



## Welcome from the County Commissioner



Attending Scoutabout earlier this month reminds me of the best things about Guiding. Firstly, there were over 5000 young people having the time of their lives without a mobile phone in sight. Also, there were opportunities for young people - on the service crew, in the marketing and comms team or in administration. There were hundreds of volunteers coming together with their common goal of making this event the best that they could - sharing memories of events in the past and happy to be back camping together. It was hard work, but it was wonderful to be back. We are lucky that Surrey Scouts make us feel so welcome.

My next County Update will be in September. Please do register for our County Day in October, which will be an opportunity for volunteers across the county to meet up, get some training to help you in unit Guiding and to get some great ideas for activities.

Also do complete the County Planning questionnaire below to tell us your thoughts on what the County team should focus on for the next few years.

You will also see that Faurefold would like some help with their fundraising at the Capel Show. If you have some time spare, please do contact George directly.

Thank you for everything that you do in Guiding. If you are away with your unit over the summer holidays, I hope you have a fantastic time and otherwise enjoy the summer break.

Beverly Heywood-Jones  
Surrey East County Commissioner

## New Appointments

Also, a huge thank you to Charlotte Ellingworth who has done a fantastic job producing the County Newsletter. The Spring/Summer edition was her last one and I'm delighted to say that **Alexia Beale** has agreed to be the Newsletter Coordinator going forward. Alexia is our most recent Queens Guide.

## Denise Kinrade – funeral details

As we advised earlier this month, Denise Kinrade once Division Commissioner for Reigate passed away and we have shared our condolences with her family. During her 56 years in Guiding Denise had worked with all sections of the movement from Rainbows through to Rangers as well as supporting leaders in her roles as a District and Division Commissioner as well as a leadership co-ordinator.

Denise's wish was that in lieu of flowers any donations be made to Girlguiding Surrey East. Online transfer to Girlguiding Surrey East (account 00022824 / 40 52 40) and put reference as Denise Kinrade, or alternatively please send cheques payable to 'Girlguiding Surrey East' to our County Treasurer: Liz Collier, 10 Holly Hill Drive, Banstead, Surrey SM7 2BD.

Her funeral is on Monday 8th August 2022 at 2pm at All Saints Church - 362 Battlebridge Lane, Merstham, Redhill, RH1 3LH, followed by a celebration of Denise's life with drinks and nibbles next door at Canada Hall (where she ran Brownies for over 20 years).

The service will include tributes to Denise so if you have a special memory you would like to be shared, please do let Natalie know in the RSVP and her family will do their best to share them all. For those attending the funeral, it was Denise's wish for everyone to wear bright clothes - no black! Or you may wish to wear your Girl Guiding uniform if you have one.

**Please RSVP to Natalie Ross by 1st August if you would like to attend:**

[nataliejross15@gmail.com](mailto:nataliejross15@gmail.com)

## Did you know?

A little reminder of recent changes that you may have missed!

### Email address

All adult members must have a working email address that only they can access. [Adult members policy | Girlguiding](#). This means that you cannot share emails even if you are related. This is because we are using email for our membership system GO and the Learning Development Platform. It is also used to send essential information and reminders to renew mandatory training. If you currently share an email, please setup a new one and update Go.

### Marketing preferences

You can update your marketing preference yourself in Go to opt in or out of marketing emails. To do this, log into Go, and select your name from the top right corner. The bottom option is Marketing Preference.

## County Planning

In September, the County Trustees and County role holders and District Commissioners will be meeting to develop the County Plan for the next 3-4 years. This includes considering what we, as a county, do well and areas we need to improve.

As you are a volunteer within Surrey East, we welcome your suggestions and ideas which we will feed into the planning day. Please complete this [short questionnaire](#) to give us your feedback and ideas.

The County is responsible for

- Appointing the county role holders to support Guiding for the areas we represent
- Providing training to our members within Surrey East
- Ensuring compliance with Guiding policy, the code of conduct and safe practice
- Coordinating our participation in international, national, region and county events
- Providing advice and guidance to our volunteers
- Promoting Guiding in Surrey East including recruiting new volunteers and young members and encouraging them to progress through the sections
- Recognise achievements with a range of awards.

To find out more, please contact [surreyeastcc@btinternet.com](mailto:surreyeastcc@btinternet.com) directly.

## County Newsletter

Please find attached the [Surrey East Spring/Summer Newsletter](#) 2022 which provides you with a flavour of what Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, together with their amazing leaders, have been up to.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to it. The next County Newsletter will be published on 19th December 2022. The deadline for guaranteed inclusion is 6th December 2022

All articles are welcome, from Units, Districts, Divisions or County. Please do email [newslettersurreyeast@gmail.com](mailto:newslettersurreyeast@gmail.com) whenever your Unit, Division or District has done something that they have really enjoyed or benefited from.

It is also great to hear stories of the units when they are out in the community, fundraising or helping in any way. If someone in your Unit, District or Division has done something particularly outstanding then please do email and it is a good way to acknowledge their achievements!

Please never feel like we wouldn't want to hear your story because it is so fantastic to see what everyone has been up to and see how vibrant the Surrey East County really is. We look forward to hearing from you!



