



It was a day of glitter and sparkle, giggles and singing.



It was Rainbows' Winter Wonderland.

It might have been a grey and rainy January day outside but the Rainbows showed everyone just how to make the most of their section's activity day. Girls could be seen making their snow globes, building igloos and toasting their own marshmallows. Everywhere there were Rainbows choosing what to do or play next.

One of the highlights for all of the girls was a trip to the frozen slush machine which left everyone with blue lips, tongues and teeth. I've never seen so many Rainbows sticking their tongues out! The photo below was repeated time after time as girls and Leaders enjoyed their treat.

Rainbows may be the section with the youngest girls but they are a force to be reckoned with. At the disco, they showed hidden talents on the dance floor and were highly competitive at the dancing games.

They never stopped talking and laughing and having fun. The Rainbows at Winter Wonderland were the perfect example of why you would want to become a Rainbow Leader.

Thanks Rainbows, and your Leaders, for making it a brilliant day.

*Rachel Webb-Jenkins
County Commissioner*





WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

Leicestershire International

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 would like to hear from you.

If you want to be considered for a Trip Leader please contact Tracey Ball for more information or come along to the Recruitment Session at County Training Day, Sunday 12th March 2017.

Tracey Ball Traceysim64@hotmail.co.uk
County International Adviser

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 are aged over 13 years and will be 14-18 years old in 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!

If they are excited about being involved in the weekend, please contact Tracey Ball for more information. Application forms are available via County Office or download from

Leicestershire Girlguiding website www.leicestershireguides.org

The deadline for applications is 24th February 2017.

Tracey Ball Traceysim64@hotmail.co.uk
County International Adviser

Loughborough Trefoil Guild recently celebrated their 60th Birthday with a get together at St Mary in Charnwood Church. The photo shows members of the Guild, guiding associates, Bridget Towle (President), Carolyn Little (County Trefoil Chairman) and Clare Vernon (County Trefoil Secretary).



Kath Miles





Winter Wonderland - 28th January 2017

240 Rainbows and their Leaders took part in Winter Wonderland at Heath Lane Academy, Earl Shilton. Girls adventured around 4 zones:

- ◆ 'Snowman City', where they made sock snowmen and roasted marshmallows over the fire to make melted snowman smores.
- ◆ 'Frozen Lake', saw the girls turn blue whilst eating slushy drinks. They built igloos out of boxes, fluff and tinsel, as well as making snow globes and wands.
- ◆ In 'Penguin Park', the girls learnt to waddle like a penguin and sing 'have you ever seen a penguin come to tea', make penguin masks, penguin scratch art cards and chocolate penguins.
- ◆ And finally in 'Icicle Avenue' the girls danced at the disco, dressed up in the photo booth or chilled out after a very busy day.

Larry the Lion visited us at Lunchtime for a photo opportunity in amongst the snow balls.

As the girls left, as if by magic it 'snowed', allowing the girls to leave in a winter wonderland.

The event would not have been so successful if it hadn't been for all the volunteers involved especially Teigan and Kate, who took a significant role in organising the event. This has enabled them to complete Element 4 of their Queen's Guide Award.

Sam Harrold

Reminder about Annual Census and Subscriptions

It's that time again - to make sure that our data is ready for the Annual Census and Subscriptions.

It is vital that your active members - girls and adults - are accurate on Go! before March 7th.

March 7th - 12 noon Go! closes - no more amendments

March 9th - Live invoices available for immediate payment

Please look at your trial invoice(s) now and if they are not correct you have until March 7th to correct the data.

We all need to be ready to send the cheque off on March 9th or immediately after.

Make sure you have the money in the bank and can get the correct signatures at the right time.

Guiding Essentials Leicestershire

We will be at **County Day** at Brockington College, Enderby on Sunday 12th March with a limited stock. To make sure we have what you need, please order goods in advance by contacting the shop equipstore@leicestershireguides.org

Easter closing - 3pm on Friday 7th April to 10am Saturday 22nd April

May Day closing - Monday 1st May

Half Term closing - 3pm Friday 26th May to 12 noon on Thursday 1st June



Congratulations to Jayne from 5th Oakham Brownies who got married in December!

In the photo she is with the Brownies on her 'Hen Party' night!

Helen Collins



Calling all Leadership Qualification Mentors...

There will be a Mentor Update Evening on Monday 27th March, 7.30pm at County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW

Keep the date free and come along!

