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Wirral County News



Debbie Overton who went on a Region trip to Madagascar was featured in a Water Aid publication called 'Make a Change'. This was posted out to Girlguiding members for fundraising purposes. It's a fabulous advert for how Guiding can change people's lives.

World Thinking Day 2013

"together we can save children's lives"

"every mother's life and health is precious"



The power of soap and water



WaterAid helps communities access clean, safe water and toilets – we also teach them about the importance of good hygiene to prevent sickness. The "Madagascar Seven", from the Girlguiding North West England District, went to Madagascar in summer 2012. They taught children in Ambalavao how the power of soap and water can help them lead happier, healthier lives.



"We teamed up with local girl scouts to play games and sing songs with children, making learning about hygiene fun. Adults can find it hard to change habits, but children are eager to learn. Children help the whole community become healthier – they're not too shy to spread the word about using soap and clean water to stop illnesses like diarrhoea."

Debbie Overton, Girl Guide.



Girl Guide Debbie Overton teaching children about hygienic handwashing in Ambalavao, Madagascar.



Debbie Overton playing a handwashing game with children in the commune of Ambalavao, Madagascar.



SNOWMAN
build and bop



Build a snowman and watch him dance!

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Build a snowman from the comfort of your own home on the Brownie Website!



Snow Trefoil!

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Sectional Trainings

Thinking about Travelling Abroad with B, G, or SS Thursday 28th February 2013 7.30-9.30

<http://girlguidingwirral.org.uk/events/leader-training-thinking-about-travelling-abroad-with-brownies-guides-or-senior-section>

Opportunities - for any leader with a YL / SS 14+yrs Wednesday 6th March 2013 7.30 - 9pm

<http://girlguidingwirral.org.uk/events/leader-training-opportunities-for-young-leaders>

Rainbow Training Thursday March 14th 2013 7.30pm - 9pm

<http://girlguidingwirral.org.uk/events/rainbow-section-training>

Brownie Training March 21st 2013 7.30 - 9pm

<http://girlguidingwirral.org.uk/events/brownie-section-training>

Leader Training: Essential Guide to Leading a Trip Abroad with GGUK May 2nd 2013

<http://girlguidingwirral.org.uk/events/leader-training-essential-guide-to-leading-a-trip-abroad-with-gguk>

Outdoor Skills A Training for Every Section April 27th & April 28th

<http://girlguidingwirral.org.uk/events/outdoor-skills-section-training-weekend>



Natalie Jones from 1st Willaston Rangers is holding a 'Big Spring Clean' Sale on Saturday 16th March in Willaston Memorial Hall.

This is to raise funds for her trip to Ghana with North West England in the summer.

Please contact Sheena Chalmers if you would like a table.

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1st Bromborough Guides did the RSPB "Big Garden Birdwatch" at the Hadlow wildlife garden. They logged 10 types of bird (and squirrels!). The numbers given are the maximum number of that species seen at any one time: Blue Tit 2, Blackbird 2, Robin 2 (one tried to fight off anything else that came near the food!), Chaffinch 1, Wood pigeon 2, Great tit 3, Long tailed tit 2, Magpie 1, Coal tit 1, and the star of the show, a beautiful pheasant, making the garden his own.



HAPPY THINKING DAY for 22nd February. You can order your Thinking Day badges from Girlguiding Wirral Essentials.

Whatever you are doing to celebrate, please send in your photos and stories for March's County News.