



Midlands Region Chief Commissioner's Awards 2016

Congratulations to nine very deserving ladies who were successfully nominated for the Chief Commissioner's Award 2016 in recognition of their outstanding service to local guiding at unit level.

Janet Burnett	Ashby
Eileen Burton	Ashby
Maureen Elden	Lutterworth
Joyce Johnson	Bardon
Julie Poole	Hinckley
Margaret Smith	Lutterworth
Rachel Spadaccini	Blaby
Rachel Wardle	Blaby
Margaret Wicks	Leicester West

Eight ladies were able to receive their awards from Abi Salter, the Midlands Region Chief Commissioner, at a ceremony held at Barton Marina in Staffordshire. A lovely day was had by all!!

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After all the planning, our Centenary is finally here, 100 years of guiding in Leicestershire. It's time to celebrate and get involved in some fun activities too.

There is a badge to collect, see below, and the photo shows the winner, Ana Matijas, receiving her certificate.



The design will also be used on our Centenary clothing range available soon via One Stop Scouting.

It's time to begin collecting your smalls as we support the charity 'Smalls for All'. We need gently worn and new bras, plus new pants - for women and children in Africa. Bring them to 97 Princess Road East and let's see how many we can collect during 2017. Don't forget to ask your family and friends to join in. Spread the word that Girlguiding members are taking action to collect smalls - a simple gift to others far away that will make a difference to their lives.

Finally, keep an eye open for our blog which will start in January. I'm looking forward to hearing about our special events and also the amazing things that we see as 'ordinary' in our unit meetings. Start gathering your ideas, photos and videos so we can blog them and shout about guiding in Leicestershire.

Rachel Webb-Jenkins
 County Commissioner



The winner of the badge competition for Leicestershire's Centenary badge is Ana Matijas of 1st Oadby (St Peters) Brownies.

The badges will be available from the shop for £1 each.

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2nd Oakham Rainbows

We have recently been involved with Tesco in Oakham as part of their local community projects and Tesco's representative was Hollie Russell.

It began with a visit to the store to take part in the Farm to Fork Trail in the Eat Happy project. After that we were invited to make poppies for a Remembrance Day display in the store.

We were then asked to be involved in a local project to provide Christmas cards and raise gift donations to fill decorated shoe boxes to help the elderly and dementia patients. We managed to fill 12 boxes, which were displayed at the store.



Following that we were invited to appear on stage at the late night shopping event in Oakham to receive an award and donation of £1,000 from Tesco Oakham to 2nd Oakham Rainbows. We were introduced to everyone by Rob Persani the station manager from Rutland radio and the local newspaper was on hand to record the presentation.

Frances Willows



Calling all Leaders.....get your space gear on and come to help the Brownies Stargaze!

We are looking for Leaders to help run activities and/or help with car-parking for the Stargazing Activity Day at Brooksby Hall, Brooksby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE14 2LJ on Saturday 4th March 2017.

If you can spare some time to help with the fun please contact Ruth Barber on ruthieb44@gmail.com many thanks.

'The Stargazing Team'



One Festive Night at the Movies

Oadby and Wigston Scout and Guide Band's Christmas Concert this year took us on a trip through time via 'The Movies', before getting us well and truly into the Christmas spirit. The band displayed a variety of styles, moving their audience to laughter and tears. We were invited to sing along as we clapped/tapped our feet in time to the music, and partake of excellent refreshments!! Band members range from the very young to the not so young - the stars of the year being presented with well deserved awards. If you get the chance to listen to the band in action - take it - you won't be disappointed!!



New members also required - find out more at owsgb.weebly.com

A new resource available to hire

Thanks to the sale of surplus archive items and the generosity of International visitors to Charnwood 2016 we have a set of current International Guide / Girl Scout Uniforms which units can borrow. The cost is the same as for the Historic Uniform boxes - £2.50 per week with a £5 returnable deposit.

Canada - Brownie and Guide
Australia - Brownie and Guide
Malaysia - Guide
Denmark - Guide
India - Bulbul (Indian Brownies) and Guide



Others will be added when we are able to purchase them. If anyone has contact with another Guide Association please let the office know. They come as a set along with a folder of International badges. We also have a set of 10 saris and instructions for wearing them.