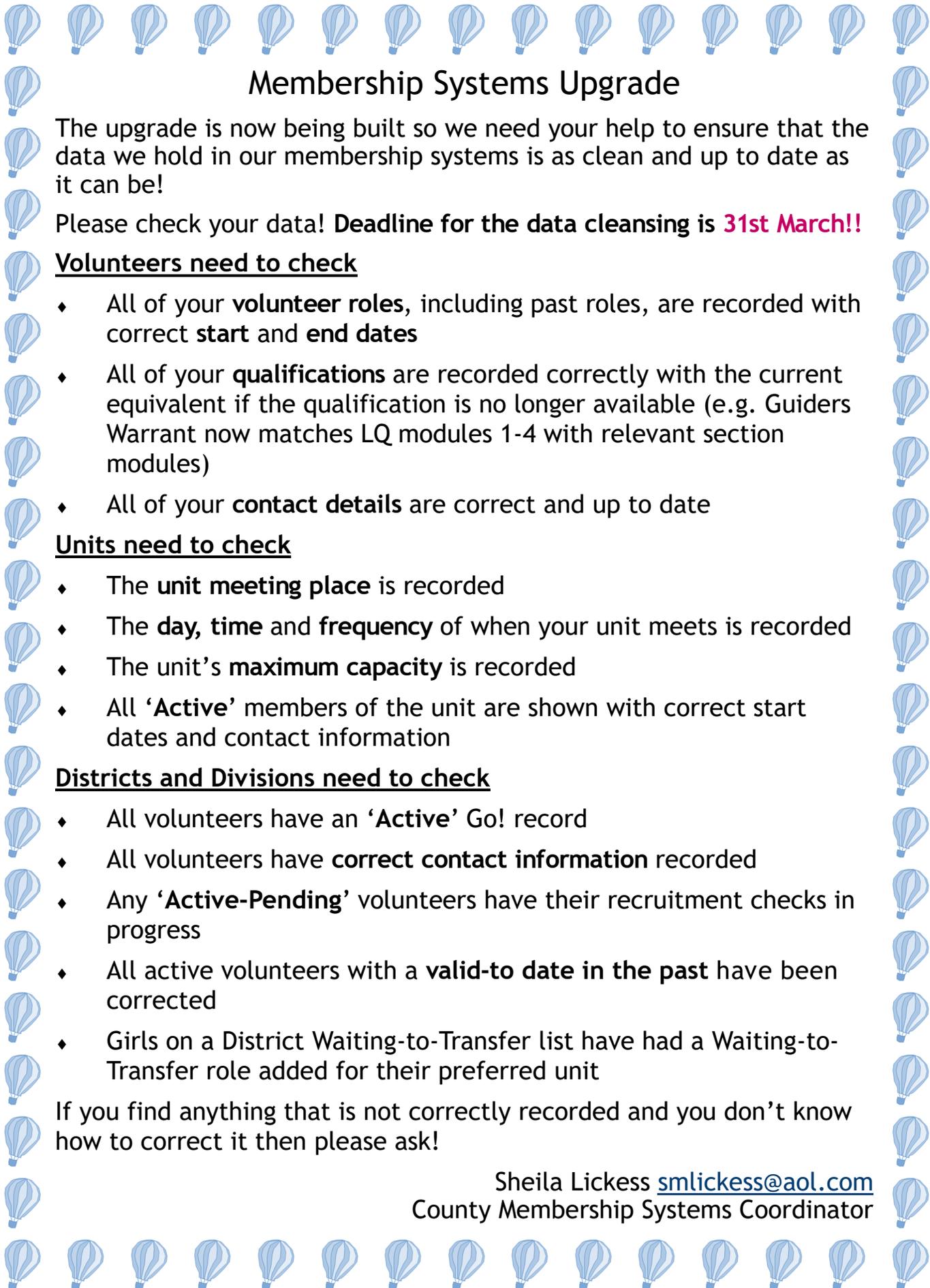
3rd Birstall Brownies enjoyed celebrating Australia Day on Thursday 26th January by making boomerangs and wearing sun hats and sun glasses. We also borrowed the Australian Guide uniforms which were brilliant and two of our young members tried them on for size.

Marie Upton - Brown Owl




Australia Day





Membership Systems Upgrade

The upgrade is now being built so we need your help to ensure that the data we hold in our membership systems is as clean and up to date as it can be!

Please check your data! **Deadline for the data cleansing is 31st March!!**

Volunteers need to check

- ◆ All of your **volunteer roles**, including past roles, are recorded with correct **start and end dates**
- ◆ All of your **qualifications** are recorded correctly with the current equivalent if the qualification is no longer available (e.g. Guiders Warrant now matches LQ modules 1-4 with relevant section modules)
- ◆ All of your **contact details** are correct and up to date

Units need to check

- ◆ The **unit meeting place** is recorded
- ◆ The **day, time and frequency** of when your unit meets is recorded
- ◆ The unit's **maximum capacity** is recorded
- ◆ All '**Active**' members of the unit are shown with correct start dates and contact information

Districts and Divisions need to check

- ◆ All volunteers have an '**Active**' Go! record
- ◆ All volunteers have **correct contact information** recorded
- ◆ Any '**Active-Pending**' volunteers have their recruitment checks in progress
- ◆ All active volunteers with a **valid-to date in the past** have been corrected
- ◆ Girls on a District Waiting-to-Transfer list have had a Waiting-to-Transfer role added for their preferred unit

If you find anything that is not correctly recorded and you don't know how to correct it then please ask!

