

## **Annual Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Debenham Senior Section Guides 2015-04-06**

Nearly two years in, the Debenham Senior Section Guides continue to challenge themselves and get involved with many and various activities.

Across the last year we have been out and about in the village playing wide games, we've had a campfire with all the Girlguiding members in Debenham. We've been baking and sewing, knitting and corsage making.

We have had a visit from Parish Councillor Steve Palframan informing us about the Neighbourhood Plan and other projects which the Parish Council is responsible for.

The usual Film Nights and Murder Mysteries, visits to Pantomimes both within the village and at The Wolsey have again been part of the programme.

Many of the girls achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and now are working towards the Silver Award. With some help from The Suffolk Foundation and Debenham High School, we were able to organise a certificated Food Hygiene course that has given most of the girls an extra qualification, one that is extremely useful for when we run the BBQ at Street Fayre!

We are currently organising a First Aid qualification for all members and seeking some funding to make sure that it is available to all.

The girls have supported Friends in Deed, Msizi Appeal and been involved with St Mary's Church at parades and making Mothering Sunday Posies.

We have members who are working towards their Young Leader Qualification, Chief Guide Award and Queen's Guide Award. Several of the girls have been working on a Consultation Panel with Girlguiding Central Head Quarters and are contributing to future policies.

There are several trips this term, one of which with 'Adventures Offshore', sailing on the River Orwell and a Spa night at Ufford Park.

Last summer the International camp 'Norjam' was really fun and has encouraged us to once again join an International camp: 'CamJam2015' this summer in August.

We have one of our members attending The World Scout Jamboree in Japan this summer and a member joining The National Guide and Scout Symphony Orchestra in Birmingham, which celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> year.

The County International selection weekend comes up soon and we hope that some of the girls will be given the chance to represent the County/Region at this event.

May we take this opportunity to thank all those that have supported us throughout the year, especially Ruth who is always keen to help us in all that we do and 'Blinders' one of Debenham High School Young Enterprise Teams that raised nearly £500 for the uniformed groups in Debenham.

As ever we would welcome new members wishing to join our lively Unit!

**Senior Section Leader** Vicky Voller