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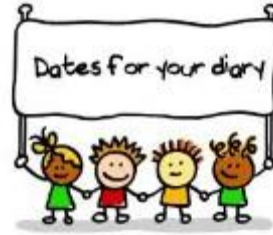
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## New GO System

Firstly, there are quite a few of you that have not registered on the new system.

You should have received an email at the end of August (28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup>) giving you your personalised link to registering on the New System. If you cannot find that email, or the link no longer works, or you never received it please can you contact membership services for a new link. Email:

[membershipservices@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:membershipservices@girlguiding.org.uk)



Every adult Leader needs to be on the system as communications can now be sent via the system.

**Once registered please can all members go in and check that their information is correct. Please look especially at your name. Many of you have your first and middle name in the first name box. Please can you move your middle name to the middle name box. This may seem trivial but the search directory function does not work if you have your middle name in the first name box unless the person doing the search knows your middle name!!**

We seem to be having communication issues between

levels when trying to move girls on. It is up to the leader of the section the girl is moving **from** to move them into the next sections list. Any issues with young members should be directed to your Commissioners or Jan Chapple who will be please to help.

All Leaders need to regularly check their communications. If you click on your name top right once logged in and scroll down and click on my communications it will show any emails received via the system. Please start using this to communicate with Leaders.

We will be looking at other areas that we can now make more efficient by using the system so we will keep you updated.

If you have any problems please contact your Commissioner, Jan Chapple or myself and we will try and help solve them.

Helpful emails: [jchapple@ntlworld.com](mailto:jchapple@ntlworld.com)  
or [kathyacc@outlook.com](mailto:kathyacc@outlook.com) or via the communications on the system

Kathy



## County Workshop Day, 4th November at South Downs College

A reminder that the closing date for bookings is fast approaching. Click on this

link [County workshop day November 2017.doc](#) for the flyer and booking form. This is also available on the Hants East website. You can come for one session, morning or afternoon or both. As we are starting to look forward to the new programme themes in 2018, all the sessions will be cross-sectional and will be suitable for all section programmes.

**Booking deadline is 6 October.**

We will also be holding a training session for New Mentors on this day.

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### **A Few Words from Bluebird the Storyteller**

My thanks to Lyndsey for inviting me to tell stories at the Hants East Thank You Afternoon Tea. I have had some lovely feedback from those present on how much they enjoyed the stories I told. I have also been contacted by other agencies asking to book my services, so thank you for passing on my details.



Stories can work wonders in many ways, none more so than stopping mid story to pass my felt hat around for a paper money collection, in aid of our Guiding sisters affected by Hurricane Irma. The total amount collected was £464.00 which our County Treasurer has passed on to Guiding HQ and received their thanks [see copy of letter below].

For those not present, I should explain I was encouraged to make a felt hat whilst on a storytelling course as I was told it would be useful in my

storytelling life. I hated the wet, smelly, dank process of creating it and have never worn it. However, I have discovered it is great for collecting money in, particularly paper money, and I am overwhelmed by the amount so generously given during the afternoon I am now learning to love my hat!

I am also thrilled to see that the new programme taster packs contain storytelling activities, which can only help to stimulate our imaginations, no matter how young or old we may be. If you would like any help with storytelling activities or would like a storytelling session with your units, please do contact me to discuss.

I am currently taking bookings for story telling sessions for the rest of 2017 and all of 2018. My fees for Guiding groups are heavily discounted, Rainbows £25.00, Brownies £28.00, Guides £30.00, per session plus travel.

Please do contact me if you are interested on 02392 611847 or email [janet@bluebirdstorytelling.co.uk](mailto:janet@bluebirdstorytelling.co.uk)

Thank you again Hants East for a lovely afternoon.

Janet Goring  
Bluebird the Storyteller.



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**RE: Your donation to the Branches Support Fund**

Dear Liz,

I am writing to thank Hampshire East Guides for their exceptionally kind donation of £464.00 raised to help our guiding friends in the Caribbean rebuild after the devastating effects of Hurricane Irma.

Money raised by your Thank You Afternoon Tea will have an enormous impact on ensuring the members and units of Anguilla, Turks and Caicos, and the British Virgin Islands can return to guiding as soon as possible - by replacing guiding resources, uniforms, equipment and publications. On behalf of Girlguiding, please pass on my sincerest thanks to all involved in helping raise this fantastic total.

