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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Guides of all ages have enjoyed another exciting year, thanks to the hard work and dedication of their leaders. My sincere thanks to everyone for giving so much of their time to make the programme interesting and stimulating.

The old and the young have enjoyed fun days too. The Rainbow Mermaid Mayhem day at Lossiemouth was a huge success and the Trefoil Guild ladies celebrated their 75th birthday in true guiding fashion, holding tea parties and introducing new skills to their programme. I must congratulate all who organised these events.

Hilda MacKessack - Leitch DL



FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

What an amazing year in Moray. It has most certainly been filled with an array of fun and exciting opportunities and activities for the girls, all supported by our fantastic dedicated volunteers, who meet every week to deliver these experiences in their units. I have been very fortunate to have been able to get out and about to visit some of the units and to attend some of the events and really appreciate the time and effort that goes into each and every aspect of your Guiding programmes.

A year where the girls adventures showcased what we do best - giving girls a safe space to challenge themselves, speak out and have fun.

We once again took over Eden Court Theatre for the pantomime "Snow White", a highlight for all units and, apparently, we are a great gauge for the panto jokes!

In March, we got together for a successful development day where we were able to come up with a County plan so that we can move forward with "Being our best". We asked our volunteers and young members what they wanted Girlguiding Moray to offer over the coming three years and you didn't fail to deliver - we came up with a plan full of opportunity and excitement. As we review and revise Our Plan we aim to get better and better at all that we do for girls in Moray.

Rainbows caused mayhem with mermaids at our County Rainbow fun day, celebrating their 30th birthday, and have completed a variety of badges and visited shops - Pets at Home and Tesco, for the fork to farm experience, where one Rainbow asked "do they do these visits at Lidl?"

Brownies slept with sharks at Loch Lomond and danced in Blackpool, abseiled at Abernethy, made unicorns and sock pets, and cleaned the Moray coast line.

Guides ventured to PGL and Lagginlia; camped at Brodie, Badaguish (with the midges!), Inchberry and Inverurie; they have canoed, cooked, crime scene investigated, cycled and recycled, skied and trampolined, went to the Oscars and we have presented 16 Baden Powell Awards.

Rangers dashed to Denmark and were "intopsified" in Cheshire at the Chamboree; they cooked and baked and ate and ate!

Leaders roamed in Lorne and everyone "tea partied" with the Trefoil Guild to celebrate 75 years of the Guild.

Girlguiding Moray has certainly made a positive difference in the local community with units donating their time at the Oaks, clearing the leaves and others, planting bulbs in their community areas; and fundraising for charity - MFR cash for Kids, Crisis, Keith Cancer Link, Dr Gray's children's Ward, Macmillan Cancer Support, Moray food bank and Riding for the Disabled. Well done everyone, what an amazing effort.

On the 21st July, Girlguiding UK revealed the new programme and Moray came out in force in August for our launch with most units represented. Created to inspire our girls and young women, the programme is relevant for the world we live in, delivering a fun and varied range of activities that we expect from Guiding and, of course, there's still plenty of badges to earn. It has introduced new topics, new skills and new ways for girls to broaden their horizons. I am so thrilled to see leaders starting to embrace its introduction. Guiding is moving forward and may change the Way We Guide but not the reason why we Guide.

Through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure Girlguiding Moray will continue to follow Girlguiding's mission for the future, to empower girls to find their voice, inspire them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community.

Thank you all for your dedication and commitment, and I know as we look to the future you will all continue to empower more girls to find their voice and be their best through high-quality, girl-led programmes delivered by inspirational Leaders.

Alison Williams



1st Buckie Brownies

This year we have enjoyed going out for walks and doing badges. These have included the 'Walk on the Wild Side Challenge' and the 'Girlguiding Moray Season's resource'. We especially liked trying new crafts. We also completed a few interest badges. We had fun and games at our Halloween and Christmas parties and went to the pottery place for end of term.



1st Buckie Guides

1st Buckie Guides have had another very busy year with trips to the Golf Driving Range, Buckie Fishing Heritage Museum and Harry Potter Camp to name but a few. We have also been very busy at unit meetings working on interest badges. These included the Wow Women Challenge, the World Centre Challenge and the Future is Yours Badge. We organised a meeting for visiting Brownies and parties for the Rainbows. We made sand art pictures for Mother's Day and of course lots and lots of food including a cake decorating challenge which the girls loved.



1st Buckie Rainbows

We have had a busy year doing various activities and badges. We had a joint teddy bear activity evening with all the rainbows. We made teddy bears, button caterpillars, sung songs and played games. All the rainbows from Moray had a Rainbow fun day; the theme was Mermaid Mayhem which was enjoyed by all. Some of the girls enjoyed our annual trip to the Pantomime. This year we went on the Santa train instead of having a party which was enjoyed by all the rainbows. We even got some snow at the North Pole so managed to have a snowball fight. We managed to get out a lot during the last term and went to the park, had an ice cream and played with the parachutes. For our end of term, we went to the pottery shop where all the girls decorated an ornament.



1st Cullen Brownies

This year at 1st Cullen Brownies we have been doing a wide variety of things from surfing to singing; painting to playing at the park - we have done it all. We have even had time to help out in the community by planting bulbs. We have had a blast this year and can't wait to see what next year brings.



