

From the County Commissioner....

You couldn't help but smile at Water Weekend. Everywhere the eye could see there were Guides smiling and laughing (and shrieking and yelling) as they tried an exhausting list of activities on and off the water.



How different it must have been for the first Guides in Leicestershire, a hundred years ago. It was a time when girls dressed in ankle length skirts and physical exercise was frowned upon for girls.



How delighted would those early pioneers of guiding in our County have been if they had been able to see Water Weekend 2017? Over 200 young women continuing to try out new things, meet challenges with a positive attitude and most importantly, enjoy what they do. I didn't see an ankle length skirt all weekend but I did see clear-minded, independent young women choosing adventure for themselves.

Something that hasn't changed in the last one hundred years.



Find out more about Leicestershire guiding in the last one hundred years in our history book due to be published next month. It is possible to pre-order your copy by following the link on our website, www.leicestershireguides.org

Rachel Webb-Jenkins



Centenary Challenge

Whether it is visiting a place of interest, trying a new sleepover venue, a brilliant day out, something to make, an activity, a community opportunity, a recipe, a special event or anything else in Leicestershire, we are challenging you all to be a part of it.



This County Challenge is designed to be worked on by every member in the County from Rainbows to Trefoil Guild throughout the year and at any point from May 2017 to 31st May 2018.

The challenge is now available to download on the Girlguiding Leicestershire website, www.leicestershireguides.org so you can just print the sections you need.

Each Division has written challenges relevant to their area, this maybe a visit to a local park or attraction, or an activity to run within your unit meeting.

To gain the badge you need to complete one activity from four different Divisions including one activity away from the meeting place, but you may complete more! The badges cost £1 each plus postage. Once all your members have completed their activities, fill in the order form on the website and send it with your cheque to the County Office.

A decorative border of small cakes surrounds the central text. The cakes are arranged in a rectangular frame, with one cake at each corner and others along the sides.

A message from Corinne...

"Thank you to everyone who sent good wishes and cards and contributed towards gifts on my retirement. They are all much appreciated. I will enjoy our afternoon tea and spending the vouchers and money presented on behalf of the County at the Annual Review.

I enjoyed my time in the County Office and will miss seeing everyone, but after a summer off I hope to be recycled as a shop volunteer so may see you again soon!

All best wishes. Corinne"

A three-tiered silver tea tray is positioned to the right of the text. The top tier holds a single cup and saucer. The middle tier holds several small cakes and a teapot. The bottom tier holds a slice of cake and a teapot.

Upcoming Trainings

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

Saturday 30th September 2017

Sunday 1st October 2017

both 9 am - 5 pm

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



Full First Response

It is a mandatory requirement for each unit to have *at least* one Leader who holds a valid 1st Response certificate, or an equivalent first aid qualification, in attendance at any meetings, trips or events, to ensure the safety of all members. If your 1st Response is out of date, you cannot be the named First Aider for the Unit or activities. All Leaders In Training are required to attend a 6 hour Full First Response, unless they have an accepted external qualification. Commissioners or Mentors should be able to verify this.

Saturday 10th June 2017

9.30am - 4.30pm

Oakham Guide Hall, Grampion Way, Oakham, LE15 6NL



A Safe Space (16+ only)

Tuesday 4th July

6.30pm - 9.30pm

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 First 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



Sectional – Rainbows

Getting Out and About in the Autumn Term

Tuesday 11th July 2017

7.30pm–9.00pm

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

Rainbow Programme

Tuesday 10th October 2017

7.30pm–9.00pm

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Sectional–Brownies



Themes and Ideas for the Autumn Term

Thursday 6th July 2017

7.30pm–9.00pm

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Brownie Programme

Thursday 5th October 2017

7.30pm–9.00pm

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Sectional – Guides

Getting Out and About in the Autumn Term

Tuesday 11th July 2017

7.30pm–9.00pm

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Sectional – Guides and The Senior Section

