and the Postbox scheme

I read with great interest Helen Barham's letter in the March issue about her friendship with a Japanese Guide that was set up through the Guide Penfriend Service. After I retired from 'Brown Owling' I joined a small team who operated the Girlguiding Postbox, linking girls around the world. Not only did it benefit the girls but I too made links with other Postbox secretaries and built up a relationship with them, particularly with my New Zealand counterpart. We are both members of Trefoil, have run our Brownie Packs and have a lot in common.

Sadly, Postbox came to an end but my relationship with New Zealand has

flourished. We exchange news and photos via Messenger and on Christmas Day managed a face-to-face video link for the first time – great fun! Not only did I build a relationship with New Zealand but also with an adult Girl Scout who, coming to England for a Scout Jamboree, contacted Postbox for a link. We have met a few times and I was able, on one occasion, to take her to a Trefoil celebration at our county campsite. Another link made through Postbox many, many years ago when I was a Guide was with another Girl Scout and we are still in touch occasionally. We are both in our 80s now!

What a wonderful way to foster international guiding

**Rhona Latham, Maidenhead Trefoil Guild**



Please send your letters to: Trefoil Guild,  
17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT,  
or email: [thetrefoilmagazine@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:thetrefoilmagazine@girlguiding.org.uk)





# Aberdeen Trefoil members Zoom with a difference

Online meetings became a much-loved worldwide event, says **Jill Heyes**, Chair, UK Internet Trefoil Guild

Back in the dark days of April 2020, during the first lockdown, six enterprising members from Aberdeen held their first Zoom meeting. It was, as we all know, a chance to keep in touch with fellow members and support those who were lonely. Little did they know that two years on they would all be looking forward to a regular Wednesday afternoon Zoom meeting with Trefoil members and friends from around the world!

The brainchild of Doris Young, chair of Queen's Cross Guild, from the outset the meetings involved the nearby Ferryhill guild members. These ladies are not young technical wizards but true silver

surfers – in fact some are in their 90s. Doris managed to find speakers every week on topics as diverse as well-being, Girl Scouting in America and crossing Australia by plane. There were cookery demonstrations, crafts and musical offerings from campfires to Scottish reels.

National President Liz Burnley was a recent guest and said, “Doris and her group have found a wonderful way to link members together as part of that very special international family to which we all belong. I was so surprised to meet Trefoil friends not just from Scotland but from around the UK and from overseas. We had an excellent time, sharing stories

of what guiding means to us and how important Trefoil has been for us in recent times. We discussed how we can spread the word about Trefoil wider and reach out to new members.”

Gradually, the Aberdeen members realised what a wonderful opportunity this was to keep in touch with friends far and near, and one by one the numbers swelled. Friends from the USA and Malta joined in together with members from across the UK and Europe. Doris used Facebook to raise awareness and new Zoomers brought with them ideas for new and interesting speakers. Glen Aston of TGIFC introduced participants and speakers from across Europe and further afield. The group now boasts well over 30 regular members. What an achievement!

One popular feature has been quizzes devised by Arlene Grant, who has since sadly passed away from Covid. Arlene echoed so many speakers when she described what a strange experience it can be giving a presentation on Zoom. “Now I know what they mean by ‘Lights, camera, action’. On Zoom you have to think about lighting and the background. Have I tidied the kitchen behind me? Can

you see the dirty dishes? How can I talk to myself without fixing my hair? Look at anybody but not yourself!”

One of the earliest overseas Zoomers was Patti Hubbard from North Carolina.

She says, “You are all so welcoming and fun to be with each and every week. The topics are fantastic and everyone has done such a great job. Hats off to Doris Young for putting all this together for us to have such wonderful fellowship from over the pond!” Doris (left) is a well-known figure locally – not least because of her fame as an award-winning Scottish country

dance teacher. She used her network of contacts to bring in exceptional speakers. We have been introduced to raccoons, cockroaches and grass snakes by a member's grandson; we have heard from a professor of public health; and we had a tour of a truly magnificent dolls' house. Guiding and Trefoil speakers included Scottish Trefoil chair Moira McKenna and National Chair Eileen Martin.

As we all begin to meet face to face, the Zoom meetings are continuing at least until the end of the year. Wednesdays on Zoom are incredible. Thank you Doris – let's continue the fun and friendship.



