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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Guiding has always played a major role in my life since joining the brownies at the age of seven. It was a great honour to be invited to take up the position of President following in the footsteps of Hilda Mackessack-Leitch. Hilda has been an excellent ambassador for Girlguiding Moray in her many and varied roles and I thank her for her hard work over the years.

Covid 19 has forced many changes on Guiding over the past eighteen months and I congratulate all of our members in Girlguiding Moray for rising to the challenge. Leaders have thought up many ways of keeping the interest of the girls from activity packs to of course zoom. I admire all of you who have set up those zoom meetings as I have only learnt how to join County and Scottish Trefoil zoom meetings as a participant.

Guiding has made me improve my technology skills over the years as registrations went from paper to GO. At registrations level GO is quite challenging so I really appreciate all the work our leaders are doing to keep the girls records up to date as well as the e-learning required for keeping safe space, first response and first aid up to date. With the change in the Guiding Programme, it is great seeing more girls completing the bronze and silver awards and a few reaching the coveted gold awards.

Being able to join in the Llama Fiesta and Carnival Fun 21 virtual events has enabled me to see some of the activities first-hand that the girls have enjoyed. The list of activities done in the units from badge work to paddleboarding, local treasure hunts to Duke of Edinburgh expeditions shows that Guiding in Moray is very much alive, indeed thriving.

Keep up the good work you are all doing so well, and I hope to be able to join more of our members through from Rainbows to Trefoil members in the coming year.



FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Well, what another amazing year Girlguiding Moray has had. Despite the adversity that covid has caused, each and every one of you has made a difference in our young members lives; from those who have stayed with us, to those who have recently joined and made their promises.

Volunteers like you are few and far between, you have managed to continue guiding outdoors, on zoom and now the majority of the units are back indoors. We are so grateful for everything you have done to secure new venues to ensure that the girls guiding experiences continue. We have seen Rainbows growing exceptionally tall sunflowers and completing the 'Out and About Wee Beastie Challenge'. Brownies gain the Blue Peter badges and some gold awards have also been achieved. Many units experienced the online pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk a little different from our usual panto but nonetheless great fun. Guides and Rangers - all seem to have had a go at stand-up paddle boarding. Elgin Landward Rangers achieved their Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards. Janet McDonald has kept the Trefoil Guild going on zoom. Our volunteers here in Moray have been nothing but exceptional, what you have achieved over the last year has amazed everyone and for that we are truly grateful.

It's been a busy year and as you know we said goodbye to our wonderful County President, Hilda, we could not officially say goodbye but will make sure that she knows how much we appreciated all her support, encouragement and enthusiastic cheering at all our events. Thank you for everything you have done and still do to support Girlguiding Moray. We welcomed Vivien Welsh as our new County President who I know will continue the amazing job of our previous county presidents.

Let's hope that 2022 will offer us lots more exciting new activities and opportunities. When we can all meet together again, we will have the fun day in June for Rainbows and Brownies and come next September we will hold our county camp for Guides and Rangers. We hope to return to Eden Court next December when we look forward to seeing the pantomime and taking over the theatre once again. So just a few of the exciting things to look forward to next year.

Remember that we value each and every one of you, you are amazing and I thank you all for making memories with our young members in 2020 a year they will always remember.



1st Duffus Rainbows

In September we decided that we would continue our Rainbows by emailing out the 'At Home' badge challenges and ask the girls for photo or video evidence of them completing these challenges - what a lot of creative and inventive families and girls we have at Duffus.

Our Rainbows were excited to receive their Covid 19 guiding badges in the post, as a reminder of the time they had spent together with their families during Covid19.



Our first 'At Home' badge challenge was for the 'Express Myself' Drawing Interest Badge. For part 1 the girls were asked to draw a self-portrait of themselves.



For part 2 the girls had to draw anything they wanted but the challenge was to make it BIG, and our Rainbows certainly did that and the final part of this challenge was for the girls to draw 'the impossible' thinking about their senses and emotions.

Even although we were not able to be part of our usual Remembrance Day Service at Hopeman we still had our own special Ceremony at Duffus Church. The Rev Jenny Adams asked if our Rainbows could collect and appropriately decorate their own stone and lay it outside Duffus Church to form a small Remembrance Day Cairn. One of our Rainbows volunteered to put a wooden Cross at the Duffus Church Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. These photos were added to the Hopeman online church service. We were very proud of our girls and their families for being part of this community event.



Again, our Rainbows were delighted to receive their Remembrance Day Guiding Badge for participating in this event.

Some of our Rainbows took part in the Children in Need 'Act Your Age' Challenge. Some of the girls' ideas included cycling for 6 minutes and creating 6 different moves on outdoor equipment- another badge for our families to sew on their daughter's tabard



At the end of November, we completed part 2 of our 'Take Action' Helper Interest Badge which we had started before the first lockdown. This part was entitled 'Help Your Community' and we suggested that the girls might like to donate toys or clothes to a charity shop or a food item to Moray Foodbank or instead of buying themselves a treat maybe buy something for Moray Foodbank with their treat money. What a lot of kind-hearted families we have in our Rainbows. The girls completed this badge in April with the final challenge to find a way to help our world and living things. To help the girls achieve this we sent each Rainbow a packet of seeds to plant to attract bees and butterflies to their garden.