How might you use them? Thinking Day is obvious, 'World' badges and 'Go For It's', Charnwood reunions and International food evenings would all offer opportunities for dressing up.

How do I book them? Details and downloadable booking forms are on the resources page of the website, www.leicestershireguides.org



*Midland Region Singing Day
Saturday March 11th 2017
Weedon Village Hall
Weedon
Northamptonshire NN7 4QU
10am - 4pm*

Senior Section, Adult Leaders, Helpers and Trefoil Guild members all welcome

Drinks available from 10am, lunchtime and afternoon.

Please bring a packed lunch (non-uniform day)

Cost £4 per person (£2.50 for members of The Senior Section)

Cheques to be made payable to "Northamptonshire Guides Campfire Friends"

Please send to

Kate Stickings, Holly Cottage, 1 Laddermakers Yard,
Bugbrooke, NORTHAMPTON NN7 3RG
stating 'Leicestershire', number of places required,
a contact name, address and telephone number,
and an email address.

For queries, contact Kate at kate@tiffield.net
or call 01604 831 955



4 (PEER EDUCATION) BASIC TRAINING



Are you a member of The Senior Section?

Would you like to become a Peer Educator? You'll gain new skills and help Brownies, Guides and The Senior Section explore important issues like mental well-being, body confidence, health and healthy relationships, through using resources like Free Being Me and Think Resilient. You'll also make friends and have fun!

Girlguiding Midlands are holding a 4 Basic Training on

24th - 26th February 2017

at

PGL Hillcrest Foy, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6RD

The Training is free to attend - to apply, download the application form from the Opportunities page of the Midlands website, girlguiding-midlands.org.uk.

Attendees just pay the first £25 of their travel.

A deposit cheque of £25 is required to secure your place. This will be returned at the end of the weekend.

For more information about 4, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/4 or speak to your local 4 Coordinator or Senior Section Adviser

Sam Harrold



Water Camp May 12th - 14th 2017

at the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre

A fantastic opportunity to enjoy all sorts of water activities on a fun filled weekend. Girls can camp with their units, or come on their own if they hold either a Camp Permit or Senior Section Permit.

Central camp fee - £50 per girl

Activities will include canoeing, kayaking, raft building, bellboating, bushcraft, archery, shooting and survival bracelets. Climbing and high ropes are also on offer.

For information email Dawn Scott
(dawnguiding@btinternet.com)





The charity being supported for Leicestershire's Centenary is Smalls for All and we are looking for donations of new pants and new or gently worn bras - start collecting.



Camp Fire Leader's Basic Course

Friday 12th May (8pm) to Sunday 14th May (4.30'ish) 2017

At Sherbrooke Scout Campsite, Calverton, Nottinghamshire

www.sherbrookescoutcampsite.co.uk

- Would you like to have a fun weekend with other like-minded adults from Guiding and Scouting (without the responsibility for looking after young people)?
- Do you enjoy singing campfire songs but lack the confidence in running your own campfire?
- Would you like to learn loads of new and old songs?



If the answer is yes - then why not come and join us and we will give you the confidence, the basic skills and the tools to give your young people a campfire experience to remember.

The course is open to Guiding and Scouting Leaders from all sections, members of The Senior Section, Young Leaders, Network, Explorer Scouts (minimum age 15 years) and leaders from other voluntary youth organisations who share an interest in leading a camp fire or indoor sing-song.

Accommodation will be indoors with all meals provided. The course fee is £42. The course is very much 'hands on' and usually very well attended. An early application is essential as places on previous courses have filled very quickly.

