



UPDATE
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Welcome from the County Commissioner



It has been a busy month for me. I renewed my First Response on a bright sunny day at Faurefold and took the opportunity to honour Kate and Angela with their good service awards. The training was excellent. I then visited Epsom Division meeting and surprised Division Commissioner, Mary, with her Region Chief Commissioner Award. Congratulations to all our very well-deserved award winners.

By now you should all have had the chance to look at the new Learning platform and see when your training is due for renewal - the good news is now you can do it ahead of time (ie within 120 days of the renewal date) and the next renewal will remain as 3 years from the last. There are also lots of interesting webinars available for volunteers with topics like being a commissioner, disability and inclusion, effective communication. Do take a look at the course catalogue to see the full list of opportunities available to you.

Next week I will be joining the Trefoil County Annual Review to thank them for their support and share a summary of Guiding in Surrey East over the past couple of years. We will be sharing some of the amazing things that you have done to keep Guiding during the lockdown, the challenges we have faced and what we have learned from the experience.

Thank you to all commissioners/leaders/administrators who have paid their annual subscriptions. The deadline is fast approaching and there are just the last few remaining so please do this urgently now. If you are having difficulties, please contact your local commissioner for help.

As the weather improves and the sun begins to shine, we all have the opportunity to be out and about with our units. Headquarters are progressing their online recruitment campaign - but please don't forget that the best advert for Girlguiding is you and our young members having fun. Thank you for all that you do.

Beverly Heywood-Jones
Surrey East County Commissioner

Save the Date!

Surrey East County Day- Saturday 1st October

Awards

Congratulations to our Award winners this month.

Division Commissioner Mary Zoeller receives the Region Chief Commissioner's Award

County Commissioner, Beverly Heywood-Jones, attended the Epsom Division Meeting to present Division Commissioner [Mary Zoeller](#) with the Region Chief Commissioner's Award. This had been awarded during covid, but we were waiting for a face-to-face opportunity to present it. In nominating Mary for the award, her peers spoke of Mary's endless enthusiasm for Guiding, her community and the positive impact she has on those around her. One person said that Mary's enthusiasm is infectious, and that Epsom Division would not be the same without her.

The Region Chief Commissioner award is presented to a member of Guiding who has made an outstanding contribution to Guiding and is one of the highest awards given. Congratulations Mary on receiving the Region Chief Commissioner's Award. Very well deserved.



Good Service Awards for Kate and Angela

Kate Fowles and Angela Hammond were awarded the County Good Service brooch at the County First Response training held at Faurefold by Beverly Heywood-Jones, County Commissioner. Kate is an excellent County First Response Trainer bringing both her practical experience as a volunteer and her skills as a trainer to the benefit of everyone who attends. In addition, she is Guide leader for 5th Dorking Guides and Division Commissioner for Leith Hill. Angela has managed the administration for County First Response training for 3 years and supports the training with her professional nursing experiences.

The Good Service brooch is presented by the County Commissioner to volunteers who provide excellent service to the County. Angela and Kate were nominated for the award by the former County Commissioner – Lesley Bailey. Congratulations to them both.



Upcoming Trainings

A Safe Space Level 3 (All sessions are open to everyone in the county)

Saturday 14th May 9.00am-12.00pm Banstead HQ

Saturday 25th June 9.00am-12.00pm Stoneleigh Methodist Church

For more information and to book, please go to: [Training | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)

A Safe Space Level 4

If you are a commissioner and need to complete a Safe Space Level 4 for your Girlguiding role, our LaSER trainers have 2 upcoming courses for you to choose from:

- [Saturday 9th April 9:30am - 12:30pm](#)
- [Friday 6th May 1:00pm - 4:00pm](#)



Changes to First Response Training

From 1st April Girlguiding is changing the way first response courses are delivered. It still has three distinct sessions to be completed plus the e learning but all of session 1 must now be delivered face to face only. Ideally you should complete session 1 before attending other sessions as this gives you the basic approach to all situations. All elements of the course (the three sessions and e learning) must be completed within a 3 month time period. You can of course complete all except the e- learning on a full day face to face session. Places are limited on courses so please book in early and please let us know if you need to cancel so that someone else may be offered the place.

The e-learning part can be found on the Girlguiding learning platform, under Find Learning - it is the very first item listed.

Those who have not completed their face to face session following their online course is urged to identify themselves urgently to surreyeastggfirstresponse@gmail.com so that their training can be completed before 1st April and still be counted.

Anyone already booked into the course of 15th and 29th March and 5th April can complete under the pre-1st April conditions but should try to arrange the face -to-face part as soon as possible.

Courses can be found on our website under: For Our members/Training/First Response: <https://www.girlguidingsurreyeast.org.uk/first-response/> . For those that complete their training there are First Response badges available on our Laser region shop: <https://girlguiding-laser.myshopify.com/> Courses may also be available on the region website.



Has your unit completed the Epsom Town Challenge yet?

To celebrate the unveiling of the new statue of suffragette Emily Davison who was killed at the Derby, Epsom Division has put together a circular walk round the Town taking in lots of interesting landmarks including where royalty stayed, where a riot happened, celebration of past Derby winners, why the clocktower was created and of course the Emily Davison new statue. It takes about an hour and there's a lovely badge available for £1. It's suitable for all age groups.

For a copy of the challenge and badge order details please contact Mary Zoeller (Epsom Division Commissioner) mary@maryzoeller.co.uk



Sad News

Epsom Division was sorry to receive the sad news that Sylvia Milner has died.

Sylvia was a long standing and active member of Ewell Trefoil Guild. She left some years ago to live in Devon with her daughter. Before that she was a Leader at 1st Stoneleigh Guide pack from the mid-1970's to mid-1980's. After that she co-ran the 1st Stoneleigh Rainbows from 1998 to 2008.

She will be sadly missed

Mary Zoeller, Epsom Division Commissioner

Faurefold Guide Activity / Giant Art Day: May 14th 2022 10am-4pm



Get your guide unit out and about this May and join us for the Faurefold Guide Activity and Giant Art Day.

Spend a fun day in the natural surroundings at Faurefold and learn and try new skills. Guides will experience lots of different activities whilst creating large “ installations “ around Faurefold for others to enjoy when they visit.

Guides will be able to explore the site and join in the activities they find taking place around the site. There will be loads to choose from and no need to be an artist!!.

This is what we currently have lined up:

- Willow weaving giant insects
- Shed Mural
- Terracotta totem pole
- Wood block printing to make bunting
- Create a big spiders web
- Mud sculpture
- Messages on leaves
- Build a blind fold course for the Brownies
- Painting

As well as the art activities we'll be running some campsite cooking with different things to try.

To book visit us at our website: [Guides Activity Day Booking](#)

Cost is £10 per Guide and everyone will need a packed lunch and suitable clothes for the weather.

Give Rugby a TRY

Brownies and Guides are invited to join Girlguiding and England Rugby to Give Rugby a TRY on **Saturday 7 May**, at the Old Reigatian Rugby Club. Tickets (free of charge) will be available via the Girlguiding LaSER website in March.

See [our Region website](#) for more details.



Faurefold- Rainbow Activity Day – Saturday 15th June.

Bookings **Fully Booked** March!

<https://www.faurefold.co.uk/activity-day-bookings-are-open/>