

CONGRATULATIONS

to Hannah Maloney, from Hinckley Division, on achieving her Queen's Guide Award.

Hannah was presented with her Certificate and Brooch by H.M. Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire Jennifer, Lady Gretton JP at the County Presentation Evening in March.



Emma Chamberlain, 9, from 1st Aylestone Brownies had a very special job to do as part of the King Richard III events.

Placing a crown on the coffin of the last of the Plantagenets, Emma said that it 'made her feel famous'.

The event was broadcast around the world and Emma did a fantastic job.

Representing Girlguiding Leicestershire with the County Commissioner and the Assistant County Commissioner, at the Service of Reveal at Leicester Cathedral - 6 Guides and 4 Brownies, pictured outside of the Cathedral.

Well done to you all, you did us proud.



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BULLETIN



I am so thrilled that more than 4000 of you are taking part in the Richard III Challenge.

Girlguiding Leicestershire has certainly been part of this historic event. Well done to Emma Chamberlain from

1st Aylestone Brownies, who placed a crown on the coffin during a service at the Cathedral on Sunday 22 March live on Channel 4, to all those who took part in the reburial procession and to girls from 6th Leicester Brownies and 3rd Ashby Guides, who represented Girlguiding at the Service of Reveal and Celebration.

This is my last Bulletin as County Commissioner. Over the last five years I have had the privilege of leading the County, I have met and worked with so many wonderful volunteers and seen so many girls take part in this wonderful game called Guiding.

I am delighted to be handing over to Rachel Webb-Jenkins and wish her all the very best for the next five years.

I would like to thank everyone for their friendship and support and for the time, dedication and energy you have given to providing girls and Leaders so many opportunities and for 'Making it Happen'!

You will find a car sticker in with this Bulletin - look forward to seeing them all around the County! There is also an Annual Report, which includes a Poster - where will you display yours?

Many thanks

Abi Salter
County Commissioner

Annual Review of the Year

Monday 13
April

Longslade
Community
College
Birstall

7.00 pm for
7.30 start

County Weekend

Friday 15 -
Sunday 17 May

Waddow Hall
Lancashire

Waste, Water & Me Guide day

Saturday
13 June

Topstones

2.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Rainbow ROAR

Sunday 14 June

Topstones

10.00 am - 2.30 pm





Bookings for our Rainbow event on Sunday 14 June are now closed!

More information will be sent out in April to those who booked in.



Are you a Brownie, Guide or Senior Section Leader?
Or are you a Young Leader or Ranger?

Are you free on Sunday 14 June? We need your help!

We've had lots of bookings for our exciting Rainbow Activity Day and we need lots of people to come along with a smile to help make the day run really smoothly.

You need to arrive at Topstones by 9am with a packed lunch and a camp chair.

We'll provide tea, coffee and squash for you all day!

We hope to be finished by 3pm.

Please contact Emma Chodynicky
emmachody@btinternet.com

for more details or to add your name to the list of smiley volunteers.

Or why not make a weekend of it?

We also need help on Saturday 13 June with the Guide Waste Water and Me Activity Afternoon and Campfire.

Please contact Abi Salter abi@abisalter.plus.com if you can help on the Saturday too and let us know if you want to stop over night as well (adults only)

Information has been sent to all Guide units registered to come to the Waste Water and Me event.

For all bookings please contact Gill Gates
gillian.gates@ntlworld.com



CONGRATULATIONS...

...to the 11th Leicester Brownies on being the first Unit to complete the Leicestershire

Richard III Challenge.

They were presented by our County Commissioner, Abi Salter.

Well done, to all the Brownies and their Leaders.



DIARY 2015

APRIL

11	Sound Off (Guide & Scout Band/Choir)		Loughborough
11	Shop re-opens	10.00 am	
13	Annual Review of the Year	7.30 pm	Birstall
17-19	County Scout camp		Mallory Park
17-19	B-P Challenge Adventure		Hinckley
20	Charnwood 2016 CMT	6.30 pm	Scout HQ
22	Safe Space	6.30 pm	Rothley
22	Residential Team	7.30 pm	County Office
23	Topstones Management	7.30 pm	County Office
24-26	International Opportunities w/end		Topstones
25	Topstones Working Day	10.00 am	Topstones
25	Food Hygiene	9.00 am	County Office
27	First Response Renewal	7.00 pm	Melton
27	Residential Advisers	7.30 pm	County office
29	Safe Space	6.30 pm	Rutland

