To : All Scouters registered with email on Compass (excluding Occasional Helpers)

County Updates – 16 April 2020 – Issue 163

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**Welcome**

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

**## Keep safe and well ##**

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*All Volunteers>*

**St. George’s Day – Thursday 23 April 7:30pm**

If you’re wondering how you can celebrate St. Georges day this year, we have come up with some solutions. Why not either **Join in, Tune in** or **Just stop** at 19:45 on Thursday 23 April 2020. [Find out how you and your young people can get involved](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/16/st-georges-day-2020).

*All volunteers>*

**Central Norfolk – Simon Lonsdale**

District Commissioner of Central Norfolk, Simon Lonsdale has been deployed abroad with the RAF the current length of posting is unclear. With the current suspension of face-to-face Scouting, Simon hopes to remain active via video conference etc. However, in case of emergency and to support Simon on location Deputy County Commissioner, Shelly O’Keefe. [m.o’keefe@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:m.o’keefe@norfolkscouts.org.uk) if helping out.

*All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Young Leaders, Network and Adult Volunteers>*

**“Scout in the House” Challenge & “Badges 4 All” Challenge**

Last week we launched two exciting new opportunities to Scout whilst we are on lockdown to all members of Scouting in Scout Groups and Districts across the County! Please continue to promote to as many young people and adults as you can. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Norfolks-Scout-in-the-House-Challenge.pdf) for Norfolk Scouts “Scout in the House” Challenge. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Norfolks-YL-Adult-Leader-Badge-Challenge.pdf) for Norfolk Scouts “Badges 4 All” Challenge.

*All Young Leaders Managers>*

**Young Leader Training Programme**

This month’s YL PoP is Module E – Game On. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Module-E.pdf) to read the PoP.

*All Beaver, Cub and Scout Leaders>*

**Challenge Awards for all sections to support Home Scouting**

This month we are starting a series of Scouting at Home PoPs to enable Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to achieve some Challenge Awards during lockdown. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Beavers-World-Challenge.pdf) for the My World Challenge Award for Beavers. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Cubs-World-Challenge.pdf) for the Our World Challenge Award for Cubs. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Scouts-World-Challenge.pdf) for the World Challenge Award for Scouts.

*All volunteers>*

**Last orders for after work drinks**

The County Commissioner is hosting after work drinks tomorrow (Friday 17 April) 18:30 – 19:30. The venue will be at yours and you will need to provide your own drink. This is a social event and if you’d like to attend [please sign up](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ccs-after-work-drink-tickets-102346980574) (attendance is limited). **Please book your attendance by 21:00 tonight**

**Second chance …..**

*All volunteers>*

**Virtual Scout meetings**

If you’re running virtual meetings with your sections, we’d love to hear about them and maybe someone from the County team pop along to say hello. If you’d be happy for someone to come along please share the details of the meeting with Jane Warden [j.warden@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:j.warden@norfolkscouts.org.uk).

*All line managers and volunteers who will need a new DBS soon>*

**Disclosure checks (DBS)**

While face-to-face Scouting is suspended to support Government guidance on social distancing we are unable to perform DBS checks on new and existing volunteers. Until Scouting resumes face-to-face we should not add new members to Compass. We will also stop suspending volunteers when their disclosure expires. [Please read this update.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/09/disclosure-dbs-check-suspension)

All volunteers>

**Eurojam 2020**

The European Jamboree 2020 has been postponed and will now take place from 2-13 August 2021. All Norfolk participants and IST have been made aware, with more information being shared as it is released. Please contact Beka Millard (ACC International) if you have any queries.

*All volunteers>*

**Digital Museum**

We’ve opened the Norfolk Scouts’ Digital Museum on Facebook. This is a place for existing and previous members or friends of Norfolk Scouts to share memories, stories and artefacts. Sorry we now not everyone is on Facebook but this was the simplest technology to use at this time. J[oin in the DIgital Museum](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=So0C39H5jM0)

[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.

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