**“Doris and her group have found a wonderful way to link members together as part of that very special international family to which we all belong”**



# Crafting an introduction

The varied interest groups within your guild could be the way to attract would-be members and expand our numbers, says **Frances Parrett**, National Public Relations Adviser

Does your Trefoil have 'interest groups'? Knit and natter or craft and chatter; walking; geocaching; singing; ukuleles; cooking; book club; theatre or cinema group; recorder or guitar group; phone skills – the list goes on.

Crafters often decide on a charity project; they create items that benefit hospitals, refugees, orphans, sailors etc, or make Christmas ornaments for a Christmas tree festival, make brightly coloured mittens for children, create something for local celebrations – or to send to pen pals – or make swap pins for Guiding events.

Whatever the craft, the get-together (with tea and cake?) will be interesting and appealing to possible future members. Why not invite neighbours and friends to come along to a Knit and Natter meeting? They may decide to become full Trefoil members later!

Since Covid, people have been getting out and walking more, and it's an activity that works best with company – for security, for finding new routes etc. Are there people who are out walking on their own who might be glad to join in



with a Trefoil walk, finding interesting footpaths and woodlands and riverside paths? Why not invite them to join your Trefoil walking group – they may decide to become full Trefoil members later! Whatever interest groups your members create, they are bound to interest a wider group of people who might benefit from

them, get to know Trefoil members – and then become more fully involved!

If any of your interest groups happen in the evenings or weekends, could you invite current Guide leaders to come and enjoy them? The more they find out about Trefoil, the more likely they are to either join your guild – or set up their own!

Ask your county/region/country PRAs for leaflets and postcards that you can hand out to potential new members, so they can think about your suggestion when they get home. Give them the time and venue of the next meeting of your interest group. Can you offer to meet them at the door, so they feel welcome? How many new members have you found so far this year? I would love to hear your stories! [trefoilpr@outlook.com](mailto:trefoilpr@outlook.com)



## PRAs ARE IN EVERY REGION AND COUNTRY

So, you have resources on the website to help you and information about how to get posters, postcards and pocket guides to hand to potential members. How else can we help you? Perhaps a friendly person in your area could help? There are PRAs (Public Relations Advisers) in every region and country. Here's how you can contact them:

■ Patrice in **Scotland** loves to see your photos on Facebook pages and is happy to help you get them ready for the magazine or website, because Trefoil fun brings new members! [trefoilscotlandpra@gmail.com](mailto:trefoilscotlandpra@gmail.com)

■ Kris in **NWE** is happy to help guilds and counties with social media and you can ask for her help with recruitment. The youngest member of the PRA team, she is keen to help guilds drive forward with a positive fresh approach to Trefoil. [pr.nwe.trefoil@gmail.com](mailto:pr.nwe.trefoil@gmail.com)

■ Avril in **SWE** asks you to 'Wear your scarves, neckers and badges! Get out and about and be seen having fun!' Try this recruitment strapline in your county/island: find someone new in '22'. [swetrefoilpra@gmail.com](mailto:swetrefoilpra@gmail.com)

■ Diane in **Ulster** says the PR Team in Ulster work closely with the Ulster Executive and County Chairs to provide information and support regarding PR. We also assist members with writing articles for the magazine and any other PR related requests. [ulstertrefoil@outlook.com](mailto:ulstertrefoil@outlook.com)

■ Chris in **Anglia** says: "A variety of enquiries come my way, either via Facebook or through the address below. I have helped to write a newspaper article for a new guild and am willing to help in any other way I can. It is very satisfying to be able to point people in the right direction!" [anglia13pr@gmail.com](mailto:anglia13pr@gmail.com)

■ Chris in **NEE** asks us to think about three key elements of PR! Reputation: Do we have one? Yes! Is it good and can we maintain it? We must! Communication: Are we proactive? Can we do better? YES! Relationships: Are we all inclusive and do we make new – and current – members feel welcome? [neeprachris@gmail.com](mailto:neeprachris@gmail.com)

■ Jane in the **Midlands** says: "As region PRAs we can give you banners, postcards and lots of ideas to help you get noticed. Let's shout about Trefoil and tell the world about it! Contact me if you are in the Midlands and would like some help." [PRMidlandsTG@hotmail.com](mailto:PRMidlandsTG@hotmail.com)

■ Susan is your PRA in **LaSER**! She is looking forward to hearing from anyone who needs help finding new members. [lasertgpr@gmail.com](mailto:lasertgpr@gmail.com)

■ Wendy in **Wales** is happy to help in any way she can; some guilds are quite remote and find it hard to encourage new members – do let her know how you have increased your membership! [Wales.trefoilpr@gmail.com](mailto:Wales.trefoilpr@gmail.com)

Please let us know about your successes in finding new members! We would love to hear how the recruitment drive is working, so you can inspire other guilds. Either email the Trefoil Guild office or join in with the chat on the Trefoil Facebook group. How about celebrating those new members by taking a photo of your Chair, the new member's buddy and the new member?



