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HELLO and welcome to the February edition of **DIGI-POST**, your monthly newsletter

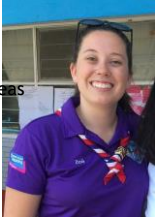


D of E Team News

Danielle Watson from Buxton, has taken on the challenge of coordinating the D of E activities in our County. Danielle achieved her Bronze, Silver and Gold D of E awards through Guiding and is passionate about walking, the outdoors and enabling girls to complete their D of E awards. This role fits very well alongside the Walking Adviser role that Danielle already holds and her enthusiasm will be a real asset to the D of E team.

International Team News

We are delighted to welcome **Zoe Ball** as County International Adviser. Zoe brings a wealth of International experience including GOLD (Guiding Overseas Linked with Development) trips to Aruba & Mexico where she led a project on growth, retention and leadership for members of all ages. We are very excited to get back to International trips again and will be at County Day if you want to find out more. Huge thanks to Sarah Parr for everything she has done for the county during her time in this role.



Annual Review 2022

It feels like a long time since we did a County Annual Review; over 2 years ago to be precise!

This year we are going to try something different and are holding a shorter review of 2020/2021 at this year's County Day on Saturday 5th March 2022 between 1.30pm and 2.15pm.

If you are not attending County Day but would like to join us for the Annual Review element, we would be very happy to have you join us, just email office@girlguidingderbyshire.org and they will add you to the list 😊

County Day 2022

Plans are going really well for County Day 2022 and we already have almost 300 spaces taken!

But we still have room for a few more so we have extended the booking period until midnight on Sunday 6th February.

We'll have the Guide shop there along with some fundraising stalls and other things that you will find really useful in your Guiding roles.

Including some freebies!.....
 Who doesn't love a freebie 😊



See you there!

Have you been invited to log onto the new Girlguiding Learning Platform yet?

If not, don't despair your invite will be coming soon. Once you have got the link, you need to use the same username as you use for Go but don't put in your Go password, just click forgot password and it will send you a new one.

Do you need to do your First Response?

Virtual sessions are now available to book onto via this [link](#) (don't forget you need to do a 20 min practical assessment and e-learning too)

Do you need to do your Safe Space Level 3?

Virtual sessions are available to book onto now via this [link](#)

Learning & Development

Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking Link/ More Information
Fri 11th Feb 6.30pm	Inspire 'sew-cial' for members 18-30 Bring a craft project, your camp blanket and badges or a pack of cards and come along for a drink or a chat.	Sacro Lounge, Buxton SK17 6DF	Event Info here
Sat 5th March	County Day – A full day of different training events	Woodlands Academy, Allestree	
POSTPONED	Cluedupp event for Guides	Derby City Centre	We are still keen to run this event – keep watching for a new date
Sat 18 th - Sun 19 th June	Brownie camp!	Glenbrook	See page 2 for links and more info
Fri 15th – Sun 17th July	Ranger Camp! **New date**	Pax Hoh	**Save the date**

BROWNIES CAMP - STAFF TEAM RECRUITMENT

Would you like to be part of the organising team for our first ever Brownie Camp at Glenbrook?

Please contact Izzy (accprogramme@girlguidingderbyshire.org) if you would be willing to take responsibility for or volunteer in any of the following areas.

Food/ catering • First Aid • Activities (Crafts/ camp skills/ Evening activities etc) • Event helpers • Admin

You don't need to be a brownie leader - just have a sense of fun to share with some of our younger members



RANGER CAMP - STAFF TEAM RECRUITMENT

Would you like to be part of the team for a Festival style Ranger Camp at Pax Hoh? Please contact Michelle (cc@girlguidingderbyshire.org) if you would like to be part of making this festival themed camp a reality.

We would also love to hear from you if you are a singer, play in a band or are a DJ and would like the chance to play at our festival too 🎵

Initiatives

Inspiring Women

As part of our social media presence, we are launching an Inspirational Woman of the Month. We are going to start next month with the amazing solo Polar explorer; Polar Preet, but would love some ideas from you about who you think we should include.

They don't have to be famous and they don't have to be from Derbyshire, they just need to be inspiring and have a good story we can share that will inspire others.

If you have any ideas, please email Michelle on cc@girlguidingderbyshire.org with who they are and why you think they should be included 😊

International

We were really pleased to see so many adult volunteers come along to the 'Find out more about International Trips' session we held at County office last month.

