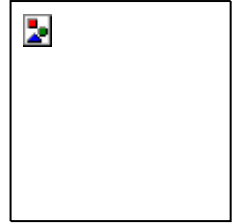


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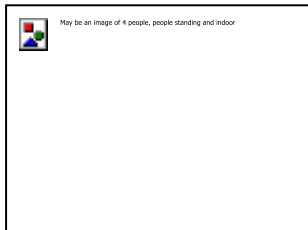
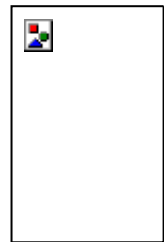
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Groups continue to meet, on Saturdays, sometimes Sundays, or after school where their meeting is held. Units are being called “Squads”, another couple of names for a Squad is: Wind, Phoenix, rabbit. In one area in Brest there is a Junior Squad and a Senior Squad now.

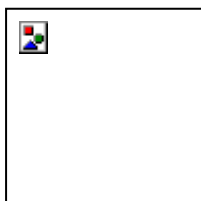
Most celebrated **Thinking Day** – or what they call **THE DAY OF REFLECTION**, or **THE DAY OF THOUGHTS**, one Squad visiting the next Town for the day and finishing up in the Swimming Pool (indoors!). Special attention has been paid to the history of guiding and scouting around the world, symbolism and traditions.

March 8th, **International Women’s Day**, is a public holiday and Squads took advantage of the day to meet up. A quote from one FB post said: “This is a day of admiration not only for women’s beauty, tenderness, appeal, wisdom, uniqueness, but also for women’s strength, willpower and patience”. Girls meet with their mums and grannies if they can. Guides know how to please themselves and their loved ones with handmade gifts, (flower brooches made) which are always happy to be received. But the most important and valuable gift for us remains the opportunity to get together and spend time



over warm conversations and tea drinks.

With women being associated with Cooking and Stove, Brest Guides made sweet treats without using the Stove - but did say they had the help of a refrigerator! - From what I can understand this Festive Rollet was made up with the outer layer being **crushed biscuits, banana, cocoa powder and walnuts**, next layer like our butter cream using butter and curd, and the fruit in the middle, rolled up, put into a bag and in the fridge to set it.



County responded to a request for backpacks, as were given to all participants for County Camps, to put their Guide work in and for WAGGGS World badges for the new girls which they wear on their uniform once they have made their Promise. Half the bags have been sent off in early March, and the badges separately, in the hope that they will arrive in Belarus. Royal Mail have not blocked mail there yet. With the borders being closed and no planes flying across Europe it may take longer than the 3-4 weeks as has been happening....so we wait for a positive response and then will post the other half of the bags. They need to be sent in 2 parcels as if the contents of any package cost over 20 Euros the recipient has to pay a Tax on receipt.

ALL IN THE ASSOCIATION OF BELARUSSIAN GUIDES ARE VERY GRATEFUL AND APPRECIATIVE OF OUR SUPPORT – NOT ONLY IN FINANCING THEIR MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS BUT FOR COMMUNICATION AND CONTACT.

Robbie Hill