

From the County Commissioner....

It's that special time of year again when we think of Guides and Scouts across the world. The theme from WAGGGS for World Thinking Day this year is Impact.

There is a pack of activities to download from the WAGGGS website, waggggs.org, under resources. This encourages the girls to get outside, to take some action and to shout about what they're doing. The activities are simple, fun and thought provoking.

The badge is made up of mosaic pieces. Here's the idea behind it: 'When small pieces (such as our individual changes) are positioned in the right way, they create one complete image: the bigger impact we create together!'

What changes will you make? What will be your impact this World Thinking Day?

#ThisIsImpact

"Leave your mark in any way and then again, disappear in generosity."

Odysseas Elytis



Rachel Webb-Jenkins



Huge congratulations to Leicestershire's Sally Illsley on being awarded the Silver Fish.

Sally enjoyed a lovely afternoon celebrating her award with family and friends from across guiding. There was a trip down memory lane with photos and stories of Sal's exploits.

The Silver Fish is the highest award given to adult Girlguiding members and is awarded to those who have shown outstanding service of an exceptionally high standard.

Well done Sal. We're all very proud of you.





SPRING COUNTY TRAINING DAY

Saturday 14 April

at Brockington College, Blaby Road, Enderby, LE19 4AQ

**update on the new programme, sectional trainings,
A Safe Space levels 1,2 and 3, 1st Response renewal,
guiding shop, international stalls and
meet the advisers at lunchtime**

Saturdays @97

Saturdays@97 will continue, on the first Saturday of the month, throughout the year. The next one will be 3 March.

This is an opportunity for commissioners to come and complete their training (10am to 11am), for DBS checks to be done and for leaders in training to meet with a mentor.

We are also scheduling time slots for A Safe Space Level 2 e-learning follow-up conversations to take place between 11.30am and 12.30pm. Please make sure that your worksheet has been sent into the office.

If you wish to attend, please email or ring the office before 4pm on the preceding Friday.



AUTUMN COUNTY TRAINING DAY

Sunday 9 September

at Brockington College, Blaby Road, Enderby, LE19 4AQ

**new programme rollout, sectional trainings
and guiding shop**



Upcoming Trainings

Full 1st Response

This is a mandatory training for those new to guiding. The qualification is valid for three years and the full course is necessary if you have not completed a refresher within six months of your qualification expiring.

Sunday 18 March

A Full 1st Response with additional focus on first aid in the outdoor environment. Designed for members of the Senior Section undertaking DofE expeditions but open to others.



9.30am - 4.30pm

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



Saturday 12 May

9.30am - 4.30pm

Methodist Centenary Church, Measham Road, Moira, DE12 6AA

Sunday 8 July

9.30am - 4.30pm

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

1st Response Refresher

You have six months after your 1st Response expires to complete the 1st Response Refresher course. After that time you will need to complete the full 1st Response course again.

Monday 26 March

7pm - 9pm

Christ Church Hall, London Road,
Coalville, LE67 3JA



Thursday 10 May

7pm - 9pm

Methodist Centenary Church,
Measham Road, Moira, DE12 6AA

Sunday 20 May

7pm - 9pm

Friendship Centre, Main Street,
Long Whatton, Loughborough,
LE12 5DF

Tuesday 22 May

7pm - 9pm

St Peter's Church Hall, Welby Lane,
Melton Mowbray, LE13 0ST

Wednesday 20 June

7pm - 9pm

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



Upcoming Trainings

A Safe Space

Levels 1 and 2

Introduction and creating a safe space

Required if you have not completed a Safe Space training since January 2015

Tuesday 6 March

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 2FQ

Friday 27 April

6.30pm - 9.30pm

One Ash/Ash Lodge, Mill Lane, Earl Shilton, LE9 7AX

Sunday 24 June

9.30am - 12.30pm

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



Level 3

Recognising, telling and taking action

Friday 23 March

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Methodist Church, North Street,
Barrow upon Soar, Loughborough, LE12 8QA

