

## UPDATE - OCTOBER 2009

'Something for the girls - the official guide to the first 100 years of Guiding' is now available through Trading.

Telling the extraordinary story of guiding past and present from a small group of girls first request 100 years ago to the organisations continuing campaign to ensure girls and young women have a voice this glossy 218 page hardback book will make a wonderful present or gift for someone with an interest in guiding or a suitable memento for anyone involved in Girlguiding today. The book is retailing for £12.95 (Product code 7887) through Trading.

### **Centenary Maze**

The Centenary Maze at Crystal Palace Park was officially opened by members during the Launch Party in early September. Images of the maze will be available soon on the Centenary website but a new downloadable Maze leaflet is available from [www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary/maze](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary/maze).

The new Maze is true to the layout of the original. With the active involvement of the London Borough of Bromley there has been an astounding transformation of the planting in the maze area where the hornbeam bushes have been lowered and renewed and other native British tree species introduced to give more body. The arc of Lombardy poplars which formed a grand entrance to the maze has been restored to its former splendour, with 24 new trees planted, and grassy areas re-seeded.

New artworks have been introduced into the maze, transforming it into a fun experience for all ages: an educational 'treasure hunt' to be enjoyed by young and old. Ten granite monoliths have been placed within the maze to be discovered, each one bearing an emblem drawn from the world of nature and also of significance to the Guiding movement, from snowdrops and daffodils to polar bears and dolphins. At the centre of the maze, a map depicting its layout is set on the ground within a paved circle and raised roundels reveal the positions of the ten monoliths.

Travel to the maze is easy with good public transport links from central London to Crystal Palace station which is adjacent to the park. Full details of the travel connections are available on the Maze leaflet and for London Transport information you can visit [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk).

### **Centenary Tours for Adults**

Booking deadlines for the Centenary Tours for Adults have been set as:

13-26 April - Classic Tour - booking deadline 31 December 2009

10-23 May - Classic Tour - booking deadline 31 January 2010

17-30 June - Classic Tour - booking deadline 28 February 2010

19 July - 8 August - Britain in Depth Tour - booking deadline 31 March 2010

8-15 August - Centenary Tour of Scotland - booking deadline 30 April 2010

For those who are unable to go on a full tour there is also the possibility of joining part of a tour. Finishing Touches (telephone number 01484 469888) are always willing to answer queries.

**Bookings close for Centenary Camp participant places on October 31, 2009 - so hurry, get your booking in now!**