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MIDDLESEX NORTH WEST

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Available to Guiders, Senior Section and Trefoil Guild members and Unit Helpers

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Hello everyone,

Although January seems to have come and gone so quickly, we wish all our readers a happy new year, as we look forward to celebrating Thinking Day at the 'It's a Small World with Big Ideas' event. This promises to be an exciting occasion when all our members can participate in activities with an international theme.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Remember to check your Programme and Training Book for forthcoming trainings such as:

Good Practice for Adults in Guiding – Safe from Harm on 11th April from 7.30pm to 8.30pm and Work Life Balance also on 11th April from 8.40 pm to 9.40pm. Both will be held at Rooks Heath School so come and join us for either or both.

Brownies Out of Doors – Come and Explore at Willow Tree for Outdoor Fun on Wed. 10th May from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Enjoy an evening together and take home a handy 'activities on a plate' pack.

To book a place on any of the above apply to June Jones [for her email and phone details, email countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk]

Also in May there is Rainbows Out of Doors which is aimed at giving Guiders some new ideas to take Rainbows outside the meeting place and on the same night there is Guides Out to look at lightweight camping and cooking, wide games and other of Doors which will give Guide Guiders a chance outdoor pursuits. Both these trainings will be held at Willow Tree on 18th May from 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Book these through Caroline Davies, [email countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk for her address] You can also book these sessions at 'It's a Small World...'

WILLOW TREE TREFOIL GUILD

We invite you to join us for the following events:

Mon 13th March - Talk by Deputy Lord Lt of Middlesex. (You may remember her enthusiasm when she visited us at 'Treasure Island'.

Mon 8th May - Talk by Sally O'Neill on her experiences with Air Ambulance.

Sat 13th May - All day visit to Malvern Spring Garden Show. Cost in the region of £28.50 - £30 which includes entry to the Show. This is considered one of the best held in England. If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Eileen Delicata via countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk.

TRAINING SESSIONS/EVENTS

2006 February

7th – Taking Your Unit Away Part 2 (times and venue as for Part 1 above)

26th – It's a Small world with Big ideas - at Rooks Heath High School, South Harrow

28th – By popular request, we have been asked to repeat the excellent 'Drugs Awareness' Session led by Cindy, an external trainer.

March

4th-5th – Taking Your Unit Away Part 3

14th – Commissioner Support Group

20th – First Response Renewal

April

3rd – Holiday Air and Share

11th – Safe from Harm/Work Life Balance

PAXMEAD SERVICE WEEKEND

Come along for this weekend (staying indoors) or just for the day, from 24th to 26th March 2006.

Food and refreshments will be provided free to anyone coming along to help with preparing boats, and the site for the new boating season. The service will count for those doing Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Queen's Guide or other schemes, and will include fun elements.

For more details or to apply, please contact Gill Wilkinson, Paxmead Warden, on 01784 453601 or write to 120 Laleham Road, Staines TW18 2NP. If you prefer email please contact Jane Mason on JaneM@girlguiding.org.uk.

For details of boating courses at Paxmead, please contact Jane as above.

FUTURE COPIES

To receive the County Newsheet for 2006 please forward 6 S.A.E.s via your DC or send your email address to me:

countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Deadline for next issue is 13th March 2006

DAY TRIP TO BRUGGE

You may have the winter blues now but dream about sitting outside a café in Belgium in the warm sun.

One of the coach company's that took us to the Christmas market in Lille has offered us a very special price for a day trip to Brugge. We will be going on Saturday 10th June 2006 journeying through the tunnel again and the cost will be £30 per person. Departure will be from North Harrow and Hayes about 6.00 to 6.30am and return approximately 10.30 to 11.00 pm. We have 53 seats available so if you would like to book a place please either email me your details and then send a cheque payable to Middx NW Guides or send me your details with your cheque. Please let me have names and addresses of everyone going along with an email address or telephone number plus an emergency contact number for the day. Please include a stamped addressed envelope for your receipt.

Karen Harrison (Details in the Training folder)

WILLOW TREE CENTRE AVAILABILITY

(As at 17/01/06)

The following dates are still available for bookings:

Sat 15th – Mon 17th April -Easter weekend
Fri 26th – Mon 29th May – Spring bank holiday
Fri 21st – Mon 24th July
Mon 24th – Fri 28th July - provisional
Thurs 3rd – Sat 5th August
Sun 6th – Mon 21st August
Tues 29th – Sun 3rd September
Tues 24th – Sun 29th October – Half term
Fri 10th – Sun 12th November
Fri 15th – Sun 17th December
Fri 22nd – Sun 24th December

Many units enjoyed holding a Unit meeting at Willow Tree last summer. It is a great way to get Rainbows, brownies and Guides to experience the out of doors. If you think your Unit would enjoy this, please contact Christine as soon as possible to book an evening.

To make a booking please contact Christine Mills at info@willowtreecentre.co.uk.

REMINDER

If you have not already done so, please remember to send in the application form for shares in the Willow Tree 100 Club.

WILLOW TREE NEWS

Please would you make a note that the next Volunteer Evening has been booked for Wed. 24th May. Leaflets will be going out shortly but if you could put this date in your programme it would be appreciated.

You may be pleased to know that all the lights have been taken down and cleaned, and the hanging cobwebs removed. The main curtain in the activity room has been repaired but may we remind users that the pull cord must be used to open/close the curtains.

WILLOW TREE PEACEFUL/ TRANQUIL AREA

You will all be pleased to know that Phase one (Tranquil Garden) was completed in December. We then heard that we had been successful in 'Awards For All' to start on Phase 2. This was an award of £5,000 and this work was carried out in January and includes paving to enable those with disabilities to get to the focal point. We still need to add to this project so please do not think that this has now been completed. Completion of Phase 2 and commencement on Phase 3 will be carried out as and when finances allow. We should like to thank Christine Mills, Kathy Greaves and Pat Justice for sending us £665 to purchase mature trees. These were donations given by family and friends in lieu of floral tributes for Stanley Justice. Stan, as he was known, was a staunch supporter of Guiding, especially in Ruislip Windmill District. In the spring we shall be having an official opening in accordance with the wishes of the sponsors of the Tranquil Garden.

LEADERSHIP NEWS.

Happy New Year to you all, and congratulations to the following ladies who completed their qualification at the end of December: Jean Carey from Harrow & Pinner, and Jennifer West and Katherine Mills from Ruislip & Northwood. Perhaps we can make 2006 the year when many more of you finish collecting your evidence and complete your files. There are over 80 of you out there somewhere so I look forward to being very busy!

I shall be meeting some of you when you come to "It's a Small world" on 26th February. Please make time to find me and bring along any problems or issues you wish to discuss. Even if you are not booked to attend the training you can still come to the school to have a chat. Just ask for me when you arrive at Reception.

In the meantime keep collecting that evidence. Gill Hodgson.

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