Monday 14 May

6.30pm - 9.30pm

One Ash/Ash Lodge, Mill Lane,
Earl Shilton, LE9 7AX

Tuesday 12 June

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Parish Hall, 24 Main Street,
Asfordby, Melton Mowbray, LE14 3SA

Sunday 24 June

1.30pm - 4.30pm

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

More trainings available on our website



Upcoming Trainings

Brownies

Brownies learning to lead

Sunday 4 March

10am to 3.30pm

Bagworth Community Centre, Station Road, Bagworth,
Coalville, LE67 1BH

Guiding offers girls an opportunity to try out leadership roles. Sixers and seconds develop their skills by taking on responsibilities. They can be great role models for the younger girls.

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 girls 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 Sixers.

It will cost £3 per girl and will include a badge.

Booking form and more details on the county website.

Food Hygiene

Saturday 19 May

9.30am - 4.30pm

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



To book a place on a training please complete the on-line booking form via our website, www.leicestershireguides.org

- Bookings will be *provisional* until you have received an email from County Office.
- Please do not just turn up - courses could be full.
- Uniform/guide wear is worn at all trainings.
- There is no charge for the training sessions. However, for 1st 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.
- There is often a waiting list so PLEASE tell us, if for any reason, you have to cancel.



Residential Update

Thank you to those units which have completed the residential questionnaire.

We will now be spending some time going over the responses to try to capture an idea of what is working well with residential and what areas need some extra help or training.

If you are looking to gain your licence do get in touch and we can help you to get started. Equally, those who have recently completed their licence or simply have a question - do get in touch and we will do our best to find the answer!



We will be with our stand at lunchtime on County Day... do come and say hello!

If you have any amazing photos of residential which you would like to add to our display, please email them to us by the end of March so we can add them to our boards.

Marika and Emma

Brownieresidentialleics@gmail.com

My name is Diane Goldby and I am the new county archery adviser.

I'd like to thank Jeanie Brooks for all her work and commitment during her time as archery adviser and I'm sure she'll be a hard act to follow.

I have only been guiding for three years in Leicestershire since my move here, but have been a leader for nearly 45 years having worked with all sections and worn many 'hats', firstly in Essex and then Cleveland before moving to Great Glen in 2014.

I am currently a Guide leader in Oadby and Wigston division and also the division international adviser. I have been a GNAS Archery Instructor for about seven years and am looking forward to introducing many of our young people to the sport.



Diane Goldby

battydi@hotmail.co.uk

Badges

In view of forthcoming programme changes we regret that the shop are no longer able to exchange unwanted interest badges of any section.

If you have surplus badges we suggest that you try to swop with other units.



Archives Alive! A trip down memory lane A peep into the past

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 April 2pm - 4pm



Following the publication of the Girlguiding Leicestershire Centenary album you are invited to an **Open House** at our county office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW, for a opportunity to browse more of the treasures we have that are being kept to preserve the heritage of guiding in our county.

There are beautifully illustrated log books from early guide companies and brownie packs, endless photographs of events through the years, personal collections from well known people, artefacts that will bring back memories and much more.

County Annual reports give fascinating accounts of what went on in your district or division over the years. There may even be some ideas for the future!

Search for the who, what, where and when of Leicestershire guiding.

In addition we have lots of surplus to requirement badges and old publications which will be available.

The days are open to everyone, units, leaders, Trefoil Guild. No booking needed just turn up.

Tea and biscuits will be available

As an extra opportunity the shop will remain open for the afternoon on Saturday.

Leicestershire Guiding Essentials shop is top!!

For the second year running our county guide shop has led the field with purchases from Trading Service to the value of £51,389, a full £7,444 ahead of the next volunteer shop. In addition we have longer opening hours and more staff than any other volunteer shop.



