

County Commissioners Chat January 2017



Hello Everyone and Happy New Year to you all, I was delighted to write the news of Susan Aglionby's OBE in the New Years Honours list, I hope you have all heard that information by one means or another – it is a huge honour and we are delighted for Susan. Susan officially is one of our Ambassadors, but acts in so many ways to support Girlguiding Cumbria North – from farm visits for all sections, treasurer and home contact for senior section, accommodation for anyone who needs and mentor for several of us on many occasions. Congratulations Sue and keep up the good work – we can't manage without you!!



Don't forget to get your applications in for Cumbria North rocks@ Blaithwaite camp – 24th – 29th July 2016 – The badge competition brought in some great ideas and the winning design is currently being worked into a badge and a teeshirt – all revealed shortly! The Senior section camp is almost full and following the great success of our County trip to Russia this summer, led by Siobhan – a group of girls from Russia will be joining our County camp – a fantastic experience for them but also for our girls to meet them and share what Girlguiding is all about! The Russian party will be arriving on Saturday 22nd July and leaving 5th August. We are currently looking for anyone interested in offering a homestay before camp and ideas for activities following – 9 young women and 1 leader. Please talk to your division commissioner or camp leader who can bring ideas to the next meeting.



It is of course that time of year again and subscriptions will need to be paid by the beginning of March. Trial invoices will be sent out after 24th January - please try and make sure you have all amendments done as soon as possible. Please note - if you take a girl off and she doesn't get added again to another section a letter is sent to the parents from CHQ to make them aware that this has happened.

Girlguiding NWE are offering more training for Arts award, this time to launch Discover and Grow - suitable for Rainbows and Brownies - it would be perfect to have a division Arts Award adviser in each division or shared amongst neighbouring divisions - if you are interested please let your division commissioner know.



We have 10 spaces available for full minibus training with MiDAS qualification on Saturday 4th February alongside the County Executive meeting at Braithwaite Hall on the A66 – email me if you haven't already for a place – once full I will start a waiting list – no charge to you, you must of course have a full driving licence to be able to do this.

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The good news from CHQ is that the transfer to a new membership system is going well and Go and Join us should be very much simpler for all of us.

Please watch out for communications from region with step by step instructions for things that need changing on your unit Go - for instance 24 hour clock meeting times and unit capacity - how many girls are you prepared to have? This will all need updated before 31st March.

And finally - there are still a couple of places on our senior section visit to Sangam in August 2018 - see website and facebook or contact Julie Wooding for details!

Thank you for all you continue to do for Girlguiding Cumbria North - let's make 2017 one to remember!!

Julie x