We started 2021 with a new 'At Home Badge Challenge': 'Have Adventures' Agility Interest Badge. For part 1 the girls were asked to create their own 'warm up' and 'cool down' movements to share with their family and friends to use before and after exercising. One of our Rainbows created a theme for this 'Bonnie going on a dog walk with Rosie' and another gave all her movements a name.



"Picking up fallen plums from the tree"



"Sleeping snakes"

For part 2 of this badge the girls were asked to create an indoor or outdoor obstacle course. Again, Bonnie created a story for this challenge where she was a dragon on a mission to get the Diamond of the Jungle. Her first obstacle was balancing on towels trying to avoid being bitten by the snakes.

For part 3 of this badge the girls were asked to try a new activity or sport. One Rainbow had the good idea to try litter picking with her grandad's litter pickers. They used them at Lossiemouth cemetery and beach and Duffus Castle and she and her family are going to carry on doing this in the future. This year for Thinking Day some of our girls joined the Girlguiding Virtual event on Sunday 21st February. One of the popular activities was seeing how many socks they could put on one foot in a minute.

In June some of our girls joined the Rainbow and Brownie Virtual Fun Day hosted by Girlguiding Moray which involved participating in different activities including making marionettes and juggling balls.

Although it has been a different year for Duffus Rainbows we have really appreciated our family's support and enjoyed seeing all the photos and video evidence of them completing their different badges and participating in community events. Both the leaders and the girls are looking forward to seeing each other again in person when we restart in September.



1st Hopeman Brownies

Hopeman Brownies decided to take a break from meetings for most of the last year, but we started back outside in May.

Thankfully we were very lucky with the weather. We had a scavenger hunt, did some beach art, some brownie activity's and generally had lots of fun, it was so good just to see the girls again.

During the year we tried to stay in contact with the girls as much as possible.

In November we normally take part in the community Remembrance Day service but instead the girls were asked to paint stones and place them outside the church



Here is Evie with our stones



Some of our Brownies were eager to do badges at home and this is Paisleigh watering her lavender plant as part of her Grow your Own badge. She also made a very impressive robotic rabbit as part of her Inventors badge



We are starting back to indoor meetings and are looking forward to being back properly at long last



1st Hopeman Guides

This has been a very quiet year for us at 1st Hopeman Guides; the girls did not want to meet on zoom as they were spending a lot of time using zoom for their schoolwork.

To mark Remembrance Sunday the girls all painted stones with a poppy theme, and these were laid at the church and memorial hall.

Blae Gillies represented the Guides and laid a poppy cross at our war memorial.



The Guides took part in a community beach and park clean and guide leaders provided the BBQ and refreshments for the event. A lovely morning was had by all.

The Guides also went along to the bowling club fun day and again leaders cooked the BBQ. This was a fundraising event for the unit. Our thanks go to bowling club for inviting us to do this.

Also, on girls have collected hard for the rag bag collection.

We are hoping to get back to face to face meetings in September.



A few of our guides joined in with the County zoom Weekend - Carnival Fun 21, the Girlguiding Scotland Virtual Thinking Day and a science day. All who took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves and parents liked seeing Guides supporting younger siblings in Brownies and Rainbows.

1st Cullen Guides

Guiding for us this year continued via zoom. We did a variety of different activities - crafts, UMAs and skill builders online all adapted to work on a screen. Particular highlights were our monthly baking or cooking nights and fun games such as the ever-popular scavenger hunts and quizzes organised by one of our Duke of Edinburgh Guides. We baked cookies, cakes in mugs, Oreo truffles, shortbread, fairy cakes, loaves and pizzas in mugs - we are all very proficient in the kitchen now.



cookies



115g butter, softened
55g caster sugar
140g plain flour
40g chocolate chips

heat oven 180c

beat the butter and sugar till fluffy

mix in the flour and chocolate chips with your hand until you have a dough

roll the dough into walnut sized ball and flatten with your palm

put them onto a baking tray slightly apart and cook for 10-12min

Jemma Donohoe

For Remembrance Day we decorated stones which we have placed at the memorial along with our wreath.

Craft packs were delivered for Christmas crafts which we enjoyed doing whilst wearing our Christmas jumpers, listening to music and munching on chocolate Santas. Easter took on a similar theme of chocolate and crafts.

We ended the session with an outdoor meeting on the beach where we had ice cream, had a sandcastle competition and got very wet.



1st Buckie Rainbows

1st and 6th Buckie Brownies

Well, who would have thought that we would have been locked down for over a year due to a pandemic and that we would be meeting our girls over zoom?

To start with we posted activity packs to all the girls with challenges, activities, and badges to complete at home.



When we realised this was going to last for longer, we decided to pay for a zoom account so that we could meet the girls all be it virtually.

