

CHARMINSTER GUIDES CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY



CHARMINSTER Guides held a slightly belated 50th birthday party in their village hall due to the building's recent refurbishment. Charminster Brownies and other members of the Guiding community attended, including former Guiders Lilian Matthews, who is still involved in

Guiding, Joan Skinner, who was the leader before Lilian, and the current Division Commissioner, Catherine Welch. Assistant Guider Alison Barlow made a celebration birthday cake, which was eaten along with samples of food from each of the Guiding World Centre countries – Switzerland, Mexico, India

and England. The Guides and Brownies also tried various crafts from the same countries, helped by our Patrol leaders and older Guides. Judy Thompson of Charminster Guides, said: "We had a really lovely evening, which we will remember for a long time."

TOP AWARD PRESENTED TO TWO CHARMINSTER GUIDES



PEARL and Helena Pearce of Charminster Guides have both gained their Baden Powell Challenge Award – the top award a girl can gain while still in the Guide section. To gain the award, girls have to successfully complete 10 challenges and attend a challenge weekend. Most girls spend at least a year working on it. Among the challenges Pearl chose were organising a cooking competition and a Chinese New Year evening, gaining her Community Action badge and First Aid badges, keeping a personal fitness diary and challenging herself with fitness goals. She also compiled a book of recipes suitable for Guiding camps



and holidays. Helena chose to run in the Race for Life, write a report for Charminster's parish magazine about the Guide's Big Gig concert at Wembley Arena in 2009 and organised a team games evening during a sleepover and international craft evening. She also successfully completed her First Aid and Community Action badges. Pearl was given her

certificate and badge by District Commissioner Emily Cheeseman at the Guide Christmas Party and Helena received hers during a Guide sleepover in Stratton village hall. Pearl has now moved on to Guiding Senior Section and is a Young Leader with Piddlehinton Brownies and Helena is still a Charminster Guide and a pack leader with Charminster Brownies.