The absolute deadline for applications is April 22nd 2017

In the first instance please contact

Mark Goodall

17 Beech Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 5QL

Home Tel: 0116 2719707 Mobile Tel: 07971 581919

Email: markgoodall3@btopenworld.com

and you will be sent an application form by email,
or contact:

Sylvia Spare

Home Tel: 01530 414806 Mobile Tel: 07770 020974

Email: sylvia.spare@gmail.com

DIARY 2017

JANUARY

3	County Office reopens	10.00 am	County Office
5	Shop reopens	12 noon	County Office
17	Safe Space Training	6.30 pm	Hinckley
21	Full First Response	9.30 am	Thurnby
21	International Leader Recruitment Day		County Office
21	Commissioners Day		Bagworth CC
21	County Exec		Bagworth CC
25	First Response Renewal	7.00 pm	Wigston
28	Rainbows Winter Wonderland	10 am - 3 pm	Earl Shilton
30	Copy date for eBulletin		County Office
	Leicestershire Challenge available to download		Website

FEBRUARY

15	Full First Response including DofE	9.30 am	County Office
24-26	Baden Powell Challenge Adventure weekend		Hayfields
27	Young Leaders and their Leaders	7.00 pm	County Office

MARCH

1	Picnic Party bookings open		
4	Brownies Star Gazing event		Melton
6	First Response Renewal	7.00 pm	Thornton
12	County Training Day	9.30 am	Enderby
17-19	DofE Basic Expedition Training		Topstones
21	County Exec	7.30 pm	County Office
27	First Response Renewal	7.00 pm	Melton
30	Presentation Evening	7.15 pm	Police HQ

APRIL

7	Shop closes for Easter	3.00 pm	County Office
22	Shop reopens after Easter	10.00 am	County Office
22-23	DofE Bronze Practice Expedition		
27	Annual Review of the Year		

MAY

12-14	Water Weekend		LOPC
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JUNE

5	Safe Space Training	6.30 pm	Thornton
12-25	Leicestershire Round		
14	County Exec	7.30 pm	County Office
22	Presentation Evening	7.15 pm	Sue Townsend Theatre

JULY

1	County Centenary Big Night Out		
8-9	DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition		

AUGUST

17-20	Le Grand Voyage (PGL)		Paris
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Leicestershire Round 100 miles around the county



Lucy Faulds and I have been walking the Leicestershire Round since 29th May 2016 and we completed it on 18th Dec 2016.

No! not every day since May the 29th until the 18th Dec, but several days during that time!

Why you may ask?

We challenged ourselves for the DofE Diamond Challenge 2016. It's the Duke of Edinburgh's Award 60th Birthday and we wanted to be part of it. Obviously there is a badge involved!

Some of our Guiding friends joined us along the way - Beck, John, George and Ros + a few cheeky people who joined us on the last day just to go to the pub for our celebratory lunch.

Now we've tested out the 'round' it's your turn. During June 2017 you and your unit can get involved, walk a mile or walk 10 miles, it's your choice.

We will provide you with useful information and guidance for walking the paths of Leicestershire.

Maybe you can turn your walk into a social action challenge for Macmillan, the charity nominated by Girlguiding Midlands.

All details about walking the Round will be available early in January. If you have any immediate questions please get in touch.

Sam Harrold
Assistant County Commissioner



County Administrator

Due to Corinne's retirement, we are looking for an administrator to join the team at the County Office.

This varied role requires the applicant to be flexible and able to fit in to our busy office environment supporting our volunteers.

Duties will include:

- Reception duties, providing a polite, professional and enthusiastic face of Girlguiding in Leicestershire.
- Answering queries both on the telephone and face to face.
- Administration support to volunteers and the County Team.
- Using Microsoft Office applications and the Girlguiding Membership Systems, maintaining and updating our website.
- Undertaking a wide range of other administrative tasks that ensure the smooth running of the office.

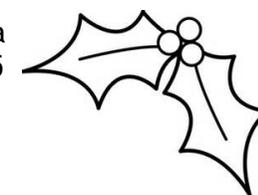
This role is part-time and permanent for 22 hours over 5 days of the working week which may also include occasional flexed hours in the evening or weekend.

Application packs will be available from 3rd January 2017 from the County Office.

