



**Congratulations to Emily of 1st Broughton Astley Rainbows
who received the first Rainbow Gold Award
in Leicestershire!**

**Rachel Webb-Jenkins
County Commissioner**





SPRINGS@CHARNWOOD 2019

All young members are invited to an exciting day of activities at Leicestershire Scout and Guide international camp.

Where? Cattows Farm, Heather

When? You can choose your day Monday (29 July) Tuesday (30 July) Wednesday (31 July) or Thursday (1 August).

Cost? £20 full payment required on booking.

What does this include? Transport from a local pick up point, please note for safety reasons everyone must arrive by Charnwood Transport. A souvenir Springs@Charnwood badge, a drink and snack for the afternoon, an activity book and pencil and all activities within the Springs area.

What will we be doing? There will be lots of activities, ranging from climbing to crafts and team challenges plus a surprise just before you go home!

Can we visit our Scouts and Guides? Yes of course you can - we recommend you have lunch with us then go to their subcamp for the last half hour of our lunch break. It is your responsibility to make this arrangement and check that they are on site on the day of your visit.

What do we need to bring? Everyone will need a packed lunch and drinks/snacks for the morning. Pocket money for the shops/ice creams etc. waterproof coat and sun cream all in a named back pack.

Leaders will need an up to date list of all those attending on the day - to be handed in on arrival, and a small first aid kit.

How do I book? Bookings are now open www.charnwood.org/springs

Bookings close 31 May 2019



New Ranger Uniform

The new Ranger polo shirt is now in stock but unfortunately there is a delay in the production and supply of the new Ranger hoodies and formal blouse.

We have a number of orders and will contact you as soon as your items arrive.

Those who have yet to place an order are asked to do so as soon as possible so that we can fulfil the expected demand.

Uniform for Young Leaders is being developed and will be available in due course.



Thurmaston Brownies celebrate golden anniversary



Brownies past and present, leaders, helpers, parents and friends came together to celebrate 50 years since the 2nd Thurmaston Brownies started.

The party in December included games, crafts and of course cake!

Cutting the cake were Cynthia Black - who was Brown Owl for 37 years - and the present Brown Owl, Janice Aldridge, who was herself a Brownie with the pack.

The evening finished with indoor fireworks - a fitting end to the celebrations for 50 fantastic years.

Elizabeth Lowe and Selina Thraves
Thurmaston District Commissioners

thanks to the Thurmaston Times for use of the photos



On Saturday 26 January, Thornton leaders were recognised by the chairman of Leicestershire County Council for our volunteering.



We had a lovely lunch and time at Beaumanor Hall.

In the picture is Helen Oliver, Lauren Bond - who is one of our Brownie helpers but also works at County Hall - and Joyce Johnson.

Helen Oliver
1st Thornton Brownie leader



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 also necessary if you have not completed a refresher within six months of your qualification expiring.

Sunday 10 March (with a DofE focus)

9.30am - 4.30pm

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



Sunday 19 May

9.30am - 4.30pm

Ash Lodge, off Mill Lane, Earl Shilton, LE9 7AX



Wednesdays 19 and 26 June

this is a two-part course, you need to attend both sessions

6.30pm - 9.30pm

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

Sunday 29 September

9.30am - 4.30pm

Thurnby

Saturday 9 November

9.30am - 4.30pm

St. Mary's School, Brampton Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0NA

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 a *confirmation* 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.



Upcoming Trainings

Help to complete your Leadership qualification

Trainers and mentors will be available to help you complete your qualification, including accessing GO and finance. This is a 'drop-in' session, but please book on and then drop in at a time convenient to you.

Tuesday 14 May

5.30pm - 9pm

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. If you don't complete your 1st Response Refresher in this time, your qualification will no longer be valid. You will then need to complete the Full 1st Response course again, in order to be the named first aider for your unit or for any activities.



Wednesday 3 April

7pm - 9pm

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

Tuesday 2 July

7pm - 9pm

Watermead - venue to be confirmed

Tuesday 15 October

7pm - 9pm

Brooke House School, 22 Croft Road, Cosby, LE15 4XB

Friday 29 November

7pm - 9pm

Girlguiding Friendship Centre, 79 Main Street, Long Whatton, Loughborough, LE12 5DF



Look on our website for announcements of further training dates



Upcoming Trainings

A Safe Space

Levels 1 and 2

Introduction and Creating a safe space

Required for everyone including assistant leaders, occasional helpers, young leaders, unit helpers and home contacts.



