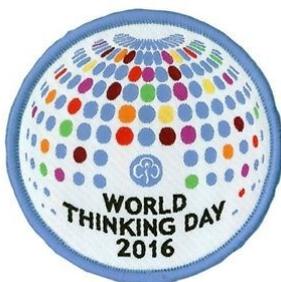


From the County Commissioner

I always find that World Thinking day is the beginning of the Spring in Guiding. After the dark winter months spent plotting and planning, this is the first event of the year that bursts into action.



World Thinking Day draws us all together and acts as a springboard into the year's events. If yours is a unit, District or Division event, I wish you all a "Happy World Thinking Day".



Many units are planning days out. Will you be joining friends from across the Region at Gulliver's Kingdom, in May, or at West

Midland Safari Park in June? Many of you will have plans for a residential underway. From Rainbow sleepovers to international camping, Leicestershire members will be experiencing it all this year.



The Senior Section have a fun-packed centenary year with events ready and waiting to go - Spark, the opening event at Alexandra Palace; Ready, Set, Camp and the Goldrush wide game at Topstones in July; Carnival Fever in August and segwaying or visiting Go Ape in September.

Adult members and Young Leaders are invited to join us at County Day on 12th March, where they can choose between gaining new qualifications and developing their skills. As always there will be time to catch up with friends, new and old.

February brings Subscriptions time and part of that annual cost covers our insurance payments. All of our exciting adventures that we plan wouldn't be possible without the insurance cover organised by Girlguiding. Your invoice will be ready for you to download on 24th February. Make sure that your cheque is in the post and winging its way to Altrincham to ensure Leicestershire pays its share of the insurance to cover all the exciting adventures that we love so much.



Rachel Webb-Jenkins



Upcoming Trainings

Full First Response

Wednesday 1st June 2016

Time: 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

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

There is a baby-sitting service for this training, please request this when you book

First Response Renewal

Monday 18th April 2016

Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Venue: St Peters Catholic Church Hall
77 Welby Lane, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0ST

Thursday 5th May 2016

Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Venue: Congregational Church,
Kilwardby Street, Ashby, LE65 2FQ

Monday 1st August 2016

Time: 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Venue: Charnwood 2016 International Camp

Safe Space

Tuesday 1st March 2016

Time: 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Venue: Ibstock Community
College, Central Avenue,
Ibstock, LE67 6NE

Sunday 5th June 2016

Time: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

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

There is a baby-sitting service for this training, please request this when you book

Food Hygiene

Saturday 23rd April 2016

Time: 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

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

New to Leadership

Trainings and workshops to give new Leaders and Young Leaders skills and knowledge to assist in their role in Guiding.

New Leaders keep these dates free

Tuesday 6th September 2016

Tuesday 20th September 2016

Tuesday 13th September 2016

Tuesday 27th September 2016

Sunday 18th September 2016 - First Response (9.00 am - 4.00 pm)

Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

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

County Training Day

WOW! Lots of you have booked in for the Training Day, but there's still time to join us. See www.girlguidingleicestershire.org for information.

Just to let you know, the International Team will be selling badges and cakes and providing tea and coffee for a suggested donation of 50p per cup.



Rainbow Section Training

Tuesday 19th April 2016

Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

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

Thursday 5th May 2016

Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Venue: One Ash, Off Mill Lane, Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, LE9 7AX

Brownie Section Training

Sunday 17th April 2016

Training: **Learning to Lead**

Time: 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Venue: Exton Village Hall, The Green, Exton, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8PY

Tuesday 19th April 2016

Training: **Brownie section**

Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

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

Guide Section Training

Saturday 16th April 2016

Training: **Guides with their Leaders
'Take the Lead'**

Time: 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Giving girls an opportunity to take on a leadership role is an important part of what guiding does. It develops their skills while giving other girls in the unit role models closer to their own age - as well as creating Leaders for the future.