We had lots of visitors come to see us - River's Rodents and Reptiles, Laura Sharpe's Puppet Workshop, Forensic Experience, Harry Potter trail around the sights in Scotland, Panto over zoom, we had a Bring your Pet to zoom evening, craft evenings and lots of baking evenings (sorry Mums for all the clearing up).

We also completed interest badges and skill builders and managed to adapt some UMAs.

We were finally able to have outside meetings just before we finished for the summer holidays, and it was lovely to see all the girls again outside.



Last year was a very strange year for all of us. Due to the Corona Virus, we didn't meet between August and the end of October 2020.

We met up fortnightly in the hall during November and December 2020 and mainly did crafts including making poppies for Remembrance Sunday, Pudsey Bear activities for Children in Need and Christmas crafts in December.

We attended a virtual Christmas pantomime which the girls enjoyed.

We started meeting on zoom in January 2021 completing activities from the Know Myself Theme and enjoyed a few scavenger hunts and stories.

We decorated biscuits and flags from different countries for Thinking day.

We enjoyed a virtual visited to an Alpaca farm on zoom which the girls thoroughly enjoyed.

We also enjoyed a reptile night and a puppet making class on zoom.

We completed our recycling badge as part of Earth Day.



We also had a tea party for the Queens 95th birthday where the girls' decorated crowns and made bunting.

For our last night in June, we met up outside where we had a scavenger hunt and a few races. It was really good to meet up in person with the girls. Due to lockdown, we had not met some of the new rainbows in person.

Hopefully when we return after the summer, we will be able to go back to meeting in the hall.



2nd and 4th Buckie Rainbows

During our virtual meetings we had joint zoom meetings which the girls really enjoyed as they got to see their friends who go to a different Rainbow Group.

We were able to pack a lot into our 30-minute meeting - we always started with the Rainbow song and our promise followed by our activity for the night then finished with a story - one week I didn't have a story organised and the Rainbows all asked "why they didn't have a story tonight".

We also were lucky to have virtual visits from people that otherwise we wouldn't have had like River's Rodents and Reptiles with the Brownies, a visit from Cats Protection League, Laura Sharpe Puppet Workshop, and a visit from some Llamas. We even saw the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

1st Fochabers Rainbows

While online meetings and activities didn't really take off for the Rainbows, outdoor meetings have been very successful, if chilly at times. We have only had to cancel one meeting.

In the autumn there were two outdoor meetings in Kingston, one at Byres Farm where we celebrated UK Parliament Week and one discovering interesting facts about Fochabers while walking round the village.

In the summer term we met weekly in the church garden and managed to do activities for Know Myself then did activities from the Carnival Pack for our final meeting. The clown cupcakes were enjoyed by all.



We also completed interest badges, and skill builders and managed to adapt some UMAs.

We were lucky enough to have a meeting outdoors before the summer holidays and the girls had a great time. We are looking forward to meeting face-to-face after the summer holidays.

Three girls were able to move up to Brownies in May and three more moved up at the end of the summer term. Five girls made their Promise during the year.

Eight adults and girls took part in the Children in Need Act your Age Challenge with a range of activities. A fantastic total of £556 was raised.



1st Buckie Guides

Guides started well by meeting over zoom, and we had over 20 girls every week but unfortunately as time went on numbers sadly dropped as 'virtual meetings' were something some girls were getting fed up with.

I am happy to say that most of the girls have returned to face-to-face Guiding.

We had lots of activities planned over the weeks we were meeting virtually, baking was a firm favourite, crafts, clay models, Forensic Experience, Harry Potter trail, Escape Rooms, Laura Sharpe puppet workshop, quizzes, t shirt decorating, watching videos together, Christmas crafts, quizzes and lots more.



We also completed interest badges, and skill builders and managed to adapt some UMAs.

We were finally able to get together outdoors prior to the summer holidays which the girls were really grateful for.

2nd Fochabers Brownies

We at 2nd Fochabers Brownies have been meeting face-to-face on our local playing fields, every 2 weeks during 2021.

The girls have completed a variety of skills builders, enjoyed scavenger hunts, den building, sport challenges and completed the Girlguiding Scotland, Wee Beastie Challenge.



We planted sun flowers for a unit competition and have met in all weathers with a full complement of girls.

We finished off the term with a picnic and toasted marshmallows with inter-six challenges. It was good to see all of the girls and get back to face to face meetings.



3rd New Elgin Guides

The past year has continued to be a challenging time for our unit but looking back it is fantastic to see what the girls have achieved.

Over the year we continued to provide opportunities for the girls via a mix of zoom meetings, outdoor meetings and at times we managed to return to the hall for some indoor meetings.

We have been busy working on some UMA cards but have mainly focused on activities to allow the girls to re connect with each other and provide a bit of normality in these times while having fun.

Some of our most memorable zoom meeting activities have been a bake-off style challenge where the Guides produced some great baked items during the session, quizzes, completing 22 challenges on the 22nd February for Thinking Day, Harry Potter escape rooms and more baking.

We completed The Chocolate Challenge Badge designed by another unit over 2 weeks of zoom meetings and we had the best time ever.... chocolate tasting, chocolate facemasks, making chocolate lip gloss, challenges and so much more. This was probably our best zoom meeting.