Unit Ideas – Winter Festivals

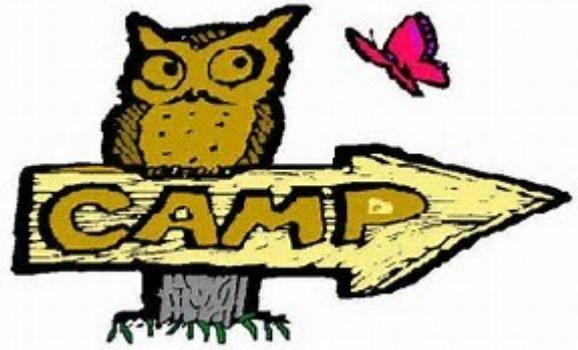
Wednesday 11th October 2017

7.30pm–9.00pm

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Escape to Girlguiding Leicestershire's County Camp 5th - 11th August 2018 at Topstones



Bookings open 1st September 2017

£145 for Guides

£120 for The Senior Section

£30 for Leaders

More information coming soon on the County website www.leicestershireguides.org

Interested in joining the team? Drop in to **County Office Saturday 3rd June**, 11am - 1pm and find out more.

Saturdays @97

Don't forget our sessions on the first Saturday of each 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 June 3rd, July 1st, Aug 5th.

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

Centenary Thank You Picnic

Sunday 10th September

Sykes Lane, Rutland Water

Come and join an afternoon with friends from around the County, bring a picnic and a camping chair.

Register on Eventbrite via our website.





WORCESTERSHIRE MUSIC GROUP

Invite you to join them at a Midland Region Singing Day
Saturday, 23rd September 2017 at
The Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Worcester Road, Droitwich
WR9 8AZ

Worcestershire extends a warm welcome to our singing day.
The day will be led by Maggie Ansell and Mel Roberts from Gloucestershire,
who are two very experienced Leaders and we are sure that a great day of
singing will be guaranteed.

TIME - 10am coffee and tea will be served. Singing 10.30am to 3.30pm
with a break for lunch.

INFO - The hall has disabled access and toilets.

Please bring a packed lunch - drinks will be provided.

This is a non-uniform day - everyone welcome from Young Leaders to
Trefoil Guild.

STALLS - if you would like to set up a stall, you would be very welcome but
please let us know beforehand so that we can set up tables in
readiness.

If you haven't sent a form and find you are able to come at the last minute,
just turn up - you will be welcome.

COST - £6 Adults. £2.50 Young Leaders.

Lifts may be available, if interested please contact Sandra Andrews on
sandra@stuckinthemud.org

To give us an idea of numbers, we would appreciate it if you would complete
the form below and return by early September, complete with a cheque
payable to 'Worcestershire Music Group' to:-

Shirley Wheatley, 24 St. Kenelm's Road, Romsley, Halesowen B62 0NU

Tel 01562 710368 or 07841409497

regionsingingday@girlguidingworcs.org.uk

I/We will be coming to the Midland Region Singing Day on Saturday, 23rd
September 2017:-

CONTACT NAME

TELEPHONE or email

COUNTY SIGNED

Also attending:



County Weekend

3rd - 5th November 2017

Broneirion Conference and Residential Centre, Llandinam, Powys SY17 5DE



Bookings open: Now

Bookings close: 30th June 2016

Cost: £100.00

£50.00 deposit secures your place, to be paid by 30th June 2016

See website www.leicestershireguides.org for flyer and booking form

Limited places



Brownies

Campfire Nights

Topstones County Campsite

Monday 5th June, Tuesday 6th June
and Wednesday 7th June 2017

6.30 - 8.30pm

The International team are holding Brownie Campfires at Topstones, Tilton Lane, Cold Newton, Leicester, LE7 9FH.

All the girls will receive a 5* hot chocolate and badge on the night.

Bookings are open and places are limited so please complete the booking form which is available from the County website, www.leicestershireguides.org