1st Cullen Rainbows

We have had a busy year again and have been outside as much as possible. We attended the rainbow district and county days and also celebrated Thinking Day. We took part in the opening of Castle Hill by marching behind a pipe band. We have tried many crafts, baked and got messy as these are some of the girls' favourite activities. We sang and played games at nearly every meeting.

We had our annual beach visit with the brownies but instead of sausage sizzle we had chips, ice-cream and lots of fun.

1st Cullen Guides

Cullen Guides have been out and about during the last session. We have been to the climbing wall, camped at Keith Hall near Inverurie and are just back from county camp. Being one of the Co-op's chosen charities has allowed us to enjoy a trampolining and bowling day in Inverurie, surfing at Sandend, and paddle boarding, rowing and kayaking at Cullen Sea School. Badges and Go for Its have all been worked for during the year. We also had a session with a peer educator on resilience.



1st Fochabers Rainbows

During our first full year as a unit, we have had a busy and exciting time. After tasting the new programme including surveying the local area, we completed the Festivals Roundabout and had lots of fun at Mermaid Mayhem. The World Roundabout meant that we took a Kingston toolbox back on its journey round the world and looked for ladybirds in the garden with torches. Last term we had a sleepover and visited Gordon Castle as well as having Trefoil members to visit. Most importantly we have had fun.



2nd Buckie Rainbows

2nd Buckie Brownies had a great trip to see Santa on the steam train from Keith to Drummuir and it snowed - which was lovely. The girls were able to get off the train in Drummuir and were able to have a snowball fight and get their picture taken with Santa. We have also been busy learning about healthy eating and working on our Future Girl Badge. We have enjoyed all of the usual parties and have also been out and about in the summer term in the beautiful weather.



2nd Fochabers Brownies

The girls have completed various interest and challenge badges. We have visited the Lifeboat station in Buckie and had a visit to Gordon Castle along with the Rainbows.

The girls have built shelters and enjoyed a sausage sizzle and making smores. They really enjoyed making mini rafts which we floated in the fountain and had races in the burn. A penny hike is always a favorite because we always end up at the chippy!

A sleepover at The Sealife Centre, Loch Lomond along with Buckie and Cullen Brownies was a real hit. We ended the year with a picnic and games with the Rainbows.



4th Buckie Rainbows

The girls have had a fun filled year working on Roundabouts, Wow Women Challenge Badge and World Centre Challenge Badge. We had a trip on the Santa Train, scavenger hunts, parties, sand art pictures, food tastings and so much more.



6th Buckie Brownies

6th Buckie Brownies have again had a busy year with lots of girls working on the Hostess, Dancer, Entertainer, Swimmer, Agility and Craft Badges to name a few. The girls have also worked on the Future is Yours Challenge Badge and the World Centre Challenge Badges. We have been on a trip to the Buckie Fishing Heritage Museum, where the girls got to dress up as fisher ladies from long ago. We have been on penny hikes, visited the ice-cream shop and have held had the usual parties and craft nights. We finished the term with a visit to the Sea life Centre at Loch Lomond with Cullen and Fochabers brownies where the girls got to sleep under the sharks. It was a fantastic night and the girls did manage to sleep with all the fish around. We had breakfast in the morning before getting on the bus to head home.





5th Buckie Brownies

5th Buckie Brownies enjoyed a visit to the library and completed the Booklover Badge. We also had a visit from a cook who made cakes and took them through the Cook's Badge. We also did the Artist Badge as a pack and some of the girls did interest badges on their own. We held a sponsored silence and they all did well keeping quiet for 45 mins. We printed t-shirts for Children in Need with a Pudsey face on them.

We had a Christmas party with a visit from Santa and we finished for the holidays with a day trip to Landmark Adventure Park.



The highlight of the year for the girls in Buckie was a trip to Copenhagen with Girlguiding Scotland to attend Denmark Dash.

The girls had a fab time planning their trip and we even managed to travel via Norway so that the girls could say they had been (well just to the inside of the airport at Stavanger) and were able to buy a souvenir.

On arrival in Copenhagen we went straight to our hostel before going out to explore - Tivoli Gardens at night was a must and the girls had a brilliant time exploring and going on some of the rides. Saturday was a full day exploring the city on the Denmark Dash and visiting lots of sites including the iconic "Little Mermaid" - the girls' reaction was "she is so tiny". The weather was lovely and we had a great time completing the challenges before finishing with a giant campfire.

Sunday we spent more time exploring this fabulous city before heading to the airport for our flight back.





1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Brownies

1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Brownies meet every Tuesday at Lhanbryde School hall. This year we completed the Forestry Commission Challenge which we worked on throughout the spring term. Directed by the Senior Section, we spent the summer term preparing for a pantomime which we all starred in along with the Guides. This was great fun and also raised money for our unit funds when we presented the show to our friends and family. In the autumn we went for a torch walk in Cooper Park in Elgin along with the Rainbows and also went ice skating on the open-air rink in the centre of Elgin with the Guides for a Christmas treat. We pitched a tent outside the hall and toasted marshmallows, now we all want to go camping! There are 20 of us, two of us flew up to Guides during the year, and we welcomed a number of new Brownies from Rainbows. We are now on a keep fit mission working on our Agility Badges.



1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Guides

1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Guides have had another busy year! We have enjoyed working towards a number of badges, taking part in celebrations from Halloween, Christmas and the Chinese New Year. The Guides were one of the first groups to try out the ice at the Elgin Ice Festival last December. The girls also had a great time at our district Thinking Day celebration on the ice at Moray Leisure Centre. Earlier this year the older Guides took part in a photo shoot with Knock news to promote Girlguiding and Volunteering within Moray. They also directed a fundraising pantomime at Lhanbryde.



