

# eBulletin



## *From the County Commissioner.....*

Welcome to our first eBulletin. It is very important for everyone to receive information about the opportunities available in Leicestershire and so we are emailing this to all adult members. Please can you make sure everyone in your unit has seen it.

There is lots of information about future events with links to our County website for more details.

This term has seen the launch of the Richard III Challenge. Many thanks to everyone who wrote and trialled the challenge. Why not send us some photos of what you and your girls get up to?

Our training team is working hard on plans for County Day on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Bookings are

open until 27<sup>th</sup> February and you can book your place online. County Training Day is a great opportunity to meet other Leaders, gain lots of new ideas to take back to your unit. I look forward to seeing lots of you there.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> is World Thinking Day, when girls from across the world celebrate being part of World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). I hope you and your girls have a lovely time celebrating either in your unit or with others from your District or Division.

February is also when our Annual Subscriptions are paid to Girlguiding and invoices on GO! should now be live. Please can I ask that all invoices are paid promptly so that I can hand over to my successor 100% paid!

I can't quite believe that my five years as County Commissioner is coming to an end. I am delighted that Rachel Webb-Jenkins has been appointed and will take over from me at the Annual Review on 13th April. I hope lots of you will come along to celebrate our achievements and offer a warm welcome to Rachel.

With best wishes  
*Abi Salter*



*Please join us for our*

## **Annual Review 2014**

*in the Palmer-Tomkinson Centre,  
Longslade Community College, Wanlip Lane,  
Birstall, LE4 4GH  
7 pm for 7.30 start  
Everyone is welcome, uniform to be worn.*





## Richard III Challenge badges now free for all Leicestershire groups

We've had a phenomenal response so far to our new [Richard III Challenge](#), with units from across Leicestershire and beyond registering to complete the challenge.

Thanks in part to kind sponsorship from Leicester Cathedral, we are delighted to announce that ALL badges for Leicestershire units will now be completely FREE including postage. Badges remain £1.50 for participants from outside of the County.

## Residential Team News

*Where shall we go...?*

"Where shall we go on holiday this year?" My husband asks.

"I don't know", I reply. But I reach for the map and start pondering....

And that's when I know it's time to start planning my next Brownie Residential....

Janet Gelsthorpe (our County Venues Adviser) has worked very hard over the winter months updating the approved venues booklet - so it's all ready to go.... All you need to do is begin planning....

- Where shall we go?
- Shall we camp or go indoors?
- Does anyone need to do their licence?
- Which Leaders can go?

It's that exciting time of year when we need to be asking all those questions.... If anyone needs any help with answers don't forget to contact your Division Residential Adviser - we are here to help you.

So as you reach for that holiday brochure or map - don't forget the Brownies - and reach for that venues booklet at the same time - and start planning!

Melanie Wakley  
County Brownie Residential Adviser

## International News

If you are planning to submit an application for the International Selection Weekend for trips taking place in 2016, you only have until the 28<sup>th</sup> February to do so. [Download the application form from the website.](#)



Opportunities in 2016 include [Girlguiding Midlands Going Stateside Challenge](#) as part of the Senior Section Centenary celebrations.

Don't forget to bring your purse to County Day next month as the girls representing Leicestershire on trips in 2015 will be providing refreshments in return for donations.

This year sees trips going to Kenya, California, Japan, Mexico and Holland.



# Events

## Camp Skills Afternoon and Pod Experience

Saturday 21 March 2015

For Leaders who want to learn the basics for taking girls away in any season. With the option to stay overnight and experience the Topstones pods for yourself!

For more details and to download a booking form [see the website](#). Bookings close 28 February.



