



The Informer

The monthly newsletter for Girlguiding Nottinghamshire

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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 & the chance to get to know other leaders & learn from their experiences. The morning will be section training to give you ideas specific to your unit. In the afternoon there will be Our Journey Presentation & an 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 & Young Leaders. [To book your place, visit our website](#). **Please note:** we are taking online bookings for the whole day, as we have done for previous County Days. Priority must be given for people who wish to attend the whole day & we have set up a waiting list for those who wish only to attend A Safe Space in the afternoon. If there are spaces available, they will be contacted w/c 19 March to confirm their place. Likewise, if there are people who only wish to attend the section training in the morning or the First Response session in the afternoon, then we can begin a waiting list, like the above. If spaces are available, they will be contacted w/c 19 March to confirm their place. If you don't wish to attend the whole day, please contact the office on 0115 987 7220 or at office@girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk.

YOUR MEGAMOOT NEEDS YOU!

MegaMoot is shaping up to be an 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 is available on the [website](#).

JOIN US AT SCIENCE IN THE PARK 2018

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

In celebration of British Science Week, the British Science Association is hosting a free Science in the Park 2018 event. Girlguiding Nottinghamshire will be partnering with the Institute of Physics (IoP) to host a stall at the event with lots of fun activities. We are currently working with the organisation to develop a resource to get more of our younger members interested in science. Come along for the day and see activities from the resource in action, as well as all the other exciting activities, experiments and talks that will be happening. Please feel free to wear your uniform too! Find out more at the [BSA website](#).

4 PEER EDUCATION LAUNCH TOPIC TRAINING

Saturday 10th March - 9.30am - 4pm - Girlguiding Leicestershire County Office

An opportunity for existing Peer Educators aged between 14 & 26 to sign up to the launch of the new peer education resource! This new topic comes out in March 2018 & will empower girls to challenge the stereotypes they experience in their lives. This is a training for existing Peer Educators, upskilling them to be able to deliver sessions on the brand-new topic. You must be an existing Peer Educator or have completed the skills day in November 2017. To apply, visit the [Girlguiding Midlands website](#). Complete the online form & send a deposit of £25. The deposit will be returned to you on completion of the training. Being a Peer Educator can count towards Element 1 of the Queen's Guide Award after you have delivered 20 hours.

OPEN WEEKEND AT ELTON CAMPSITE

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

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

FRIENDS OF GIRLGUIDING BEESTON COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 10th March - Beeston Guiding HQ - 10am - 12noon

Friends Of Guiding Beeston, are holding a Coffee Morning, on Saturday 10th March 2018 at Beeston Guiding HQ next to Beeston Youth Centre, West End, Beeston NG9 1GL. There will be various stalls, cakes, books, Bric-a- Brac. etc. We are a small group of Guiding Friends who raise funds to support Guiding in our local area.

COMING UP SOON...

Date	Event	Contact
10 th March	4 PEER EDUCATION LAUNCH TOPIC TRAINING, Leicestershire county office, 9.30-4pm	Guide HQ
10 th March	SCIENCE IN THE PARK, Wollaton Hall, 11am - 4pm	Guide HQ
10 th March	FRIENDS OF GIRLGUIDING BEESTON COFFEE MORNING, Beeston Guiding, 10am-12pm	Guide HQ
15 th March	COUNTY SINGING CIRCLE, Guide HQ, 7.30pm-9.00pm	Anne Allery
17 th March	FIRST RESPONSE RENEWAL, Guide HQ, 10am-12pm	Guide HQ
17-18 th March	OPEN WEEKEND AT ELTON CAMPSITE, Elton campsite, 11am-3pm	Guide HQ
24 th March	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY DAY, Nottinghamshire Girls' High School, 9.30am-4.30pm	Guide HQ
25 th March	DUKE OF EDINBURGH NAVIGATION TRAINING, Venue tbc	Guide HQ

INTRODUCING OUR NEW GUIDE & SENIOR SECTION RESIDENTIAL ADVISER

Hello, I'm Jodie Stevens and I've recently taken on the Guide and Senior Section Residential Adviser role for county. I've been a Guide leader for 9 years and I love the experiences and memories that taking the girls away brings, it's my favourite part of guiding, and it really is amazing to see the girls grow on camp in both confidence and ability. I'm excited to be starting this role in the run up to Mega Moot and I'm looking forward to meeting lots of you there.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW SAFEGUARDING LEAD - ALISON MILLMAN



I've been involved in Guiding in Nottinghamshire since I joined as a Brownie. I went on to be a Guide, a Young Leader & a warranted Guider. I undertook a BEd at university & worked with two Brownie units & a Guide unit in Bedford. I decided I didn't want to teach, so graduated with a BA in English & History. On returning home I worked costing solicitor's files & undertaking court cases in relation to legal costs. I joined the 2nd Wollaton Brownies where I have been an Assistant Brownie Guider since 2000. In 2003 I joined Nottinghamshire County Council as a Trainee Children's Social Worker & completed my MA in Social Work. I moved to Derby in 2005 but continued in Guiding in Nottinghamshire where I have been PR Advisor & a District Commissioner. I have two boys who are 8 & 11 and since 2016 I have also been working with a Guide unit in Derby every Friday night while my husband runs the Scout unit at the same church. As this is a new role, I am hoping that Jackie & I can work together to support the Guiders & young people involved in Guiding in Nottinghamshire & develop this role to provide appropriate support & guidance. Safeguarding is now at the forefront of all roles & it is important that we know how to deal appropriately with keeping girls safe, dealing with disclosures that may be made & knowing what to do if a safeguarding concern is raised either by an adult or a young person. Support is always there & as nothing has to be done on your own.

INTEX WEEKEND

Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 April - Elton Campsite

INTEX is Girlguiding Nottinghamshire's international selection weekend. Do you love travelling overseas with friends and family? Are you over 13? Would you like the chance to represent Girlguiding Nottinghamshire overseas? INTEX is a fantastic weekend under canvas, full of fun and intrigue, where you can try out several challenges to find out how you would cope on an international trip where anything can happen! Will you step up to the challenge and surprise yourself! [For more information visit the website](#), along with a downloadable flyer about the event. Please spread the word to girls aged 13+ in your area!

MIDLANDS SOCIAL WALKING WEEKEND

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 June 2018 at 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/or booking form contact midland.walking@hotmail.com.

NOMINATE SOMEONE IN YOUR AREA FOR A COUNTY AWARD

We're now accepting nominations for our Nottinghamshire County Awards. Remember, nominees can be any age, from any section. Do you know someone in your area who shows courage or deserves special thanks? Have they triumphed through adversity or have gone that extra mile. Perhaps they don't wear a uniform, but they still help? Then show your appreciation by nominating them for a County Award! The deadline for nominations is 1st June 2018. For more information & to download a nomination form, [visit our website](#).

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 email julie.surgey@ntlworld.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Contact
14 th -15 th April	INTERNATIONAL INTEX SELECTION WEEKEND, Elton Campsite, 8am-5pm	International Team
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 tbc	Guide HQ
4 th - 7 th May	MEGAMOOT 2018, Walesby	MegaMoot Team
14 th May	COUNTY SINGING CIRCLE, Guide HQ, 7.30pm-9pm	Anne Allery
16 th & 28 th May	FIRST RESPONSE EVENING TRAINING, Guide HQ, 7pm-9pm	Clare Leggett