



# FIRST FRIDAY FLYER March 2020

Welcome to your March edition of the First Friday Flyer. It is hard to believe this is our 4<sup>th</sup> flyer, where have the months gone? We have had a few positive comments on the flyer and no negative ones which we can only take to be a good sign. Please do let us know what you think about it. [admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk](mailto:admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk) or [rachel.cnyne@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.cnyne@gmail.com) with any comments.

The only feedback we have had is around having photos of our “spotlight on” member. Going forward we hope to include a photo and in this issue we have a spotlight on Gill Armstrong, our county Queen’s Guide coordinator (with photo!) and photos of Ann Edwards, our county president and Alison Lambert, our county administrator.

No one can have failed to notice that our annual subscriptions are due again, I am sure by the time you read this, most of you will have paid up. If you haven’t yet, don’t forget you need to have paid by 1 April 2020. I am still looking out for which division will be fully paid up first!

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed 4 new county vice presidents - Frances Harrison, Lynn Wagstaff, Margaret Osborne and Petra Jackson. Our county vice presidents promote Guiding at every opportunity and support Ann Edwards, our county president. If you have never attended the annual vice-president’s lunch then why not come along if you can, see the link below. It is a lovely event, with an interesting speaker, which helps raise some funds for our county but more importantly is a lovely social occasion for everyone.

Thanks to everyone who came along to our leaders’ day in Pickering in February. We hope you had a useful day and enjoyed our small thank you gift - we really do appreciate you giving up even more time for Girlguiding. Plans are underway for our next leader’s day later in the year.

Yours in guiding

Rachel

County Commissioner

# Useful dates

**Sunday 29 March 2020** - Barneybeck work day

**Tuesday 21 April 2020** - Vice Presidents' Lunch, Vale of York Hotel, Pickering  
<http://girlguidingnyne.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/VP-Lunch.docx.pdf>

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** - **County Annual Review**. Suncourt Suite, Scarborough Spa, 2pm. Look out for the invitation arriving in your email inbox in the very near future.

**Friday 5 June - Sunday 7 June 2020** - Ready Steady Camp weekend at Barneybeck  
<http://girlguidingnyne.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/County-Camp-Weekend-5-7-June-2020.pdf>

**Saturday 26 September - Sunday 27 September 2020** - NEE Flamingo Fling 2 at Flamingoland  
<http://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/events/flamingo-fling-26-27-september-2020/>

## Trainings

LQ Training, Safe Space, First Response Refresher  
29th March 2020  
[Stokesley](#)

Safe Space  
26th April 2020  
[Scarborough](#)

1st Response Refresher and Safe Space Level 3  
9th May 2020  
[Bedale](#)

1st Response Refresher  
16th June 2020  
[Stokesley](#)

Safe Space Level 3  
9th July  
[Helmsley](#)

First Response  
11th July  
[Scarborough](#)

Other dates will be available soon, we're awaiting confirmation of bookings. The website and social media pages will be updated regularly with training dates. To book a place on any training, please follow the link below

<http://girlguidingnyne.org.uk/news/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/GirlguidingNYNE/>

# Holme House Special Offer

Holme House is our very own house in the heart of the North York Moors that sleeps 30 and is an ideal venue for taking your Brownies, Guides and Rangers away. The house is being offered at a special rate of £100 a night for bookings made between 20 March and 19 April 2020 or 4<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May. You can book just a sleepover, a whole weekend or longer during this period. So why not take advantage of this special offer and email [holmehouse@girlguidingnyne.org.uk](mailto:holmehouse@girlguidingnyne.org.uk) for more info?

Worried that you would not be able to get your forms in on time to take advantage of this special offer? Remember that although the guidelines say that the "Part one of the REN form" must be sent to your commissioner at least 12 weeks before the event it also states that "a shorter period may be accepted in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of your commissioner". So why not ask today?

Want to find out more about on Holme House and the facilities it has to offer? Want to see what other dates are available during the year? Then visit our web site at <http://girlguidingnyne.org.uk> and find us under "Accommodation" and "Holme House". We also have an equipped campsite next to the house which can be booked separately.