The shop team would like to thank you for your continued support in making unit purchases and encouraging parents to visit us to buy uniform. Profit from goods sold goes back into Leicestershire guiding.

All our staff are volunteers and enjoy the interaction with customers. New volunteers are always needed and welcomed, full training is given.

As a gentle reminder, can we point out that invoices should be paid within 28 days. At the end of 2017 accounting year the overdue invoices totalled over £1,400.

One other point of interest is that, of the top twelve shops listed by Trading Service, six belong to Midlands region.

Chris Davies
christinemdavies88@gmail.com



Girlguiding Leicestershire
Rainbow and Brownie



BIG DAY OUT

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| What? | A fun day to Twinlakes Park, Melton Mowbray |
| Who for? | All Rainbows and Brownies and their leaders |
| When? | Saturday 12 May |
| How much? | £15 per person including transport and a badge <i>(full payment to be made on booking, no refunds will be given)</i> |
| How do I book? | The booking form is available on the county website, leicestershireguides.org |
| Bookings open | Monday 8 January |
| Bookings close | Friday 2 March |
| Any Queries? | please check the FAQs on the website |

Guiding Essentials Leicestershire

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| <i>Easter closing</i> | 3pm Friday 23 March |
| <i>Reopening after Easter</i> | 12noon Monday 9 April |
| <i>Mayday closed</i> | Monday 7 May |
| <i>Spring Half Term closing</i> | 3pm Friday 25 May |
| <i>Reopening after Half Term</i> | 12noon Thursday 31 May |

For up to date information check the shop page at leicestershireguides.org
or contact 0116 204 4902 or equipstore@leicestershireguides.org

Appointments

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| Alexa Jeffs | Soar Valley district commissioner |
| Libby Powell | Westleigh district commissioner |
| Pat Dredge | Glenfield district commissioner |
| Jo Davies | Spa district commissioner |

We wish them all the best in their new roles!





Escape to Guides



An opportunity for Brownies 9+* to visit and take part in a range of activities and sleepover at the
Girlguiding Leicestershire County Camp

ESCAPE 2018

When? Wednesday 8 August 10.30am to
Thursday 9 August 10am.

How much? £30 including meals and activities,
£10 leaders, helpers and young leaders.

How do I book? The booking form is on the county website,
leicestershireguides.org

Bookings open Monday 8 January

Bookings close Thursday 31 May

For more information see the FAQs on the website.



**girls must be 9 years old by 27 July 2018, this will mean they will be old enough to attend Charnwood 2019 as a Guide*



HELP WANTED!

Do you have any of the following items that you can donate to ESCAPE?

Duplo/mega blocks

Wool

Connex

Sticklebricks

Lego

Mechano

Puzzle roll mats

Wellingtons

Jigsaws

Pop bottle lids (not milk bottles)

Fencing wire

Board Games

Coloured tights, they can have holes in! Wood approx 1m x 1.5m

If you can help please contact Eileen Melling, eileen.melling@outlook.com





ESCAPE

Girlguiding Leicestershire
County Camp 2018

5 to 11 August
at Topstones

LIMITED BOOKINGS STILL AVAILABLE

visit the county website, leicestershireguides.org for booking forms

£145 for Guides, £120 for members of the Senior Section, £30 for leaders

5 ESCAPE themed days of fun with activities to include:



- Offsite water surprise
- On site extreme adventures
- The Cave Bus
- Enormous inflatables
- Festival Arts
- An ESCAPE room challenge

DON'T MISS OUT

Are you interested in joining the team to help run this camp? If you can help at any time during the week please email:

Seonaid McPhail, seonaidmcphail@btinternet.com

Sue Mayhew, suemayhew@btinternet.com

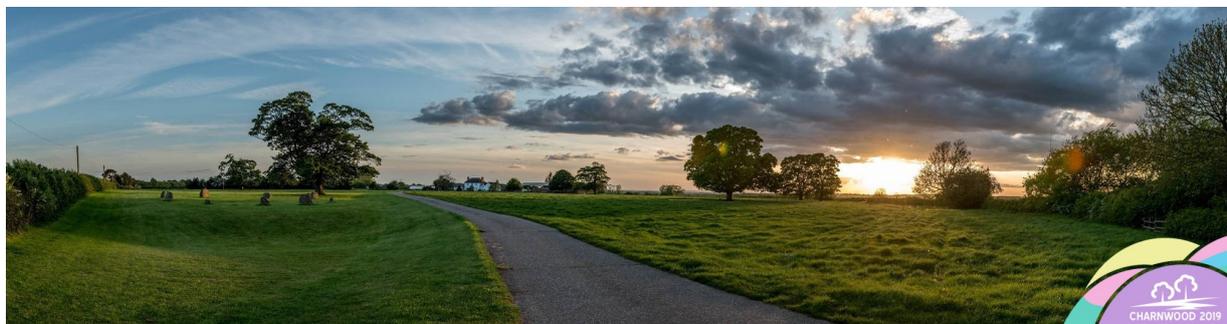
or County Office, office@leicestershireguides.org



Charnwood International Scout and Guide Camp

27th July - 3rd August 2019

Venue announced!



Cattows Farm, Heather, in the heart of the National Forest.

This is an amazing site, it's flat with fabulous views of the National Forest and beyond. We have our very own stone circle and wind turbine which I'm sure will become a feature of the camp.

To help you start your planning for camp we have also announced camper costs.

Participants £170 and Leaders £50.

We would like to encourage everyone to register their interest on the website. Or if you want to be a member of staff, role descriptions will be on the website very soon, charnwood.org.

We are also looking for Guides and Scouts to be part of our youth forum, if you have anyone interested get in touch.

Stay in touch with all the news through the website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Sam Harrold
Deputy Director - Guides





Social Walking
Weekend 2018
Littondale
Yorkshire Dales
22 June to 24 June

This year we are staying in Littondale in the Yorkshire Dales, offering an excellent mixture of low level and hill walking. This popular event is open to all Adult Members and their partners to enjoy a social weekend of walking and good company.

- All levels of walking experience are welcome. There is a good variety of walks available, from gentle teashop walks to something more mountainous.
- A friendly Guiding welcome is extended to new and familiar faces.
- We will be staying in spacious bunk house accommodation located in the heart of the dales near to Grassington.

If you would like further information contact Colin & Val.
e-mail: midland.walking@hotmail.co.uk
Tel 01604 407704

The full cost for the Walking Weekend is £75
The cost, includes all meals and accommodation.
Excludes personal travel to and from the venue.

Booking form on Midlands website,
girlguiding-midlands.org.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
Monday 23 April or when full, if earlier



Annual Review of the Year 2017

Thursday 19 April 7 for 7.30pm

Palmer-Tomkinson Centre, Cedars Academy

Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4GH





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 2018 we are offering the following expeditions: Bronze walking, Silver walking, Silver canoeing and Gold walking (via Midlands region)

Expedition dates for 2018:

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| 2-4 March | Basic expedition training at Thurnby for Bronze and all direct entrant Silver/Gold participants. |
| 10 March | Silver walking navigation day at Bradgate Park. Silver canoeing intro session at Barrow upon Soar. |
| 5-8 April | Midlands region Gold training walking weekend North Wales- apply via Midlands region. |
| 6-8 April | Silver walking practice expedition in Peak District. |
| 21-22 April | Silver canoeing training days 1 and 2 (+overnight camp) at Holme Pierrepont. |
| 28-29 April | Bronze walking practice expedition in Leicestershire. |
| 12 May | Silver canoeing training day 3 on Ashby Canal. |
| 13 May | Silver canoeing training day 4 on River Trent. |
| 26-28 May | Silver walking qualifying expedition in Peak District. Silver canoeing practice expedition on River Soar. |
| 30 June-1 July | Bronze walking qualifying expedition in Leicestershire. |
| 17-19 August | Silver canoeing qualifying expedition on River Trent. |

Registration forms and full details are available on the Girlguiding Leicestershire website leicestershireguides.org for anyone aged 14-25 who wishes to participate in DofE.