The day will be an action packed fun day for the girls, giving them lots of opportunities to develop their leadership skills, and work together with guides from other units as well as their own.

Leaders will observe the girls in action and also take part in their own activities that can be used in the unit to inspire and continue to support the Patrol Leaders.

Venue: Palmer Tomkinson Centre, Wanlip Lane, Birstall, LE4 4GH

Senior Section Training

Saturday 2nd July 2016

Training: **Senior Section Spectacular for Senior Section Leaders**

Time: TBA

Venue: Topstones, Tilton Lane, Cold Newton, Nr. Tilton, Leicester, LE7 9FH

Guiding Essentials Leicestershire

We will be at **County Day** at Brockington College, Enderby on Saturday 12th March with a limited stock. Goods can be ordered in advance, preferably, by contacting the shop beforehand, equipstore@leicestershireguides.org

Easter closing - 1.30 pm on Saturday 19th March

Re-opening - 12 noon on Thursday 7th April



Senior Section News



The Senior Section Spectacular

Booking is now open for Girlguiding Leicestershire's Senior Section Spectacular events! Booklets with details of the events have been distributed to everyone aged 14 - 25, that's all Rangers and Young Leaders, and adult Leaders under 26 - but if you missed your booklet it is available to download from the website www.leicestershireguides.org Most events are open to those in school year 9 and above (check booklet for details), so older Guides can get involved too!

We'll be hunting gold nuggets, segwaying, learning camping skills, supporting the Teenage Cancer Trust, gaining Senior Section Permits and Go'ing' Ape so book now to make sure you don't miss out! Booking forms are available on the website www.leicestershireguides.org

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides can also join in the celebrations by completing the Mission Spectacular badge - the syllabus is available to download for free at www.girlguiding.org.uk

We'll be unveiling our special Girlguiding Leicestershire Senior Section Spectacular badge soon, so watch this space!

Megan Thomas
Senior Section Adviser

Discussion Bus

Girlguiding Leicestershire's Senior Section Forum will be meeting in Coalville on 29th February. The Discussion Bus welcomes anyone in Girlguiding Leicestershire aged 14 - 25, so come along to have your say on Senior Section awards, the Senior Section Spectacular celebrations, Charnwood 2016 and more!

Under 18s will need to bring a consent form - these are available from www.leicestershireguides.org

The Discussion Bus will take place from 7.45 pm to 9.15 pm at Christ Church Hall, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3JA.

Young Leaders

Don't forget to book in for County Day on 12th March, there is a training specifically for Young Leaders packed with ideas to help you be the best in your unit.

Also as Young Leaders you are part of the Senior Section so don't forget to check out what events are happening as part of the Senior Section Spectacular. These are open to you too and are a great opportunity to meet other Young Leaders and Senior Section members from across the county.

Any questions just drop me an email: rachelsmith701@hotmail.com

Rachel Smith
Young Leader Adviser



Has your unit started Mission Spectacular yet?



It's open to everyone from any section and has loads of fantastic ideas.

Lots of information and the Mission Decider resource was sent out in the recent Guiding Magazine but can also be downloaded from spectacular.girlguiding.org.uk/mission-spectacular

The badges are available to buy from our Guiding Essentials shop at County Office.

We would love to see what your unit gets up to as part of this challenge.

Don't forget you can send your photos to County Office, office@leicestershireguides.org to be added to our website.

Mission Spectacular "Look Back" Theme

Will your Unit be taking up the Mission Spectacular Challenge?

Don't forget that we have uniforms from most decades of The Senior Section centenary, which can be hired together with photographs and items from various Ranger Events in Leicestershire and further afield.

Booking forms are on the County website www.girlguidingleicestershire.org
Please complete one and email to chris.md@talktalk.net

Have you looked at the Adventure in the Midlands booklet for 2016 events?