**Wanted!**  
**Camp Team Members**



**Who:** leaders to be part of the sub team for the overnight camp at Flamingo Land. I am after five like minded people.

You don't need to hold a residential qualification, however if you have experience of Guides Camping and/or Brownie Camping then this would be beneficial.

**When:** from 5.00p.m. Friday Evening, 25<sup>th</sup> September to help set up the subcamp, until 4.00 Sunday afternoon 27<sup>th</sup> September or when the last bus leaves - whichever is the sooner.

**What will you do?** In 2018 we had about 1500 people staying overnight, of which our sub camp was the biggest. We are responsible for ensuring tents were pitched sensibly and getting campers on and off the field. We also acted as a point of reference for inexperienced leaders who needed advice.

Camp teams will be able to go into the park but this will be on a rota basis as we need to ensure that we have someone on the sub camp at all times. As people begin to leave the site the teams also need to be available to help campers to load their equipment and girls onto the buses.

**What do you get?** Camp team members will get free places for the event

Think you're up to the challenge of joining my camp team, or have any questions before you commit then drop me an email with your name and the unit you are with and I will get back to you.

Susan Dickinson

Email - [susan.dickinson@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk](mailto:susan.dickinson@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk)

# International Opportunities

## County International Trip 2021 - Leaders Required

We hope to organise a county international trip in 2021.....

In order to make this trip happen we need some leaders who would be interested in being involved. We would also like these leaders to have a say in where the trip should be going to, what the participants will be doing and who it should be open to.

As you can see, nothing is planned yet, this is just the seed of an idea and the canvas is currently blank but we do need to get moving if we want the trip to take place next summer!

If this offer appeals to you and you would like to be considered for a place on the leadership team please send your application to [Rachel.ccnynne@gmail.com](mailto:Rachel.ccnynne@gmail.com) by 30 March 2020. In your application please include the following:

Your membership number and relevant Girlguiding qualifications (e.g GAW licence, international module)

Your current roles and experience in Girlguiding

Your experience of international travel within Girlguiding (if any), to include what capacity you have travelled with Girlguiding, eg as a girl, assistant leader, leader in charge etc

Your ideas on a possible exciting trip and anything else you think would be useful for us to know.

Please also tell us why you think you should be considered as a leader on this trip.

As long as we can get the right mix of leaders with experience and qualifications, we do not necessarily expect all the leaders to have the required qualifications as hopefully successful leaders can use the trip to gain experience.

Closing date for applications is Monday 30 March 2020.

## Audrey Sissons Award

### What is the Audrey Sissons Award

Audrey Sissons was the NYNE county commissioner until 1977. When she finished her role she was presented with a silver dish by the county. Her wish was that the dish would be put to good use within the county and she asked that it be awarded for “service in the community” and that it must not have any competitive element to it.

Since 1977 a silver dish has been awarded each year to a unit in the county for their excellent service in the community.

### Who can receive the Award

Any Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Ranger Unit can be considered for the award which is presented annually at the county review.

Division and District Commissioners can nominate units for the award so please make sure your commissioner knows what wonderful service projects your units are doing in the community.

Last year’s recipient of the award was - 1<sup>st</sup> Sherburn Rainbows and Brownies.

Which unit will receive the Audrey Sissons Award for 2019?



## 18-30 offer

The 18-30 offer is about providing opportunities for young women, these are all going to be peer led and can be all sorts from training to social opportunities and adventures at home and internationally.

Activities will be available to pick and choose depending on your interests. Within these there are going to be 7 pathways and 2 themes.

Emily is hoping to arrange an event before summer, however that may change depending on how difficult it proves as to the timescale. The facebook page is going to be the main method of communication at the moment but there will also potentially be an instagram account as well.

Please pass back any ideas as to what you would like to see provided. Email [admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk](mailto:admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/NYNE1830/>

## National Village Hall Census

Rural Charity Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) releases a comprehensive survey to 10,000 village halls once every ten years.

