



Girlguiding

Catton and Spixworth District

The Great Guide Get-Away – to Alton Towers

As this is our Centenary year, Girlguiding UK have organised lots of fantastic trips to help make the year memorable for the girls, and I was invited along on the 1st Old Catton Guides Great Guide Get-Away to Alton Towers.

When we arrived, we carried all our equipment over to the lawn in front of the lake and along with 300 other girls from around the UK set up camp. The girls did an excellent job of getting the tents up and after tea we went swimming in the Alton Towers Water Park. The swimming park is incredible – full of log flumes, water slides & a lazy river, I think the girls could have spent all day there!

When we got back to camp, we had soup for supper and got ready for bed. Then four of the Guides made their Promise in their PJs, in the dark in the lit-up main street – pretty cool!

Then came the fun part – sleeping in the tents! We had light rain overnight, but everyone remained dry and seemed to have a good night. Some of the girls awoke at 5.30am and feeling refreshed from their good night's sleep decided to start singing campfire songs!!

By 9am, all the tents had been dismantled and members of the public arriving would never have known that there had been 300 Guides there overnight. The girls enjoyed a continental style breakfast in the fresh-air, and then got down to the serious business of enjoying the rides!

We all had a great time and are lucky enough to have been able to camp inside Alton Towers!

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