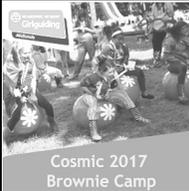
**The closing date for the next eBulletin will be
Monday 30th January 2017**

Please send any articles to office@leicestershireguides.org
by that date

On the 1st December Stocking Farm District held a successful Christmas Fayre raising a fantastic £465 to go towards their Centenary celebrations in 2017.



The following weekend, 2nd Stocking Farm Brownies enjoyed a Frozen Christmas sleepover at the County Office and they chose Pikachu as their mascot at Build a Bear.



Cosmic - Adventure Brownie Camp

Fri 11th Aug - Tues 15th Aug 2017

Beaudesert Scout and Guide Campsite
Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 4JJ

£160 per Brownie, includes full catering, amazing adventures plus a necker and badge, you only need to add transport costs.

All activities will be themed around 'Adventure', Brownies will visit 3 zones across 3 activity days. They will 'Create it' - 'Discover it' - 'Go For it'.

Activities include climbing, cycling, archery, fun games, camp fire and a disco.

See Girlguiding Midlands website for booking form - Closing Date 31st March 2017

Cosmic adventure camp also needs **volunteers** both from The Senior Section and Leaders. There are many jobs available from catering to activity team. Checkout the Girlguiding Midlands website, www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk, for the booking form.

For more details contact our county representative for Cosmic - Adventure, Sam Harrold samjhuk@yahoo.co.uk



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Forthcoming DofE dates:

17-19 March 2017 Basic expedition training at Topstones

22-23 April 2017 Bronze practice expedition

8-9 July 2017 Bronze qualifying expedition

(Silver and Gold expeditions dates in 2017 to be confirmed)

We are excited to offer a Gold expedition by canoe in 2017!

Registration forms are available on the Girlguiding Leicestershire website, www.leicestershireguides.org, for anyone aged 14-25 who wishes to participate in DofE. Help from interested adults is always appreciated - there's more to DofE than the expedition!

Contact Lucy Faulds on lucy.guiding@gmail.com for further information

Guiding Essentials Leicestershire

Christmas: reopen at noon on Thursday 5th January

February Half Term: open as usual

Easter: close 3 pm Friday 7th April
and reopen 10 am Saturday 22nd April

May Day: closed Monday 1st May

Late May Half Term: close 3 pm Friday 26th May
and reopen noon Thursday 1st June

Please note the changed opening times effective from January 2017.
The shop will now close at **3 pm on Thursday** as well as on a Friday.



Monday	12 noon - 6 pm
Tuesday	12 noon - 6 pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	12 noon - 3 pm
Friday	12 noon - 3 pm
Saturday	10 am - 1.30 pm

For up to date information check the shop page at
www.leicestershireguides.org

or contact 0116 204 4902 / equipstore@leicestershireguides.org

Appointments

Gill Gates - Leicester South Division Commissioner

Vicky Lee - Joint Meadows District Commissioner

Julia Gore - Joint Meadows District Commissioner

Wendy Sanderson - Meadow District Commissioner

Alison D'Arcy - River District Commissioner

Margaret Charles - County Growing Guiding Coordinator

We wish them all the best in their new roles!

Rutland Division Brownies Trip to PGL, 25-27 November 2016



Forty-four Brownies, seven Leaders and a Young Leader from Rutland Division (1st Cottesmore, 5th Oakham and 1st Whissendine) took off from Oakham for an action packed weekend at Caythorpe Court, Grantham. Activities on offer were aeroball, survivor (den building), giant zip wire, Jacob's ladder, all aboard, giant swing, vertical challenge and trapeze -

which involved climbing a very tall pole and then making a leap of faith to catch the trapeze swing! The evening entertainment was camp fire singing (the fire wouldn't light!) and a disco.

True to their Brownie Promise all the girls challenged themselves to do their best; climbing higher and making that leap of faith.

This was my first visit to a PGL site and I'd thoroughly recommend it to other units. Activities were very well organised, with the emphasis on safety whilst having fun. PGL staff were great with the Brownies (and Leaders). The accommodation was very comfortable, with all rooms en-suite and the food was good.

We all had a great time and very much look forward to a return visit.

