



FIRST FRIDAY FLYER 3rd April 2020

Welcome to the April edition of your First Friday Flyer. Five months ago when we had our first edition I don't think any of us would have imagined we would be in a "lock down" situation by Easter and all our daily lives changed so radically. I know we have leaders in all the possible scenarios from those having to self-isolate for 12 weeks to those who are still going to work as normal and everything in between. I know we also have units in all possible scenarios from those trying to run meetings with modern technology, to those who are not able to do anything and everything in between. In these challenging times which are unprecedented for all of us, I think we need to remember there is no right or wrong thing to do. Each individual leader must do exactly what is right for them, remember we are all volunteers and Girlguiding may not be the top priority for some people at the moment. We will have plenty of time to pick things up again when life returns to normal and to reignite the enthusiasm of our members.



This First Friday Flyer will be slightly depressing reading as most of it will contain cancelled events which includes our county annual review. I was really looking forward to being able to present many long services awards and other awards at this event but hopefully we can still run the event but perhaps later in the year when the situation changes.

(the picture above is just some wild primulas (correct me if I am wrong) in my garden. Many years ago there was just one flower and there are more every year and we now have pink ones as well for the first time this year - nature carries on regardless!)

Wishing you all a Happy Easter in whatever form it may take for you this year and let's hope we are all able to meet up again soon

Yours in Guiding

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Our Guiding Light

I am not sure where this idea originated from but you may like to share it with your girls as well.

We are asking for all girlguiding members to place a lit candle (battery one) In their windows every Sunday evening from 7.10pm - 8.20pm whilst girlguiding activities are suspended to keep our 'guiding light' alive. (Time is 1910 to 2020!) Please share within your guiding groups. 🌈 🕯️

Virtual Meetings

For those who do want to try and do something remote with their units Girlguiding have included some really useful additional guidance about how to do this safely, and here are some useful points. Please remember though that this is totally optional and no leader must feel under any pressure to do any online Guiding. Each leader's situation is unique and while this may work for some leaders, for many it is not going to be possible:

Full guidance can be found at "Getting Started with Online Guiding"

1. Guiding online has all the same, and some additional, safeguarding and accessibility concerns and requirements.
2. Units can choose to offer lone guiding (sending activities for girls to complete at home) or virtual meetings (video calls) or a combination...
3. ...or neither. No volunteer, young member or carer should feel under pressure to do online guiding. If people want or need a break, that is fine!

Safeguarding:

- Virtual guiding should be treated as an activity outside of the unit meeting, you'll need to get written permission from parents for girls to join in.
- Like a physical unit meeting, at least two volunteers should be present on any call you hold and you should do a risk assessment for activities.
- Make sure you've discussed and explored the technology with your unit volunteers before starting to make sure everyone is comfortable.
- For group calls, girls under 14 should use their parent/carers account, and a parent/carer should be in the room throughout the meeting.

Accessibility:

- Virtual meetings will take getting used to - work with your unit to decide on some rules to try and make sure everyone's individual needs are met.
- Not everyone has the same access to the internet or may have shared devices. Discuss your plans with parents so they know in advance what space, time and materials they are able to provide.

IF IN DOUBT:

- Refer to Girlguiding's code of conduct and policies on safeguarding, data management, social media and digital communications.
- Contact safeguarding@girlguiding.org.uk as you normally would with any safeguarding concerns • Contact volunteersupport@girlguiding.org.uk with any questions

Useful dates

Due to the current situation the following events are cancelled 😞

Tuesday 21 April 2020 - Vice Presidents' Lunch, Vale of York Hotel, Pickering

Sunday 17th May - County Annual Review. Suncourt Suite, Scarborough Spa, 2pm.

We are hoping that we may still be able to run the following events:

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

Due to the current situation the following training is cancelled 😞

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

We are hoping that we may still be able to run the following events:

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](#)

The website and social media pages will be updated regularly with information. To book a place on any training, please follow the link below

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

Message for all those working on their Queen's Guide Award

Hello. Due to all current situation with coronavirus (COVID19) and this pausing all Girlguiding events and activities, I understand this is going to affect some (if not all) elements of your Queen's Guide award. During this time, please don't worry - you can pause those elements affected, and once things resume, we will work out a new, extended completion date together to make sure you have time to complete the elements affected.

Please contact Gill Armstrong, NYNE Queens Guide Co-ordinator if you are currently registered as doing your award.