3rd New Elgin Guides

3rd New Elgin Guides have had yet another action packed year! We continue to be a very busy unit with 36 Guides. Some of our highlights from the past year follow... we have enjoyed several Promise Parties with themes chosen by the Guides such as a bake off, animal evening, a "Guides have talents" evening, where the leaders antics actually secured them a place in the final, where they had to repeat their energetic performance, and a slime evening ending with a slime the Guider quiz and quite a mess.

The Guides have worked hard on Go for Its and recently completed the Active Response Badge.

We enjoyed trips to Tesco to complete the Farm to Fork trail and also to The Inkwell Community Kitchen to make yummy pancakes. We have also been bowling and enjoyed a trip to the Ice Rink with our District to celebrate Thinking Day.

Two of our Guides completed their Baden Powell Award this year and celebrated with a 70/80/90s themed evening and disco. We have three more almost completed and they have organised some fantastic evenings including Diwali, disability awareness, sports and cooking competitions.

A trip to the Laichmoray Hotel for a Christmas meal was a treat and the Christmas craft sleepover remains our firm favourite! We recently had a summer sleepover at Lossiemouth with lots of ice cream eating and a BBQ on the beach.

The community remains a big part of our unit and we continue to clear the fallen leaves at The Oaks each year and recently collected food and donated hampers to be used by our hall committee for fundraising.

Too many more things to write about but we have loved our themed evenings, learning about the world centres, Scotland and Ireland

(the cabbage crawl relay where we pushed a cabbage along the floor with our nose was hilarious!), Harry Potter night, tracking in the woods and so much more.

We look forward to our forthcoming trip to PGL Dalguise in October and to commencing the new Guide Programme after that.

On a final note, I thank my fantastic leader team for allowing all these opportunities for the girls and am delighted that Chloe is working towards her leadership qualification.



1st New Elgin Brownies

1st New Elgin Brownies have been having lots of fun completing the 1st Stratford Royal Badge to tie in with the Royal wedding; we made cards and sent them off to the happy couple, enjoyed a pyjama hen party, a tea party and other challenges.

For our last week we completed the Cook's Badge at Oakwood Cookery School - with a unicorn theme and the cakes were delicious!



1st New Elgin Rainbows

A busy year for 1st New Elgin Rainbows, we enjoyed a visit to pets at home where we learned how to care for a guinea pig. We also moved to a new meeting place. The photo below shows the first girls to take their promise in the new Elgin High School. We ended our year with a beach visit with Tuesday Brownies and Guides.



3rd New Elgin Brownies

We had a fantastic sleep over at Roseisle and also enjoyed baking. We have a new meeting place at the new Elgin High School. We had a great time with a picnic in the park.



5th New Elgin Brownies

There was great excitement when one of our girls went on stage at the Inverness panto. It was denied that Emma is annoying! The cast trying to put words into the girls mouths! We participated in the laying of the County wreath in Elgin. Our end of year visit was to the swimming pool, great fun was had by all.





2nd New Elgin Brownies

2nd New Elgin Brownies have been super busy little Brownies!

Summer celebrations - we celebrated the end of another school year with fun summer games, a bouncy castle, food, decorating rocks and had a fun photo booth!

Honey Bear and Monkey's wedding - 2nd New Elgin Brownies celebrated the marriage of Honey Bear and Monkey. We all dressed up for the occasion with a full wedding day squeezed into one evening! We had a ceremony, drinks reception, photos, speeches, cake and a wedding dance!

Pamper Pyjama Party (Hen Party) - We all came dressed in our pyjamas, drank hot chocolate, made and ate fruit kebabs, used make up to create make up faces, designed wedding dresses and cakes along with giving each other hand massages!

Bring a friend - All our Brownies took along one or two friends to try out Brownies! On the night we asked each girl to take along a donation to the Moray Foodbank! We ended up filling five cardboard boxes full of donations! On the evening we made a butterfly craft, had a photo shoot, did some science experiments, had a snack and sang Brownie songs. This evening was very successful and put our numbers back up to 24 and added a few on our waiting list.

Promises - We have welcomed 13 new Brownies over the last year all of whom have made their promise in our own little traditional way with girls completing their Hostess Badge serving parents tea, coffee and cake!

Bullying - Our fabulous new Owl, Twinkle Owl carried out a bullying workshop. Girls really enjoyed the evening which had lots of activities including friendship bracelets, discussions, posters, friendship flower which helped learning about others, their feelings and actions along with how to put a smile on someone's face!

Panto-2nd New Elgin Brownies LOVED the panto and cannot wait until December 2018!

Charity - 2nd New Elgin Brownies had a charity event just before Christmas with The Bodyshop where we raised £434! This money was divided between Blair (Unit helper) going to Zambia to help young people with education for three months along with MFR Cash for Kids - Mission Christmas. We had a few girls come along to Regency Elgin to deliver all the donations! We loved helping MFR's Mission Christmas and can't wait to get involved this year!

We have also completed lots of badges: Road Safety, Brownie Skills, Hostess, Home Skills, Pamper challenge, Plastic Free Challenge, Royal Wedding Challenge, STOP Bullying.



1st and 2nd New Elgin Guides



1st and 2nd New Elgin Guides meet on the same night, but at different times. When we do special activities we tend to try them together and here are some of the things we got up to!

