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Message from Lyndsey

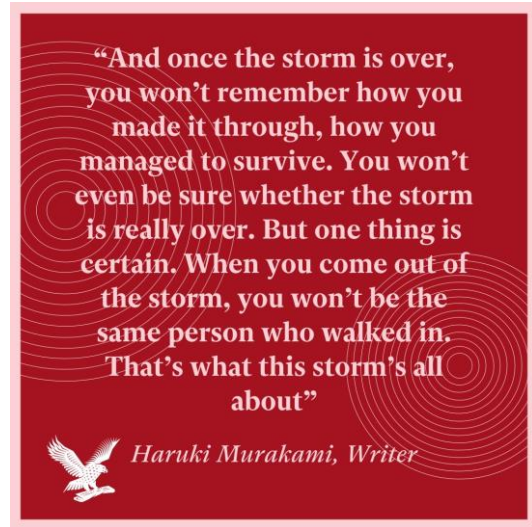
I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well and coping with the current situation.

Best wishes

Lyndsey

Lyndsey Cook

County Commissioner Hants East



National Updates

PGL

There are ongoing issues with events booked with PGL. Some leaders who have received a letter recently should have also received a retraction, it was sent in error. While they are still maintaining their terms and conditions of no refunds, just postponement, there is now an agreement that prices will remain the same.

Helen Parsons [HQ] will continue to fight on member's behalf, and is working tirelessly to try and sort out issues. If you do have issues with them, please contact her; helen.parsons@girlguiding.org.uk

Return to Guiding

HQ, working with Region Chief Commissioners, are beginning to look at a range of scenarios for a return to Guiding, whenever that might be. This is at the very early stages .

A Safe Space

Please continue to undertake Levels 1 and 2 online so that we are all compliant with this when we return.

Webinars are almost ready to go for Level 4 then work will start on Level 3, which will be more difficult due to the sensitive nature of the content.

Talking to parents about paying unit subscriptions

During this unprecedented time, when we've had to pause in-person guiding, you might be worried about how to handle the unit subscriptions that parents pay.

It is likely that your unit costs will be reduced while you are not meeting, but there may be some things that your unit will need to pay, such as rent on storage spaces or buying interest badges once you're able to. Now is a good time to re-budget for the year so that you decide what fees you might need to charge or what fundraising you need to plan to meet these costs. Click on this link for guidance on [budgeting for your unit](#). Don't forget you can set up [a Gift Aid account](#) if you haven't already.

To help you talk to parents, we have developed four template messages. They explain subs payments to parents, and you can send them as a letter or an email.

They're designed for you to adapt to reflect your unit's situation. Each template has options in there which

you can delete or use as appropriate. Click here to download the Word versions of these letters [Subs during Coronavirus](#)

Region Events

Wimbleball - 10-12 July 2020

Following discussions, it has been agreed that the Region will review with Wimbleball the coronavirus situation and a decision will be jointly agreed about whether this event will run or not at the end of May.

At the present time this event is fully booked - 200 places - and there is a waiting list.

RIAT - 17 July 2020

This event has been cancelled.

Try, Inspire and Qualify

This event will take place at Foxlease 11 to 13 September 2020 offering leaders and those aged 16+ a chance to come along and try some adventurous activities normally done by the girls, learn new skills from one of the workshops and / or gain a qualification. Leaders can come for the whole weekend or just a day.

International

ICE Dublin - Easter 2020 - this event was cancelled.

Region INTOPS for adults in April and participants in June/July - these events have both been cancelled.

European Jamboree in Poland - July/August 2020 - Girlguiding has advised that this event has been postponed to July/August 2021. The postponement of this event raises a number of questions which have been passed to Girlguiding but it's unlikely answers will be available until June/July. Trip leaders and participants have been informed of the postponement.

ICE Selection Weekends - 2020-2021 Programme. Two weekends are planned: 18-20 September at Brockmead Scout Campsite, Bristol and 9-11 October at Thirtover Place, Berkshire. Guides selected from these weekends will go on the ICE International to Belgium at Easter 2021. At the present these weekends are still going ahead.

A Safe Space Level 3 and 4 Training

ASS Level 3 & 4 trainings on 13 June and 11 July 2020 are due to take place at St Ann's Manor. At the present time these trainings will go ahead.

Commissioner Conferences

These are due to take place on 19 September in Bristol and 3 October in Basingstoke. Further information will be available shortly.

Residential Badges

We have a couple of new editions to the County Residential Badge range, one day we will be going away again with our girls, until then you can look at what we have available!

There are only 28 pink Rainbow sleepover, 13 pink Guide camp, 48 Orange Guide camp, 72 purple Guide camp and 19 green/turquoise Brownie holiday, 32 gold Brownie holiday and 34 purple Brownie holiday badges but there are over 100 of the others in stock. There has been a slight price rise to 70p each, all the details are on the County website.

Sleepover / Holiday / Camp Badges

New additions for 2020



70p each plus postage

Available from County Badge Secretary:

Liz Dunning, 8 Frosthole Crescent, Fareham, PO15 6AD,
hebadgesecretary@gmail.com



Long Service Awards

Congratulations to the following Leaders and Unit Helpers on gaining their service awards:

SW Region - 1 Year Service Award

Andrea Densham - Horndean
Becca Moore- Portsmouth North
Caroline Nisbet - Petersfield
Emma Morris - Gosport North
Gemma Lewis - Portsmouth North
Julie Langridge - Gosport South
Lorraine Tester - Fareham
Tracy Hazley - Gosport North
Zoe Vaughan - Petersfield

SW Region - 3 Year Service Award

Becky Truscott - Bere Forest
Kirstie Poulton - Horndean

NOTE: Awards will be posted when Region Office re-opens. Awardees will receive an email to notify them of the award, unless they do not have an email on their record.



Dates for your Diary 2020

Please note these dates are subject to change as the coronavirus situation changes

16 May LQ Day for New Leaders - CANCELLED
21 May 1st Response Renewal - CANCELLED
13 Jun 1st Response - CANCELLED
22-26 Jun County Training Week - CANCELLED
27 Sep 1st Response
2-4 Oct County Brownie Activity Weekend
6 Oct Managing Finance & Accounts
14 Oct 1st Response Renewal
22 Nov A Safe Space Level 3
22 Nov LQ Day for New Leaders



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