

From the County Commissioner

You would not believe the number of meetings taking place this term. There is rarely a night at County Office when the meeting rooms aren't buzzing with ladies in blue working away. They're creating, planning and organising a whole host of exciting events that will help Girlguiding Leicestershire celebrate our centenary in 2017. In Units there are conversations about what the girls will choose, never mind the Leaders. The centenary events are on our website www.leicestershireguides.org so you can make sure you've booked onto all the things you're interested in.



I've made a start on the ideas for the gift that I plan to send as part of the Pass the Parcel. I'm looking forward to receiving a surprise parcel with my Brownies in the gloomy month of January. It'll be great to kick off a year with an exciting birthday present. Are you joining in? Have you thought what you might send?

Finally, I'm sending a plea - could you share your photos of the centenary with us. We're happy to receive your photos by email to the office, or on a memory stick or you could message them to our facebook page. We'd love to put them up on our Flickr gallery. Let's record the special events and the fun that happens every week in our Units.

Rachel Webb-Jenkins

Broughton Astley Scouts and Guides were given the unusual honour of holding a Guard of Honour for the inaugurations of Bill Liquorish as the new Chairman of Leicester City Council recently.

Bill, who is no stranger to the Scout movement, chose his home village as the location for the service and it was also his wish that the Scouts and Guides of the village form the guard of honour.



WINTER WONDERLAND

A magical winter wonderland full of surprises, snow and excitement just for Rainbows. More details on our website, www.leicestershireguides.org

The cost is £15 per Rainbow, £2 for Young Leaders and Leaders



Saturday 28th January 2017

10 am - 3 pm

Heath Lane Academy, Heath Lane, Earl Shilton, LE9 7PD



Bookings opened 1st October 2016 and will close on 16th December 2016

Topstones Tidy Up Day

Do you enjoy visiting the County Campsite at Topstones? If so come along and help us with some essential maintenance that is needed before the winter sets in!

Saturday 26th November 10 am to 3 pm

Jobs include indoor painting as well as outdoor pruning and strimming. Please bring gloves, strimmers and shears if you have them. Hot drinks and soup will be provided but you will need to bring a packed lunch.

Please contact Pam Gilbert at pam@gilbert2.plus.com for more information and to let her know you are coming.



Calling all Leaders....



To make sure we are able to carry on holding International trips within our County we are looking for Leaders who are interested in International Travel to apply for a Leader place on a County trip in 2018.

If you are 18 years and upwards and have completed your Leadership Qualification we are interested in hearing from you.

If you would like to be a Trip Leader you need to be working towards or have completed your Guide/Senior Section Camp Licence to be put forward for a trip.

We are holding a Recruitment Day on Saturday, January 21st 2017, venue and time to be confirmed. To apply please contact Tracey and book your place.

.....and girls!

Applications will open on 1st December for the Opportunities Weekend in March 2017 for trips taking place in 2018.

Tracey Ball, County International Adviser

Traceysim64@hotmail.co.uk



County Weekend 2016

County Weekend is a weekend spent away with training, networking and enjoying one of the Training and Activity Centres (TACs) round the country. This year we ventured to Hautbois in Norfolk.



The weekend is open to Leaders, Leaders in Training and Unit Helpers. Participants range in experience from a few months to quite a number of years.

Each weekend is a unique blend of training, fun and games, socialising and sometimes seeing the local sights.



This year everyone was keen to get out and about in Norfolk

We played some silly games when training on teambuilding.



There were some brain workouts too as we considered all the elements of “Good Guiding is”. The best thing about County Weekend is that everyone chats, works and plays with everyone else. If you know no-one else in Guiding before you go, you certainly will by the end of the weekend.

Look out for next year’s County Weekend which will be advertised in the Bulletin, eBulletin and on the website next year. Join in the fun.



Is it possible for Leaders to sort themselves into some sort of order **WITHOUT SPEAKING!**?

That is a challenge!





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

Senior Section, Adult Leaders, Helpers and Trefoil Guild members all welcome
Drinks available from 10 am, 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,
telephone number and an email address.

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

PGL PARIS

Thursday 17th August - Sunday 20th August 2017

A great opportunity for Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members
to travel internationally during our Centenary year.

A trip to PGL Paris, Disneyland and Paris itself!

The cost is £270.

If you haven't already booked, secure your places now with a £50 per person deposit.
See www.leicestershireguides.org for more details.

The word 'Paris' is written in a stylized, pink, serif font. A small silhouette of the Eiffel Tower is positioned above the letter 'i'.



The Great Brownie Bake Off

4th South Wigston Brownies held a Bake Off

1st prize - aged 9



1st runner up - aged 7



2nd runner up - aged 7



Danielle Shelton
4th South Wigston Brownies

Reminders about JoinUs

Using the comments box on JoinUs - it's often useful to add a comment to JoinUs if a certain action needs to be taken with a girl. Make sure your comments can be clearly understood by anyone. They might be read by someone who doesn't know your unit or your local issues e.g. Emma from Girlguiding Midlands Region who is employed to work on JoinUs and to support Leaders and make sure girls get into units.

