



BUCKS WHIZZ

22 February 2024

Dear {{ contact.FIRSTNAME | default : "volunteer" }}

As we gather this week, we are filled with a sense of pride and unity as we celebrate Thinking Day. This special occasion serves as a reminder of the diverse and vibrant global community we are a part of, and the incredible impact we can make when we come together.

In our units, Thinking Day provides an opportunity for girls to explore the world around them and develop a deeper understanding of global issues. Through activities, games, and discussions, we encourage them to think critically about the challenges facing our planet and how they can contribute to positive change.

This Thinking Day, let us recommit ourselves to the principles of Guiding and the values of friendship, cooperation, and service. Together, we can continue to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders, making a difference in their lives and in the world around us.

Happy Thinking Day to all!

Yours in guiding

Sam

Girlguiding Bucks county commissioner

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Volunteer county bookkeeper/treasurer

We are currently looking for a volunteer to take on the role of our county bookkeeper/treasurer. Is this something you would be interested in, or do you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our team?

Hours: approx. 8-12 a week

Location: Working from home and attendance at approx. 8 county meetings a year in the Aylesbury area.

Interested [Click here](#) for more information on this exciting opportunity.

Any enquiries can be made via the [county office](#).

Please share this opportunity as widely as possible amongst your friends and in your local communities.

Virtual Thinking Day event 22 February 2024 - 7.30pm

Remember to join us this evening on TEAMS to renew your promise with Sam, see our amazing banner entries for the competition and see who the winners are. Join us on TEAMS video [here](#) on 22nd February 7.30pm.

Approved Venues

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL LEADERS: With the new fire regulations having come into effect in recent years, all approved venues will need to be reassessed, if they have not been done in the last 18 months, to make sure that they meet the new requirements. [Read on to learn more....](#)

Download the following documents:

[Be Prepared health and safety Advice for managers and owners of small Girlguiding properties](#)
[Property a-z guide](#)

Leader in Training programme training evening - 11 March 2024

Open to all leaders' who would like to know more about LiT, LDP and becoming a leadership mentor. Come and join us for coffee and cake on Monday 11 March at Herons Lodge, MK8 9AA (7.30-9.00pm). We will answer all your question, concerns and share good practice on this new way of becoming a leader. Open to everyone, come along and find out more from Sheila Beales and Janet Smith. Book your places with [Sheila](#)

County BBQ - 8 June, 6.30pm



You are invited to join us at our county BBQ. Tickets will be available from 9am on Sunday 3 March. [Click here](#) for more information.

Hardship Fund applications

The Hardship Fund is a discretionary source of financial help available to all who belong to Girlguiding Buckinghamshire. The aim of the fund is to help individuals/units/divisions and districts who are having financial difficulties.

Download the [unit/district division application](#) form or [individual application](#) form.

Cost of living grant

A cost-of-living grant is now available to units in need in Girlguiding Anglia up until all funds have been allocated. Units in deprived areas and or units who are experiencing financial difficulties may apply. Click the [link](#) to find out more.



Going Away with Skills Day

16th March Wendover Guide Hall
9am-5pm



Come along to the skills day to learn all about residential from the most experienced Leaders in the County

Sign up on the Girlguiding Bucks Website
on the 'events' page

Going Away with Skills Day Saturday 16 March 2024

Timings vary depending on Modules required. All 8 Modules 9am -5pm see website for other module options. Cost £15 for up to two Leaders per unit and is a justifiable unit expense. For further details please see Bucks Website. <https://girlguidingbucks.org.uk/events/gaw-scheme-skills-day/>

TRAINING DAY

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
THE COMPETITION HIKE 2024

17th March 2024

Do you want to improve your map and compass skills?

Open to Brownies, Guides, Rangers, YLs and Leaders and Trefoil Guild.

Times: 10.00am – 3.00pm
Cost: £5.00 per person

Venue: Ellesborough Guide Centre, HP17 0UP

Brownies must be accompanied by a Leader.

Forms and details to be found on the county website.

Please contact Sue Berry if you have any questions
comphike95@gmail.com

Competition Hike training day 17 March 2024

Open to brownies, guides, senior section, leaders and trefoil guild members.
[Click here](#) for more information and an application form
[Click here](#) for information and consent forms
Closing date: Friday 1 March 2024.

COMPETITION HIKE

ENTRIES OPEN NOW

Saturday 11th May 2024

Do you and the girls in your unit enjoy a challenge?

Open to Brownies, Guides, Rangers, YLs and adult teams.

THREE distances to choose from:
5km (Accompanied Brownie teams only), 10km and 20km

Forms and details to be found on the county website.

Please contact Sue Berry if you have any questions
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Competition Hike 11 May 2024

Open to brownies, guides, senior section, leaders and trefoil guild members
[Information and consent forms](#)

Rainbow Ramble from 6 - 17 May 2024



Rainbows can take part virtually with their unit or family during the period 6th May 2024 -17th May 2024 or come to Ellesborough on Saturday, 11th May and walk the 3km route in groups of 4 rainbows plus 2 adults.

[Information and consent forms](#)

Upcoming 1st response in person and webinar trainings

The following 1st response trainings currently have availability:

IN -PERSON TRAININGS

[23 Mar - Princes Risborough](#)

[11 May - Beaconsfield](#)

[18 May - Bletchley](#)

[29 June - Princes Risborough](#)

WEBINAR TRAINING

[Webinar 18 & 25 April](#)

Please note the webinar training will only go ahead for a minimum of 5 people. It will also be necessary to complete an in-person training (+/- 2.5 hours) via a dedicated evening in May at Ellesborough or by attending a morning session of one of our existing trainings.

Aquabox Challenge and Badge for use by Guide

The challenge is to raise awareness of the amazing humanitarian aid work that Aquabox does to save lives around the world in times of crisis. [Read on....](#)

Applications for Anglia committee positions

Applications to be a member of the retail committee, retail committee chair and for the position of assistant chief commissioner are still open:

- [Retail committee member](#)
- [Retail committee chair](#)
- [Assistant chief commissioner - finance](#)

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