



The Informer

The monthly newsletter for Girlguiding Nottinghamshire

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WELCOME BACK!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all back to the new term, I do hope you've all managed to get some well-earned rest & time for yourselves. I know many of you have been busy with residential events both at home & abroad. We would love to hear about your adventures & share them on our website. We have an exciting year ahead with the [new programme](#) and [recruitment campaign](#). Working with Nottinghamshire Scouts, MegaMoot will be our key event for 2018 so don't miss out - reservations are **now open**, so visit [our website](#) to express interest for the 5,000 places. Yours in Guiding

Jackie Brocklehurst, County Commissioner

COUNTY ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING BOOKLET 2017/18

The 2017/18 County Activities & Training Booklet is now available, so you can start planning the year ahead with your girls & leadership teams. This year the booklet has been produced as an electronic booklet & has been emailed with the September Informer to all members of the county (who have an email address on GO), at the end of August. The booklet can also be [viewed on our website](#).

INTERNATIONAL REN FORMS - UPDATED PROCESS

You'll have been advised via 'Discover, Grow' that International REN forms must now be sent to the UK & Region offices for collation. This is a request from HQ to increase awareness of how many girls are going away & where they are going, so that better support can be provided in the case of an emergency. HQ is asking Division Commissioners to send in forms for future trips, including all forms signed in the last six months. A copy must also be sent to the Nottinghamshire International Team. If you have any queries, please speak to your Division Commissioner or email our International Advisers: international@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk.

MEGAMOOT RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN & OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN THE TEAM!



Our fun & adventure-packed event, MegaMoot is taking place 4th-7th May 2018. Working with Nottinghamshire Scouts, MegaMoot will provide 5,000 members, from both organisations, with a truly unforgettable experience! Reservations are now open, [visit our website](#) to find out more! The planning team are after your ideas for activities. Ask your young members what they'd like to see provided & we'll see what we can do. Fill in this [brief survey](#).

BE PART OF THE TEAM - The MegaMoot Core Team have been chosen, with each team member being responsible for an area of the event organisation. Areas include, Sub Camps & Sub Camp Leaders, Site Services, Professional Services, Programme & Activities, Administration & Communications. We're looking for volunteers to join these teams to help make the event the best ever! To register your interest, visit [our website](#)

BECOME A MEGAMOOT SUB CAMP LEADER - We're still looking for 2 Sub Camps Leaders. You'll be responsible for the preparation & delivery of all aspects of Sub Camp life. You'll recruit & lead a small team of volunteers to manage camping arrangements, including group area allocation, arrivals, departures and health & safety for up to 1000 campers. You'll ensure that a sub camp programme & theme is established & that the pastoral needs of all young people & adults are supported. You'll also be a budget holder. If you're interested, contact Kirstie Pogson: acckp@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk.

GO SYSTEM UPDATE

The new GO system is now live & you should have received your unique invitation code to get set up on GO. [View the latest update from Membership Systems](#) on our website. This provides details on what to do if you haven't received your invitation code, answers to your questions & there are also some key messages & actions required by all members. If you have any queries email go@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING FOR MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT AT GUIDE HQ, CARLTON

Friday 22nd September 2017. 10am-12pm

Please join the Guide HQ Office Team for a cuppa & cake to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Everyone is welcome, including family & friends! Any donations of cakes would be gratefully received & these can be brought to Guide HQ on the morning of the event or the day before prior to 2pm. Any questions, contact office@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you!



COMING UP SOON...

Date	Event	Contact
6 th Sept	YOUNG LEADER QUALIFICATION WORKSHOP, Guide HQ, 7pm - 9pm	Guide HQ
6 th Sept	GO! AND FINANCE TRAINING, Guide HQ, 7pm - 9pm	Guide HQ
7 th Sept	SAFE SPACE TRAINING, Guide HQ, 6.30pm - 9.30pm	Guide HQ
7 th Sept	COUNTY SINGING CIRCLE, Guide HQ, 7.30pm - 9pm	Anne Allery
9 th Sept	FIRST RESPONSE TRAINING, Guide HQ, 10am - 4pm	Clare Leggett
12 th Sept	GO! WORKSHOP, Guide HQ, 7.30pm - 9pm	Sandy Wilson
17 th Sept	RAINBOW 30 th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, Wheelgate Park, 10am - 4pm	Guide HQ
23 rd Sept	DOWNING HUT VOLUNTEER DAY, Elton campsite, 10am	Alison Popplewell

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HELP NEEDED FOR NEW DOWNING HUT