Outdoors we supported another unit again by completing their Feathers and Flamingo Badge, which again was loads of fun.

During our outdoor sessions we have had a unit sports night, played lots of socially distanced games, completed crafts (a bit challenging however in the Scottish weather), been for nature walks and had fun splashing in mud and finding beasties and we had a wee treat when we walked to the chip shop for ice cream or chips.



Although the yearly Moray County Trip to the Panto did not go ahead, we were very kindly invited to watch Dick McWhitting on the large screen by local company Out Of The Darkness Theatre Company. We had a private, socially distanced viewing of their Panto which they had filmed socially distanced and edited together (it was great) and then we made Mickey Mouse Christmas wreaths, which was a lovely way to end the term.



We were able to continue with our yearly service to The Oaks and cleared the fallen leaves from their garden on several occasions. The Guides really enjoy this.



1st and 2nd Elgin Rainbows

We started the year by saying goodbye to lots of Rainbows who moved up to Brownies and hello to some new girls. Through the year we have shared lots of activities with the girls over Facebook.

We made our promise virtually and then set out to start our first bit of program: Influence Stage one. The girls shared with us all about the people who help them and about the things they care about.

We celebrated Remembrance Day, Halloween and Christmas.

The girls earned their Out and About in the Dark 2020 challenge by going on night walks and toasting marshmallows.

We also donated some toys to the New Elgin Hall toy hall appeal for less fortunate children.

Back at the hall we have enjoyed being crafty without the need to hide from the rain. We particularly like making fairy houses from plant pots.

Our final two weeks of term were spent enjoying the sun with a trip to Roseisle to light fires and of course enjoy yummy s'mores. Then a night enjoying take away pizza and our yearly water games and water fight.

We are really looking forward to a paddle boarding and kayaking session with Outfit Moray in the coming weeks.

Although we did lose several Guides throughout the pandemic, we had a group of Brownies move up earlier this year and are looking forward to welcoming 6 more Brownies to our unit after summer. We hope things will return to being a bit more normal and are aiming for those Theme Awards this year.

Once again thanks to my fellow leaders for all their hard work and dedication to our unit, we make a great team and this year thanks also to the wider county team for all their support with everything.



We started the Girlguiding Moray- A Year in Moray Challenge Badge learning about castles, daffodils and gardening to complete the Spring quadrant.



To finish the year, we met up with 3rd Elgin Brownies for a few face-to-face meetings in Cooper Park ready to transition to Brownies. We are looking forward to welcoming a whole unit's worth of new girl's next term.



3rd Elgin Brownies

3rd Elgin Brownies was re-opened in August 2020. Over the year the girls have taken part in a mix of Facebook, zoom and face-to-face meetings. In our first term the girls recreated the Brownie Story and started to lend a hand in preparation for making their promises virtually.

We had a virtual Halloween Party in October and celebrated Remembrance Day and Christmas.

Throughout the year we have also been working on the Girlguiding Moray- A Year in Moray Challenge Badge, completing the Winter, Spring and Summer quadrants. The girls particularly enjoyed making cake snowballs, learning about daffodils, and marching in Cooper Park.

The girls participated in programme activities earning their Innovate stage 2 by making fruit towers and paper planes.

Some of the girls have also been working hard at home to earn their Charities, Baking, Collectors, Local History and Aviation badges.



Some of the girls earned their LaSER Take 10 Challenge doing activities to look after their wellbeing and some took part in the Out and About in the Dark 2020 challenge by going on night walks and toasting marshmallows.



We finished the year off with some joint outdoor meetings in Cooper Park with the 1st and 2nd Elgin Rainbows. Tawny Owl taught us how to march and despite the rain we enjoyed a picnic and games to complete the summer quadrant of the Girlguiding Moray- A year in Moray Challenge Badge. We also had a virtual baby shower games night and welcomed Baby Owl too.

We are looking forward to welcoming more Brownies to our unit next year.

1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Guides

1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Guides met on zoom during 2020 and 2021. We worked on many UMAs and celebrated; Halloween, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Christmas and Easter by completing craft and food related activities.



4th Keith Brownies

What a totally different year we have had at 4th Keith Brownies. As we couldn't meet in person, we took the zoom option, this didn't dampen our enthusiasm in any way.

Our Brownies were never too far from food as we made fajitas, mug cakes, biscuits and lemonade scones.



At Halloween we made Halloween stress balls and skeleton pictures.

At Christmas we made a snowman and enjoyed owl and reindeer crafts. We even had Santa come to our zoom meeting to see if we were still behaving and having fun.



At the start of the new term, we made bird feeders, the girls were thrilled when they got to see the birds arrive to feed on them.

We also made Mother's Day cards and completed a love heart craft.

We continued with our skills builders and UMAs and had girls work on badges at home. With some of the girls gaining bronze and silver awards.



We have had a busy year, here are just a few of the things we have had fun doing; we had a coin hunt, find a tool, made our own boats with different sails, tried a dance workout and learned some ballet, we even made up our own dances.



