



FIRST FRIDAY FLYER

6th November 2020

Here we are in November and who would have thought we would be starting a second lockdown. The latest guidance from the Girlguiding website is:

From 5 November, England is going into a four-week lockdown. No face-to-face guiding meetings can happen throughout the lockdown – indoors or outdoors. This includes adult volunteer meetings or training sessions. The lockdown replaces the tier system in England for this period.

We will review guidance at the end of the four-week period on 2 December and update volunteers as soon as we have more information. Remember you can still meet virtually with your unit – [take a look at the virtual meeting guidance](#) - and we would encourage you to do so. We may not be able to meet in person but we know that girls need Girlguiding more than ever in these difficult times. Read more guidance from the [National Youth Agency](#).

We all know that the longer this goes on, the bigger impact it is going to have on our membership. All we can really do at the moment is ride the storm the best we can, keep as positive as we can and then put all our energy and enthusiasm into rebuilding Girlguiding as soon as we are able to, hopefully in the not too distant future.

If you are looking for some activities for the girls to do, either at home on their own or over Zoom, don't forget our Virtual Escapades badge. Orders are starting to come in for the Bonfire Window and planning for the Christmas window is well underway.

Please read the information below about Safe Space, this is something that is not going to go away.

Our spotlight this month is on Agnes Baden Powell. We could not do Olave and miss Agnes out. Jane Gilby has kindly written this for us.

Going forward I would like to open up "Spotlight on" to other people and other things Guiding related. Please feel free to submit something for "Spotlight on" – it could be something your unit has done, a suggested activity that has worked or tell us about your leadership team or something one of your girls has done or anything else you like. I am waiting for the division commissioners to send me some information about themselves as well to include (subtle hint to those who have not sent anything yet!). Please email Rachel.ccnynne@gmail.com with your ideas.

Yours in Guiding

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Amazon Smile

We now have a County Account on Amazon Smile, which means that when you shop with Amazon, you can raise money for us at the same time, with no cost to yourself!

In order to do this, go to smile.amazon.co.uk, search for the Guide Association North Yorkshire North East, and click as appropriate. To shop and give us a donation, go through smile.amazon.co.uk, or you can activate AmazonSmile under 'settings' in the Amazon App on your phone.

Thank you in anticipation.

Jane Gilby

Treasurer

Trainings

No trainings are available at the moment, the website and social media pages will be updated regularly with information. <http://girlguidingnyne.org.uk/news/>
<https://www.facebook.com/GirlguidingNYNE/>

Girlguiding North Yorkshire North East Virtual Escapades



We have now launched the Bonfire Night window and hopefully you have seen this and have forwarded it to all your members or you are considering how you can do some of the activities via zoom in the coming weeks.

We have had people apply for badges who have not done the camp/holiday window yet so that is encouraging. We would welcome some comments on the facebook page if you can please.

To help with your planning the windows are going to run as follows:

Bonfire Night – 16 October – 30 November 2020

Christmas Fun – 1 December – 15 January 2021

Thinking Day – 1 February – 26 March 2021

Activities can take place outside of these time frames but they would not be able to enter the competitions.

We are selling badges at cost price as this badge is about encouraging retention, not about fund raising so the badges are really good value.

<https://www.facebook.com/Virtual-Escapades-NYNE-107827974322951/>

Girlguiding during Covid19

Keep an eye on the website and also emails that come out with all the up-to-date information.

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/coronavirus-keeping-safe/>

Safe Space Training

Safe Space and first response training – important information, please read

The year is really marching on and there is now less than 2 months until everyone needs to be compliant with their safe space training as required for **all** their roles.

We really cannot stress enough the importance of completing your safe space training. You can choose to do levels 1 and 2 either online at your own convenience or sign up for a zoom training. There are very limited number of places left on zoom trainings so I would get signed up immediately if you want to do it this way.