The unit along with 2nd New Elgin Guides went surfing at Lossiemouth East Beach. We went on the Castle Cathedral Cashmere trail and climbed to the top of Ladyhill - it was dark by the time we got to the Cathedral. We had a sleepover at the Williamson Hall, where we had a patrol cooking competition. We also went on a train trip to Inverness and visited the Infinity Trampoline Park. We hosted our annual district Thinking Day celebration and the girls from 1st did a presentation about Thinking Day. We had fun learning about Chinese New Year and wore red for the occasion. We all went Nordic skiing and tubing at the Huntly Ski Centre. That was a special night as all the new Guides made their promise. Our last night of activities was a water fight and barbeque at Hopeman Beach where Olivia, Jenna, Megan, Ellis and Lucy were presented with their Baden Powell Challenge Awards.

This year for our summer adventure we camped at Badaguish. In your Element came to do canoeing and raft building at Loch Morlich with us and Elaine made us cycle there and back. We all had fun - except for the midges!



Our Ranger unit started after the Christmas holidays with just three members, we now have eight! We have joined the Guides for some activities, like the Huntly Ski Centre and Hopeman Beach visit (though we didn't get wet!) and Badaguish Camp. We have also enjoyed cooking (we tried allergen free vs normal versions of food and cooking on a budget). We've also been to Scribbles for tea - we really like food! We are looking forward to the new programme and working on our Duke of Edinburgh Awards.



Elgin Landward

We all got together to celebrate World Thinking Day at Elgin High School.

We had different activities:

- * Recycle RUN relay!
- * T-Shirt bags
- * Sock Puppets
- * Edible mud pies with worms!

The Trefoil Guild came along to help with the crafts too - they are always a fantastic help!

We renewed our promises together and celebrated being in Girlguiding!

All girls had a really good time and it was good to see all ages mix in all activities.



2nd Keith Rainbows

We started off our year learning about healthy foods and where they come from. Our local Tesco store helped us by organising a Farm to Fork visit in which we learned about where fruit and veg comes from, and how they make the pancakes in the bakery in store. We even had a go on the checkouts!

Our winter term was full of groovy crafts such as lava lamps and tie-dye mugs. For our Christmas trip, we took a train ride to see Santa. Our local old railway line from Keith to Drummuir was turned into a complete Winter Wonderland, full of singing and cheer, where we each got to meet Santa and we even got a present!



Our summer term was also very exciting. We had our first sleepover as a unit. Our theme was the Royal Wedding. We all dressed up as princesses for the weekend and had a royal cooked breakfast. We made wedding favours, princess crowns and mini wedding cakes. We played who stole the keys to the palace and we even kissed Prince Harry in our adaption of pin the tail on the donkey!



1st Keith Brownies

We visited Glamis Castle for the Rise to the Challenge organised by Girl Guiding Scotland. Glorious weather and great fun was enjoyed by all.

We attended and marched in both Newmill and Keith Remembrance Parades. We hosted Halloween and Christmas Parties. We had a Christmas comes early sleepover at Newmill Village Hall and also visited Eden Court to see the Panto. We hosted a Rudolf drive. We made sock snowmen and these were handed out by the Brownies as random acts of kindness.

We hosted a wee Scots night and also did three entries for our local spring show. We had an Easter sleepover and did a bag pack at Keith Tesco.

We competed in our own Race at your Pace and raised money for both our unit and Keith Cancer Link. We visited PGL Perth in May which had glorious sunshine and most quoting "best one yet". We went to see the musical Time Warp at Keith Grammar School. We hosted our annual parents' night and served carrot lemonade and fruit kebabs.



1st Keith Rainbows

Over the past year, 1st Keith Rainbows have completed several badges. Their favourite was the Mythical Mayhem Challenge in which they completed Unicorn, Mermaid, Fairy, Phoenix and Dragon activities. Many tried seaweed for the first time and loved it!

We also completed in our own Winter Olympics, made a trip to the local library and, as always, took part in our local Thinking Day Service.

Inspired by the Great British Bake Off we went shopping to Tesco for our ingredients to make some very sweet and very messy armpit fudge which was well sampled before it got home. We've had a fab year all round and are looking forward to our annual sleepover at the end of September.



1st Rothiemay Guides

During the year, the girls have taken part in a local charity walk for Macmillan which was a 5k starting at midnight.

We have completed both the Chocolate and Confectioner Badges.

Ashleigh & Kirstie completed their BP Challenge Award.



annual event and also the residents of sheltered housing as well as Christmas crafts and party.

Third term was more serious as we concentrated on the Road Safety Badge but then had great fun working with our Trefoil Guild to celebrate their birthday. We also had a full entry into the local flower show and won the Brownie section trophy.

During the Easter Holidays we had a Brownie holiday weekend to Cullen. The girls couldn't decide on one theme this year so we had a combination of art, baking and animals which actually fitted quite well together.

The final term, we had a few weeks of pick and mix badge work to use up some badge stock as well as a Unicorn Badge which was a great favourite with the girls.

To end we had a sports night, an A-Z challenge night and a trip to Landmark.



4th Keith Brownies

The start of our report is actually the end to last year as we had a Brownie holiday in July to Lagganlia.

We enjoyed a Monday to Friday holiday with great weather in a beautiful setting. The girls enjoyed dry ski slope skiing, tree climbing, canoeing, team building, crafts and games.