Saturday 29 June

10am - 1pm

Broughton Astley Village Hall, Station Road, Broughton Astley, LE9 6PR

Tuesday 19 November

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Barrow-upon-Soar

Level 3

Recognising, telling and taking action

for unit leaders, residential leads and event coordinators, mentors, advisers and trainers
Please note: before you attend this course you must have completed the e-learning Level 3 and have it showing on your GO record. This should be done at least 14 days before the course to ensure it is showing on GO. You will not be able to attend this Level 3 course without this and you will be asked to re-book.

Friday 17 May

6.30pm - 9.30pm

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

Friday 6 September

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Leicester East - venue to be confirmed

Level 4

Managing concerns, allegations and disclosures - for commissioners only

Please note: you must complete both parts of Level 3 before attending this course

Wednesday 17 April

6.30pm - 9.30pm

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

Monday 7 October

6.30pm - 9.30pm

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



Upcoming Trainings

County days

Saturday 23 March 2019

Embrace the change!

Our programme

Morning sessions

- ◆ **Separate sessions for each section**
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.
- ◆ **An introduction to the new programme**
For those who have not attended previously.
- ◆ **New to leadership:** Where to start - an introduction to guiding and your role and responsibilities as a leader.

Afternoon sessions

- ◆ **Supporting the young leader in the unit**
What can your young leader do for you?
What should you do for your young leader?
- ◆ **Days out**
Taking the adventure out of your meeting place.
- ◆ **Guiding systems workshop**
GO Programme recording, PLEASE BRING LAPTOP OR MOBILE DEVICE as computers are limited.
- ◆ **Going away**
Ideas for themes and adventures on residentials.
- ◆ **Having fun with photography**
An introduction to digital photography to enable you to take great photos of your girls.
- ◆ **International**
Discovering international guiding with an emphasis on travel.
- ◆ **Support with first aid skills builders in the unit**
Do you need more confidence in helping your girls.
- ◆ **A young leader workshop, default for all YLs to attend.**

All day

- ◆ **Programme drop in**
- ◆ **A Safe Space levels 1 and 2 e-learning, with support.**
- ◆ **A Safe Space level 2 chat** - this needs to be booked through the office and you must have submitted a level 2 worksheet beforehand.
- ◆ **Your time/our time** - meet your mentor/talk to county team/meet with friends



Upcoming Trainings

Sunday 24 March 2019

Qualifications day



Morning sessions

- ◆ A Safe Space level 1
- ◆ A Safe Space levels 1 and 2
- ◆ A Safe Space level 3 - e-learning must be showing on GO before attending
- ◆ A Safe Space level 4 - commissioners only, must have completed both parts of Level 3 before attending this course
- ◆ 1st Response Refresher

Afternoon sessions

- ◆ 1st Response Refresher
- ◆ A Safe Space levels 1 and 2
- ◆ A Safe Space level 3 - e-learning must be showing on GO before attending

All day

- ◆ Full 1st Response
- ◆ Programme drop in
- ◆ A Safe Space level 2 chat - this needs to be booked through County Office and you must have submitted a level 2 worksheet beforehand.
- ◆ A Safe Space level 1 or level 2 e-learning, with support



the venue for both days is

**Brockington College,
Enderby, LE19 4AQ**

Timings for these days will be

9am to 3.15pm Saturday and 9am to 4.30pm Sunday

Drinks will be available to buy, but please bring a refillable cup. You will need to bring lunch if you are staying all day.

The shop will be there, but any orders for collection must be received by Friday 15 March.

Booking is via Eventbrite - see our website for details



WORLD THINKING DAY 2019 - 22 FEBRUARY

Happy World Thinking Day to all across
Girlguiding Leicestershire and beyond!!



Some of the division international advisers and county adviser

Did you know World Thinking Day has been celebrated since 1926. It is a day of international friendship and an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect young women. You can also fundraise for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) with ten million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 150 countries.

I have been lucky enough to have spent World Thinking Day in many special ways being a part of Girlguiding. Two of my stand out memories are:

In 2010 I celebrated in the Falkland Islands with members of the Girlguiding Branch Association, an incredible experience for the Girlguiding Centenary. Then whilst volunteering at Sangam World Centre, India, in 2016 I celebrated by leading the social media for the events at Sangam and making friends from all over the world, as well as renewing my promise in India!

This year I will be celebrating with my Rangers working on the WAGGGS Leadership pack for 2019. My WAGGGS badges have already arrived. There are also super Girlguiding World Thinking Day badges available to purchase.