Bernie Wallace - 1st Cottesmore Brownies

On Thursday 20th October, 19 Guides along with their Leaders from Melton Mowbray Division, were given some amazing opportunities during a 2 night stay in London.

Their sleepover was at the newly refurbished Icando, in Girlguiding's London Headquarters, a brilliant base overlooking the gardens of Buckingham Palace.

They had an amazing tour of the Houses of Parliament, sponsored by our local MP, before photos at number 10 Downing Street, as well as visiting many other attractions and London sights.

They all had a brilliant time. Definitely a trip to remember!



Janice Stone - 2nd Asfordby Guides

TRAININGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

County Training Day

Sunday 12th March 2017

9.15 am-3.45 pm

Brockington College, Blaby Road, Enderby, LE19 4AQ

Section training

Ideas & activities for your unit
Meet the County Team, Advisers
and other Leaders

See enclosed leaflet for details

Please book a place on the trainings of your choice by completing the on-line booking form via our website

- Bookings will be *provisional* until you have received an email from County Office nearer the date confirming your place and the details of the course.
- Please do not just turn up - courses could be full.
- Full First Response will start at 9.30 am and finish at 4.00 pm (unless otherwise stated). Packed lunch and comfy uniform needed. (Notebook and pen optional.)
- Please check with County Office if the shop will be open.
- Uniform is worn at all trainings.
- There is no charge for the training sessions. However, for First Response only, if you fail to let County Office know that you are unable to attend, then your Division will be charged £5 per place.
- Materials are free except the First Response book which will cost £3.
- There is often a waiting list so PLEASE tell us if for any reason, you have to cancel.
- Food Hygiene has a fee to cover the cost of exam papers and certificates. After completing the booking form, please send a cheque for £20 (made payable to 'The Guide Association - Leicestershire'). Your place will only be reserved after payment has been received. You will also need to bring a current photo I.D. on the actual day - without this you will not be able to do the course.

TRAININGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Full First Response

It is a mandatory requirement for each unit to have *at least* one Leader who holds a valid 1st Response certificate or an equivalent first aid qualification, to be in attendance at any meetings, trips or events, to ensure the safety of all members. If your 1st Response is out of date, you cannot be the named First Aider for the Unit or activities. All Leaders In Training are required to attend a 6 hour Full First Response, unless they have an accepted external qualification. Commissioners or Mentors should be able to verify this.



Sunday 21st January 2017

9.30 am - 4 pm

Thurnby Scout and Guide HQ, Court Road, Thurnby, Leicester, LE7 9PA

Wednesday 15th February 2017
including DofE

9.30 am - 5 pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW

First Response Renewal

Renewal 2 hour courses are available for Leaders who need to update - this should be done every three years.

Wednesday 25th January 2017

7 pm - 9 pm

Wigston Methodist Church, Cross Street, Wigston, LE18 2HE

Monday 6th March 2017

7 pm - 9 pm

Thornton Community Centre, 175 Main St, Thornton, Coalville, LE67 1AH

Monday 27th March 2017

7 pm - 9 pm

St Peters Church Hall, Welby Lane, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0SR

TRAININGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Safe Space

Tuesday 17th January 2017

6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

St Francis Centre, Tudor Rd, Hinckley, LE10 0EQ



Monday 5th June 2017

6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Thornton Community Centre, 175 Main St, Thornton, Coalville, LE67 1AH



Young Leaders and their Leaders

For Leaders to come with their Young Leaders.

Monday 27th February 2017

7 pm - 9 pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW

International Opportunities Weekend

24th-26th March 2017, Topstones County Campsite,

Tilton Lane, Cold Newton, Nr. Tilton, Leicester, LE7 9FH

**Are your girls interested in travelling abroad with Girlguiding?
Do you want to find out what International opportunities there may
be for them in 2018?**

If you know Guides or members of The Senior Section who will be aged 14 -18 years by July 2018, then encourage them to apply for a place on this action packed weekend, where they will have the opportunity to potentially be put forward for a dream International Guiding trip in 2018!



Application forms are available via County Office or download from Leicestershire Girlguiding web site, www.leicestershireguides.org.

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County International Adviser