Closing date: Monday 29th May 2017

Cost £5.00 per girl

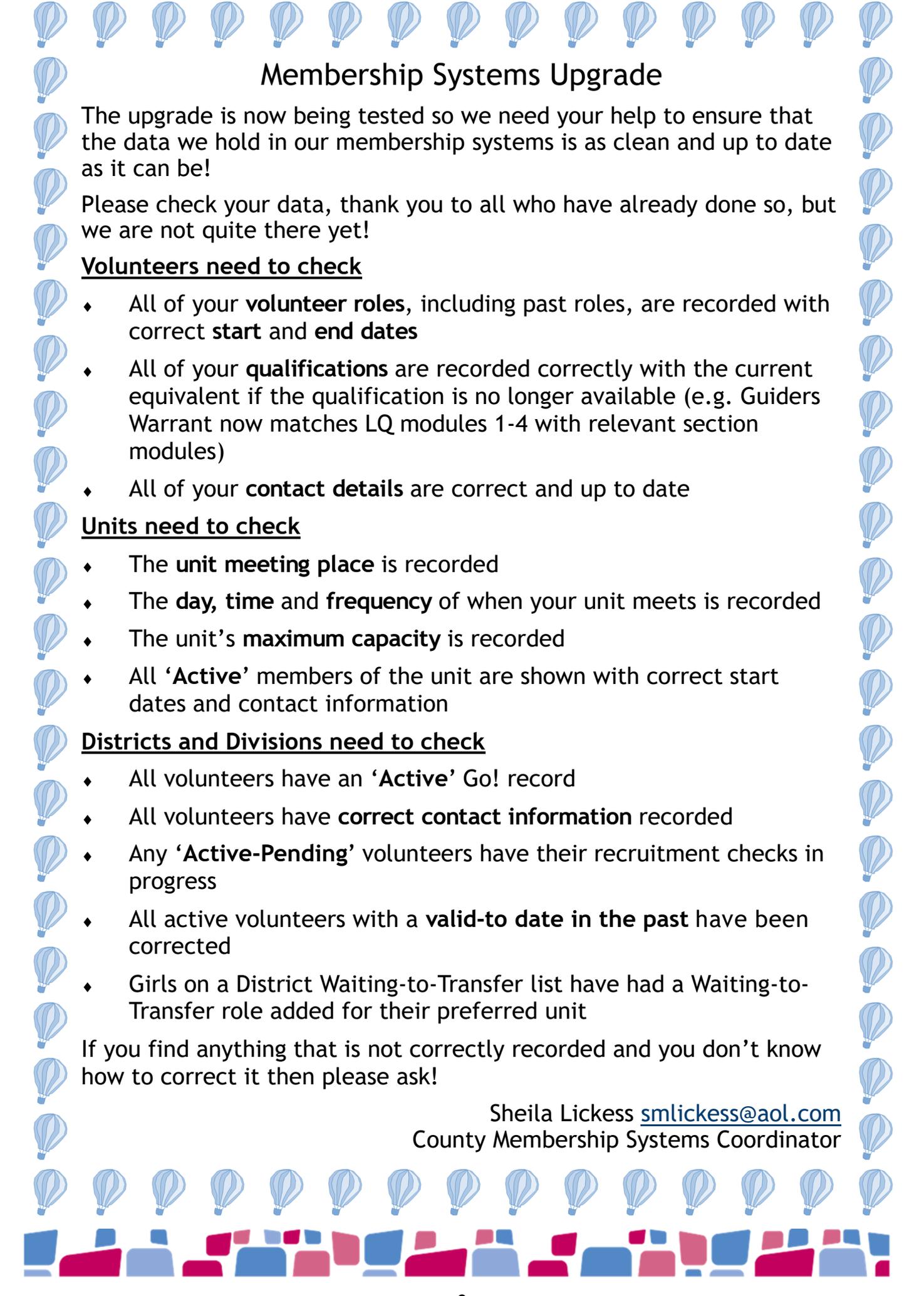
For more information please contact Val Bills

valerie-bills@talktalk.net

or Tracey Ball, County International Adviser

Traceysim64@hotmail.co.uk





Membership Systems Upgrade

The upgrade is now being tested 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, thank you to all who have already done so, but we are not quite there yet!

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



Smartphone Users



Keep up to date on the move

**Download
Girlguiding Leicestershires
New App**





International Activity Day

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

**Saturday 16th September 2017
10 am - 3 pm**

We are holding an international themed activity day for all Brownies and Rainbows in Leicestershire.

The girls will be able to try new and different international games and activities, while they travel around the world throughout the day.

Bookings are open and places are limited so please complete the booking form which is available from the County website, www.leicestershireguides.org

Please reply before the closing date:

Friday 14th July 2017

Cost £10.00 per girl which will include a badge and drinks.

