



The Informer

The monthly newsletter for Girlguiding Nottinghamshire

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SUBSCRIPTIONS 2018

The subscriptions trial invoices are now available to download for all levels to check and update, but not pay at this stage. This is a reminder to all leaders to download their invoice. If you need any support or have any questions, please contact your Division Commissioner. Please also make sure your GO records are up to date by midnight on Monday 19 February. Everything you need to know about the subscription process for 2018 is on the [Girlguiding UK website](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk).

YOUR MEGA MOOT NEEDS YOU!

Mega Moot is shaping up to be an absolutely amazing weekend. We've got more than 4,000 young people booked in, all ready for four days of fun, adventure, challenges and friendship. And the best bit is every one of the 70+ activities has been suggested by them. But we can't make it happen without you. We are looking for volunteers to help the weekend run smoothly. We've got a range of roles to be filled, from roving reporters to first aiders, sub camp volunteers to coffee shop staff, queue busters to activity leaders, craft coordinators to photographers. A full list and role outlines, together with details of how to volunteer, will be available at www.megamoot.org.uk

COMMISSIONER CONFERENCE

Saturday 3 March - 9am - 3.30pm - Guide HQ, Carlton

Please note the venue for this event has changed to Guide HQ, Carlton. This day is for all Division Commissioners, Assistant Division Commissioners, District Commissioners and Sectional Commissioners. Come and join other Commissioners for a day of airing, sharing and discussion, helping you to be effective in your area. In the morning there will be two sessions: *Exploring our new complaints policy*: supporting you to handle complaints to ensure the best outcomes and *Recruitment and retention*: helping you to build and retain your teams. In the afternoon there is an extra special mindfulness session for you to help you be your very best not only in Girlguiding but in every aspect of your life! [To book, visit our website](#).

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 are partnering 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 and 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

OPEN WEEKEND AT ELTON CAMPSITE

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 March - 11am - 3pm

All members of Girlguiding Nottinghamshire and Nottinghamshire Trefoil Guild are invited to visit the Elton campsite to see the new Downing Shelter and see what activities are available at the site for units to enjoy. The official opening will be on the Saturday at 1.30pm but the site will be open 11am - 3pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Light refreshments will be available in the Magpie's Nest. Please be aware that the weather could be inclement, and the track and campsite could be muddy so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear! Please can you email elton@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk to confirm day and time of visit. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY DAY

Saturday 24 March - Nottingham Girls High School - 9.30am - 4pm

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 an Our Journey Presentation and update from our County Commissioner followed by a choice of either A Safe Space Level 2 or Level 3 or First Response Renewal Training. This training is open to all Leaders and Young Leaders. [Visit our website to book your place](#).

COMING UP SOON...

3 rd March	COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE, Guide HQ, 9am - 3.30pm	Guide HQ
15 th March	COUNTY SINGING CIRCLE, Guide HQ, Carlton, 7.30pm - 9pm	Anne Allery
17 th March	FIRST RESPONSE RENEWAL, Guide HQ, Carlton, 10am - 12pm	Clare Leggett
24 th March	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S COUNTY DAY, Nottingham Girls' High School, 9.30am - 4pm	Guide HQ
25 th March	DUKE OF EDINBURGH NAVIGATION TRAINING, Venue and time tbc	Guide HQ

ELTON AND HANSON HOUSE DIVISION REPS

Elton and Hanson House are looking for one new Division Rep for each property. Anyone, from any Division, is welcome to express their interest. The role of Division Rep is for those with an interest in either of these of properties, to help move the sites forward in the future & to provide support with events. If you're interest in becoming an Elton Division Rep, contact Gillian Kendall at elton@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk. If you're interested in becoming a Hanson House Division Rep, contact Dorothy Jowitt at dajowitt@gmail.com

MIDLANDS SOCIAL WALKING WEEKEND

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 June - Littondale, Yorkshire Dales

A friendly walking weekend for all levels of walking ability (tea shop potter up to a good old climb!). Staying in a bunkhouse and all meals included. Cost £75 per person. For more information and a booking form, contact midland.walking@hotmail.com

NORJAM 2018 - PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

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

Norjam is a large International Scout & Guide camp at Norfolk Showground. Girlguiding Nottinghamshire is offering an open sign up for all Guides, including those who have attended an international previously. We have still have places to fill, so please spread the word. [More details on the website](#). Contact Stef Hardy, leader of the trip, to apply at international@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk

LEADER SELECTION FOR INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURES IN 2019

Looking to lead an exciting Region international adventure in 2019? Girlguiding Midlands are looking for leaders for two exciting trips next year. Applications are now open. [Visit Girlguiding Midlands website for full details](#).

COUNTY SHOP CLOSURE DATES

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

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](#).

MACMILLAN CHALLENGE

The final amount raised as part of Girlguiding Midlands' Macmillan Challenge is an incredible £112,026.30! The total raised by Nottinghamshire was £6,666.20! A massive thank you to everyone who took part. Together we have given our members the opportunity to help other people whilst providing Macmillan Cancer Support with essential funds to support the work they do.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Friendship Circle is on Wednesday 21st March at Hanson House 12-3pm and will be a 'bring and share' lunch. Membership of the circle is for anyone who is or has been involved in guiding. For further information: julie.surgey@ntlworld.com

FOR SALE- FOLDING CHAIRS AT £4.80 EACH

Girlguiding Nottinghamshire members have an opportunity to purchase some good quality second hand folding chairs at a cost of £4.80 per chair. There is no minimum order quantity. Delivery is available if required and the cost for this is to be agreed when an order is placed. These are the same style chair as the ones recently introduced at Hanson House. If anyone would like to purchase any chairs, contact Henry Walker by email henry@hehw.co.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Contact
14 th - 15 th April	INTERNATIONAL INTEX SELECTION WEEKEND, Elton Campsite, 8am - 5pm	Stef Hardy / Laura Edwards
15 th April	HANSON HOUSE BROWNIE CHALLENGE BADGE, Hanson House, time tbc	Guide HQ
20 th April	WALKING SCHEME LEVEL 1 TRAINING & ASSESSMENT, Ollerton Scout & Guide Centre, 7.45pm- 9.15pm	Guide HQ
27 th April	WALKING SCHEME LEVEL 1 TRAINING & ASSESSMENT, Ollerton Scout & Guide Centre, 7.45pm- 9.15pm	Guide HQ
28 th April	FIRST RESPONSE RENEWAL, Guide HQ, Carlton 10am - 12pm	Clare Leggett
28 th - 29 th April	DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING WEEKEND, Elton Campsite, 8am - 5pm	Guide HQ
29 th April	DUKE OF EDINBURGH NAVIGATION TRAINING, Venue and time tbc	Guide HQ