## Senior Section Campfire

Saturday 4 July  
2015

(With the option to stay overnight)  
Topstones  
For more details and to download a booking form [see the website](#).  
Bookings close 31 May 2015



Activities-  
Craft- Singing- Dancing

Sunday 14 June 2015

Topstones  
Download a booking form with more details [from the website](#)  
Bookings close 31 March 2015



## Brownie Campfires

At Topstones on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
and Wednesday 1 July 2015

6.30pm - 8.30pm  
Cost £4 per person  
Includes Campfire,  
Hot Chocolate and  
Badge  
[See website](#) for  
more information



## Waste, Water & Me Day

Saturday June 13 2015

An opportunity for Guides to complete Girlguiding Midlands Waste, Water & Me challenge in association with Severn Trent. Guide units must register their interest by 27 February by emailing [office@leicestershireguides.org](mailto:office@leicestershireguides.org)

## Water Camp

Friday 8 - Sunday 10 May 2015

Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre  
For Senior Section and Guides  
More details and Booking form [on the website](#) Bookings close 22 March 2015



## Awards

Did you see the picture in the January Bulletin of Girlguiding Leicestershire's recipients of the Chief Commissioner's Award 2014?

We know that all of our volunteers are very special people, but do you know anyone who is extra special?

Girlguiding has a number of awards which may be presented to its members and recognised volunteers in recognition of any one of the following:

- meritorious conduct
- outstanding and excellent service
- long service

You can find information about National awards in the [Guiding manual](#) - your Commissioner has information about awards made at Region and County levels.

Long service should be recognised automatically now that we have Go! keeping our records for us, but if you know anyone who you think may have been "missed", or you know anyone who you think "goes the extra mile", or is deserving of recognition, talk to your Commissioner who has information about the full range of awards available through Girlguiding (and beyond!!).

Alternatively, you can contact Maggie Silver, County Awards Adviser on [maggie.silver@outlook.com](mailto:maggie.silver@outlook.com)

## Rangers Raise Funds

1<sup>st</sup> Hinckley St Marys Rangers have recently taken part in a project to send money and medicines to InterCare a charity that sends medical aid to parts of Africa, including areas affected by Ebola.

The girls collected unwanted medication that cannot be used in this Country and also donated other items including dressings and gloves.

After an informative presentation, the girls also handed over a cheque for £200 to John Winter, a volunteer from InterCare, of which £145 had been donated by Fridge Freezer Direct Ltd.



## Brownies visited by Karate Kid

Back in November, 1<sup>st</sup> Newtown Lindford Brownies received a visit from Lucy Whitfield, World Karate Champion and Gold Medallist at the 2012 World Championship.

Lucy taught the Brownie some basic karate moves. Brownie Keira said "Lucy showed us a Kata which had 64 moves! I don't know how she remembers them all! She taught us how to punch and kick! It was great fun. I hope I do karate when I'm older and can hopefully show Lucy my moves if she visits us again."



# Upcoming Trainings

Places must be booked in advance for all training. You can book using the form in the Bulletin or online [via the website](#).

## Full First Response

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, County Office  
10am - 4pm

## Safe Space

Wednesday 8 April, Watermead (Venue TBC)  
6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

## Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering

Saturday 25 April, County Office  
9 am - 4 pm  
(£20 cheque required at booking)

## Leaders of Guide Section Training Day

Saturday 26 September, Topstones  
10 am - 4pm

## First Response Renewal

Monday 27 April, Melton (Venue TBC)  
7 pm - 9 pm

Thursday 7 May, Ashby (Venue TBC)  
7pm - 9pm

Wednesday 17 June, Oadby and Wigston  
(Venue TBC)  
7pm - 9pm

## 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, 8, 15 and 22 September  
County Office 10am - 4.30 pm (Full First Response on Sunday 13 September)

**MUSIC TO YOUR EARS**

Scout & Guide Bands of Leicestershire present

# sound off

11th April 2015 @ 2pm

A matinee performance at **Loughborough Town Hall** on **Saturday April 11th 2015**, for **Scouts & Guides Only**

A musical, visual and interactive show for all.  
**Tickets: £5** (Buy 10 get additional **1 free**)

To order your matinee tickets please call **Leicestershire Scout Council** on **(0116) 232 4533**

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at **Loughborough Town Hall** on **11th April 2015 @ 7.30pm**

an experience of sights and sounds displayed by the Scout & Guide Bands of Leicestershire for one night only.

**Tickets: £10 Each** (Buy 10 get additional **1 free**)

**Box Office: 01509 231914**  
**www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk**

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