There was a lot of interest in being involved in County trips and we came up with some really exciting ideas. We'll be at County Day next month, if you want to have a chat ☺

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Could you, or one of your girls design our County badge to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee? It could be any shape you like but must be a maximum of eight colours. Please send your entries to office@girlguidingderbyshire.org by 12/3/22, the official logo can be incorporated.



Other notices

BROWNIE CAMP BOOKINGS

- Bookings will open at 5.30pm on Sunday 12th February
- There will be a choice of an early or late arrival/ departure and depending on this your day at Magic and Mayhem could be either Saturday or Sunday
- Places are limited and are 'first come first served'
- A deposit of £25 per place booked will be required with two weeks to confirm your booking

Activities will include tree climbing, archery, bushcraft, magical science session, dance session, circus session, inflatables, go karts, space hoppers, campfire fun and games

The event is fully catered and a 'Going away with license' is not required. All you need to bring is girls, tents and some basic camping equipment.

[CLICK HERE](#) to book your places

Commissioner zone

Commissioner Support Sessions 2022 - Dates for your Diary

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Wednesday 16th March	Monday 18th July
Monday 4th April	Thursday 8th September
Tuesday 10th May	Wednesday 12th October
Wednesday 15th June	Tuesday 15th November.

The sessions will be a mix of face-to-face and virtual sessions and the times and agenda will be confirmed nearer the time. For the face-to-face sessions, a light pre-session buffet will be provided. If you can make it, it would be great to see you! 😊

Commissioner's Day - POSTPONED. We asked you to save the date of Sunday 27th March 2022, for the rescheduled Commissioners day but we now realise that is Mothers Day, so we will come back to you with another date, later in the year.

Regional Commissioner's Conference - SAVE THE DATE. Dates of 7th to 8th May 2022 have now been shared by Region for the next face to face commissioner's conference. Places are most likely going to be limited so if you want to take part, please register your interest as soon as possible when bookings open.

Safe Space Level 3 Training

Please see the letter below that is being sent out to all volunteers regarding the next stages of Safe Space training. The letter covers everything clearly but if you do have any questions, please contact your local commissioner or you can email the office@girlguidingderbyshire.org or myself on cc@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Dear leader

Safe Space - level 3

Safeguarding of girls and adults within our organisation is a key priority for Girlguiding.

Currently certain roles (e.g., Commissioners, advisers, and mentors) have to have Safe Space Training to at least level 3. Additionally at every unit meeting there must be at least 1 leader present that holds a level 3 Safe Space.

It is really important that we can continue to run meetings for our young members and are therefore suggesting for resilience that at least 2 leaders per unit hold the qualification, this means you have some flexibility within your unit leadership team. It is also good practice to give all adults at the unit the skills to deal with a safeguarding situation should it occur.

What does this mean for you?

My unit only has 1 leader (incl. Asst. leaders & LiT) - how will this impact my unit?

A leader must always be present with Safe Space level 3 so it would be helpful to identify another adult that could support if needed. It is good practice to have more than one with Level 3 but not essential.

We have more than 2 leaders in our unit - which leaders should attend first?

Your unit can choose. We suggest that you consider factors such as those who attend regularly (i.e., extra cover so the unit can still meet if the current level 3 holder is unable to attend) and leaders in training. If there are spaces available on the training, they can both attend, so please do apply!

How can I attend a level 3 training?

2 options are available:

- Online webinar via Zoom (attend from the comfort of your own home) - 3+ sessions are being run per week. The Midlands booking link can be found on the Region website

OR

- Face to face training within each County - 1 or 2 sessions per term will be advertised locally

Note:

- a) Sessions can only run if sufficient bookings have been received
- b) Sessions last 3 hours (including a break)
- c) Places will be allocated based on the following priorities:
 1. Specific roles that have a mandatory requirement for level 3 qualification
 2. Units who have no level 3 holders
 3. Units that have less than 3 leaders with level 3 (incl. renewals)
 4. Anyone else who needs level 3 (Note - YL's; Unit / Occ. Helpers are *not* required to hold a level 3)

We thank you for all you are already doing to keep our members safe. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local commissioner or our county office on office@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Kind regards,
Michelle

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County Commissioner