Sheila Lickess smlickess@aol.com
County Membership Systems Coordinator

"Leicestershire Round"

As you may have seen in the last Bulletin we, Lucy Faulds & Sam Harrold, walked the Leicestershire Round in 2016 as our DofE Diamond Challenge.

We did this 100 mile walk over 12 stages - yes there was mud, there was a bit of rain, and there were a few hills, but there were also lots of moments to really enjoy - we watched robins hop around a churchyard as we ate lunch, we watched steam trains, we saw alpaca and we watched the seasons change - especially noticing the blackberries as they went from blossom through fruit to seed, but most of all we enjoyed exploring our glorious Leicestershire countryside!



Our walk in numbers:

- 1 walking pole lost
- 2 times we crossed the M1 (+ 1 crossing of M69)
- 3 sticking plasters used - to repair a walking pole!
- 4 broken stiles found - and reported!
- 5 other people walked with us at various times (Beck, George, Ros, John, Graham)
- 6 coffee shops visited
- 7 geocaches found
- 8 times we crossed a railway line
- 9 times that the description in the book didn't *quite* match what the path was actually doing!
- 10 convenient benches found
- 11 miles walked on our longest section
- 12 days we went out walking
- 28 Pokemon caught
- 37 pieces of cake eaten
- 100 miles walked
- 683 photographs taken
- 841 sheep seen (approximately!)

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Now it's your turn!

Will you join us to walk the Leicestershire round in 2017? We'd love our members to cover every mile of the round - maybe you will walk a mile or two with your Rainbows during a unit meeting time, perhaps the Guides would like to climb Burrough Hill or perhaps you fancy tackling 8 or 10 miles on a weekend, finishing at a lovely coffee shop for a well-deserved piece of cake? We hope that everyone will get out and enjoy the lovely summer evenings, and take time to enjoy the Leicestershire Countryside as part of our celebration of 100 years!

The Leicestershire Round is well signposted, and we have identified sections suitable for people with mobility problems, those who would enjoy a short walk or those who would like a real challenge. The form to sign up to walk a section of the round, along with more information, will be on the County Website soon.

If you would like to brush up on your outdoor skills, or are nervous about taking your unit out walking, there is lots of support available from the Outdoor Team.



Leaders from **Oadby and Wigston Division** were out spreading the guiding word. Leaders had stalls at the Wigston and South Wigston Christmas light switch on.

We were happy to welcome new members both girls and adults to our Division after the 2 evenings.

It also gave us a reason to get out the orange hats!!



Upcoming Trainings

County Training Day

Sunday 12th March 2017 - 9.15am-3.45pm
Brockington College, Blaby Road, Enderby, LE19 4AQ
Section training, ideas & activities for your unit
Meet the County Team, Advisers and other Leaders

See website www.leicestershireguides.org/training for details

Bookings close
3rd March

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First Response Renewal



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



Monday 6th March 2017

7pm - 9pm

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

Monday 27th March 2017

7pm - 9pm

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

Food Hygiene - Level 2

Food Hygiene has a £20 fee to cover the cost of exam papers and certificates. You will need to bring current photo ID on the day.

Saturday 18th March 2017

9.30am - 4.30pm

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

Young Leaders and their Leaders

For Leaders to come with their Young Leaders, focusing on their YLQ

Monday 27th February 2017

7pm - 9pm

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

Safe Space (16+ only)

Sunday 2nd April

9.30am - 12.30pm

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

Saturday 8th April

9.30am - 12.30pm

Thurnby Scout and Guide HQ, Court Road, Thurnby, Leics. LE7 9PA

Monday 5th June 2017

6.30pm - 9.30pm

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



1st Great Glen Brownies



For each day of advent Sally put a gift in a box and presented them to Shane Varney Fun Factory for their Christmas Toy appeal.

Helen Purser

Saturdays @97

A new venture on the first Saturday in the month.

10am - 11am for new Commissioners training.

11am - noon for DBS checks and group mentoring for Leaders working on their Leadership Qualification.

The dates are March 4th, April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, Aug 5th.

Please book with County Office by 4pm the previous Friday.