First term back we continued working on teambuilding. We also completed the tattie badge which ended with a tattie themed fancy dress party.

During the second term we had the privilege of entertaining guiders at the



1st Keith Guides

During the autumn term we completed our 26 x steppies challenge. We visited the Aberlour climbing wall, cinema and went to Scribbles for supper.

In November we marched in both Newmill and Keith Remembrance Parades. We travelled on the ghost train from Dufftown to Drummur and back then we squashed in a wee visit to McDonalds. We had a Christmas comes early sleepover at Newmill Village Hall and also visited Eden Court to see the Panto. We made sock snowmen and these were handed out by Guides as random acts of kindness.

During the spring term we went to see The Nutcracker at Eden Court Theatre. We hosted a wee Scots night, made three entries for our local spring show and hosted a Mother's Day afternoon tea. We had an Easter sleepover. We also found time for a bag pack at Keith Tesco.

As summer approached, we competed in our own Race at your Pace and raised money for both our unit and Keith Cancer Link. We visited PGL Perth in May which had glorious sunshine and most quoting "best one yet". We attended Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat at the Stewarts Hall, Huntly. We also went to see the musical Time Warp at Keith Grammar School. We hosted our annual parents' night and attended our first camp at Daviot which was hosted by Inverurie Guides. Great fun was had and lots of new skills learned.



1st Hopeman Brownies

We at 1st Hopeman Brownies have had an exciting year; we have upped our numbers to 20 which has allowed us to make a very long waiting list a bit shorter! We have tried to get out and about with the girls as much as possible in the lovely weather we've had. We had a golf taster session at Hopeman Golf Club which the girls enjoyed very much!

We also got together and had a beach clean which the girls were very excited to do and help make a difference towards the cleanliness of our local beach.

We also worked very hard on our Booklover Badge and ended this with a fantastic visit to Elgin Library, where the girls found out how to categorise books and how to put them on the shelf in the correct position. They also learned how to look after books properly and ended with a quiz around the library. They all had a brilliant time!



1st Hopeman Guides

The guides started the term with lots of outside activities. This included a beach clean. After the tattie holidays they did some badge work and they all knitted a poppy for a wreath and took part in the community armistice service. They all made a Christmas cake! We enjoyed the yearly panto and Tartan Gig outings. After Christmas, three guides went to the BP sleepover at the Williamson Hall and had a great time. Most of the guides were involved with the local panto. The Guides all took part in the Thinking Day Service which has become a community event. More badge work and Easter cards and lots of baking. After Easter the girls were outside as much as possible and did another beach clean. To finish off the session we joined the Rainbows and Brownies for games and a BBQ.

1st Burghead Rainbows

1st Burghead Rainbows have had a really busy year earning lots of new badges. The girls worked really hard to earn their World Thinking Day Badge. As part of the badge they made a mural, which is now situated in our Community Garden. The girls also worked very hard to get their Roundabout Badge, which was based all around healthy lifestyles. We are looking forward to working on more badges in the new term.



1st Burghead Brownies and Guides

Last year we did lots of craft activities in our unit meetings. A sponsored pram push around the village raised a good amount of money so the unit partly paid for the girls to attend the panto in December which the girls loved. The girls also helped at the community beach clean this year and learned about taking their rubbish home when out on trips.

1st Duffus Rainbows

In September the girls created their own Rainbow bunting to update our Rainbow noticeboard. The challenge was to see how many different patterns they could create using the three Rainbow colours. They also planned and created a special going away party, card and song for our Young Helper Isla who left us to attend Stirling University. In October the girls explored the outdoor grounds of Duffus Church to see how many different outdoor materials they could find. They then created their own transient artwork with them and were awarded their 'Out and About' Weather Badge. In November they celebrated 30 years of Rainbows with Rainbows from all over Moray. They had great fun making new friends and taking part in a number of exciting activities. They were all given a different coloured neckerchief and earned two 'Mermaid Mayhem' badges for their tabard. In December the Rainbows went to Eden Court with other Moray Guiding members to see the pantomime 'Snow White' - lots of very excited girls! In February the girls met other Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for a Thinking Day Service at Hopeman Church of Scotland. The Rainbows sang their own Duffus Rainbow song which they had created with the theme of 'togetherness'. In April the Rainbows staged a concert for families and friends in Duffus Village Hall giving a 'taste' of some of the different activities the girls are involved in every week. The audience was very

impressed with the girls' confident and happy performance. There was a silver collection and the money raised was donated to the Children's Ward at Dr Gray's Hospital. We bought fifteen books and a children's medical case for any children getting treated there or at Accident and Emergency. In May the girls had a fantastic visit to the Children's Ward to present the books bought with the money raised from their concert and Mrs Sandra Bromham, the hospital play specialist, gave the girls an in-depth tour of the ward explaining everything in a very child friendly manner. This event was definitely a highlight of our year. The girls also had a special end of term treat at the Oakwood Cookery School. They learned how to create their own Italian pizza and at the end of the session went home with their own speciality pizza which, by all accounts, tasted delicious! Yet another busy year for Duffus Rainbows.



1st Lossiemouth Brownies

We have had a busy 12 months on our Guiding journey. We visited Landmark in October for a wee trip out, took part in the Lossiemouth Remembrance Parade and the Panto in Inverness with the whole of Girlguiding Moray. We have done numerous badges from Out and About, Finding Your Way (ending up at the ice cream shop!), Disability Awareness, Cook and Cook Advanced. The latter we had a visit from a baker who helped us bake real Scottish shortbread.