Time for a tidy up on JoinUs - currently there are over 150 girls and young women waiting in JoinUs. If any of them are for your unit then please help them get off JoinUs and into your unit so they can be part of this half term's games, glitter and good times.

Most Divisions have their own JoinUs or Membership Systems Coordinator who you can contact for help with JoinUs or alternatively contact our County JoinUs Coordinator, Ann Barsby, on ann.barsby@talktalk.net or 01509 503936.



Hinckley Police support Girlguiding badge to help raise awareness of Dementia



Police in Hinckley have been working with Girlguiding Hinckley to develop a new challenge badge to raise awareness of Dementia.

The idea followed a visit to the 7th Hinckley URC Brownies by PCSO Julie Hodgkinson for the presentation of the Brownie 'Challenge' badge the group had been working towards.

PCSO Hodgkinson had been working with a local dementia group and came up with the idea of developing a dementia awareness badge to help raise awareness of the illness to young people.

PCSO Hodgkinson said: "As a child I enjoyed my time as part of the Barwell Brownie group and had the idea of creating a Dementia Awareness Badge after visiting a local unit. I also had a friend who was affected by the illness and I wanted to do something in her memory."

To obtain the award, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and their Leaders needed to complete a number of challenges to test their memory and learn more about dementia and how it affects sufferers. However, this challenge was just open to members of Hinckley Division.

Carol Lynch, Division Commissioner for Girlguiding Hinckley, said: "It has been a privilege to work with Julie to create this challenge badge. With a local membership of almost 1000, many young girls have gained an understanding of dementia through this fun badge."

To help support the launch of the badge PCSO Hodgkinson managed to secure funding for the new badges for Hinckley Division from Police Mutual who donated £500.

Autumn Craft Fair

at the Friendship Centre in Long Whatton

Sunday 6th November, 10 am - 4 pm

in support of Loughborough Division and 14th Loughborough Guides

There will be stalls selling a variety of handcrafted items, all locally made - ideal for starting your Christmas shopping!

Entry is free and cakes and refreshments will be available. Donations of home-made cakes will be gratefully received!

Nikki Goodman
14th Loughborough Guides



Save the Date

County Day

Sunday 12th March 2017, 9.30 am-3 pm
Brockington College, Enderby, LE19 4AQ

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

Full First Response

Saturday 21st January 2017

9.30 am - 4.00 pm

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

Accidents, injuries and incidents,
treatments and paperwork.

Developing Leadership for Young Leaders

Tuesday 25th October

7.30 pm - 9 pm

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

For Leaders to bring their Young Leaders who
are starting or working towards the Young
Leader Qualification.

Opening a New Unit Training

Tuesday 22nd November

7.30 pm - 9 pm

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

Come and find out what is involved in opening a new unit.

Help for Commissioners and Leaders who were planning or considering opening a new unit.

Forms. finance, who does what, and ideas for the first night when you have a group of
enthusiastic girls all wanting to know more.

Safe Space

Monday 28th November

6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

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



First Response Renewal

Wednesday 25th January

7 pm - 9 pm

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



For anyone who has completed a full first
response in the last 3 years



Learning to Lead - Brownies and Guides

Brownies

Saturday 26th November 2016

Guides

10 am - 4 pm,

The Kibworth School, Smeeton Road, Kibworth, Leicester, LE8 0LG

Leaders bring your Brownie Sixers and Seconds, Guide Patrol Leaders and Patrol Seconds to a day just for them!

The day is designed to develop the leadership skills of the girls in their role as a leader of a small group. It will give you the time to reflect on what they do already and tips and techniques to let them take the lead with their groups in the unit meetings.

During the day the girls will take part in a wide range of fun activities to enhance their leadership skills and the confidence to try new things in the unit.

Everyone will need a packed lunch (drinks will be provided).

Uniform to be worn and girls to wear soft soled shoes.

We will issue an ICE (Consent) form nearer the date.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS TWO SEPARATE SESSIONS - ONE FOR GUIDES AND ONE FOR BROWNIES.

It cannot be classed as a section training for the Leadership Qualification.

Shouting about guiding.

- It's great to see articles in the local papers, online and on facebook pages, shouting about all the great things that are happening in guiding around the county. Don't forget to refer to the writing guidelines available on the Girlguiding website. They're there to support you.
- If you're writing an article for publication, recruiting or putting information anywhere public e.g. social media, remember not to share all the details about your local meeting – only include the weekday, time and the name of the area—and don't use your whole name.
- Give the website information or registration information via www.girlguiding.org.uk.

Calling all Leaders who have camp blankets. You can now purchase your Long Service Award as a woven badge.



Available from County Office (not the shop) priced £1.50 each. You will need your name, Membership number and unit name.