MAY

1	Deadline for Bulletin articles		
4	Shop & Office closed		
6	Shop AGM	6.00 pm	County Office
7	First Response Renewal	7.00 pm	Ashby
7	Membership Support	7.30 pm	County Office
15-17	County Weekend		Waddow
18	Charnwood 2016 CMT	6.30 pm	County Office
19	The Senior Section Spectacular	7.30 pm	County Office
21	Finance	7.30 pm	County Office
22	Charnwood Youth Forum	7.30 pm	County Office
23	Shop Closes	1.30 pm	
25	Office closed		
27	Full First Response	10.00 am	County Office
28	Shop re-opens	12.00 pm	
30	County Trefoil Exec		County Office

JUNE

1	County Exec	7.15 pm	County Office
2	The Senior Section Team	TBA	County Office
8	Membership Systems	7.30 pm	County Office
10	Queen's Guide Drop-in	6.00 pm	County Office
13	Guides Activity day	2.00 pm	Topstones
14	Rainbow Roar	10.00 am	Topstones
15	Charnwood 2016 CMT	6.30 pm	Scout HQ
16	Trainers	7.30 pm	County Office
17	First Response Renewal	7.00 pm	Oadby & Wigston
18	Growing Guiding	7.30 pm	County Office
30	Brownie Campfire	6.30 pm	Topstones

JULY

1	Brownie Campfire	6.30 pm	Topstones
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PEAK 2015 (Chatsworth, Derbys) needs you!

We still need staff for various roles. To apply visit

www.peakcamp.org.uk

and click on Staff Portal



Residential News



NEED A RESIDENTIAL MENTOR?

Over the last few months the residential team have been busy updating the systems and processes we use for allocating Mentors for residential qualifications. The role of the Mentor is a key one when thinking of taking your girls away as they are able to offer advice, support and guidance throughout the process.

If you are thinking of taking your girls away you must hold a relevant qualification. If you do not then please let either your Division Residential Adviser know or your local Commissioner. Once you have done this (or at the same time) you should fill in the form - Registration of Interest and either email or send it to myself. I will then contact the relevant County teams to get a Mentor allocated to you quickly so that you can start the planning for your residential.

The forms can be found either in the scheme book if you purchased them from the Equipment Store in Leicester, via the County Office or on the Leicestershire website.

APPROVED VENUE BOOKLET

This was updated in January 2015 and will be updated again in April 2015. It is vital that when you are thinking of booking a venue, you ensure that you are using the latest version of this as things change regularly with regards approved buildings. You, as the Leader are also responsible for checking that the re-approval date is not before you are planning on going. If it is, then please contact myself for further advice.

If a venue does not appear in the booklet, it does not mean that it cannot be used but..... you must contact myself in plenty of time, in order for us to collect the relevant fire risk assessments from the venue and then visit to finally approve it. Some places do not have adequate fire risk assessments, so do not presume it will be ok!

REN FORM

New or old to residential events, this is just a reminder that you should get your REN form to your local Commissioner and Residential Adviser in plenty of time. Do not leave it until the last minute because if something is amiss, there may not be enough time to sort it out!

The County residential team are here to support you but please don't forget that there are Advisers in most Divisions who can more locally be of assistance.

However, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the County team for further information and support if you need it.

*Janet Gelsthorpe
County Residential Coordinator*

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Travelling abroad - Tracey Ball (not Rainbows)	0116 278 3314	traceysim64@hotmail.co.uk
Venues & Mentors - Janet Gelsthorpe	07773 341239	jgelsthorpe@greenfield.leics.sch.uk

Leicestershire In Action - UPDATE!

Now the summer months are drawing nearer, has your Division or District thought about what they are going to do to fulfil this challenge? It could be anything from setting up a Facebook group, to having a fundraising/recruitment stall at a local event. If so, we'd like to know your plans!

Coming soon on www.girlguidingleicestershire.org a form for you to complete, to let us know your challenge details. In turn, we will list any events and activities on the website to help you promote your new venture. Then, after the challenge is complete, send us your photographs so we can add them to the page (these *must* be submitted by the *end of July*). Don't forget - you can borrow Marketing & Communication display boards, feather flags and roll up banners from County Office, along with free marketing materials such as Join Us cards, volunteering information postcards, badges, bookmarks and much more. Not forgetting our new County gazebo (as debuted at County Training Day). Email the office for availability, booking forms and hiring details. If you need any support with ideas and general PR, then please contact me. gemma.lawrenson@hotmail.com

*Gemma Lawrenson
County Marketing & Communications Adviser*



CHARNWOOD 2016

Leicestershire Scout and Guide International Camp

Charnwood is coming! Fees for attending the camp have just been announced - information about how you can register interest on behalf of your Guides/Members of The Senior Section, will be available soon - please keep your eyes on <http://charnwood.org/latest-news/> for up to date information.