2nd Lossiemouth Rainbows

The 2nd Lossiemouth Rainbows re-opened in August 17 and very much joined in with the 30th Birthday celebrations of Rainbows. We entered 30th Birthday cards into Lossiemouth Flower Show before sending them all over the UK (as well as one to the Falkland Islands). We had our own Mermaid Mayhem Party to celebrate with cake too! We had a fantastic time at the County Fun Day - 30th Birthday Party and on the County Pantomime trip too. We have enjoyed activities about Polar Bears, Dolphins and Tea! We even finished the year with a Teddy Tea Party.



2nd Lossiemouth Brownies

The 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies have made various crafts during the year including mobiles made from shells found at Lossiemouth. We entered crafts from reused computer parts into Lossiemouth Flower Show and enjoyed our Promise ceremony on top of the sand dunes at Lossiemouth East Beach. We completed several interest badges as a unit; World Traveller, Stargazer, Science Investigator, World issues, as well as the Thinking Day Impact and Future Girl Badges. We have enjoyed two speakers who talked about drones and flying jet planes respectively. Unfortunately we said goodbye to a few leaders, in particular Dene Brebner, however have been lucky to welcome new leaders too.



and we are looking forward to more of the same next year!

1st Forres Brownies

1st Forres Brownies have had another busy year of badge work, trips and visits, challenges and a change of meeting place.

From August to October we worked on the Speaker Badge, the Trefoil Guild spent an evening sharing limericks with us, we did a beach clean at Findhorn with Lorna Hall from WDS and put on our Hi-Vis jackets (kindly donated by Specsavers) for a penny walk around Forres.

From October to December we played badminton, made sock snowmen, had a fantastic evening at the Oakwood Cookery School making unicorn cupcakes, sang carols at Cameron Court and attended the spectacular Girlguiding takes over Eden Court Pantomime: Snow White.

We did the Booklover Badge from January to April, made thinking caps for Thinking Day and under the excellent tuition of Mrs Gray we performed Gary Barlow's Sing at the Forres Youth Concert.

From April to June we did the Out and About Badge, played football with the Forres Mechanics Youth Development Squad, helped Forres in Bloom rake and tidy the Grant Park, went canoeing on the River Findhorn with 1st Forres Scout Group and took part in a Teddy Bears picnic at Brodie Castle to celebrate the Royal Wedding. The event was organised by the Trefoil Guide, we marvelled at all the bears in their wedding outfits ate the delicious cake and challenged ourselves on the treasure hunt.

The highlight of our Brownie year was an April activity weekend at the Abernethy Outdoor Centre. We went skiing, swam, climbed, zipped, shot arrows, sang, ate and were awakened by George Ezra. The weather was perfect and so were the Brownies. It's been a fantastic year



1st Kinloss Guides

1st Kinloss Guides have had a fun filled year. All our newer guides enjoyed taking part in the Remembrance Parade for the first time. We had full attendance at the Annual County Panto at Eden Court which was enjoyed by all. We have moved into new premises and have settled in nicely. Lots of fun has been had completing badges and Go for Its, these have allowed us to make masks and enjoy a pamper evening. We used our artistic talents to decorate our own shoes. We started off our autumn term with a trip to the Highland Wildlife Park with the Brownies and one of our Guides even made her promise at her favourite animal enclosure - the Red Panda. We are now looking forward to the year ahead and starting the new Girlguiding Programme.

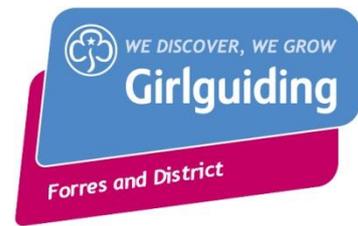


1st Forres Rainbows

The 1st Forres Rainbows have had a good year with a new volunteer which has allowed us to take on more girls from our waiting list. We did our Highland Dancing Challenge and Wizard of Oz Badges as well as our Roundabout, The World, Festivals and Get Healthy badges, and are about to start our Roundabout Seasons Badge in order to use up the last of those badges.

The girls had an especially great time with our Rainbows Olympics. They love cooking and baking, which is a favourite when it is Summer's turn to lead.

In the summer term the girls worked towards their Roundabout Seasons Badge and we also did a lot of promise work since quite a few of the girls needed to take their promise. The others all enjoyed revising their Ready for Rainbows books and we rediscovered Fee Fi Fo Fum, which the girls loved. This term we are blending the old with the new and the girls are working towards their Roundabout Rainbows Badge while the leaders find their feet with the new curriculum. We have been communicating as part of our Express Myself Skills Builder and the girls seem enthusiastic about the new activities.



2nd Forres Guides

2nd Forres Guides have held a Christmas “camp” at Findhorn Village Centre where we did lots of Christmas crafts as well as learning to make balloon animals and gingerbread. We walked along the beach and attended the Findhorn Remembrance Day Service.



We have had a Disney themed camp with a treasure hunt around Brodie Castle and at the end of August 2018 we went on a PGL weekend.

We have had yoga taster sessions, built birdhouses, made flower arrangements and painted “henna” patterns on our hands. We have learnt to send messages by morse code, have taken part in stalking and tracking, made smores over tealights and looked at engineering and STEM activities. Lots more planned for this coming year and excited about the new guide programme.