Each year I normally wear my uniform to work but as it is half term I have worn something from my extensive Girlguiding filled wardrobe on the 22 February. I also celebrated with my wonderful Guiding Overseas Linked with Development (GOLD) Malawi team from 2014 - we made more happy memories together.

I hope you all have enjoyed making special memories on World Thinking Day 2019 and I will look forward to hearing about them.

Share your adventures on social media

What have your unit been up to celebrate World Thinking Day? Have you learnt about leadership using this years WAGGGS pack (visit the WAGGGS website for more details)? Have you held a district or division event to celebrate?

You can share your adventures on social media all over the world using [#WTD2019](#) and [#TimeToLead](#). Please remember to have the correct photo permissions before sharing photos. I would also like to receive photos, videos and messages of your World Thinking Day events to put on the Girlguiding Leicestershire International Facebook page and twitter. Please email these direct to me on girlguidingleicsinternational@gmail.com.

If you haven't already, then please follow us on social media: Girlguiding Leicestershire International on Facebook as well as @GirlguidingLInt on Twitter.



Donations to the WAGGGS World Thinking Day Fund

A tradition since 1932, the World Thinking Day fund collects pennies and coins from members around the world, to support their fellow Guides and Scouts. All donations help fund WAGGGS activities and are used where the need is greatest in our global movement, see the WAGGGS website for more details.

NB: (information from WAGGGS) please avoid sending cash donations by mail.

Ruth Barsby - County International Adviser



Baden-Powell Challenge award transition to Guide Gold award

Hopefully by now all Guides working towards their Baden-Powell Challenge award have either completed it or have attended or are on the waiting list to attend an adventure weekend in either April or July. If you have girls who have fully completed the award but have not yet submitted their application for certificate and presentation, please do so as soon as possible by completing the form found here

<http://www.girlguidingleicestershire.org/baden-powell-challenge.aspx>

For those girls who did not get the opportunity to complete the Baden-Powell Challenge award, or started it but are not interested in finishing it, there is a transition route to allow them to complete their Guide Gold award.

Until Summer 2020 the following applies:

- If a Guide has currently substantially completed ten Baden-Powell award clauses, she can then complete all parts of the new Guide Gold award challenge (refer to the Guide badge book) to gain her Guide Gold award **INSTEAD** of the Baden-Powell Challenge award.
- If a Guide has completed two Guide Challenge badges, then if she completes three new skills builder badges from different themes, one new interest badge from any three of the six themes and all the parts of the Guide Gold award challenge (refer to the Guide badge book), she can gain her Guide Gold award.



Please note that if a Guide has completed the Baden-Powell Challenge award, they **CANNOT** also obtain the Guide Gold award. Full changeover guidance can be found here <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/programme-and-activities/the-girlguiding-programme/>

For part two of the Guide Gold award the focus is on an ‘outdoor activity or adventure that is new to you.’ Girls must also ‘take responsibility for planning’ of their adventure. As a county we are looking at ways that we can support girls to complete their Guide Gold award, however it will not be expected that girls must attend an event run by county as per the current Baden-Powell Challenge adventure weekend. The challenge must be individual to the Guide. Watch this space for more information in the autumn term regarding county support.

Gemma Jeffs
County Baden-Powell Challenge Coordinator

Appointment

Ellie Newman Oadby & Wigton Rainbow Commissioner

We wish her all the best in her new role!



Going away with your girls?

If you wish to use a venue which hasn't been used for a while, or if you are unsure if it has been used at all, please check with either your local residential advisor or Jane Adlam.

If it is a new venue, the assessments do take a certain amount of time.

Jane's email is janeadlam@icloud.com.



For more information contact your local residential adviser, commissioner or one of the county team.



Georgina Oliver, Rainbow Residential Adviser
Emma Parr and Marika Thomas, Brownie Residential Advisers
Fiona Clarkson, Guide and Ranger Residential Adviser



Guiding Essentials Leicestershire



Easter

closing 3pm Friday 12 April
reopening 12noon Monday 29 April

Mayday

closed Saturday 4 May and Monday 6 May

Spring half-term

closing 3pm Friday 24 May
reopening 12noon Thursday 30 May

When sending orders in please include the name of the unit, your name and contact phone number and careful details of the items required.

Please note that any orders for collection at the County Days on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March must be received by Friday 15 March.