We need to make sure everyone is aware they need to complete the training. **Please can we ask all unit leaders to check their leadership teams and make sure everyone is compliant.** There are some adults on Go with no email address so they will not have been getting notifications. If you have residential helpers/occasional helpers who are not compliant and have not helped out for a while, perhaps end their roles currently and then when they are helping again, they can do the training at that point. Also there are many young leaders, in particular, who have no email address on Go so they will not have been getting reminders about the training. **We need unit leaders to also check all their young leaders and make sure they are compliant and also update their Go records with an email address.**

While you are checking your leadership teams, please can you also check first response qualifications as well, there are quite a number of units who show as having no first aid certificate and each unit needs a minimum of one person. By the time you read this, you will have probably received the Making Guiding Happen memo which will included changes to the first response qualification.

Safe Space Level 1

https://training.girlguiding.org.uk/a-safe-space-module-1/?_ga=2.20777656.1446745953.1580679370-1071633433.1534847874#/menu/5c0fa48062cb836f2d73dc79

Safe Space Level 2

<https://training.girlguiding.org.uk/a-safe-space-module-2/#/menu/5c1b888888f2971c5fe4d881>

The following trainings are available from Region, please follow the links below to book a space.

Level 3

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-3-tickets-117532198971?dm_i=4W2E,DRV5,1B010T,1LNZV,1

Level 4

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-4-tickets-117429445633?dm_i=4W2E,DRV5,1B010T,1LNZV,1

Not sure which level you need? See below, but you are all welcome to do the level above the one required for your role.

Level 1

For all volunteers including occasional helpers, GO coordinators, home contacts, peer educators and young leaders.

Level 2

For leaders, assistant leaders, unit helpers, leaders in training, young leaders, peer educators, those attending residential events and those that are doing level 3 and 4.

Level 3

For anyone leading a team of adults, at least one leader per unit (leader, assistant leader, leader in training), mentors, advisers, coordinators (except GO coordinators), licence holders on residentials, trainers, tutors and those doing level 4.

Level 4

For all commissioners, designates, deputies and those sharing a role, trainers delivering A Safe Space Level 4, safeguarding leads and A Safe Space advisers.

Spotlight on...Agnes Smyth Baden-Powell (16th December 1858 to 2nd June 1945)



Agnes was the younger sister of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, and it is to her that we owe the early development of Girl Guiding as an organisation separate from Scouting.

By 1909 there were well over 6000 girls taking part in Scouting and thoroughly enjoying themselves. However, Lord B-P decided that it would be better to set up a separate organisation for the girls, and he asked his sister Agnes to be in charge.

Agnes was skilled in all the household arts expected of a well-bred lady of her generation, but she also had a wide range of hobbies and interests. She was involved in aviation, both in balloons and in aeroplanes, and helped her younger brother with sourcing and repairing engines. Her hobbies included metalwork, bicycle stunt-riding, astronomy, and camping.

She managed to create a programme of activities which steered a skilful middle path between what the girls wanted to do - and what their parents wanted to see them doing. She set up Guiding on a solid footing, and soon had a room rented for the office, and an executive committee staffed with keen, experienced, distinguished and influential lady charity organisers and fundraisers who were capable of quickly taking things forward on a sound footing - and whose clear support for the scheme also helped to demonstrate the respectability and appropriateness of the plans to nervous parents.

In 1912 she wrote the first handbook 'How Girls can Help to Build Up the Empire'. Based on B-P's 'Scouting for Boys', it contained an amazing range of detailed and valuable information on both the outdoor and domestic aspects of Guiding.

In 1916, however, Agnes was superseded as Chief Guide by her much younger sister-in-law Olave, and given the honorary office of President. Not long afterwards, Princess Mary was appointed President and Agnes demoted to Vice-President. Over the next few years, Agnes was completely pushed aside.

She died in 1945 and was buried in the family plot in Kensal Green Cemetery, north London. For reasons unknown, her name has never been added to the family monument. The Agnes Baden-Powell Guild was formed in 2013 to raise money to restore the monument and add her name, and to raise her profile within Guiding.

Contact Jane Gilby via admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk if you'd like to know more.

**Look out for the next edition of the
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Friday 4th December 2020**