2nd Kinloss Brownies

2nd Kinloss Brownies have had a jam-packed year. We have been working on many badges such as Craft, Disability Awareness and Gardener. We joined the Annual County trip to see the Panto at Eden Court in December and the Teddy Bears Picnic organised by the Forres Trefoil Guild. The highlight of our year was our very first Brownie sleepover. We had a teddy picnic sleepover which included decorating our own teddy bears t-shirts and then painting a teddy bear money box, finishing the day by watching a Winnie the Pooh film. We joined the Kinloss Guides on a trip to the Highland Wildlife Park to start off our autumn term. We all had lots of fun and brought back loads of slime and a few teddies. We are looking forward to the year ahead and maybe another sleepover.



2nd Forres Brownies

We enjoyed a talk by the Spey Bay Dolphin Centre on the effects of litter on our marine life and finished the evening collecting litter on the beach.

We had a sponsored walk on the Dava Way from Edinkillie to Forres raising over £1000 for a special trip. We enjoyed an evening 'Climbing the Walls' at Spireroux in Elgin.

Together with 2nd Forres Rainbows we enjoyed a Christmas craft day at the Lossiemouth guide hall.

We joined girls from all over Moray to see the pantomime at Eden Court Theatre.

Forres Trefoil Guild organised a Teddy Bears Picnic for all of the Forres Brownies to celebrate the Royal Wedding. We had a great time.

We had a unicorn themed camp at Invererne. We made Unicorn Hobby Horses and did lots of other activities.

We finished the year with a sausage sizzle.

In September some of the Brownies went to Ballroom Blitz in Blackpool joining 650 girls from all over Scotland and the SW of England where they have a fantastic time!





2nd Forres Rainbows

Celebrating their third birthday in May, 2nd Forres Rainbow unit continues to thrive.

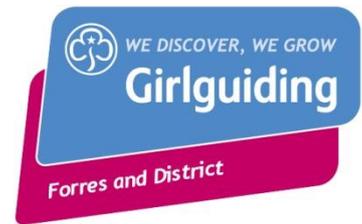
A Christmas craft day allowed the Rainbows to spend the day participating in a variety of Christmas activities, and allowed them to showcase their decorated mini Christmas cakes.

The girls have had a busy year completing several challenge badges and the Festival Roundabout.

A visit from the Spey Bay Dolphin Trust was a highlight for the girls, who were amazed to see how big a dolphin and minke whale measured in terms of the number of rainbows it took to hold the outline of its body! This was the final part of the Ocean Challenge Badge and the volunteers from SBDT were delighted to present the Rainbows with their badges. Hopefully, the girls will go on to change the world by making sure all rubbish is binned correctly and does not end up in the sea, especially plastic! They have all decided that they will no longer use plastic drinking straws anymore! Everyone can make a difference.

The year ended with a sausage sizzle where we said a fond farewell to some of our Rainbow friends moving on to Brownies.

We are looking forward to another exciting year ahead when we start to enjoy the new programme and get to earn even more Rainbow badges. We have a few girls on the waiting list and are always looking for new volunteers to come and help out and have fun with us.



5th Forres Brownies

We have had another busy year. We went to Abernethy with 1st Forres Brownies. Enjoyed kayaking with the help of the Forres Scouts! We even had a visit from the police!

We very much enjoyed the Teddy Bears Picnic organised and provided by the Forres Trefoil Guild.

We had a lovely evening playing football with the Forres Mechanics Youth Development Squad. We were out and about weather permitting, visiting Hill 99, Nelson's Tower and gardening with Forres in Bloom.

We look forward to yet another action-packed year.





3rd Forres Guides

Forres Rangers are beginning to come to terms with a new name! The girls have had visits from the Navy/Royal Marines who had them competing in team building games. With the prospect of a £5000 golden handshake if they become cooks in the Navy. There could be some credence to this as once again cooking and food seems to dominate the Rangers programme with any festival or celebration an opportunity to bake and cook; from vegan pancakes, Scottish Cranachan to giant cookies. They have been out surfing, made floral garlands with the local florist, and tried their hand at papercutting with great results and phone photo challenges led to some hysterically funny photo ideas!

Thinking day 2018, the girls completed the Connect-Grow-Impact theme by celebrating the impact the movement has on the lives of our members and their communities by bringing about positive change. We tried Russian cabbage soup so that the girls could see how cheaply a nutritious meal could be made; looked at how the impact of one small initiative can begin a movement of change; and the girls donated food items for the local food bank.

As crew at County camp they fully participated in the theme "CSI" and did an amazing job of disguising themselves as different characters during the day. They actively supported the Guides in a variety of activities and all the leaders who were there praised them for their fun, positive attitudes and participation in the event.

The girls enjoyed Peer Education Think Resilient Session- learning about mental well-being and how to build resilience.

The girls have made a great start with the new programme this term, with plans for amazing things to come in next year!



3rd Forres Guides are currently a very small unit but nevertheless have had a busy year.

During the autumn term we worked on the Trefoil Guild Challenge trying our hand at geocaching and improving our map skills. We completed the Film Lover, Outdoor Pursuits and Party Planner Badges. Finishing with a 'Hollywood Glamour and Glitz' party for which we designed and made props and scenery.

Over the winter we completed the First Aid and Agility Badges.

We had a great time joining girls from all over the county to see the pantomime at Eden Court Theatre. We also took part in the WAGGGS Impact Challenge with 1st Forres Guides.