For any queries about DofE, please contact Lucy Faulds on 0116 2312875, 07970 827229 or lucy.guiding@gmail.com

Lucy Faulds
County DofE Adviser





Save the date.....

**International campfire fundraising nights for
Brownies and Rainbows at Topstones**

Monday 2 July

Tuesday 3 July

Wednesday 4 July

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Cost - £5.00

The international team are holding three Brownie and Rainbow campfire nights in July at Topstones, the county campsite. These evenings will raise vital funds to support those travelling internationally in 2018.

They will be fun filled evenings singing and learning new songs, as well as meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

More details to follow.

- Do you work for the University of Leicester?
- Did you know that the new Special Leave Policy allows you to apply for up to 2.5 days special leave for volunteering at events as a qualified leader for a uniformed youth organisation when you match it with time from your annual leave allocation?
- So a week camp or holiday would only require you to take 2.5 days annual leave alongside 2.5 days matched special leave.
- Be aware that you must have your LQ to qualify. See the Special Leave policy on the University's HR website.

Are you planning to bring your girls to **ESCAPE 2018** or to take them camping for the first time?
Would you like to develop your camping skills?



Camp Skills Workshop

Sat 28 April 11am to 3pm Topstones county campsite,
Tilton Lane, Cold Newton, Nr Tilton, Leicester, LE7 9FH

Bring a packed lunch.

Book using the training booking form on the county website

Fiona Clarkson

County Guide & Senior Section Residential adviser



In March 2016 I attended an INTOPS weekend. On this weekend I had a variety of activities to undertake, all of which led to me being selected to attend the Midlands region trip to Australia in December 2017! The trip itself was a fantastic experience, I got to meet and travel with 11 people from across the Midlands region. We travelled over to Australia on Boxing Day with a brief stop-over in Dubai (after we got snowed in at Birmingham).

We visited eight different places and met so many new people. I saw the new year fireworks right next to the Sydney Opera House, as I had earlier helped at the Lord Mayor's picnic for disabled and disadvantaged children - which was our service project with Guides from New South Wales.



After the new year we travelled up the east coast of Australia visiting Surfers Paradise, Byron Bay and Brisbane, where I held a koala. In Brisbane we also saw a lot of beautiful scenery and waterfalls, and I learnt how to throw a boomerang!

It was a short flight from Brisbane to Cairns where I had the incredible opportunity to go swimming in the Great Barrier Reef.

From Cairns we flew to Uluru (Ayers Rock) where we did a sunrise camel tour which was breath-taking. We also learnt how to paint like an Aborigine and took home our own Aboriginal art.

After Ayres Rock we had the journey home - on the way we stopped off in Singapore for 3 days. In Singapore we visited the flower dome which was a beautiful array of flowers all over a hotel. Also in Singapore we met up with the Guides there, who kindly spent the day showing us the sights. After this it was a short stop in Dubai before heading back to Birmingham.

If anyone is thinking about attending an INTOPS weekend, I say go for it - the possibilities are amazing!



Erin Macdonald
Kibworth Rangers



I'm running the London Marathon this year for Mind after suffering with my own mental health. It's 2018 and there is still stigma surrounding mental health. Therefore I am running to help eradicate this and to encourage people to speak out and not be afraid to ask for help.