Our last night we finally got to meet up and lots of games and laughter was had by all.

Roll on the next term.



Elgin Landward District

With the challenging year we have had we unfortunately haven't been able to meet as a district. We still managed to keep in touch regularly with each other sharing advice and ideas.

In November, Lorna laid our wreath for remembrance which was a little strange without all our Guiding Family watching from the side.



As Lorna stepped down as District Commissioner, we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and support over the last few years. We have had some great laughs along with amazing fun days and evenings for all. Although, she isn't getting away that easily as she will still be involved in our district being a Brownie leader.

A massive thank you to all our amazing leaders who have kept guiding alive in these difficult times - the amount of joy and happiness that it

has given the girls is amazing, from zoom and Guiding at Home to getting back face-to-face outdoors.

A special thank you to our Rangers who have been on hand helping with meetings, creating fun and laughter for all.

We can't wait until we can meet up again and start organising big events involving Rainbows through to the Trefoil Guild, getting all our members together for some celebrations which as always, will include some food, laughter, and not forgetting a badge.

5th New Elgin Brownies

What a year we have had. Despite being in lockdown and unable to meet in person we have still managed to meet every week and enjoy it.



We joined 1st and 2nd Elgin Brownies every week for our virtual meetings. We baked A LOT. Who knew how many yummy things you could make in your microwave?



We had visits from Professor Baxter for an amazing Harry Potter Theme night, Blue Cross to learn about caring for our animals and from the National Space Centre to learn all about space. We also had our very own Grace from MFR join us for some of our meetings which the girls (and I) really enjoyed. Thank you to all the organisations that helped to make this happen.

We had 6 Rainbows move up to our unit and they have settled in well our unit is growing every day and it's amazing to see the girls growing in confidence.

Programme and Badge Work - Our Brownies have done amazing this year. Despite not meeting in person, they have worked so hard at our zoom meetings and at home. Thank you to all the parents for supporting them to do this. I was delighted to give them all their badges at the end of term in June. I was also very proud to give out 3 bronze awards and 1 silver award this year. The girls hard work and dedication has been unreal, and I could not be happier to award them with this huge achievement.

We finished the year with 2 outdoor meetings, and even though the Brownies hadn't seen each other in almost 18 months you would never have known. We said goodbye to 2 of our Brownies as they move up to Guides. Good Luck Girls.

We are going back to face-to-face meetings in August, and I cannot wait to see how the next year pans out.



I would like to take this time to thank everyone for making our "Virtual" year of Guiding possible. Thank you to Lorna and Kirsty for answering all my questions. My biggest thank you must go to Doreen for her continuing support at our meetings and behind the scenes.

2nd New Elgin Brownies

2nd New Elgin Brownies have been meeting on zoom with 1st and 5th New Elgin Brownies where we had over 30 brownies join us each week for some fun activities.

Over zoom and "Brownies at Home", 2nd New Elgin Brownies have completed over 60 badges.

Starting with Brownies at Home during the beginning of Covid 19, Fluffy Owl was super busy printing off fun activities and packs to help our Brownies gain badges.

We have had great fun on zoom with visits from the Space Centre, Grace from MFR, Harry Potter Virtual Tour and The Blue Cross.

We had some messy zoom nights, when we did some science experiments Sparkle Owl exploded vinegar all over her kitchen.

Our Brownies LOVED baking on zoom where we made krispie cakes, mug cakes, indoor s'mores and Nutella bites. Yum yum.





On zoom, we played LOTS of games; from Fluffy Owls 'Rock Paper Scissors' to our Rangers 'Five minutes of fun' which also included challenges like "How many socks can you put on in 1 minute?".

At 2nd New Elgin we LOVE our PJ's so we had a relaxing evening, bringing along our teddies with bedtime stories written by our Brownies read by Moyra.

For Mother's Day, we invited all our mums on for some drawing, teamwork and a Mother's Day Special Mini Quiz with MFR's Grace.

Crafts including Vicky's Unicorn Dream Catchers, Chinese New Year Ox Lantern and Paper Chain Dragon.

Celebrating World Thinking day we flew across the world in one night. Starting off in London, we went to Mexico, Africa, Switzerland and India doing lots of fun activities including Bollywood dancing, making a maraca, designing a tribe mask and learning all about chocolate.

We have also had a snow picture competition where we shared our sledging and snowman photos along with a sunflower competition.

At Christmas time, Ayla and her family did a wee raffle which raised over £480 for our Brownie unit. This was an amazing amount of money and really helped our Brownie unit.



In June we were delighted to get back outside. We designed some cress heads and cards for Father's Day, played lots of games, ate some ice cream (thanks Super Owl) and handed out lots of badges and certificates that everyone worked hard on.

Mollie entered and won a competition through 'Balloonantics at the Post Office' where a very lucky Sparkle Owl revived a balloon to say thank you for doing Brownies.



We have an exciting plan in place for next term and can't wait to earn more badges, have fun and discover our local area.

Thank you to all the leaders and Rangers who have helped keep our running during these difficult times. Special thank you to Fluffy Owl for all the behind-the-scenes jobs, especially the last-minute ones.