ACRE will use the data collected to help secure funding for halls, to ensure that advice and information adapts to the challenges facing volunteer hall committees and that the ACRE Network can continue to provide the very best support.

ACRE wants to hear from all kinds of community buildings, the survey is aimed at traditional village halls as well as community centres, sports pavilions, church halls, churches providing community use, community centres, Miners Welfare Institutes, WI halls and community pubs providing meeting rooms.

ACRE's previous surveys carried out in 1988, 1998 and 2009 paved the way for essential license changes, informing policy and securing the recent £3m improvement grant fund, which has been hinted by MP Robert Jenrick may continue "If we can provide the evidence."

What do you need to do? Simply click the link below and help ACRE help you.

<https://acre.org.uk/our-work/national-village-and-community-hall-survey>

## Girlguiding and She Rallies - partnership opportunity



### What is She Rallies?

[She Rallies](#) is a programme developed by Judy Murray in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). The aims are to grow and improve the female coaching workforce, attract and retain more women and girls in tennis, and raise the profile of the female game. Over the past three years the programme has empowered 65 female coach Ambassadors, who have been supported and mentored by Judy, to train up over 2000 local Activators.

### What's an Activator?

Activators are the programme's community tennis deliverers who have inspired over 20,000 girls to pick up a racket and try tennis. Activators are made up of coaches, teachers, mums, volunteers, and young leaders. The training is non-technical, so you don't have to be a tennis whizz to take part. All the content is centred on creating a fun environment, developing basic skills, games, and activities.

[Lil Miss-Hits](#) is the content and training developed by Judy Murray specifically aimed at girls aged 5-8, to introduce them to tennis in a fun environment. There are 6 weeks' worth of simple games and activities which are super easy to deliver and help girls to build confidence, develop universally useful skills and have heaps of fun!

### Who can become an Activator?

Girls and women aged 16 and above can become Activators and female role models.

### What happens after an Activator is trained?

Activators will be supported by a local She Rallies Ambassador and can apply for a bag of kit which contains everything required to help them deliver their sessions. They then go out and deliver sessions to local units and inspire girls to give tennis a go!

### How would this work with Girlguiding?

Ambassadors can organise local training opportunities for members aged 16 and above. On completion of the training the "Activators" would then work with their units / districts to deliver fun sessions to girls.

### What will members get out of She Rallies?

As Activators, they'll get basic skills in tennis, confidence to coach others, tutoring and presenting experience, and the chance to inspire girls to fight against gender barriers in sport. For the girls they lead with, they'll have fun, get active and perhaps even discover they are the next Serena Williams!

### What happens next?

At country/region level, support is required to communicate this opportunity and gauge levels of interest from counties/districts, helping to facilitate relationships with the network of She Rallies Ambassadors to organise local training.

Gillian Bradley [gillian.bradley@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk](mailto:gillian.bradley@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk) in region office needs to know of interest by **Friday 13 March** so please get in touch

# Spotlight on - Our County Queen's Guide Co-ordinator - Gill Armstrong:



I am NYNE Queens Guide Co-ordinator and at the moment we have 7 young women in County actively doing their Queens Guide Award. It is my role to help QG candidates to find opportunities for service or residential events, make sure they stay on track and give encouragement and advice when the going gets tough.

The 3 years goes really quickly for the award and there is a lot to pack in including the Lead Away or Going Away License, a research project, service in Guiding and an expedition or exploration.

I really enjoy seeing the plans the candidates come up with and looking at all their different pathways to the award, in the last couple of years we have had one young person travel to Madagascar, one do a project on hate crime with North Yorkshire Police, service crew at Wellies, volunteer with Age Concern telephone befriending, research charity giving and organise a District event to celebrate the Queens birthday.

In the last two years 5 young women in County have completed their award with 3 more due to complete this year, there are lots of opportunities for adventure with QGA and lots of support on offer too.



Ann Edwards  
County President



Alison Lambert  
County Administrator

Look out for the next edition of the  
**First Friday Flyer on  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**