



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Newton (St Peter's) Guides

Each year the Guides follow a programme that provides fun and challenging opportunities for the girls. We have a balanced and varied programme which includes activities covering five zones: healthy lifestyles, global awareness, skills and relationships, celebrating diversity and discovery. At the weekly meetings the Guides work towards Go For Its!, interest badges and challenge badges. In 2008 the Guides gained the Active Response and Science badges and different patrols completed the Chocolate, Healthy Eating, Passion 4 fashion and Party Go For Its! The Guides also have the opportunity to join in with activities outside of the normal weekly meetings and the following are the highlights from 2008:

March was a busy month for the Guides; we held our annual Spring Fayre and raised more than £400 for unit funds and were "Shipwrecked on Easter Island" when we went on holiday to Lytham. During our long weekend away we completed the Traditions of Guiding badge, visited the Sandcastle in Blackpool and did lots of crafts and cooking. Also in March, one of the Guiders attended the British Red Cross Basic First Aid Course which refreshed their first aid skills.

In June, St Peter's Church held a Flower Festival and the Guides assisted in making a beautiful display for the Church window.

In July, the Guides went on Guide Camp to Scarisbrik, near Southport. The theme was "I'm a Guide get me out of here!" and the Guides enjoyed their bush tucker trials each evening! During the camp we went on a day trip to Southport and the Guides enjoyed their visit to Splashworld in the morning, we all then ate ice cream in a hail storm on the beach (!) before shopping for the rest of the afternoon. The Guides also gained their Outdoor Cook badge, learnt new camp skills and took part in a wide game.

In September, St Peter's Church celebrated Harvest Festival and the Guides made a themed display for the Church window. The theme was "Give Poverty the Boot" so there were plenty of wellie boots on show!

In October, the Guides joined the Division on a trip to the NEC Arena for the Big Gig 2008. This was a fantastic concert, with many popular bands including the Sugar Babes, the Hoosiers, Scouting for Girls and the Saturdays making an appearance.

Also in October, one of the Guiders joined other Guiders from the County at the County weekend at Waddow Guide Training Centre.

In November the Guides went climbing at the North West Face climbing centre in Warrington and ran a chocolate tombola at the Church Christmas Fayre.

Finally, the Guides finished off the year with a Christmas party.