You can find booking forms and more information at www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk



Their biggest event for 2016 is a fantastic trip for Guides and Brownies on Sunday 12th June to West Midlands Safari Park. (see www.wmsp.co.uk to learn more about what's on offer)

We are arranging coaches from across Leicestershire to this event at £12 per person. Booking forms are available on our website - www.girlguidingleicestershire.org/events

The closing date for booking buses is **Thursday 31st March 2016**. You will still need to book your Safari Park tickets directly with Midlands.

2016 is going to be another amazing year!

Emma Chodyncki
County Guiding Development Coordinator



Guiding Essentials

The shop staff are all volunteers and we would not be able to open for so many hours without them. We do need more volunteers though, especially on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 12 noon to 3 pm or 3 pm to 6 pm. Contact Barbara White on 07423 050154 for more information.



International Opportunities Weekend



Friday 8th April - Sunday 10th April 2016,
Topstones County Campsite

Are you interested in travelling abroad with Girlguiding? Do you want to find out what International Opportunities there may be for you in 2017?

Please apply for a place as this is an action packed weekend, where you will have the opportunity to potentially be put forward for your dream International Guiding trip in 2017!

We are looking for Guides and Senior Section members who will be aged 14 -18 years by July 2017

You must be at least 13 years old when applying to attend the weekend

If you are excited about being involved in the weekend, please contact Tracey Ball Traceysim64@hotmail.co.uk for more information. Application forms are available via County Office or download from Leicestershire Girlguiding website, www.girlguidingleicestershire.org/events/international-opportunities-weekend

If you are interested in attending an International Adventure as a Leader, we want to hear from you as we need your help.

Tracey Ball
County International Adviser

Chief Commissioner's Award 2016



Did you see the picture of Girlguiding Leicestershire's recipients of the Chief Commissioner's Award in 2015, in your January bulletin?

The time has come to start thinking about who **YOU** might like to nominate in 2016.

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. A special event at which the awards are presented by the Midland Region Chief Commissioner takes place each Autumn.

The deadline for submitting your nominations will be in the summer term, but contact maggie.silver@outlook.com, **NOW** to obtain a nomination form.

Maggie Silver
County Awards Adviser



Guiding for Adults - Be part of it!

Guiding isn't just for girls - there are plenty of opportunities for members to try something new or take on a new personal challenge

Flexible - meetings are evenings, daytime or via the Internet, varied frequency

Membership - for women or men, with or without previous involvement in guiding

Ages - the minimum age is 18, no upper limit

Give something back - we are a sister organisation to Girlguiding, agreeing to support the guiding ethos and pledge to help other people, passing on skills and knowledge to local guiding units

Leicestershire - there are 12 groups meeting in different locations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland but we can always grow!

Friendship - other members are only strangers because you haven't met them yet

The Trefoil Guild - for everyone, whether you are still a Leader in guiding or not

Interested or not sure - please talk to us, we won't bite

Sue Carter

Program and Development Trefoil Guild
01455 292823 or sue.carter@barlestone.com



First Bronze Voyage award for Leicestershire!

Vivienne Limb of Kirby Fields Trefoil Guild, being presented with her Bronze Voyage award, a Trefoil Guild award for anyone over the age of 18 and a member of the Trefoil Guild



Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday celebrations

The Royal Family in Guiding - box of uniforms and other items - may be useful if you are involved with community events during these celebrations.

All hire costs are £2.50 per box per week.

Chris Davies
Assistant Archivist
0116 231 2070



Rachel Webb-Jenkins would like to invite you to

The Annual Review of the Year 2015

This will be held at the Palmer-Tomkinson Centre, Cedars Academy, Wanlip Lane, Birstall LE4 4GH on Monday 11th April 2016 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start.

Come along and celebrate our achievements, events and adventures in 2015! Everyone welcome, bring along your friends and families to see what Girlguiding Leicestershire gets up to.

Uniform to be worn



Sainsbury's Active Kids is back for 2016!....