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Checking your GO record

While you may have a bit of spare time on your hands, please can we ask every leader to check their Go record to make sure it is up-to-date, particularly around long service awards. We are aware that awards seem to have disappeared off Go and we would like to get this up-to-date. If you know your long service award is missing please contact Alison at admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk and she will aim to update things for you. If the length of your service is incorrect you will need to contact the membership team at HQ.

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 - 1st Sherburn Rainbows and Brownies.

Which unit will receive the Audrey Sissons Award for 2019?

NYW Sunflower Challenge

<https://www.girlguidingnyw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Sunflower-Challenge-Pack-V2.pdf>

Please see the link to the NYW sunflower challenge which is perhaps something leaders can offer to girls which they can do at home and spread a little sunshine.

Limerick Competition

The Scout County Creative Activities Team is looking to run a different “creative” competition each month. For April we would love to make a book of limericks about Scouting and Guiding and we need your help. The competition is open to everyone involved in Scouting and Guiding in the County of North Yorkshire (from Beavers and Rainbows through to adults). We will put all the best entries in the book and there will be prizes for the top entries in each section

A limerick is a five-line poem with a bouncy rhythm, which can be serious, but is usually funny or just silly! Limericks have certain rules:

- The first two lines each contain 8 or 9 syllables and rhyme with each other.
- The 3rd and 4th lines each contain 5 or 6 syllables and rhyme with each other.

- The last line has 8 or 9 syllables and rhymes with the first two lines.

To give you an idea as to what we mean, here are a couple of examples of limericks,

There was once a brown dog called Spot,

Who tied up his tail with a knot,

To remember his bone,

Which he'd left back at home,

When he sometimes went out for a trot.

Rebecca Telford (Age 7) There is a maths teacher called Rundle,

Who ties up his books in a bundle,

It's too heavy he feels,

So he's put it on wheels,

Now Rundle can trundle his bundle!

Amanda Chew (Age 13)

The competition will be open for submission by 30 April 2020, any entry received beyond that date will not be judged. Entries must be submitted to the following email address only: creative@nys.org.uk

All entries must be submitted with the name of the author, section (Beaver, Brownie etc), Scout or Guide group, District plus Guide county details, an email or postal contact and confirmation that the limerick is all the entrant's own work. The entries will be judged in the appropriate section, all judging will be anonymous and the decisions of the judges will be final.

Further information or for any queries please contact;

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Spotlight on Kirsty Quince - County Training Advisor

I would like to start my introduction by saying a huge THANK YOU to all those who have attended trainings over the last year, especially those of you who have completed their Safe Space training either online or at a face-to-face session. By attending the trainings relevant to your role, not only are you increasing your knowledge, but it puts you in a better position to deliver quality Guiding to the young members in our county.

The role of County Training Advisor, for me began in November 2017. In this time, I have organised a county team weekend at Waddow Hall, numerous Safe Space and 1st Response trainings, Going Away With trainings and 2 County Leader's Days. Today, I have just come off the phone to the lead trainer for our next County Team Weekend at Waddow Hall, Strictly Come Guiding, in July 2021. We have begun outlining trainings for commissioners, advisors,

leaders of many years and for those new to a leadership role. No matter what your experience, we will have sessions to inspire and enthuse your Guiding journey. If you would like to be part of this weekend (3-5th July 2021), to meet up with old friends, make new ones and see how the county works, then this weekend could be for you. More details will be available in September.

Being the Training Advisor allows me to meet leaders from across the county and trainers from across the region. No matter how many trainings I attend, I always come away with something new to take back to my unit or Division. As part of the role, I attend regional trainer and advisor meetings, they also inspire me and guide me to arrange trainings relevant to today's Guiding.

Apart from my training role, I am the commissioner for Leven Division and leader for 1st Whorlton Guides and have been with this unit since I was a Guide myself! Being a leader is a chance for me to give back to the organisation for the amazing time and opportunities I received as a Brownie, Guide and Ranger. It is not completely selfless; I enjoy being a leader just as much as my Guides enjoy being a Guide. I get to be 10 - 14 year old for an hour and half each week!

I would whole heartily recommend being a part of the county team, you learn and grow as an individual as well as continuing the development of Guiding across North Yorkshire North East.



**Look out for the next edition of the
First Friday Flyer on
Friday 1st May 2020**