



LEADER NEWSLETTER

December 2017



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and all good wishes from Lyndsey and everyone in the County Team.



Training Sessions

Reminder about January training weekend 20/21 January 2018 at the Marriott

All leaders and YLs doing LQ should have received information about the sessions on 20 January 2018 via their LQ coordinators. If you haven't received this information please ask your LQ coordinator or download the flyer from our County website. Deadline for booking is 18 December.

Safe Space sessions 21 January 2018 at the Marriott

All leaders should have received information about the Level 2 sessions being run on 21 January via your Commissioner. If you have not received this information, please contact your Commissioner or download the flyer from our County website. Deadline for bookings is 18 December.

Training Calendar 2018

The electronic version of the calendar for 2018 will be available on the County website within the next few days. Printed copies will be sent to your Commissioners for them to hand out to Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Young Leaders.

In case you do not received your copy before Christmas, the first 2 trainings next year are; 19th January - First Response Renewal and 3rd February - First Response Training.

Please click on the button below to access the training calendar and booking form.

[**Training Calendar 2018**](#)



Safe Space

Please click on the button below to access the 'A Safe Space' notes. These notes will help you to understand which Safe Space level[s] you are required to do according to your role.

[A Safe Space 2017 Notes](#)



County Events Coordinator

I have recently taken over the exciting role of coordinating the county events planned for the next four years. Every section will have a large event planned specifically for the girls in their age range and there will also be a combined larger scale event for all the sections to attend in a couple of years time.

I already have a small team of enthusiastic leaders who are keen to take part in the planning for these events and share their ideas. However I would love other leaders to get involved too. You may be interested in just supporting your own section event or be

part of an ongoing coordinating sub team. Whatever you would like to do, we would value your contribution and ideas.

Our first event is going to be for Rainbows and their leaders. This event will take place at the end of September/ beginning of October in 2018 so watch out for more details.

If you are interested in becoming part of this team, even for a short period or for a specific role, then please get in touch.

Thank you - Nicky Bull nickybull2000@yahoo.com or telephone 02392861141



UK Parliament Week

Liz Dunning will be adding articles about Parliament Week to the County website so keep an eye out for them.

Below are some of examples of what a couple of units did as part of UK Parliament Week.

Jane Beveridge's Brownies & Guides:

Both units held a secret ballot at the beginning of term to select which activities they would like to carry out under the Engage, Explore and Empower headings.

At the meetings, the hall was arranged with seating in two rows as per Parliament and we discussed the ballot, spoiled papers, the connection with how adults vote, why the seating was arranged with the gap between them. One of the clauses chosen (I was lucky that both sections opted for the same clauses!) was the one about inviting parents in for a quiz and we had 5/6 parents from each unit. This gave me opportunity to explain to parents our policy of giving the girls a voice and that they had chosen the clauses which is why they had been invited to join us.

Engage: secret ballot to choose activities, the seating and the quiz: using the downloaded quiz - this proved quite hard, even for the parents. Used it as a learning tool but I did feel it might have been good to have more age related quiz sheets rather than 6 general. Some parents took the initiative with the Guides to Google unknown answers and learn that way. This very much kept the Guides engaged. The Brownies did seem to find it fun, even though some of it a bit over their heads, but they enjoyed working with the parents.

Explore: Both units opted for food related! They cut out shortbread mixture to make biscuits that looked like Big Ben tower and the houses of parliament - very successful with some wonderful artwork!

Empower: Girls and then parents too were given brain storming sheets to write down Brownie or Guide Laws that they thought should be introduced and ones they wanted rid of. Other sheets did the same for National Laws. Results below:

Brownies wanted new uniform designed, or to wear their home clothes; bring their parents to stay for their first meetings; to eat cake every week; to bring a teddy every week; to have a closing song.

Brownies do not want: to line up at the end of the meeting before going home; to sit down at the end of the meeting; be banned from sitting on tables and doing gymnastics or eating on the carpet during meetings

Guides wanted: lots more charity work; pillow fights; less expensive fun trips; more junk modelling and arty creation times; phones allowed; no uniform; biscuits every week; more badges; uniform for everyone; sweets and sugar every week; run a mile every Guide meeting to keep fit; to take shoes off at the door; be allowed to sit on tables during meetings; adults vacuum at the end of the meeting; more adults in every week; games; suitable footwear; 10 jumping jacks each minute for boisterous Guides; Guides to be represented everywhere, especially internationally; hair tied up at all times; more snack times; more learning of technology; run the marathon every month

Guides do not want: to be banned from sitting on tables or doing gymnastics during meetings; be vacuuming at the end of meetings

New National Laws: Minimum speed limits on motorways as well as maximum; only to smoke if part of your religion; no homework for Key Stage 1 (except phonics and reading);

pizza express everywhere; drones to be banned; CCTV banned from looking over other people's property; schools education on LGBT; no products to be tested on animals; no maths; no algebra; only maths, English and science homework; no terrorism; no animal killing; every pupil to have finance education; a roof over everyone's head; more money to be spent on child abuse, depression, bully and disability issues; no STEM; to vote if you have job however old you are; less expensive make up; religious freedom; GCSE later age; ban of importation of exotic animals not natural to this country; vote at 16; more room for animals in zoos.