For up to date information check the shop page at
leicestershireguides.org

or contact 0116 204 4902

or email equipstore@leicestershireguides.org

Please support our shop as surplus income from sales comes back into the county, for the benefit of all our girls and leaders.



Camp Fire Leader's Basic Course



- Fancy a cracking fun weekend with other like-minded adults from Scouting and Girlguiding, (without the responsibility for looking after young people)?
- Do you enjoy singing campfire songs but lack the confidence to run your own campfire?
- Would you like to learn loads of new and old songs?

If the answer is yes - then why not come and join us and we will give you the confidence, the basic skills and the tools to give your young people a campfire experience to remember.

When - Friday 10 May (8pm) to Sunday 12 May (4.30pm-ish) 2019

Where - Sherbrooke Scout Campsite, Calverton, Nottinghamshire NG14 6HP

www.sherbrookescoutcampsite.co.uk

The course is open to Scouters and Guide leaders from all sections, Rangers, Young Leaders, Network, Explorer Scouts (min age 15 years) and leaders from other voluntary youth organisations, who share an interest in leading a camp fire or indoor sing-song.

Accommodation will be indoors with all meals provided. The course fee is £42, and the weekend will count as part of your leader training 'ongoing learning'. The courses are very much 'hands-on' and usually very well attended. An early application is essential as places on previous courses have filled very quickly.

In the first instance, and for an application form by email, please contact either of the following

Mark Goodall

17 Beech Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 5QL

home tel: 0116 2719707

mobile tel: 07971 581919

email: mark.goodall3@btopenworld.com

Sylvia Spare

home tel: 01530 414806

mobile tel: 07779 020974

email: sylvia.spare@gmail.com

Because of planning needs - the deadline for applications is 24 April



WILL YOU BE AT CHARNWOOD 2019?

Were you part of Charnwood 2016 when we had a record breaking 500 internationals join us at camp for international fun and friendship?

Well we are expecting double that amount this time, an amazing 1113 internationals which has broken our record big time.

Bookings have closed for all new groups, although existing groups can adjust Guide numbers for a short time. We still have lots of opportunities though for adults to come and help.

We are hoping that lots of Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs will come along to visit us on our SPRINGS visitor days too. Would all our Rainbow and Brownie leaders like to have this amazing experience too and come and help as a staff team member? Go to our website charnwood.org and have a look at what we are doing - you will also find the links to sign up there.

The theme of the camp is ENERGY and we are all putting our energy into making Charnwood 2019 different and exciting. This is helped by being at our larger and flatter new venue at Cattows Farm, a large event location in the Heart of the National Forest in Leicestershire.



So far we have 38 countries coming and they will be flying their flags at our amazing opening ceremony.

We still need some UK groups to offer to host an international group for the week of the camp. Your expenses are covered so have a look at charnwood.org for more details.



We also need your help, we have groups coming from warm countries like India, Taiwan, the Philippines and African nations and we need emergency warm clothing. We are looking for non returnable fleece jackets, fleece blankets and sleeping bags and also for left-over badges for Charnwood's badge swop. If you have any of these items please hand them in to County Office clearly labelled INTERNATIONAL AT CHARNWOOD 2019.

Sylvia Spare
Charnwood International Team Leader



Are you ready? Are you steady? Let's go camping!

Ready? Steady? Camp! is a summer preparation camp for Rangers and young leaders - whether they are attending a camp with or without leaders.



The weekend will include lots of opportunities to learn new skills or refresh old ones ready for the camping season and to work for their senior section camp permit.

Friday 3 May to Sunday 5 May at Topstones

Bookings opening soon.

Details on the Leicestershire website.

Annual Review of the Year 2018

Thursday 2 May, 7 for 7.30pm

Palmer-Tomkinson Centre, Cedars Academy

Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4GH

Congratulations to Susan Matkin, leader at 2nd Donisthorpe and Moira Rainbows, who was invited to have afternoon tea with Prince Charles to celebrate his 70th birthday.

Susan was nominated by her daughter, Sarah Matkin, who believes Susan is a hard working woman and has dedicated her life to guiding over the last 40 years. Also, Susan turned 70 during the same year as Prince Charles.

They were able to celebrate over tea and cakes at St James Palace.





THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Over 60 Senior Section members and young adults are currently undertaking DofE with Girlguiding Leicestershire across the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

We are delighted that we are also now able to offer Bronze DofE to Guides in the school year that they turn 14.