Heather Webster
County Badge Secretary

Appointments

Maggie Silver
Selina Thraves
Elizabeth Lowe

Leicester East Division Commissioner
joint Thurmaston District Commissioner
joint Thurmaston District Commissioner



We wish them all the best in their new roles!





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Leicestershire



**Leicestershire
Scouts**



THE CHOIR

LEICESTERSHIRE'S SCOUT & GUIDE CHOIR ONE DAY CHOIR

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER
FROM 12:30PM - CONCERT 7:30PM

VENUE:
HOLY APOLOSTLES CHURCH
IMPERIAL ROAD, LEICESTER
LE3 1AE

OPEN TO LEADERS,
SCOUTS/GUIDES
AND CUBS/BROWINES
MOVING UP WITHIN A
YEAR - NO AUDITION

COST: £2

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH
SIMON OR NICKY BY 3RD DECEMBER
SIMON.PARR@LEICESTERSHIRESCOUTS.ORG.UK
RNCALOW@HOTMAIL.COM



DIARY 2016 - 2017

NOVEMBER

1	Water Weekend bookings open		County Office
1	Pass the Parcel registrations open		Website
1	Birthday Blog registrations open		Website
3	Presentation Evening	7.15 pm	Belmont Hotel
10	New Commissioners	7.30 pm	County Office
15	County Exec	7.30 pm	County Office
22	Opening a New Unit Training	7.30 pm	County Office
25-27	Baden-Powell Challenge Adventure Weekend		Topstones
26	Brownies and their Leaders Training	10.00 am	
26	Guides and their Leaders Training	10.00 am	
26	Topstones Working Day	10.00 am	Topstones
28	Safe Space Training	6.30 pm	County Office
30	Shop - last orders for Christmas	9.00 am	County Office

DECEMBER

1	Star Gazing bookings open		County Office
13	Shop closes for Christmas	6.00 pm	County Office
14	Commissioner Evening	7.30 pm	County Office
16	Winter Wonderland bookings close		
23	County Office closes for Christmas	4.00 pm	County Office

JANUARY

1	Leicestershire Challenge available to download		Website
3	County Office reopens	10.00 am	County Office
5	Shop re-opens	12 noon	County Office
21	Full First Response	10.00 am	Thurnby
21	International Leader Recruitment Day		
21	Commissioner Day		Bagworth CC
21	County Exec		Bagworth CC
25	First Response Renewal	7.00 pm	Wigston
28	Rainbows Winter Wonderland event	10 am - 3 pm	Earl Shilton

FEBRUARY

MARCH

1	Picnic Party bookings open		
4	Brownies Star Gazing event		
12	County Training Day	9.30 am	Enderby
17-19	DofE Basic Expedition Training		Topstones





Rosemary Fraser of 1st East Goscote Brownies was presented with a Community Heroes Certificate of Appreciation by the Mayor of Charnwood Cllr David Gaskell in front of Loughborough Town Hall during Local Heroes Day.

Rosemary, who has 33 years of service with guiding, was nominated by John Malpuss who is based in the local Library.

WANTED FOR TOPSTONES

Do you have any dressing up clothes that are surplus to requirement? If they are in good condition we would be very pleased to receive them at Topstones to enhance the dressing up box which is always so popular. We are looking particularly for hats, cloaks and long skirts, and of course anything sparkly goes down well!



If you do have any items, please drop them at County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW labelled Topstones.

Thank you.



The BBC Bus was in Uppingham. They asked if I would do 'Thought for the Day' on Jo and Jim at 06:45!

Helen Swift
1st Uppingham Brownies



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, and help from interested adults is always appreciated - there's more to DofE than the expedition!

Contact Lucy Faulds, County DofE Adviser, on lucy.guiding@gmail.com for further information



GUIDING ESSENTIALS LEICESTERSHIRE NEWS

INVOICE PAYMENTS

There have been a number of difficulties with payments recently so please help us when paying in store or sending in cheques to pay for goods please remember the following:

1. The Payee is "The Guide Association Leicestershire Equipment Store".
2. Invoice number/s should be written on the back of the cheque.
3. Unit cheques **MUST** have two signatures.



Thank you.

TIMES ARE CHANGING!

Due to lack of regular volunteers, from 2017 the shop will be closing at 3pm on Thursdays and Fridays.



Opening Times From Jan 2017*

Monday:	12 noon–6.00 pm
Tuesday:	12 noon–6.00 pm
Wednesday:	Closed all day
Thursday:	12 noon– 3.00 pm*
Friday:	12 noon–3.00 pm
Saturday:	10.00am–1.30 pm

CHRISTMAS

The shop will be closed from 6pm Tuesday 13th December followed by our stock-take.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ORDER UNIT GIFTS EARLY so not to be disappointed. This is best done by phone or email if you are needing large numbers of a particular item.

The last order date is 9 am Wednesday 30th November.

Please note there will be no Brownie Annual this year.



The closing date for the next Bulletin will be

Monday 28th November 2016

Please send any articles to office@leicestershireguides.org

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