Laws to be got rid of: less health and safety laws; going to school; be allowed to eat mince pies on Christmas Day i.e. get rid of all petty outdated laws; be older before you can drive a car; compulsory school.

Heather Darling's Brownies:

We invited a local councillor to our meeting and the girls asked him lots of questions. I was impressed with their questions as a lot of discussion was about the new town facilities, new school, new bypass and all the new houses. One girl who is very shy asked him would there be houses for those who could not afford to buy which I thought was very good from an 8 year old.

Then we had 4 candidates who put themselves forward to be Prime Minister. They made speeches and we voted for our favourite.

We also got them to vote on the new resources and the Region Discoveries in the Dark Badge. They liked the ballot boxes.

In Sixes they also used the activity where they decided what a Minister would do for a day and at what time.



Our Girl Scout Friends from California Fire Report - Can we Help?

In 2012 Hants East members made a visit to San Francisco to visit our Girl Scout friends. This summer 27 Girl Scouts from Sonoma County, Northern California returned for a friendship camp held at Sandy Acres. They had a wonderful time here in Hampshire and then in London renewing and making new Guiding friends.

Unfortunately, as you may have seen in the news recently, the area of Sonoma County that includes Santa Rosa has been devastated by wild fires burning 5449 homes alone. Tragically our friends have been affected by these fires. Five Girl Scouts and 3 Leaders have lost almost everything. Their homes were burnt to the ground and they only have the clothes that they evacuated in. We have sent messages and cards to say we are thinking of them which has been greatly received knowing the Guiding family is thinking of them.

Some Hants East units that have had connections with our friends have started planning fund raising events in the hopes of sending out a small monetary donation to our Girl Scout friends. It may go a little way to replace some of the belongings that they have lost. They have lost all their Scouting mementoes and uniform too which we can help replace.

If you would like to make a donation please contact Becky Lawton

becky.lawton1@ntlworld.com



Ginormous Teddy Bears Picnic

My name is Georgie Palmer and I am the Campaign Manager for The Ginormous Teddy Bears Picnic campaign on behalf of <https://www.themurrayparishtrust.com/>. We are currently in the process of planning our event for next summer and we would love to invite all Hampshire East Girlguides to take part with a particular focus on Rainbows and Brownies.

The Murray Parish Trust raises money for the new Children's Emergency Department at Southampton University Hospital, a facility which will serve most of the South of England and will provide a ground breaking, pioneering unit to treat ill children.

Our website <http://teddybearspicnic.org.uk/> will give you a great idea as to the feel of the campaign and also how easy and straightforward it is to get involved. Last year's event was well supported by local Brownies groups and we would love Girlguiding Hampshire East to be involved too.

Booking now for 2018

THE
NATIONAL
MUSEUM



After Dark! Torch tours at the Submarine Museum

New dates for 2018

Visit the Submarine Museum after hours, take part in a cockroach race, explore the Navy's first submarine Holland One and take part in some horrible but funny science challenges

£4 per person, min of 15 people required. Evenings last approx. 1-2 hours long and can suit the needs and requirements of your group



Movie Makers!

Calling all budding movie makers! Use HMS Alliance as the location for your own film trailer using our iPads and then watch it back on the big screen!

£80 for group of 35

sleepovers at the Submarine Museum

Few remaining dates left for 2019!

Other sessions also available:

Communication

Photography

Attic Investigators

Young Sailor Heroes

Jutland Jack

Sea Girls: Women and the Royal Navy

**To book or for more details about sleepovers
and visits email: daniel.ball@nmrn.org.uk or**

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Captains of the Antarctic

National Museum of the Royal Navy

(Links to the Hampshire Scout Antarctica Expedition Badge for groups)

learn more about Captain Robert Falcon Scott and visit the statue of him that we have in the dockyard.

- investigate the clothing sailors would be required to wear in extreme conditions like our duffel coats, woolly underwear, woollen sea mittens and ration packs
- Have the chance to take part in the blubber glove challenge
- handle real and replica artefacts linked to Royal Navy expeditions to the Antarctic
- Explore the HMS Hear My Story Galleries to see the sledge used by the search party to find the bodies of Scott and his team.
 - learn more about the ships and the crews that went on expeditions to these hostile environments
- Why the Royal Navy still explore these hostile environments today
- Find out about the story of a little penguin which became the newest crew member of HMS Snipe who was adopted by the ship's crew in 1946.



Dates for your Diary

2018

- 20 Jan Division Commissioners & teams [Marriott Hotel]
 - 20 Jan Leadership Day for New Leaders [Marriott Hotel]
 - 21 Jan Mentor training for existing mentors [Marriott Hotel]
 - 21 Jan Safe Space Training [Marriott Hotel]
 - 2 - 13 July Programme Renewal Training
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