DofE expeditions:

In 2019 we are offering the following expeditions: Bronze walking, Silver walking, Silver canoeing and Gold walking (via Midlands Region)

Bronze walking (£60 training and expedition fees):

Basic expedition training: 5-7 April (location tba)

Practice expedition: 27-28 April (Leicestershire)

Qualifying expedition: 29-30 June (Leicestershire)

Silver walking (£65 expedition fees):

Practice expedition: 13-15 April (Peak District)

Qualifying expedition: 25-27 May (Peak District)

Silver canoeing (max £175 training and expedition fees):

Only 16 places available - first come basis - application form available on the website

Introductory session: 16 March (Leicestershire)

Canoe paddle training: 6 April & 7 April (Nottingham)

Canoe paddle days: 11 May & 12 May (location tba)

Practice expedition: 25-27 May (location tba)

Qualifying expedition: 16-18 OR 17-19 August (exact dates & location tba)

Gold walking (prices set when teams are organized):

Gold Expeditions in 2019 will be available via Midland Region

You will need to attend the training weekend in April - details are available on the Region website - girlguiding-midlands.org.uk

Drop in/Information sessions are being held across the county, the next is Tuesday 7 May 6pm to 7.30pm at County Office, 97 Princess Road East, LE1 7DW and further dates will be notified on the website.

The DofE registration form and further details are available on the Girlguiding Leicestershire County website, leicestershireguides.org (DofE can be found under opportunities)

Adult Support:

Due to the large numbers undertaking DofE, more adult support is required! You do not need to be "outdoorsy" - we would welcome administrative help just as much as support with expeditions (for which full training is provided).

For any information about DofE, please contact the DofE Adviser on leicsdofe@gmail.com



Lucy Faulds
County DofE Adviser



DIARY 2019

MARCH

2	Saturdays @97	10am	County Office
4	Presentation evening	7.30pm	Blaby
10	Full 1st Response (DofE focus)	9.30am	County Office
12	County exec	7.30pm	County Office
15-17	International opportunities weekend		Topstones
16	DofE Silver canoeing introduction	2pm	County Office
23	County training day - programme		Brockington
24	County training day - qualifications		Brockington
29	Bulletin deadline		County Office

APR

5-7	Baden-Powell Challenge Adventure		Exton
5-7	DofE Bronze training weekend		
6	Saturdays @97	10am	County Office
6-7	DofE Silver canoeing training		Nottingham
12	Shop closes for Easter	3pm	County Office
13-15	DofE Silver walking practice		Peak District
17	A Safe Space - Level 4	6.30pm	Thurnby
27-28	DofE Bronze practice		Leicestershire
29	Shop reopens after Easter	12 noon	County Office

MAY

2	Annual review of the year	7.30pm	Birstall
3-5	Ready? Steady? Camp!		Topstones
4	Saturdays @97	10am	County Office
4 & 6	Shop closed for Mayday weekend		County Office
9	Presentation evening	7.30pm	Devonshire Place
11&12	DofE Silver paddle days		
14	Help to complete Leadership qualification	5.30pm	County Office
17	A Safe Space - Level 3	6.30pm	County Office
18-19	Twycross sleepover for Brownies		Twycross Zoo
19	Full 1st Response	9.30am	Earl Shilton
24	Shop closing for half term	3pm	County Office
30	Shop reopening	12 noon	County Office
25-27	DofE Silver walking expedition		
25-27	DofE Silver canoeing practice		

JUNE

1	Saturdays @97	10am	County Office
6	County exec	7.30pm	County Office
19	Full 1st Response (part 1 of 2)	6.30pm	County Office
23	Thank you evening	5.30pm	Topstones
26	Full 1st Response (part 2 of 2)	6.30pm	County Office
29	A Safe Space - Levels 1 and 2	10am	Broughton Astley
29-30	DofE Bronze qualifying expedition		Leicestershire



Melton division celebrated World Thinking Day 2019 at St Mary's Church Melton on Monday 11 February

The theme was leadership and an activity from the new programme was included. Every unit in Melton attended and guests included Melton Mayor Mrs P Chandler, the County Commissioner, Rachel Webb-Jenkins and County President, Bridget Towle.

The Rector Kevin Ashby led the service.

Here is a photo of the 5th Melton Brownies with their banner.



Sue Mayhew
Melton Division Commissioner

Saturdays @97

Saturdays@97 will continue, on the first Saturday of the month, throughout the year. The next ones will be 2 March and 6 April.

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 County Office.

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

The closing date for the next Bulletin will be

Friday 29 March

Please send all articles to office@leicestershireguides.org

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