....and we are collecting them at County Office to order equipment and enhance our sleepover facilities

In Sainsbury's Locals, these vouchers have a photograph on them, the same as last year, one voucher for every £5 spent

In Sainsbury's Superstores, these vouchers will be on one piece of printed paper with no picture on, one voucher for every £10 spent. So if you spend £40 then the printed paper will be worth four vouchers.

Please ask for the vouchers, if you are not offered them!

We have a collection box for these at County Office and will have a collection point on County Day at Enderby (Saturday 12 March)



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE STAFF AT



CHARNWOOD 2016
30TH JULY - 6TH AUGUST

LEICESTERSHIRE'S 8TH INTERNATIONAL CAMP

DROP IN TO OUR MINI "STAFF SHOWCASE"
AT GIRLGUIDING LEICESTERSHIRE'S COUNTY TRAINING DAY
SATURDAY MARCH 12TH 2016

11.00 am - 3.00 pm

BROCKINGTON COLLEGE, ENDERBY, LE19 4AQ

Drop in open to all - even if you are not already booked into a training - also open to friends/members of Scouting



Reminder for Camping Groups...

Guide and Senior Section group leaders are reminded that a REN form will need to be completed and sent to your Division or District Commissioner for approval as soon as possible but by the end of April 2016 at the latest. Camping group leaders will have received a generic form for completion together with links for the Risk Assessments.

All group leaders must have the appropriate Going Away With Licence/ Senior Section Permit. Where groups are camping together under one licence holder, please make sure that approval is granted by all relevant Commissioners.

Members of The Senior Section camping on their own will be included in a separate group under the stewardship of the camp wardens and sub camp leaders.

..and for the Adults

When you signed up you were told that “we ask that all adults wishing to participate in Charnwood 2016 hold an enhanced CRB or DBS issued by either the Scout or Guide Associations. This disclosure must have been in date when you registered, and kept in date up to the last day of the event.” If you have a new/renewed DBS number, please let us know at staff@charnwood.org so that we can update our records. You can also use that address to tell us if any other vital information has changed.

All staff, and adults with camping groups, are advised that during induction at camp their attention will be drawn to the Safeguarding Policy for Charnwood 2016. It is desirable that before coming to camp all staff and adults with camping groups will have received appropriate Scout/Guide Safeguarding Training - if you have not already attended such a training, please contact the appropriate Training Manager to try and arrange to do so before camp.

The staff sub camp will be where staff can relax at the end of their shift - please tell us how you would like to spend that time so that we can be prepared - there will be a chill out zone - would you like some organised activities, if so, what would you like to do? Any thoughts to staff@charnwood.org please.

Holiday from Work?

Many of the adults bringing participants to Charnwood 2016, or coming as a member of the staff, will be taking holiday from work.

If your employer looks kindly on employees giving up time for voluntary work, and you need a letter supporting a request for paid leave, please contact staff@charnwood.org giving your name, email address, role at Charnwood, C Ref. No., and whether you are a member of Scouting or Guiding, together with the name, address and email address of the person to whom the letter is to be sent.



Would you like to be part of the staff team at Charnwood 2016?

The INFORMATION CENTRE require full and part time staff. There are shifts available from early morning to late evening.

Customer service skills? Good telephone manner? Post handling experience? Problem solving experience? Hospitality skills? Good with a kettle?

Come and help our friendly team in the heart of the village - keep campers and staff happy!!



We need you to join the PROGRAMME TEAM !!

Are you young (or young at heart)? Mad as a box of frogs? Passionate about the great outdoors?

Are you skilled in ...

Backwoods Cooking, Water Activities, Performing Arts, providing a good time to all participants?

We need YOU to join the Programme Team and help give thousands of young people the time of their lives!

Interested - contact programme@charnwood.org or register at www.charnwood.org/staff

Applications invited from Leaders/parents/supporters of any section - subject to normal recruitment checks. Staff MUST be aged 18 plus on the first day of camp.

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