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County Updates – 16 May 2019 – Issue 118

**Welcome**

Hello and welcome to County Updates, our regular email communication from Norfolk Scouts to highlight news, announcements and opportunities that exist.

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**This week’s updates**

New news or features this week…

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**District Commissioner (North West Norfolk)**

Regrettably, the County Commissioner has accepted the resignation of Rowland Smith as DC for North West Norfolk, with immediate effect. We thank Rowland for his energy and exceptional leadership. In the absence of a DC, Kim Smith Deputy District Commissioner should be contacted for day-to-day operational matters.

***For all Volunteers*>** **New Team Member**

We are delighted to welcome Liam Segust to the Youth Programme Team. Liam will be taking up the role of Assistant County Commissioner – Young Leader. We are sure you will join us in wishing Liam well in his new role. A further introduction from Liam is [available here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/05/16/new-team-member)

***For Managers and Section Leaders>***

**Mini-Census**

There is still time to complete the Mini-Census for your section. Thank you to everyone who has provided information this help us to build a picture of membership movements during the year. Check to see if your section is still needed [here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/minicensus).

***For all working with the Explorer Section>***

**International Programme Ideas – Explorers**

Beka Millard, ACC International, has put together series of International Activity PoPs to help you bring an international flavour to your programme. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Explorers-International-PoP-issue-7.pdf) to read the PoP for an International Explorer Activity – International Mind Mapping.

***For all thinking of going abroad>***

**International Opportunities - Eurasian Scout Region**

We have been made aware of some international opportunities in the Eurasian Scout Region. Some are happening very soon, however the opportunity to attend is still available. If you are interested in any of the [following](https://norfolkscouts2015-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/hq_norfolkscouts_org_uk/EjLc_R9QFrhLmfKJKMiLEAQBWlB1j6KbRydEDbF29dl2CQ?e=xV2b1v) please contact Kevin Angell -  Eurasian Scout Region Manager - [eurasianmanager@gmail.com](mailto:eurasianmanager@gmail.com)

***For all interested in the History of Rover Scouting>***

**Coffee Morning Speaker**

Colin Walker will be speaking on the History Rover Scouting at the Scout Coffee Morning being held at The Alec Bussey Centre on Wednesday 29 May from 11am. More information is available from the County Office if you wish to attend. [hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk)

***For all volunteers>***

**Beta Scout Website**

The Beta edition of the new national website is available. <https://beta.scouts.org.uk/>

The new site is still being developed but everyone is encouraged to give it a try and feedback any tweaks or improvements you spot. If you’re a Cub Leader, why not try the new Programme Tool that is now available?

**Second chance**

***For all Volunteers>***

**Skills Weekend**

A Scouting Skills weekend is being held 28/29 September. Hands on activities available and the opportunity gain and validate permits. For further details and booking please contact [SkillsDay@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:SkillsDay@norfolkscouts.org.uk) More Information of the event [here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/05/09/scouting-skills-days)

***For all volunteers>***

**1st Smiles – Partnership with Nelson’s Journey**

Dates for the pilot activities have now been set and venues chosen around the county, thank you to everyone who got in touch and was willing to host or has offered HQs. We have around 65 young people interested in joining. [More information here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/05/09/1st-smiles)

***For all working with the Scout section>***

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***For Explorer Scout Leaders and Young Leaders>***

**Young Leader Module A**

A Young Leader Module A (compulsory) training course will take place on Thursday 23 May at 43rd Scout HQ at Saxlingham Nethergate. It will be from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.  If anyone would like to attend, please confirm to [desc@snscouts.org](mailto:desc@snscouts.org) before Wednesday 22 May.

**Regular items**

**Other ways to keep up-to-date**

[Our County Calendar](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/calendar)

[County Training Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/members/training)

[County Vacancies](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/tag/vacancy)

[County Updates](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/members/county-updates) is uploaded each week to our website for further sharing, please feel free to pass this update to Explorers, Young Leaders and other interested people.

County Updates is a weekly communication to all adult volunteers (except Occasional Helpers) sent to their primary email address recorded on Compass, our membership system. The purpose of County Updates is to provide details of activities, development opportunities and key information updates that develop better programmes and support volunteers to complete their roles effectively. You can find out more about how your information is handled here or opt out of receiving County Updates [on our website](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/members/county-updates)