# Trefoil key messages photo challenge part 2

Take pictures to fit the theme Get Active and show everyone what Trefoil means to you

Trefoil members have really got stuck into our key messages photo challenge and we've had some great images shared with us. Pictured below are just some of the things Get Involved has meant to Trefoil members.

## YOUR SECOND THEME IS GET ACTIVE

What does 'get active' mean to you and your guild? Does it mean challenging yourselves to try something new like hula hooping or chair yoga? Or maybe it means pushing yourself to go further than you have before, like doing a local landmarks tour or gaining a new skill.

The deadline to submit is 31 August 2022 so you have three months to try lots of new activities and practice getting great action shots! Remember, you can take photos at any Trefoil level, as long as you

have people's permission. Share your very best with us via email any time from now!

To check the rules, see our recruitment webpage ([trefoilguild.co.uk/recruitment](http://trefoilguild.co.uk/recruitment)) or read the March issue of *The Trefoil* on pages 34-35. But a quick reminder of our top tip: always ask permission before you take photos of anybody. If someone does not want their photo taken, or does not want it to be shared, you should not submit a photo of them to us.

## SUBMITTING YOUR PHOTOS

To submit your images, email them to: [thetrefoilmagazine@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:thetrefoilmagazine@girlguiding.org.uk) entitled Get Active photo challenge. Include your name and guild, and the name of each person in the photograph so we know who they are in case they get in touch about the image.



Enjoying a Monopoly challenge

Get Active and get snapping! Share on social media using [#GetActiveTrefoil](https://twitter.com/GetActiveTrefoil) to see other photos Trefoil members are taking.



Taking part in a big Girlguiding event

# Coronation reminiscences

As we celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, **Shirley Featherstone** of Rickmansworth Trefoil Guild reveals her memories of the occasion and those of her fellow guild members, Edna, Sheila and Barbara

I was a Land Ranger in Croxley Green by 1953. As there were only a few of us, we celebrated the day by

watching the Coronation on new black and white televisions in friends' homes or in shop windows. Sheila remembers going to see her grandfather in a care home in Edinburgh to watch the Coronation on the television there.

In the evening everyone converged on the grounds of 'The Bury', now a nature reserve surrounding a lake, to enjoy a bonfire and fireworks.

1st Croxley Green Guides joined a procession at the Dickinson Guildhouse and paraded to the village green, led by a band, while villagers lined the streets. On arrival, a fanfare announced the crowning of the 'queen' (a schoolgirl). The Guides, girls dressed in coloured skirts, white blouses and black waistcoats, and 'boys' dressed in green tunics and breeches, danced into the arena to the tune of *Come Lasses and Lads*. The maypole was danced and ribbons woven into several patterns and duly unwoven. The Guides



then danced from the arena to the tune of *D'ye ken John Peel*. This was followed with a demonstration by the Sea

Rangers, SRS British Pride. Other organisations included the Scouts and Girls' Brigade. The mummers gave a performance of the folk play, and square dancing for all filled the rest of the day. When I was a Guide there I remember dancing the maypole on May Day.

In West Hyde and Maple Cross, all the children – Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts etc – gathered in their recreation grounds in fancy dress, and prizes were awarded for the best. They paraded around the villages and back for races, games and displays by the youth clubs. Marquees had been erected for refreshments.

Members of The Girl Guides Association were eligible to wear the Coronation Badge (top) on their uniforms above the breast pocket of our battledress tops during the year. Our uniform at the time was silver-grey aertex blouses (summer) or ribbed knitted jumpers (winter) under navy battledress tops with matching skirts.



