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Please send items for the website/newsletter to news@girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk.
The deadline for the next newsletter is 14th February for the next release on 28th February.

County Commissioner's Report

<http://www.girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk/for-leaders.html>

Welcome to another Guiding year! Whether you stayed at home or went abroad, took girls away or had some time for yourself, we hope you enjoyed the summer break and are feeling reinvigorated for the year ahead.

Our county INTOP group had a successful visit to Slovakia - have a look at their blog and photos. Quite a few County Units went to Wellies and Wristbands at Foxlease and had an amazing time. It was great for us both to meet up with units from Cheltenham, Coopers Hill, Forest North, Gloucester and West Divisions.

Thank you to all from across the County who came to the County Planning Day. We have come away with lots of exciting ideas for the next year and beyond - watch this space!

We are proud to be County Commissioners of so many wonderful Leaders who give their time and energy to being their best. Particular mention this month goes to Barbara Ingham, Charlotte Reid and Gillian Stook on their recent Region Compass Awards. Congratulations also to Beth Hadley-Pellatt from Coopers Hill on gaining her Queens Guide Award. Karen was very proud to present it at Wellies and Wristbands - Anne, as lead volunteer, was otherwise engaged - not surprisingly- but was equally proud!

The beginning of the new term is always a good time to reach new girls and Leaders and we have had a great response at University of Gloucestershire's' Fresher Fayre.

We have just received a new resource, "Recruiting New Members and Volunteers in Primary Schools: a Toolkit for Volunteers". If you are interested in finding out more please contact us and borrow the toolkit.

Each Unit's main contact should have received a new programme Activity Taster Pack in August. We are aware that some Units have not received theirs, so if you are one of these Units, please email HQ, giving your name, membership number and name of the Unit.

Finally, the new GO system is now live! You should have received an activation email from HQ. The system is working quite slowly at the moment and there are some known bugs so please do bear with it while it beds down. If you have any queries please contact Jeannette.

Have a great year ahead and thank you for all you do in your Units and for Girlguiding Gloucestershire

Karen and Anne

Good Guiding in Gloucestershire

This month's focus is on perseverance!

This is not a Guiding word necessarily but it is what I feel we all need sometimes. I am, of course, thinking about our new shiny database, GO. Hopefully you will all be aware that it launched county-wide on 29 August and it was pretty dire the first few days as a nation of Leaders tried to log in and see what it was all about. For the lucky few who did manage to get in, there were lots of data errors and things that weren't quite right.

The HQ team behind the new system have been very pro-active in listening to what must be a tidal wave of feedback from Leaders and have been updating many of the issues on an almost daily basis. The system does

seem to be running at a reasonable speed now and we are finding we can at least manage the everyday tasks we need to run our units.

We have already run a successful week of GO training where our fabulous experts (who are only about an hour ahead of you guys in getting their heads around it!) have given about 100 Leaders an insight into how the system works for Leaders. Commissioners can come to the Forum in November to get support.

So, if you've not already, here are our recommendations to persevere through GO:

- **Get Logged In!:** If you haven't got your invitation email then contact membershipsystems@girlguiding.org.uk and let them know. If you share an email with another volunteer (eg Leader Mum and YL daughter both have emails going to Mum) then the system can't cope with this so you need to ask your commissioner to update one of the emails. If you need any further support ask your local commissioner in the first instance.
- **The Help Section:** This has lots of useful documents and videos to help you understand how things work.
- **The Learning Checklists:** These are found on the Help page and if you open the Unit Checklist it will identify the things you need to know as a Unit Leader. There is also one for Commissioners.
- **The Directory:** This allows you to find anyone in the County (search by name or sort by role) and send them a message via the GO system. Give it a go, send someone a smile!

Please contact our experts, Jeannette and Ann, if you need help and they will do what they can to get you moving through the system smoothly.

gojoinus@girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk

BP Adventures - New Adventure

The next County BP Adventure weekend will take place from 27-29 October at Deer Park. To register your interest in the weekend, please complete the booking form (found on the Downloads page of the website) and return it to Debbie. Full details will then be sent out towards the end of February.