1st Elgin Landward Rangers

The Rangers have been meeting online since last August and have enjoyed many chats and we even tried to do some activities.

The favourite activity was baking, and we tried making rice crispie easter nests - however it was a bit of a disaster for one of the Rangers as she miscalculated the weight and ended up making 45 nests instead of 6.

We did however succeed at pancakes, spring rolls (for Chinese New Year), shortbread and cranachan cake for St Andrew's day and S'mores cookies.



We tried stargazing in our gardens over zoom and making paper aeroplanes - not good. We did musical Bingo with our own playlist and danced along to the tunes.



After Easter we started planning for our Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition and did actual walks together along the Speyside Way and to Carn Uish Windfarm along with our training on zoom.

Abigail and Charlotte completed their DofE Bronze Certificates of Achievement in June and Lucy, Leah, Jenna and Caitlyn received their bronze awards. Leah, Lucy and Jenna also received their Silver Certificates of Achievement.



We also had a day out paddleboarding on the River Spey with Outfit Moray which was amazing.



The girls are looking forward to trying new things in the year ahead.

1st New Elgin Guides

Following lockdown, we started to meet again on zoom in January 2021. We tried Pictionary using zoom and online bingo. We were able to bake a few times too, which we can't do when we meet at school.



We started meeting outdoors in May. We've been up Ladyhill, played rounders in Cooper Park, toasted marshmallows at Covesea Beach, did science experiments at Linkwood Burn, looked for bats at Duffus Castle and did paddleboarding and kayaking with Outfit Moray at Kingston.



We have seen parts of Moray we've not been to before and the girls have had lots of fun getting together again to try new things.



2nd Forres Brownies

2nd Forres Brownies met on zoom every Tuesday with Brownies from across the county and did some exceptional things. We invited the parents into our homes, and they shared their homes with us. Becoming our unit helpers, making sure the girls had all they needed to join in the activities.

From cooking, science experiments, arts and crafts, to dancing; scavenger hunts and pass the pen became regular features of their zoom games. We made remembrance wreaths, Christmas cards, bird feeders and more with the girl's parents collecting their weekly packs from the Brownie box on the doorstep.

A visit from the Blue Cross encouraged the Brownies to think about health and well-being not only of their pets but also of themselves during lockdown. River's Rodents was another great adventure as River shared his pets with the girls. They too shared the online panto experience.

The Brownies ended the summer term meeting together outdoors - having a Hawaiian party with bright shirts and shorts, limbo and ice creams.

2nd Kinloss Brownies

Due to the pandemic, we haven't been able to meet as much as we would like. However, we were lucky enough to return to our meetings for a term in October 2020 and got busy gaining some more badges and awards.

The girls enjoyed learning more about Remembrance Day and completed the Stones of Remembrance UMA.

We learned some team building skills using UMA's from the Be Well and Take Action themes and ended the term with our annual Christmas Party.

Over lockdown, 2 of our Brownies worked very hard and gained their Gold Award which we were finally able to present when we returned to meetings in August.



We are now glad to be back to our usual weekly meetings and are looking forward to gaining more badges and hopefully joining in with events and eventually going on sleepovers again.



2nd Forres Rainbows

Rainbows from Forres, New Elgin, Hopeman and Lossiemouth joined together as a County every Tuesday on zoom during lockdown to participate in lots of activities together. The girls became adept at adjusting their Guiding experience online. The phrase 'you're on mute' became the term of 2020.

From scavenger hunts to zentangle drawing to cooking and crafts. Cooking online became such a hit with the girls, with mums and dads getting involved they made cakes and biscuits, and no clearing up for the leaders as the Rainbows were all at home.

Some of the activities the girls enjoyed included "River's Rodents" the Rainbows loved meeting and learning about the array of pets that River had to show the girls, including Brains the Rat and Mia the corn snake.

Although we couldn't go to the pantomime, the girls enjoyed 'Jack and the Beanstalk' online, a very new experience with the girls watching from home with their family. Audience participation was on mute so the cacophony of booing and cheering over zoom didn't swamp everyone out.

Girls planted sunflowers, celebrated space week making rockets, completed the Wee Mini Beast challenge and ended the summer term with a one-off outdoor session so the girls could meet, play games and have ice creams with the girls they had been doing zoom with over the previous few months.



1st Forres Brownies

1st Forres Brownies had a fantastic three months when we could meet face-to-face between October and December 2020.

We packed a lot into that time. We took part in a penny walk around Forres; spent an evening persuading and influencing our fellow Brownies to show how the power of advertising works; we had two craft nights (making door hangers and Christmas boxes); and walked across to the park to play games and scream our heads off.



Unfortunately, we were unable to visit our local care home to sing Christmas carols. However, we had a brilliant evening walking round the grounds of Brodie Castle admiring the illuminations and drinking hot chocolate. Little did we know then that it would be another nine months before we could meet face-to-face again.



1st Forres Guides

Despite Covid 1st Forres Guides continued to meet using blended Guiding with some activities outdoors whilst some continued on zoom. Once allowed to meet again outdoors our unit numbers went from 10 on zoom to 19. As the nights got colder and the weather prevented us from meeting outdoors, we changed our meetings to Saturday mornings once a month.

