



# The Informer

The monthly newsletter for Girlguiding Nottinghamshire

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Girlguiding Nottinghamshire's County Commissioner, Jackie Brocklehurst has written her very first blog of the year. She reflects on the highlights of the last twelve months - celebrating our achievements as a County and the exciting opportunities that await us in 2018. [Read Jackie's blog on our website](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE ON OUR HONOURS LIST

We all know our girls are amazing! But so are our adult members, and we thought it would be brilliant to share news about the honours which some of our volunteers have collected over the last twelve months. [Read more](#) about the recipients of our county and regional awards on our website. If you know of a leader or helper who deserves special recognition, then please visit our [Awards pages](#) to find out how to start the nomination process and download a nomination form.

## MEGAMOOT - WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Thank you to everyone who got their reservation forms in for our amazing MegaMoot camp taking place in May. It's shaping up to be a fantastic weekend. Later this month you will be sent final booking forms so you can firm up numbers and pay your balances. You can do this between 31 January and 31 March. Health forms will also be going out from Moot HQ at this time. There's still places available on the joint Rainbow and Beaver day on the 6th May. We'd love to see as many Rainbows there as possible. If you'd like to go, download the booking form from [www.megamoot.org.uk](http://www.megamoot.org.uk). We're also looking to fill a number of staff roles for the weekend. Details to follow next month.

## GOING AWAY WITH SCHEME WORKSHOP

Saturday 10 February - 10am-4pm, Nottingham Girlguiding HQ, Carlton

All camps, holidays & sleepovers, wherever they take place - one of our properties or other approved venue - must have an event coordinator who holds the appropriate residential licence or is undergoing assessment while running the event. Working on the 'Going Away with Scheme' is lots of fun and will open up a world of opportunities for you and your unit, so why not give it a go? The Outdoor Team will help you every step of the way. This daylong event will talk you through the process, explain the different modules and give you all the information you need to run your first residential. Anyone who has already completed modules 1-4 and would like to work on the remaining modules is welcome to join us in the afternoon for a refresher. Please obtain a copy of the *Going Away with Scheme* book, available from the Girlguiding Nottinghamshire County Shop. [Visit our website to book](#)

## FIRST RESPONSE DAY TRAINING

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Ollerton Scout & Guide Centre - 10am-4pm

This is a full day first aid training. The first response qualification will fulfil the requirements of the leadership qualification and provide you with the Emergency First Aid at Work Qualification which will give you the confidence to deal with first aid emergencies, should you ever find yourself in an emergency situation. [For more information visit the website](#)

## CATERER'S CERTIFICATE

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February - 10am - 2pm - Guide HQ, Carlton

If you enjoy cooking at residential events and would like to take it to the next level, why not complete the Caterer's Certificate? This workshop covers all aspects of catering for residential events, from planning, buying supplies and storing food to safety and hygiene in the kitchen or campsite. Anyone attending is recommended to download and bring along the scheme book, available via the Girlguiding Nottinghamshire Guide Shop. If you have any queries, contact [outdoor@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk](mailto:outdoor@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk)

## GEO CACHING TASTER SESSION

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Guide HQ, Carlton

Have you heard about Geo Caching but wondered what on earth it is & how to go about it? Then come along & have a go at this worldwide treasure hunt with other Leaders who are equally unsure! You will need to have a GPS enabled device, suitable clothing for the session (we will be outside regardless of the weather) and the willingness to think outside the box. [Visit our website for more information](#)

## COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Nottingham Girls High School

Registration is now open for the Commissioners Day. This is a chance for Commissioners to look at some of the subjects that will help you in your role and meet & talk with other Commissioners. For full details and to book, [visit our website](#)

COMING UP SOON...

Date	Event	Contact
13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> January	BP CHALLENGE ADVENTURE MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND, Kimberley, 2.30pm-10am	Guide HQ
15 <sup>th</sup> January	COUNTY SINGING CIRCLE, Guide HQ Carlton, 7.30pm - 9pm	Anne Allery
20 <sup>th</sup> January	NESST CHALLENGE WALK, Walesby Forest	Rachel Goldby
10 <sup>th</sup> February	GEO CACHING TASTER SESSION, Guide HQ, Carlton, 2pm-3.30pm	Guide HQ
10 <sup>th</sup> February	FIRST RESPONSE DAY TRAINING, Ollerton Scout and Guide Centre, 10am-4pm	Clare Leggett
10 <sup>th</sup> February	GOING AWAY WITH SCHEME WORKSHOP, Guide HQ, Carlton, 10am-4pm	Guide HQ
10 <sup>th</sup> February	CATERER'S CERTIFICATE, Guide HQ, Carlton, 10am-2pm	Guide HQ

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY DAY

Saturday 24th March - Nottingham Girls' High School

A full day of training designed to give you new ideas to take back into your unit and the chance to get to know other leaders and learn from their experiences. The morning will be based around section trainings to give you ideas specific to your unit. In the afternoon there will be a variety of activities and trainings to give you new experiences. Open to all Leaders and Young Leaders. [More information is on the website](#). Booking will open at the end of January.