# General knowledge quiz

Challenge each other with the latest Trefoil quiz

**1** In which US state is Mount Rushmore?

**2** In which city was the TV series *Jimmy's* set?

**3** Wellesley is the family name of which Dukes?

**4** Who announces the results of a parliamentary election?

**5** Who wrote *The French Lieutenant's Woman*?

**6** Which anniversary did the Oscars celebrate in 1998?

**7** Who won the Oscar for the music of film *Chariots of Fire*?

**8** Which theory did Max Planck formulate?

**9** In which country is the Ormeli waterfall?



**10** According to legend, who was the last King of Troy?

**11** What was John Lennon's middle name?

**12** Which county is due south of Tyne and Wear?

**13** Under which President was Spiro Agnew Vice-President?

**14** Which musical featured the song *I Talk To The Trees*?

**15** In which country is the Great Slave Lake?

**16** Who shot Billy the Kid?

**17** Which Cluedo suspect is known as Dona Violeta in Brazil?

**18** Pre-euro, which country had 100 cents in a kroon?

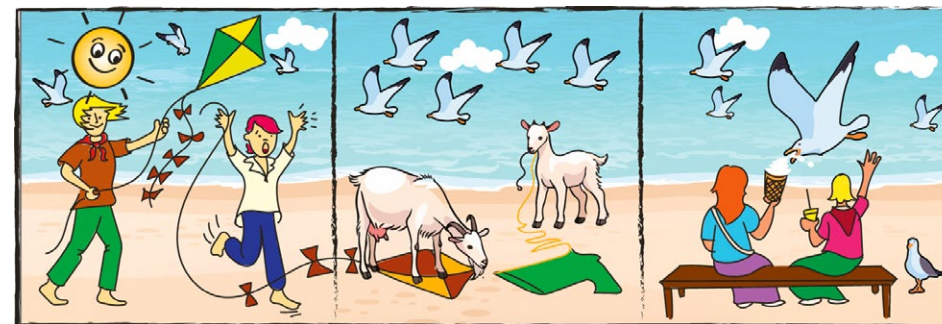
**19** What does a mendicant do?

**20** Which two countries fought the War of Jenkins' Ear?

Answers will be in the September issue of *The Trefoil* and on the Trefoil Guild website from 31 July 2022

# The last laugh

HAVE FUN  LLANDUDNO!



## Platinum Jubilee quiz answers

Here are the answers to the quiz published in the March issue – how well did you do?

- 1.** Y Bwthyn Bach (The Little Cottage, a royal Wendy house)
- 2.** 1st Buckingham Palace
- 3.** Salote of Tonga
- 4.** Swallow
- 5.** Car mechanic
- 6.** By dancing in the street

- 7.** Girl Guides Association of Australia
- 8.** 2 June 1953
- 9.** It was the first televised coronation
- 10.** Geoffrey Fisher
- 11.** Westminster Abbey
- 12.** Norman Hartnell

- 13.** So she can be easily seen
- 14.** Dorgi
- 15.** Pigeons
- 16.** Braemar Gathering
- 17.** She was pregnant with first Andrew and then Edward
- 18.** 1952



Explore beautiful countryside or amazing London landmarks at our summer events

## Summer at Girlguiding Activity Centres

### Central London

16-17 August

Explore ICANDO **£100**

17 September

Guiding Heritage **£12**

15 October

Hidden Heritage trail **£12**

### Lancashire

8-12 August

Explore Waddow Hall **from £243**

### New Forest

8-12 August

Explore Foxlease **from £292**

9-11 September

Wellness weekend **from £163**

18 September

Centenary picnic **free event**

### Peak District

26-30 September

Explore Glenbrook **£295**



Activity Centres



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

Registered charity number 306016

Find out more:

[girlguidingactivitycentres.org.uk/offer/themed-breaks](http://girlguidingactivitycentres.org.uk/offer/themed-breaks)

[activitycentres@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:activitycentres@girlguiding.org.uk)

## The Trefoil



If you would like to  
advertise in *The Trefoil*

Contact: Trefoil Guild,

Editor – Advertisements

17-19 Buckingham Palace Road,

London SW1W 0PT; or email:

[thetrefoilmagazine@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:thetrefoilmagazine@girlguiding.org.uk)

## Cine-Slides-Video 2 DVD



Have all your  
treasured memories  
transferred to disc

- VHS & camcorder tapes copied to DVD
- 35mm slides, negatives & prints scanned and saved on DVD
- 8mm & 16mm cine films converted to DVD

Contact **Michael** on: **01708 735810**

Email: [michael@slides2disk.co.uk](mailto:michael@slides2disk.co.uk)

web: [www.slides2disk.co.uk](http://www.slides2disk.co.uk)