Staff Recruitment has started! An event at which you can find out more about the roles available and what it will be like to be part of the staff at Charnwood 2016, will be held on Saturday 9 May 2015, 10am - 4pm, venue to be advised. Please keep an eye on the website <http://charnwood.org/> to see further information as and when it becomes available.

Don't forget that if you are an adult Leader with a Rainbow or Brownie unit, or a recognised volunteer, you don't have to miss out on the fun - your help at camp would be invaluable!

The Senior Section

The Senior Section Forum

The next Senior Section Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 April at Wigston Magna Methodist Church, Cross Street LE18 2HE (parking available on nearby streets) from 7.45 - 9.15pm. The Forum is open to any member of Girlguiding Leicestershire between the ages of 14 and 25 - why not come along and get involved in planning the future of Senior Section in Leicestershire!

*Megan Thomas
County Senior Section Adviser*

Chief Commissioner's Award 2015

This award is for outstanding service to local guiding by an active adult volunteer who holds an appointment at Unit level. An individual may be recommended by anyone inside or outside of guiding but the nomination form must be signed by the appointing Commissioner and the County Commissioner.

Information about the award/nomination form will be available on www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk - the submission date is 31 August.

Questions/requests for nomination forms may be directed to your Commissioner or myself maggie.silver@outlook.com
A special event at which the awards are presented by the Midland Region Chief Commissioner, takes place each autumn.

Completed nomination forms should be emailed to myself or posted to County Office, marked for the attention of Maggie Silver - to arrive by Sunday 7 June 2015.

Maggie Silver
County Awards Adviser



Leicestershire Scout and Guide Choir

Leicestershire is, once again, trail-blazing.

Simon Parr, who is a County Cub Leader, had a vision to start up a combined Scout and Guide Choir - the first one in the country and our County Commissioner asked me to take on the role of coordinator of the choir for Girlguiding.

We weren't quite sure what to expect at our first rehearsal on 7 January but were pleasantly surprised when 14 young people, with an even split between Guides and Scouts, arrived eager to find out more.

Three hours later they were beginning to sound like a choir. Since then there have been a further two rehearsals, a few more voices have joined and they sound fabulous!

Our first public performance will be during Sound Off on 11 April 2015 with further performances at a Scout Presentation evening and also possibly one at Conkers as part of 'Bear in the Sky'. All really exciting and a steep learning curve for everyone.

If anyone wants to know more about the Choir, please contact me at rncalow@hotmail.co.uk and I'll try to answer your queries.

Nicky Calow
Girlguiding Choir Coordinator

The Senior Section Campfire (and optional Sleepover)

Saturday 4 July 5.00 pm - Sunday 5 July

Two options - Campfire & Sleepover = £10
Campfire only = £5



For more details or to download a booking form,
see our Leicestershire website.

Bookings close 31 May 2015

Want to see what adventures people in Leicestershire guiding
have been doing?

Then checkout our Leicestershire website
www.leicestershireguides.org

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Rachel Webb-Jenkins	County Commissioner
Seonaid McPhail	Assistant County Commissioner
Sam Harrold	Assistant County Commissioner
Julie Love	Loughborough Division Commissioner
Clare Wheatley	Countesthorpe District Commissioner
Sally Portsmouth	Wreake Valley District Commissioner

We wish them luck in their new roles

International News

We are looking for Adult Leaders to apply with a view to lead or support International Adventures in 2016, within the County. Currently we have one, possibly two, opportunities available for the summer of 2016. We need enthusiastic, committed Leaders to help lead and support the trips we are looking to organise.

The destinations have been agreed - passports will be needed, plus an interest in travelling to USA.

If you hold a current Camp holiday licence and would like to take part in International Guiding, we want to hear from you as we need your help.

Please contact me on traceysim64@hotmail.co.uk
or your Division International Adviser.

Tracey Ball
County International Adviser

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

All sessions will be at County Office unless stated otherwise.

- Evening sessions will start at 7.30 pm and finish at 9.00 pm (unless otherwise stated) except for First Response Renewal which will start at 7.00 pm.
- Full First Response will start at 10.00 am and finish at 4.30 pm (Packed lunch, comfy uniform, notebook and pen needed).
- 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 requires a £20 cheque when booking. This is to cover the cost of exam papers and certificates, you will also need photo I.D. on the day - without this you will not be allowed to do the course.



**PLEASE COMPLETE A FORM FOR EACH PERSON
WISHING TO ATTEND ACTIVITY/TRAINING**

send to: Trainings, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW

or EMAIL YOUR REQUEST TO :
office@leicestershireguides.org
please remember to include all the details below

Name of Training/Activity
Date of session
Name Membership No.
Unit/Division
Contact Telephone Number
Role (e.g. Leader, Leader in Training etc)
Email

confirmation of booking will be sent via email only.