I was pleased to present Chief Guide's Challenge badges to members of **Oadby & Wigston Focus Senior Section group**. In total 12 girls completed the award. The girls have been completing the challenge each week, completing a variety of activities as part of the Look Wider scheme. Well done to all at the unit, looking forward to seeing you at the presentation evening.



Samantha Dunn Division Commissioner
Oadby & Wigston Division

Girlguiding Midlands Social Walking Weekend

30th June to 2nd July 2017

Midlands Region have now completed the arrangements for their Social Walking in June, its slightly later this year 30th June - 2nd July. We are going to Waddow using the Adventure House, a new venue for the weekend.

This popular event is open to all Adult Members and their partners to enjoy a social weekend of walking and good company.

For more information download the flyer from the Midlands website,

www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk





THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Girlguiding continues to offer members aged 14-25 the opportunity to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. For more information about this award please see www.dofe.org

In 2017, Girlguiding Leicestershire will be offering Bronze & Silver DofE expeditions on foot. Our Gold canoeing expedition is now full, but Gold Walking expeditions are still available via Midlands Region.

Forthcoming dates:

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| Friday 17th - Sunday 19th March 2017 | Basic expedition training at Thurnby |
| Saturday 22nd - Sunday 23rd April 2017 | Bronze practice expedition |
| Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th July 2017 | Bronze qualifying expedition |

Silver expeditions dates will be confirmed shortly.

Anyone wishing to undertake a Bronze DofE expedition with Girlguiding Leicestershire this year must complete training in a number of key areas. The easiest and most efficient way to complete this is by attending our Basic Expedition Training Weekend from 17th - 19th March at Thurnby Scout & Guide HQ.

More information and the forms for the weekend and to register for DofE are available on the Girlguiding Leicestershire website www.leicestershireguides.org

For any queries about DofE, please contact Lucy Foulds, County DofE Adviser, on lucy.guiding@gmail.com



Katie ran a casino night in August as well as carrying out fundraising for Rainbows for the Community Action element of her award.

Over all she successfully raised £2020 beating her target of £1000.

Skydiving was part of a Hinckley members fundraising towards her Queen's Guide Award

Hinckley guiding would like to congratulate Katie Payne who took part in a tandem skydive in June towards her Queen's Guide Award.



FEBRUARY

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| 19 | Safe Space Training | 9.30 am | Ashby |
| 27 | Young Leaders and Their Leaders | 7.00 pm | County Office |

MARCH

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| 4 | Brownies Star Gazing event | | Melton |
| 4 | Saturdays @97 | 10.00 am | County Office |
| 6 | First Response Renewal | 7.00 pm | Thornton |
| 12 | County Training Day | 9.30 am | Enderby |
| 17-19 | DofE Basic Expedition Training | | Topstones |
| 18 | Food Hygiene Level 2 Training | 9.30 am | County Office |
| 21 | County Exec | 7.30 pm | County Office |
| 24-26 | International Opportunities Weekend | | Topstones |
| 27 | First Response Renewal | 7.00 pm | Melton |
| 27 | Mentors Update Evening | 7.30 pm | County Office |
| 30 | Presentation Evening | 7.15 pm | Police HQ |

APRIL

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| 1 | Saturdays @97 | 10.00 am | County Office |
| 2 | Safe Space Training | 9.30 am | County Office |
| 5 | Copy date for next Bulletin | | County Office |
| 7 | Shop closes for Easter | 3.00 pm | County Office |
| 8 | Safe Space Training | 9.30 am | Thurnby |
| 22 | Shop reopens after Easter | 10.00 am | County Office |
| 22-23 | DofE Bronze Practice Expedition | | |
| 27 | Annual Review of the Year | | Wreake Valley |

MAY

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| 1 | Shop and office closed for May Day | | County Office |
| 6 | Saturdays @97 | 10.00 am | County Office |
| 12-14 | Water Weekend | | LOPC |
| 26 | Shop closes for Half Term | 3.00 pm | County Office |

JUNE

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| 1 | Shop reopens | 12 noon | County Office |
| 3 | Saturdays @97 | 10.00 am | County Office |
| 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

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| 1 | County Centenary Big Night Out | | |
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Our centenary

charity is...



We need new pants and new or gently worn bras for distributing in Africa through S4A

We are collecting all year. Please bring into the County Office.
Thank you.

The closing date for the next Bulletin will be

Wednesday 5th April 2017

Please send any articles to office@leicestershireguides.org

Have you seen the updated Leicestershire website? www.leicestershireguides.org

Did you know -

- ♦ you can stop the Latest News on the Home page from scrolling, by hovering your mouse over the article?
- ♦ you can change your view of the calendar, by clicking on List View, Week View etc?

Please have a look and send your feedback to office@leicestershireguides.org

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