

2nd Newnham Girl Guides May 2025 – May 2026

We spend a lot of our time in the village hall especially over the winter months and we encourage the patrols to run their own evenings for everyone to take part in.

1. A film night was one patrol evening, everyone in the pyjamas with a pillows and duvets.
2. 3. 4. The second was a talent show. For those not wanting to be the centre of attention, they were judges, whilst the rest entertained us with singing, dancing, playing instruments and dressing up for a sketch.
5. 6. The last patrol decided pizzas were the way to go and some delicious ones were made and eaten. The hall smelt fantastic!
7. 8. The guides did their thrift badge; making new items from old or unwanted ones to save money. We had a collection of T shirts, shorts and bags made and it gave them good experience on sewing machines.
9. 10. We held our own winter Olympics whilst the real ones were on. Our events included skiing, ice hockey, tobogganing and ice skating.
11. As always we made our own gifts for the over 70's in the village. This time we made a jar of sweets with special meanings to each colour, the aim being to bring a smile to their faces.
12. The Church held an angel festival and we took part by making our own origami angels and covering a Christmas tree in them.
13. 14. We gave the congregation all an angel to decorate at our district carol service which we hosted again this year, and added them to the tree. It looked really lovely.
15. 16. We had a Christmas party that included dressing a guide in each patrol up as a snowman,
17. 18. Threading a key on a string in and out of clothing along a line of guides and getting a candy cane into a bottle working in pairs with a string,

19. and finishing off with a brilliant snowball fight.
20. Each patrol was challenged to make a marble run using trash, aiming to get a marble the furthest without it getting stuck or falling off the track.
21. This patrol got the furthest...
22. 23. We go out when we can and one of our trips was to the Dodford Alpaca farm for the evening where we sat amongst the alpacas and then toasted marshmallows over the open fire.
24. 25. We cooked outside on patrol open fires, enjoying burgers and sausages, followed by apple and pineapple fritters.
26. A highlight of the year was a weekend camp in the middle of Whipsnade zoo. We had guided tours of the animals after the public had gone home in the evening and again before they were allowed to enter in the morning. It was incredible how many more animals we got to see close up.
27. 28. The wardens who camped at the edge of our camp organized a quiz before bedtime and we spent the whole day at the zoo as well. We had a great time.
29. Midlands guiding organized a day at Uttoxeter racecourse called "Magical Midlands" and almost all of us went to it. There were 3 sections to attend in rotation including a fairground,
30. physical activities such as tunneling and bungee trampolining,
31. climbing and axe throwing, with the last section being indoors, music and arts.
32. It was the hottest day of the year and we almost melted at the finale.
33. We took part in the jubilee parade and fete on the green, and had a thoroughly lovely day, whilst also
34. Raising funds for our census fee by running a tombola.

35. District guiding put on a special showing of Zootropolis 2, just for rainbows, brownies and guides at the Arc cinema and several of us went to that.

36. Daventry District also created a Cluedo event with lots of crafts and challenges to do in order to find the culprit. It was a well organized and fun event to do.

37. The guides who live in Newnham and a couple of extras were able to attend the Remembrance service at the Church.

38. and most of us enjoyed the walk around the village delivering our gifts and carol singing. We all love this evening and the weather was kind to us.

39. None of it would be possible without the adults who help me each week. This picture was taken in Everdon Stubbs at the end of term ribbon hunt.

40. We thank the village for supporting us and are honoured again to have a guide chosen from a hundred girls to attend an international trip in 2027. This year we need to raise even more for the census fee and help Sophia to reach her £2,500 target.

Any help or donations gratefully received.