Naomi Lowe
1st Thurmaston Unicorn Rangers

Please follow the link:
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/NaomiLowe>



DIARY 2018

MARCH 2018

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| 2-4 | DofE basic expedition training | | Thurnby |
| 3 | Saturdays @97 | 10 am | County Office |
| 4 | Brownies learning to lead training | 10 am | Bagworth |
| 6 | A Safe Space levels 1 and 2 | 6.30 pm | Ashby |
| 10 | DofE silver canoeing intro session | | Barrow upon Soar |
| 10 | DofE Silver walking navigation day | | Bradgate Park |
| 16 | Bulletin deadline | 4 pm | County Office |
| 16-18 | International opportunities weekend | | Topstones |
| 18 | Full 1st Response for DofE | 9.30 am | County Office |
| 20 | County Exec | 7.30 pm | County Office |
| 23 | Shop closes for Easter | 3 pm | County Office |
| 23 | A Safe Space level 3 | 6.30 pm | Barrow upon Soar |
| 26 | 1st Response Refresher | 7 pm | Coalville |

APRIL 2018

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| 5-8 | DofE Midland Gold training weekend | | North Wales |
| 6-8 | DofE Silver walking practice expedition | | Peak District |
| 9 | Shop reopens after Easter | 12 noon | County Office |
| 14 | County training day | | Enderby |
| 19 | Annual review of the year | 7.30 pm | Birstall |
| 21-22 | DofE Silver canoeing training days 1 and 2 | | Holme Pierrepont |
| 27 | A Safe Space level 3 | 6.30 pm | Hinckley |
| 28-29 | DofE Bronze practice expedition | | Leicestershire |
| 28/29 | Archives open day | 10 am | County Office |

MAY 2018

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| 5 | Saturdays @97 | 10 am | County Office |
| 7 | Shop closed for May Day | | County Office |
| 10 | 1st Response Refresher | 7 pm | Moira |
| 12 | Trip to Twin Lakes | | Melton Mowbray |
| 12 | Full 1st Response | 9.30 am | Moira |
| 12/13 | DofE Silver canoeing training days 3 and 4 | | |
| 14 | A Safe Space Levels 1 and 2 | 10 am | Hinckley |
| 18 | eBulletin deadline | 4 pm | County Office |
| 19 | Food Hygiene training | 9.30 am | County Office |
| 20 | 1st Response Refresher | 7 pm | Long Whatton |
| 21 | 1st Response Refresher | 7 pm | Melton Mowbray |
| 25 | Shop closes for half term | 3 pm | County Office |
| 26-28 | DofE Silver canoeing practice expedition | | River Soar |
| 26-28 | DofE Silver walking qualifying expedition | | Peak District |
| 31 | Shop reopens after half term | 12 noon | County Office |



Baden-Powell Challenge update

I'm Gemma Jeffs (some of you might know me as Gemma Lawrenson - pesky marriage complicating things) and I'm the new Baden-Powell Challenge coordinator.

As Guide leaders are hopefully aware, the award will not be continuing into the new programme. This means all Guides working towards their Baden-Powell Challenge will need to have completed by September 2019 - this INCLUDES having participated in their final Adventure weekend. With this in mind, we are recommending that no Guide starts working towards the award beyond Easter 2018, as it usually takes around a year to complete.

We also have to think about fitting in all the Adventure weekends before Summer 2019, and with a current waiting list of around 30, we need to keep a close eye on numbers.

If you have Guides currently working towards the award, please can you ensure that their 'I'm Ready for an Adventure' form is completed and returned to the office as soon as girls have completed six to seven of the 10 clauses required, so we can anticipate how many weekends we will need to run. With this in mind, we are looking for volunteers to run an Adventure weekend to help us clear the waiting list, and this doesn't have to just be Guide leaders! Imagine it as a Brownie holiday where all you have to do is present an idea of an activity and watch as the girls create their own journey to get to a finishing point! If you are interested and want to find out more, or have any questions about the award, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Gemma Jeffs

gemmalawrenson@hotmail.com

The closing date for the next Bulletin will be

Friday 16 March 2018

Please send any articles to office@leicestershireguides.org

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

Did you know -

- ◆ You can subscribe to our Events and Training Calendars on your mobile?
- ◆ You can book equipment to hire on our website?

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

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