First Response only - if you fail to let County Office know that you are unable to attend, then your Division will be charged £5.

Please notify the County Secretary via email or by calling 0116 2545290 identifying any special needs with regard to accessing buildings, rooms etc.

Leaders in Training and Mentor News

Congratulations to all the newly qualified Leaders in Training. We have had some fantastic evidence and Josie, our County Verifier, loves looking at all the great photos. It's a really easy way to see the girls are happy and enjoying your activities.

A few reminders for Mentors/Leaders in Training and Unit Leaders with a Leader in Training:

- Complete the first page of the book - it may sound very basic but you would be surprised how many books are not completed!
- Number your evidence like pages in a book - don't try and use the module numbers, its far easier this way and less confusing.
- Mentors - remember to sign the Modules off towards the back of the book. Also the Completion of Qualification - forgetting these slows down the process for completion

And remember we are not expecting anyone to jump through hoops and/or provide files full of evidence. We are looking for good quality guiding, where the girls are taking the lead and having fun, whilst staying safe.

*Eileen Melling
County Leadership Qualification Coordinator*

Friday 15 - Sunday 17 May 2015

County Weekend

Waddow Hall, Lancashire

Open to *all* Qualified Leaders and Leaders in Training -
An opportunity to stay at a National Training and Activity Centre
£85 includes accommodation, food and training (section and cross-section)
Plus time to relax, meet up with friends old and new
and meet the new County Team!

Newly qualified Leaders may use their £25 TAC voucher that came with their Leadership certificate, towards the cost

Bring someone with you that has never been before - *discount available*
Application forms now available on the Leicestershire website

Cheques to be made payable to
'The Guide Association - Leicestershire'

Places will **not** be booked until full payment received.
Please note this will be non refundable.

Full payment will be required at point of booking.

Love to come.....but cost might be an issue? Then talk to Gill Gates or Rachel Webb-Jenkins

A fun packed weekend awaits you!

**The closing date for the next Bulletin will be
Friday 1 May 2015**

Please send any articles to office@leicestershireguides.org

TRAININGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering

Saturday 25 April

County Office 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Whether you are camping or cooking in the unit, this national qualification will ensure safe food practices. There is a multi-choice exam at the end and the certificate is valid for 3 years.

Please bring photo ID and packed lunch

Cost £20 to be paid when booking.

N.B. All bookings for trainings must be made through County Office

Please ensure you submit a **fully completed** form, whether written or electronic

The booking form for trainings is on Page 8, or use the on-line form found on the Leicestershire website.

First Response only - any no-shows for these courses, the relevant Division will be charged £5 per place.

Safe Space - Important information

As from 1 January 2015, this training is now compulsory for all Leaders in Training and there are three e-learning modules that Qualified Leaders can also complete - a great way to refresh and update your knowledge of Safe Space at a time and pace that is right for you.

See the national website -

Members' area & Go!, Building your skills, e-learning

The introduction of mandatory safety and safeguarding training is an important step for Girlguiding. As an organisation it is our responsibility to ensure all Leaders can provide a safe space for girls and young women.

Safe Space

Wednesday 22 April

The Old Chapel, Chapel Street, Syston LE7 1GN 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Wednesday 29 April

Guides HQ, Grampian Way, Oakham LE15 6LF 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Making adventure safe - come and take the mystery out of risk assessment and safety both at unit meetings and when out and about.

Find out how to deal with those concerns regarding the girls safety.

TRAININGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

First Response Renewal

The 1st Response course is valid for 3 years from the date it is awarded. After this time period, 1st Response holders and those who have had external first aid training can attend a Girlguiding 1st Response Refresher course. This 2 hour course will update your training for a further 3 years. If you have an external certificate this still needs to be entered onto Go!

Each unit should have at least one Leader with a valid 1st response certificate or an equivalent first aid qualification.

First Response - Renewal

Monday 27 April

St. Peter's Catholic Church Hall, 77 Welby Lane,
Melton Mowbray, Leics. LE13 0ST
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Thursday 7 May

Congregational Church, Kilwarby Street,
Ashby LE65 2FQ
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday 17th June

Oadby & Wigston (**venue to be confirmed**) 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Full First Response

Essential first aid for Leaders. Each unit should have at least one leader with a valid 1st response certificate.

Wednesday 27 May

County Office 10.00am - 4.30pm

Introduction to Leadership in Guiding

Trainings and workshops to give new Leaders skills and knowledge to assist in their role in Guiding. New Leaders keep these dates free and look out for an invitation coming soon

Tuesday 1 September

Tuesday 8 September

Sunday 13 September - Full First Response (10.00 am - 4.30pm)

Tuesday 15 September

Tuesday 22 September

County Office 7.30pm - 9.00pm