The highlight of the spring term was presenting Ciara with her BP Challenge Award.



1st Forres Guides

We have welcomed new girls and said goodbye to others and the unit continues to grow. We have two fantastic new leaders, Tess and Emily, and hope they enjoy Guides as much as we do. The girls have had great fun planning their programme this year and, bar meeting Justin Bieber, they have managed to achieve lots of the things they wanted to do.

With wizardry and wands, a magical weekend was had in the snow at Harry Potter camp. The girls love the outdoors where they are at their happiest! So PGL, camping, surfing, backwoods cooking, campfire and marshmallows were some of their highlights this year.

Cooking featured highly in their programme from pancakes, to open fire toffee apples and omelettes in bags, and learning how to use trangia stoves to cook a one pot curry. Fearn and Rachel's Eton mess did take some beating!

Unfortunately, we chose the wettest, coolest weekend of the summer for our Alice in Wonderland camp but the girls had a great time - recycling plates and cups to make cake stands, plaques from recycled palettes and a grand Mad Hatters tea party!

The CSI camp challenged the girls to solve the mystery of the stolen food with Janet becoming the prime suspect, her forthcoming cruise - being the reason for demanding £2500 in the ransom note!

We are now almost fully-fledged Citizen Girls with one final part of the badge to do, we are going to shout out and make our voices heard as we try to Change the World. With everyone one doing their bit we can make a difference by acting on what we feel is right. The year ahead looks exciting as we start out on our journey with the new programme, so know we have another full year of inspiring adventures ahead.





The members of all four Trefoil Guilds in the County have enjoyed a variety of speakers and activities throughout the year. However, their main focus has been on celebrating 75 years since the inception of the Trefoil Guild. Most have worked towards the Challenge Badge and linked up to strengthen Trefoil friendships which was part of the theme for the year's celebration. The Forres Guild organised and catered for a special Brownie event in the form of a Teddy Bear's Picnic. This proved to be a magical occasion. The Keith ladies invited all neighbouring Guilds to a 'Tea in the Tent' event which was blessed with glorious weather.



A committee of two members from each Guild organised an activity day at Spey Bay.

We were very fortunate on the day to have the presence of both Moray and Banffshire's Lord Lieutenants who read a special message from the Countess of Wessex.

A Guild flowerbeds means that the public can enjoy its colour and be more aware of our existence and hopefully our membership will increase.

Some members also visited the Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen joining Grampian Guilds for a celebration afternoon tea party.

We look forward to an interesting but perhaps less hectic programme in the coming year.



LONG SERVICE AWARDS

40 years

Anne Forteath 2nd New Elgin Guides

30 Years

Hilda McKessack-Leitch County President

Janice Craib 1st Hopeman Guides

20 Years

Lorna Leil 1st Elgin Brownies

Fiona Chalmers 5th Buckie Brownies

10 Years

Sandra Gerrie 4th Keith Brownies

Fiona Mckenzie 3rd Keith Brownies

Elisabeth Williams County Appointment

5 Years

Eilidh Sims 1st Keith and District Rangers

Emily Gonnella 1st and 2ND Elgin Rainbows

Gillian Devenney 4th Elgin Brownies

Christina Matthews 1st Buckie Brownies

Sharon Dodds 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies

Lynsey Blakey 2nd Forres Brownies

BP CHALLENGE AWARDS



Jenna Milton 1st New Elgin Guides

Lucy Paul 1st New Elgin Guides

Megan Lockey 1st New Elgin Guides

Olivia Callow 1st New Elgin Guides

Ellis Cockburn 1st New Elgin Guides

Hoiile Piekarski 3rd New Elgin Guides

Hannah Grimson 3rd New Elgin Guides

Abbie McCallum 3rd New Elgin Guides

Niamh Ross 3rd New Elgin Guides

Ciara Conti 3rd Forres Guides

Ashleigh Dalgarno 1st Rothiemay Guides

Kirstie Love 1st Rothiemay Guides

Emily Stowger 1st Buckie Guides

Lucy Cowie 1st Buckie Guides

Alicia Gray 1st Cullen Guides

Jemma Main 6th Elgin Guides



200 Club Winners

September 17

1. Morag Whitelaw
2. Beth Williamson
3. Mary McIntosh

October 17

1. Hayley Owen
2. Mary Sinclair
3. Alison Cannard

November 17

1. Trudy Acton
2. David Fraser
3. Marion Christie

December 17

1. Susan Bedford
2. Kirsteen Pyett
3. Elaine Penny

Special Draw

1. Doris Smith
2. Anne Hamilton
3. Donald MacLeod
4. Wendy Swail
5. Jodie McLaren

January 18

1. Muriel Smith
2. Sarah Ritchie
3. Christine Smith

February 18

1. S Webb
2. Ann Scott
3. Andrew Laing

March 18

1. Innes Stables
2. Margaret More
3. Seonaid Hutcheon

April 18

1. Murray McLaren
2. Kay Donaldson
3. Angels Cant

May 18

1. Kyle Fraser
2. M Stables
3. Sarah Milne

June 18

1. Margo Howe
2. Tom Forrest
3. Alistair Forteath

July 18

1. Linda Scott
2. Sylena Ross
3. Mark Gillings

August 18

1. Madge Smith
2. Debbie Riggott
3. Paul Craib

Special Draw

1. Rachel Thompson
2. Janet Mc Donald
3. Kirsteen Pyett
4. Avril Bowie
5. Eileen Wright



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