Thank you again for your kind support, and if you have any questions or wish to find out more about our Branches Support Fund, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With very best wishes,

Kirsty Bates  
Community & Events Officer  
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Girlguiding is an operating name of The Guide Association, incorporated by Royal Charter.  
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## County Website

A reminder that we are constantly adding new items to the County website. Once you have logged into the member's area of the website, click on the 'Latest News' link to find the most recent additions. Once these items become 'old' news, they are

then filed under the relevant heading in the member's area.

Liz Dunning

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## **Hampshire East Guiding Christmas Grotto Requirements 2017**



The Grotto will be in Fareham Shopping Centre between Millets and Debenhams, please ask your girls to report to the grotto at least 30 minutes prior to the start time as they will be required to change into the Elf costumes and be briefed on what they have to do and for fire safety.

Your Unit team will consist of 2 leaders/unit helpers and 4 girls – there are to be no more than 4 girls and **girls cannot swop roles during the session.** (There should be at least 2 adults to help it to run smoothly but if only 1 is possible please let us know **at least 2 weeks beforehand** and we will make arrangements to cover this.)

The Grotto team will consist of 2 Grotto assistants.

The jobs that each member of the unit team are required to do are listed below – please allocate these before your session so everyone is prepared.

- First unit leader / unit helper will meet and greet the children and their parents at the shop door with a smile.
- Second Unit leader / unit helper will chaperone the Elves and Santa during the child's visit.

- Elf 1 will write the names and ages of the children clearly in pen on beige (boys) and green (girls) slips, they will then ask the children and their parents to wait in the queue until the bell rings for them.
- Elf 2 (running elf) will collect the above slips and take them to Elf 3 (present elf) who will be at the very back of the grotto behind the curtains.
- Elf 3 (present Elf) will be behind the curtain with one of the grotto assistants, they will collect the present(s) and pass it/them to Santa before the child/children arrive.
- Elf 4 (sticker elf) will stand on the exit side of the grotto by Santa to give out stickers as the children leave and to wish them all a Merry Christmas.

The Grotto assistants will have the following roles:

- Assistant 1 will collect the money and complete the grotto tally chart.
- Assistant 2 will supervise the collection of the presents, arrange the correct order of delivery to Santa and will ring the bell for the next child when Santa has the presents.

The following rules apply and we would be grateful if you would talk to the girls beforehand to brief them:

- Food and drink can only be consumed behind the curtain in quiet periods. This is to be provided by the unit team.
- There are to be no mobile phones in the Grotto.
- Each girl should have a plain long sleeved jumper (red or green if possible) to wear under



the costume as the Grotto is very close to the entrance to the Shopping Centre and it can get cold.

- It would be great if each girl wore a brightly coloured pair of tights/leggings under the costume and small boots if they have a pair.
- All girls must be polite, helpful and have a smile. The public are paying for their children to come into the Grotto so it's important that they receive a friendly welcome.
- At the end of the session one unit leader / unit helper must supervise the return of the Elf costumes to the hanging rail in the room at the rear of the Guide shop. Please ensure that this area is tidy before you leave.

A consent with the relevant information will be emailed out when the sessions are allocated. These need to be returned to Liz Dunning at least one week before your allocated session. Please ensure that they are filled in correctly including the girl's GO number.

Each member of the unit team will receive a badge for taking part in one of the sessions.

If you would like to apply for one or more sessions please fill in the [application form](#) and return to Liz Dunning before 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.



## Toilet Twinning

2.4 billion people don't have a proper toilet – that is over a third of the world's population.

Toilet Twinning raises funds to provide proper toilets, clean water and hygiene education for people in some of the poorest places on the planet. We know that toilets save lives: they stop the spread of disease, enable children to stay in school and keep women and girls safe from attack.

We have just produced a Community Award for uniformed groups like the Guides.

[Toilet Twinning Flyer.pdf](#)



The Community Award is a fun and quirky way to highlight a serious issue.

For more information and lots of fun activity ideas visit <https://www.toilettwinning.org/group/uniformed-groups/>

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## Havant District Scouts Centre

The Scout centre in Havant is in process of upgrading and will have internet access. Main facilities: Activity hall [13.2m x 5.4m] with projection panel, large whiteboard, pin boards etc. Ideal for training courses and meetings. There is also a small meeting room, newly fitted kitchen, ladies, gents & disabled toilets, grassed areas to front & back and free parking.



Hall bookings are available online at <http://www.havantscouts.org.uk/centre.html>

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## 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]

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