

UNIFORMED **ORGANIZATIONS**

9TH CHELTENHAM ***(CHRIST CHURCH)*** ***RAINBOWS***

Since the last AGM report 9 girls moved on to Brownies and 10 new girls have joined us.

We enjoyed joining the Brownies for their 80th birthday party just before Christmas. We have been doing lots of different activities at Rainbows including the Skills Builders; Have Adventures, Know Myself and Express Myself. We are currently finishing a badge about Mythical Creatures. We have also learnt about money and keeping it safe, Christmas, Chinese new year, mindfulness, belonging, sundials and much more!

In December we went to see Frozen 2 with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from across County. We took part in the Gloucestershire Guiding Random Acts of Kindness by making bookmarks to be left in random library books, and also the national Girlguiding initiative of the Plastic Promise. Some girls have enjoyed taking part in parade services at church.

Our two young leaders are both working on leadership qualifications, with Angel working on the ALQ, and hoping to complete it before she moves on to her gap year in July. Elizabeth is working on YLQ helping in both Rainbows and Brownies.

We will be looking for an additional helper / young leader in September when Angel leaves.

Rabbit, Otter and Kitten (aka Sian, Angel and Elizabeth)

9TH CHELTENHAM ***(CHRIST CHURCH)*** ***BROWNIES***

9th Cheltenham Brownies have had another fantastic year.

It was the 80th anniversary of our unit at Christ Church. We celebrated with a big party in the hall and invited Rainbows, Guides, past leaders and past Brownies.

We also attended a fun summer pack holiday at our Gloucester Guiding HQ in Cowley with lots of other girls from all over the country.

We've attended church parade a few times this year, including harvest festival, where the girls have enjoyed taking part in the service and carrying flags.

Each week we work towards our new programme of activities and the girls earn lots of badges! If your daughter is aged 7-10 and would like to join the fun, please visit the Girlguiding website.

We're also looking for new adult helpers, please contact us for more information: christchurchcheltenhambrownies@gmail.com

Susie Ingley, Brownie Guider

***9TH CHELTENHAM
(CHRIST CHURCH)
GUIDE COMPANY***

Another eventful year! Sian Green, Charlotte Rix and I were joined by a leader in training, Sabrina Lane, who looks after a Guide who has Downs Syndrome, both of whom joined us in June.

Then, last autumn, two of our young adult leaders went to University and Elizabeth Green left Guides to become a Young Leader with Brownies. We still have two Young Leaders and are grateful for all the help they give us.

In September, a number of our older Guides left us, mostly due to the pressure of school commitments, which rather depleted our numbers but we welcomed new recruits from Brownies at the start of this year.

The patrol sleepover at Church last Easter, led by Elizabeth Green went well as did the overnight camp at the County HQ at Cowley last June – most of the Guides are booked to go again this year.

Our current Guides may be few in number but they are wonderfully supportive of each other and a great bunch. They've settled well into the new Guide Programme, which took full effect from last autumn and I'm very grateful to Sian who organises most of our weekly activities! We also enjoyed outings to Deer Park and an ice-skating evening in Gloucester in December, when we enrolled two Guides on the ice. As both of them have mobility problems this was a real challenge for them!

Maureen Jones, Guide Leader