## SCIENCE IN THE PARK 2018 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday 10th March - Wollaton Hall, Nottingham - 11am-4pm

In celebration of British Science Week, the British Science Association will be hosting a free Science in the Park 2018 event. Girlguiding Nottinghamshire would like to host a stall at the event and we are looking for volunteers to help! This year we hope to partner with the Institute of Physics to run activities. We are currently working with the organisation to develop a resource to get more of our younger members interested in science. We're looking for volunteers of all ages to help out and also to come along and take part in the activities on offer - we are keen to have girls themselves helping with activities! We are also looking for someone to coordinate and be the point of contact for the Girlguiding Nottinghamshire volunteers on the day. If you'd be interested in volunteering please contact Kayleigh Hunt at [acckh@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk](mailto:acckh@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk)

## NORJAM 2018 - NOW OPEN TO ALL GUIDES!

Saturday 11th - Saturday 18th August 2018 - Norfolk Showground

Norjam is a large International Scout & Guide camp at Norfolk Showground. Girlguiding Nottinghamshire is now offering an open sign up for all Guides, including those who have attended an international previously. We have 8 places to fill, so please spread the word to your Guides! Contact Stef Hardy (leader of the trip) for more information or to apply. [Find out more on our website](#) and visit the [Norjam website](#) for specific information about the camp.

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY HOODIE

Following feedback from the County Strategy we are excited to announce the introduction of a Nottinghamshire County Hoodie. The hoodies are available in Navy Blue or Purple and come in a range of sizes with the county logo embroidered on the front to the side. As these are being made to order, all orders need to be received by the shop no later than the end of February 2018. The cost will be £20 per hoodie. Please note these do not replace official Guiding uniform. For full details of how to order [click here](#).

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY SHOP & CLOSURE DATES

Thank you to everyone who has supported the County Shop in 2017. It's the time for January sales and the Shop is no exception! We always have a sale table with reduced items - this month, this includes Senior Section Hoodies at only £5.00 each (large sizes only). Why not come in and have a look? Don't forget that we will be closed on 17th and 21st February 2018 for the half term holidays. We are also looking for more volunteers in the shop - if you are interested, please email [shop@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk](mailto:shop@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk)

## ANNE DEE

Anne Dee formerly of Retford Division, who held many local and County roles, passed away peacefully on 3rd January after a short illness at a care home in Worcester. Girlguiding Nottinghamshire will remember Anne fondly and pass on our condolences to family and friends.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Contact
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE, Nottingham Girls' High School, time tbc	Guide HQ
15 <sup>th</sup> March	COUNTY SINGING CIRCLE, Guide HQ, Carlton, 7.30pm - 9pm	Anne Allery
17 <sup>th</sup> March	FIRST RESPONSE RENEWAL, Guide HQ, Carlton 10am-12pm	Clare Leggett
24 <sup>th</sup> March	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S COUNTY DAY, Nottingham Girls' High School, times tbc	Guide HQ
25 <sup>th</sup> March	DUKE OF EDINBURGH NAVIGATION TRAINING, venue tbc	Guide HQ
14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> April	INTERNATIONAL INTEX SELECTION WEEKEND, Elton Campsite, 8am-5pm	Stef Hardy / Laura Edwards
20 <sup>th</sup> April	WALKING SCHEME LEVEL 1 TRAINING & ASSESSMENT, Ollerton Scout & Guide Centre, 7.45pm- 9.15pm	Guide HQ
28 <sup>th</sup> April	FIRST RESPONSE RENEWAL, Guide HQ, Carlton 10am-12pm	Clare Leggett
28 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> April	DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING WEEKEND, Elton Campsite, 8am-5pm	Guide HQ
29 <sup>th</sup> April	DUKE OF EDINBURGH NAVIGATION TRAINING, Venue tbc	Guide HQ
4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> May	MEGAMOOT 2018, Walesby Forest Campsite	MegaMoot Team