

Top honours for guiding lights

Guide leaders from the Pocklington and Stamford Bridge area have been recognised for their efforts during a meal at the Gold Cup Inn in Low Catton.

The annual event gives the leaders chance to socialise away from their weekly unit activities.

After the meal Long Service Awards were presented to Elizabeth Macpherson, Jo Bell and Rachel Pickering for their voluntary service to Guiding. Elizabeth, who received a 10 year award, is currently a helper at both the Brownie Unit and the Rainbow Unit in Stamford Bridge.

She said: "I was surprised

to receive this as I had not realised how long I have been involved with Guiding.

"I really enjoy working with the young girls in Guiding, it is wonderful to see them having fun and learning as they grow up".

Jo Bell, from Wilberfoss Guides, and Rachel Pickering, from 4th Pocklington Brownies, both received a five year award. Not present at the dinner were Melissa Gray and Claire Robinson, who also received five year awards.

Pamela Broughton, Division Commissioner for the area, commented: "All the ladies who run our units in Guiding deserve to have recog-



Jo Bell, Rachel Pickering and Elizabeth Macpherson receive their awards.

...nition for the great job they do. Without people like Elizabeth, Jo and Rachel the young girls in our area would not benefit from the fun and friendship

of Guiding. All our leaders are volunteers who give their time, energy and skills every week, they are our unsung heroes."