On a cold crisp December morning we enjoyed Christmas crafts, making gonks and stick stars and drinking hot chocolate outdoors. This allowed us to present 3 of our girls with their Guide gold awards, a great achievement during a pandemic. Sarah our new leader, made her promise.



The resurgence of Covid meant zoom meetings restarted. Malteser Christmas puddings and advent calendars; solar systems, sewing and making fortune cookies were just a few of the activities the girls enjoyed.

We discovered that making macramé egg hangers on zoom was one of the most challenging things, parents became unit helpers, and all the girls were then able to succeed with some perseverance and patience.

As spring came, we once again returned to outdoor guiding with lots of games and activities, campfires, bushcraft, whittling, stand-up paddle boarding and archery. The girls have achieved a huge amount over the year.



We have had new girls join and make their promise. All have a really positive attitude and understanding of social distancing and all the difficulties that come with living during a covid crisis.

Considering everything, 1st Forres Guides has continued to thrive under our new normal. Wearing masks, hand sanitising and cleaning has not stopped the girls from enjoying their Guiding experiences.



1st Kinloss Guides

We haven't been able to attend our weekly meetings due to the pandemic, however we were able to meet for a couple of weeks towards the end of 2020.

We thoroughly enjoyed the Poppy Pinwheels UMA to help us learn more about Remembrance Day.

We worked towards the Express Myself and Know Myself theme awards, completing a few UMA's and some Skills Builder activities.

5th Forres Brownies

The girls have been very busy this year We have worked on the Grow Your Own badge from the Be Well theme. The girls planted sunflowers before summer and were giving the task of looking after them throughout the summer.



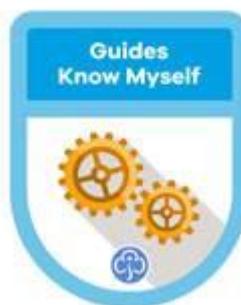
The girls also worked on UMAs positive pebbles, kabaddi, cluck cluck, and buddy bingo.



We have also had fun doing a beach clean in conjunction with The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society. Then Lorna from the conservation came in and gave us a fantastic talk about protecting our whales and dolphins. The girls thoroughly enjoyed this evening and had so many questions for Lorna. The girls also chose a dolphin to sponsor.

We also worked on the skills builder - good nights and the Mindfulness badge.

We celebrated Halloween by decorating cupcakes and cookies and of course dressing up.



We finished off the year with our Christmas Party.

During lockdown, one of our Guides was very busy and managed to gain her Bronze Award and was presented with this when we managed to meet in November 2020.

Now we are back to meeting regularly, we can't wait to gain more badges, theme awards and learn more skills and do more activities.





Forres Rangers

Forres Rangers continued to meet on zoom. With girls coming up from Guides we regularly had 9 Rangers meeting.

From escape rooms, Taskmaster challenges to cooking and arts and craft the Rangers had a stab at everything. Six of the Rangers become Young Leaders in local Brownie and Rainbow units meeting with them every Tuesday on zoom. Working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards.



They started to meet out of doors working on their Festival Badge making garlands socially distancing.



Thanks to funding from Youthlink Scotland's Summer of Play Awards the girls had the opportunity to enjoy stand up paddle boarding.



We are looking forward to getting back together face-to-face soon.

3rd Forres Guides

This has been a difficult year for 3rd Forres Guides. The girls didn't want to meet using zoom and so we conducted all of our Guiding activities using our Facebook group.

Several of the girls enjoyed the Girlguiding UK panto Sisterhood in the Wood and the Adventures at Home Spring Social.

At the beginning of the year, we completed the Coronavirus Isolation Challenge.

Both girls and leaders took part in and enjoyed the activities of the Virtual Thinking Day Event.

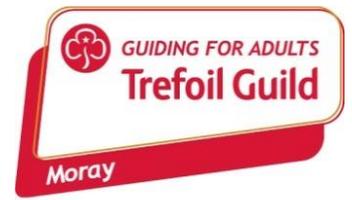
We completed activities for International Women's Day and Easter. This included making our own hot cross buns.



During the summer we held a unit sunflower growing competition. Some of them grew very tall. Alison's seeds unfortunately didn't survive the attention of her cat.

A couple of the girls joined girls from 1st Forres Guides on an archery and bush craft day, which was funded by Youthlink Scotland's Summer of Play. They had a fantastic time.





This may have been an unusual year, but our guilds have kept themselves busy.

We often say 'keep in touch' but touching, indeed any face-to-face contact has been a bit of a no no during this coronavirus lockdown.

Trefoil guilds across Moray have kept in contact by telephone and email, while working independently on the 'STARS' challenge and online quizzes.

Many have bravely mastered technologies unfamiliar to them and can return to a more normal programme with new skills under their belts.

In February one of our Forres members Eileen Daniels had a 90th birthday which unfortunately we could not celebrate but she was delighted to receive birthday gifts and cards from our members.