## County Day - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Everyone including Leaders, Unit helpers and Young Leaders are invited to our County Day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at Horley Baptist Church, 289 Court Lodge Road, Horley RH6 8RG

### Plan for the day

9.30 am Participants arrive- Refreshments

10:00-12:00 **Session 1**

**Risk assessments-** support leaders to create and use risk assessments in order to provide safe spaces for all Girlguiding activities

Or

**Including all** - Diversity and inclusion - a look at resources available, policies and activities.

Or

**Finances** - Supporting units with finances: girlguiding accounts package, gift aid and fundraising.

12:00-1:00 **Lunch**

1-1.30 **Drop in sessions**

Campfire sing song

Get your DBS verified if it is due

Find out about becoming a mentor

Buy or collect resources you have ordered from the Leith Hill Division shop.

1.30-3.30 **Session 2**

A Dabble session, the chance to try a range of different seasonal crafts ready for the autumn and spring term festivals, learn new skills, make new things and have fun trying out some of the UMAS and Skills builders you've been wondering about.

3.30 Gather together for a free raffle

Click here to book your place: <https://forms.gle/LyT9GJvWRyLMMp4EA>

Lorna Smith  
Training Adviser  
Surrey East

## Volunteering Opportunities

We are looking for Division Commissioners in Godstone and Downs Heath.

The role of the [Division Commissioner](#) is vital in leading the team of volunteers in the local area and representing them on the County team.

You don't need any specific qualifications or previous guiding experience to become a commissioner. We'll give you training as part of your role. Two or more people can share this role, becoming joint commissioners. You can also appoint assistant division commissioners to support you. There are plenty of exciting and creative ways to split the role, based on your interests, skills and passions.

If you are interested to find out more - talk to your current local commissioner or get in touch with Beverly Heywood-Jones, Surrey East County Commissioner at [surreyeastcc@btinternet.com](mailto:surreyeastcc@btinternet.com) directly.



### International Update

Are you considering an international trip with your unit in 2023 or 2024?

Here are a few tips to help:

1. Complete your Permission to Plan form online on GO. Hard copies are not accepted as all forms need to be read and signed up a region advisor.
2. Contact the international advisor [surreyeastinternational@gmail.com](mailto:surreyeastinternational@gmail.com) for next steps.

### GOLD

As part of Guiding Overseas Linked with Development (GOLD), members of Girlguiding, aged 18 to 30, travel thousands of miles to make a difference in communities across the world. Previous participants have run workshops with girls in Zambia to achieve their career aspirations, tackling violence against women and girls in Malawi, grown youth membership in Aruba and taken peer education to Peru. Interested?

To be part of this amazing opportunity, the Go for Gold selection weekend is the first step on the ladder. Details to apply are on the Girlguiding website and applications are open NOW!

**GO FOR GOLD**  
**APPLICATIONS**  
**ARE OPEN!!**





## Could you spare a few hours to raise some money for Faurefold?

We have an opportunity to raise funds for further improvements to Faurefold and we need your help! We are joining forces with Capel Friends Of Guiding to provide a tea and cake stall at the Capel Show - <https://www.capelshow.co.uk/> on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. The event is traditionally a thriving event attended by several thousand people and includes classic cars, horticultural exhibits, a silver band, bar, stalls, auto jumble, dog show, children's activities and much more.



**We need help on Friday eve 19<sup>th</sup> August to set -up\_** from 4pm to 8pm - approx. 8 people to set-up the party tent on the recreation ground, van loading, unloading, furniture, water, power set up etc

**Then on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August we need help from approx 8.30 am to 7.00pm - you will get FREE entry to the show!**

8.30am -10am - set- up continues with team of 6+

10am - 5pm - teas/coffee and cake service, cutting and packaging cakes, replenishing supplies, taking money, general clearing and tidying

5pm- 7pm - clear up team to pack away and dismantle all items back to guide camp store

**If you are not around on that weekend but could help with some pre-event tasks - these include -**

Donation of non-perishable items such as jars of coffee, tea bags, sugar, hot chocolate, jars of jam

Baking of tray bakes for freezing (instructions and trays provided)

Signage making

Organise supply of floats (cash)

If you think you can spare even just a couple of hours to help with any of the above, please contact George Ede, [george@nightlesscopse.co.uk](mailto:george@nightlesscopse.co.uk), 07973161684.

Many thanks!



## Paxmead Brownie Fun Day - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September



<https://www.ggsw.org.uk/countycalendar/2022/brownie-funday-sept>

The day involves a selection of balloon modelling, crafts and games. We have the wonderful professional balloon artist and magician, Jelly Kelly, attending all day to entertain the Brownies and entertain us with a magic show. To help with the smooth running of the event we ask units to bring along an additional volunteer to help us run one of the smaller activities (\*this means an additional adult to the required ratio)

During the morning half of your unit and one adult will go on the boat trip whilst the other leaders and half of the group complete land-based activities. Then swap for second boat trip!

Nearer to the event a list of proposed activities will be published and you will be invited to choose which one you would like to run (all equipment will be provided).

Please book using the link above if you would like to join in the fun!