**For more information please contact Tracey Ball,
County International Adviser: Traceysim64@hotmail.co.uk**

**Have you downloaded the new
Girlguiding Leicestershire App?**

If you do, it can send you notifications when new events or trainings are added to the website and also let you know when bookings open - never miss an opportunity again!





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 and Silver DofE expeditions on foot. Our Gold canoeing expedition is now full, but Gold Walking expeditions are still available via Midlands Region.

Forthcoming dates:

- 8-9 July Bronze qualifying expedition
- 26-28 August Silver qualifying expedition

Registration forms are available on the Girlguiding Leicestershire website, www.leicestershireguides.org

for anyone aged 14-25 who wishes to participate in DofE.

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

Bushcraft Training Weekend

30th September - 1st October 2017

Topstones County Campsite, Tilton on the Hill,
Leicester LE7 9FH

Come and learn Bushcraft skills that you can pass on to your girls.

Saturday - Basic Bushcraft Skills

Sunday - Intermediate Bushcraft Skills

If you would like to come for the weekend, why not stop over in the Pods for an additional charge and enjoy an evening meal and breakfast.

More details on the website including the booking form.

Bookings open now and close 10th September 2017



DIARY 2017-2018

JUNE

1	Shop reopens after half term	12 noon	County Office
3	Saturdays @97	10.00 am	County Office
5	A Safe Space Training	6.30 pm	Thornton
5,6,7	Brownie Campfires	6.30 pm	Topstones
8	New to Commissioners Training	7.30 pm	County Office
9-11	Baden-Powell Adventure weekend		
11	Football Fun Day	10.00 am	Enderby
10	Full First Response Training	9.30 am	Oakham
12-25	Leicestershire Round		
14	County Exec	7.30 pm	County Office
22	Presentation Evening	7.15 pm	Sue Townsend Theatre

JULY

1	Saturdays @97	10.00 am	County Office
1	County Centenary Big Night Out		
4	A Safe Space Training		County Office
6	Brownie Section Training	7.30 pm	County Office
8	Shop closes for summer	1.30 pm	County Office
8-9	DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition		
11	Rainbow Section Training	7.30 pm	County Office
11	Guide Section Training	7.30 pm	County Office
14	Bulletin deadline		

AUGUST

5	Saturdays @97	10.00 am	County Office
17-20	Le Grand Voyage (PGL)		Paris
26-28	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition		
31	Shop reopens after summer	12 noon	County Office

SEPTEMBER

11	County Exec	7.30 pm	County Office
16	International Activity Day	10.00 am	Thurnby
30	Bushcraft Training Weekend		Topstones
30	New to Leadership Training	9.00 am	County Office

OCTOBER

1	Bushcraft Training Weekend		Topstones
1	New to Leadership Training	9.00 am	County Office
5	Brownie Section Training	7.30 pm	County Office
10	Rainbow Section Training	7.30 pm	County Office
11	Guide and The Senior Section Training	7.30 pm	County Office

NOVEMBER

3-5	County Training Weekend		Broneirion
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Football Fun Day

Sunday 11th June, 10am - 4pm

Brockington College,
Blaby Road, Enderby, LE19 4AQ

Come and join in a day of fun, football and friendship!

There will be a chance to learn some football skills and also take part in some guiding activities before finishing with a mini tournament.

It is being organised in conjunction with Leicestershire and Rutland FA and will be a great way to show guiding and football at their best.

Everyone welcome, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and members of The Senior Section – You don't need to have taken part in the project already to join in.



Cost £5 per girl

Booking Form available on the website,
www.leicestershireguides.org



Guiding Essentials Leicestershire

Please look at the website, www.leicestershireguides.org for up-to-date opening times.

<i>Summer holiday closing</i>	1.30pm Saturday 8th July 2017
<i>Reopening after Summer</i>	12 noon Thursday 31st August 2017
<i>Christmas closing</i>	6pm Tuesday 12th December 2017
<i>Reopening after Christmas</i>	10am Saturday 6th January 2018





Our centenary
charity is...

SMALLS
FOR ALL



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

Friday 14th July 2017

Please send any articles to office@leicestershireguides.org

**Have you seen the updated Leicestershire website
www.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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