We hope work will start on the new hut on the Downing campsite in October. Before work begins, all equipment needs to be cleared out of the old hut. We plan to use mess tent as a store for all non-valuable equipment. We'd like some help with this part of the project and are proposing a working group on Saturday 23rd September starting at 10am. We need help erecting the mess tents - you don't need knowledge we just need enough people to lift each pole! We also need help dismantling storage shelving & kitchen units & carrying everything to the tents. How long will it take? That'll depend on the number of volunteers - we hope larger numbers will mean the job is finished quicker! Volunteers need to be adult-sized as some heavy lifting is involved. We'll go ahead whatever the weather. Drinks & cakes provided. You may wish to bring a packed lunch. If you & anyone else you know would be willing to help, please contact Alison Popplewell: guides.popplewell@btinternet.com.

ELTON AUTUMN CAMP

Friday 10th November - 11th November 2017 - Elton Campsite

Would your Guides like another night in a tent? Perhaps they're missing the Autumn badge from the Midland Four Seasons Camping Challenge or maybe they haven't started the challenge yet & would like to try a night under canvas? Then this is the event for them! This is for Guides with a leader & Senior Section. A licence is not necessary. Bring your own tents & pot bags. You may also get a sneak preview of the replacement Downing hut. Places are limited to 100 participants so please book early. More information will be available on our website shortly.

PANTOMIME EXCLUSIVE OFFER FOR MEMBERS OF GIRLGUIDING NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Monday 4 - Thu 21 Dec 2017 & Wed 10 - Thu 18 Jan 2018 (excluding Fridays and Saturdays)

Nottingham Playhouse is offering a special group rate for our members for this year's pantomime - Cinderella! Tickets for children are £11 each for Monday to Thursday performances on the above dates. Tickets for Leaders & supervisors: 1 leader pays youth group price per every 6 children. Additional adults pay group prices (up to 20% off standard ticket price). Tickets can be reserved in advance & must be paid for 6 weeks prior to the performance. To reserve your tickets or to find out more, call the Box Office on 0115 941 9419 & quote 'Youth Group'. All discounts subject to availability & ticket prices may be subject to change, so book fast to get the best prices! More information is available on the Nottingham Playhouse website.

GIRLGUIDING NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GUIDES GO TO NORJAM 2018

Saturday 11th - Saturday 18th August 2018 - Norfolk Showground - Cost £350

Are you a Guide interested in meeting new friends & trying exciting activities? Then Norjam 2018 is for you! Norjam is a large International Scout & Guide camp at Norfolk Showground. Specific information on the camp can be found on the Norjam website. Girlguiding Nottinghamshire is offering an open sign up for Guides who wish to participate. The group will be camping with a group from Girlguiding Norfolk. Guides must have not attended an international camp before. Costs is £350 (this includes transport to & from camp, food & camp fees). For more information or an application form, contact Stef Hardy, County International Adviser: international@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk who is the leader for the trip. Please note, this event is for Guides without their leaders. Places are limited & strictly on a first come first served basis. Information will be available on the website shortly.

FLOWER FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 'SONGS THE GUIDES SING!'



At the time of writing The Informer a Flower Festival to celebrate 'Songs the Guides Sing' was being held at Hanson House, Linby, 1-3 September. Hanson House was decked inside & out with over 30 floral arrangements created by local Guides, Brownie & Rainbows as well as Guide Leaders & members of the Trefoil Guild. The festival was the inspiration of Eileen Harvey (pictured right), a long-standing member & supporter of Girlguiding Nottinghamshire & a good friend of former County Commissioner Dulcie Hanson, in whose name funds were raised to open Hanson House in 1975. Read more on our website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ... 2017

Date	Event	Contact
12 th Oct	MENTORS AIR AND SHARE MEETING, Guide HQ 7pm - 9pm	Guide HQ
13 th - 15 th Oct	WALKING LEVEL 2 TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT WEEKEND, Hope Valley	Guide HQ
16 th Oct	COUNTY SINGING CIRCLE, Guide HQ, 7pm - 9pm	Anne Allery
18 th Oct	FIRST RESPONSE RENEWAL, Guide HQ, 6pm - 9pm	Guide HQ
21 st Oct	SAFE SPACE TRAINING, Guide HQ, 9am - 12pm	Guide HQ
21 st Oct	SAFE SPACE TRAINING, Guide HQ, 1pm - 4pm	Guide HQ
21 st - 22 nd Oct	BADEN POWELL AUTUMN ADVENTURE, Leicester Guiding HQ	Guide HQ

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