At Easter the Forres Guild set their members a challenge to draw or make something that makes you think of Easter and display it in their window. They had a good response with cards and crafts in many windows. Participating members were rewarded with a small bunch of daffodils.

The Forres Area Community Trust (FACT) organised a picnic in the Grant Park in Forres and invited anyone who wished to attend to go along and join in the activities, bringing their own picnic with them. Several of the Forres Guild members attended and enjoyed the afternoon.

Very well done to all our members.





LONG SERVICE AWARDS

30 Years

Lesley Millington 2nd Fochabers Brownies
Rachel Thomson 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies

20 Years

Helen Rhind 3rd New Elgin Brownies

10 Years

Emily Gonella 3rd Elgin Brownies
Mary McLatchy 1st Hopeman Guides
Laura Lewis 1st Buckie Guides
Vicky McMurray 4th Lossiemouth Guides
Claire Smith 1st Keith Rainbows
Claire Neish 1st Keith Brownies
Anne Laing County Treasurer
Karen Burgess 1st Cullen Rainbows
Laura Marie Smith 1st Kinloss Brownies
Kirsty Shand 2nd New Elgin Brownies

5 Years

Sophie Adam 6th Elgin Guides
Elaine Adam 6th Elgin Guides
Eilidh Lewis 1st/2nd Elgin Rainbows
Kelsie Neish 1st Keith Brownies
Courtney Flaws 1st Buckie Brownies
Christine Reynolds 5th Forres Brownies
Lisa Morrison 1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Rainbows
Doreen Mitchell 5th New Elgin Brownies
Chloe Sutherland 3rd New Elgin Guides
Claire Thomson 1st New Elgin Rainbows
Cindy Bowie 2nd Lossiemouth Rainbows

QUALIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards

Leah Topp, Lucy Paul
Jenna Milton, Caitlyn McGilly
Abigail Chapman, Charlotte Grant

Silver Certificate of Achievement

Lucy Paul, Jenna Milton
Leah Topp

Young Leader Award

Abbie Nye
Emily Strowger

Growing Guiding Award

Lisa Morrison 1st Lhanbryde & Urquhart Rainbows



GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE AWARDS

Gold Awards

Sophie Allan 1st Fochabers Rainbows
Caitlyn Michie 2nd Kinloss Brownies
Millie Brenton 1st Kinloss Guides

Katie Anderson 1st Fochabers Rainbows
Cerryn Michie 2nd Kinloss Brownies

Silver Awards

Holly George 4th Keith Brownies
Melody Fyvie 5th New Elgin Brownies
Brooke Grant 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Charlotte Fraser 2ND New Elgin Brownies
Freya MacDonald 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Darcie Storey 2nd New Elgin Brownies

Lily Willetts 5th New Elgin Brownies
Isobel Davidson 1st Fochabers Rainbows
Carly Mighten 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Luci Brown 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Mia MacPherson 2nd New Elgin Brownies

Bronze Awards

Faye Stables 4th Keith Brownies
Abigail Scott 5th New Elgin Brownies
Kelly-Ann Townsley 5th New Elgin Brownies
Lily Gordon 5th New Elgin Brownies
Leah Farren 1st Fochabers Rainbows
Charlotte Picksley 1st Fochabers Rainbows
Brooke Grant 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Charlotte Fraser 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Freya MacDonald 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Luci Brown 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Mia MacPherson 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Violet McKenzie- Young 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Mollie Sutherland 2nd New Elgin Brownies

Holly George 4th Keith Brownies
Brooke Gardner 5th New Elgin Brownies
Lexi Smooth 5th New Elgin Brownies
Sophie Tathband 5th New Elgin Brownies
Isabelle Kerr 1st Fochabers Rainbows
Ayla Henderson 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Carly Mighten 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Darcie Storey 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Lilly Hepburn 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Mia Kemp 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Cembra Mackie 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Amber Younie 2nd New Elgin Brownies
Daisy Clark 2nd New Elgin Brownies



200 CLUB WINNERS

September 20

1. Wendy Swail
2. Helen McCorquodale
3. Carolyn Robertson

October 20

1. Anne Laing
2. Mary Sinclair
3. Sheila MacLeod

November 20

1. Eileen Mathieson
2. Sue Sammons
3. Linda Duncan

December 20

1. Angela Mitchell
2. Nyree Lewis
3. Mark Gillings

January 21

1. Anna Parker
2. Lori McQuaker
3. Kyle Fraser

February 21

1. Alison Wright
2. Jackie Miles
3. Dorothy Liddle

March 21

1. Emma Gillings
2. Elizabeth Anderson
3. Anna Parker

April 21

1. Irene Laing
2. Edith Smart
3. Sandra Glashan

May 21

1. Rachel Thompson
2. Doris Smith
3. David Paterson

June 21

1. Andrew Laing
2. Barbara Allan
3. Carolyn Robertson

July 21

1. Lorna Shand
2. Anne Laing
3. Janet McDonald

August 21

1. Elma Alexander
2. Carolyn Robertson
3. Louise Winder

Special Draw

1. Alison Wright
2. Jack McLean



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