Debbie, bpadventure@girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk

Adult Support - Update

Safe Space trainings

Keep an eye on the website for new training dates.

First Aid

Update Training - 19 November Deer Park, Cowley

First Response - 6 Jan 2018 Gloucester 10am - 4.30pm

Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 January 2018 16 hour course to include St John Activity course - suitable for level 2 walking or those interested in trainer training for First Response Course at Deer Park, Cowley

First Response - 3 March 2018 Deer Park, Cowley

Update Training - 4 March 2018 Deer Park, Cowley

BOOKING REQUIRED as places are limited. Please contact Rachel, First Aid Trainer,

firstaid@girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk

Deer Park 50 Celebration Camp

Planning for Deer Park 50 Celebration Camp is now under way. The camp will be held from Sunday 28 July - 2 August 2019. We have had a number of leaders volunteering to help on the camp already - you will be contacted directly by Sarah.

We now need further help. This event will include activities for all sections from Rainbows to Trefoil Guild and we would love to have representatives from all groups. No experience, specialist skills or qualifications are required, we want people who will be positive, get stuck in and have fun.

We also need leaders to run sub-camps for Guides and Brownies so if you would like to help in this way do please let me know.

The next meeting will be at Deer Park on 4 Oct at 7.30 pm

If you can help in any way, do contact me.

Val Thomas, guiding.val.thomas@gmail.com

Arts Taster Day - 26 November 2017

<http://girlguidinggloucestershire.us8.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=763960fe9782b4b2e5290992e&id=3ca8333d6e&e=1e16c97f0c>

A very warm invitation to ALL Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section to come and 'have a go'. Come and HAVE FUN with fantastic workshops including; Drama, Circus Skills, Fun with Notes, Dance, Drums and Singing.

Led by professionals from Everyman Theatre; ZumbAtomic; Thomas Trilby (Circus Skills) among others. £20 fee non-refundable (Cheques payable to Girlguiding Gloucestershire) to arrive by 21 October 2017. An info poster and consent form can be found on the website. For more info email the team, arts@girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk

Trefoil Guild - Update

<http://www.girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk/trefoil-guild.html>

Nailsworth & Minchinhampton Trefoil Guild

The first half of the year was filled with interesting talks and many challenges.

Ede Holyhead very kindly talked about her trip to Australia. She showed us wonderful slides of her meeting with her Guiding friends, native flowers and animals.

We had a very interesting talk from Paul Sommersby about the work of the Street Pastors in Stroud. We were admired by their techniques in helping the young and vulnerable.

Our skittles afternoon was, as always, very competitive. This was followed by lots of chat and a lovely tea provided by Eileen Ind.

Joy Hopkins showed us how to make Easter cards which we all managed to make, giving us a sense of achievement.

The Voyage Award team challenged the Guild to making a model of the Clifton Suspension Bridge using scrap materials. Five very different and amazing versions were produced from our everyday use of packets.

We joined Stroud Trefoil Guild on their visit to the Royal Mint near Cardiff. Three Cardiff Trefoil Guild members, who Teresa Baddeley knew, were invited to join us for lunch before our guided tour. It was especially nice for Sue Bufton to meet her old friend Sylvia. Many of us managed to stamp our own new 2017 pound coin which cost far more than a £1!

We were delighted to enrol Frances Little and Sue Smith as new members into our Guild.

News Item - Our Very Own Guiding Star

<http://www.girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk/news/our-very-own-guiding-star>

4th Hucclecote Brownies had some VIPs visit their end of term campfire on 12 July. But they weren't the star of the evening. Region Commissioner, Carole and County Commissioner, Karen presented Chloe Henderson, a very special Brownie, with her GUIDING STAR AWARD! Not many girls receive this national award, which rewards bravery and determination in challenging situations. Read Chloe's story - follow the link.

Secret Facebook Group

Have you joined our secret Facebook Group yet? If not, why not!? Just email the county commissioners with your Facebook email address and they will add you to the group. You'll never look back!