



# Girlguiding

## MIDDLESEX NORTH WEST

# COUNTY NEWS SHEET

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

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### *Hello everyone,*

The season for Division and District events has arrived and, as these are generally outdoor occasions, we hope that the weather will improve during the next few weeks. These events are often a great way to raise awareness of Girlguiding in your area, so do remember to contact your Division PR adviser for help on dealing with the press. It is also a good opportunity to invite local dignitaries and sponsors.

### ADULT LEADERSHIP

Lots more ladies have finished their Adult Leadership training. They are Marie Palmer & Carol Watts from Wealdstone, Helen Eamus, Joanna Smith & Karen Harrison from Harrow & Pinner, Michelle Cassidy, Marian Brown, Rebecca Vesey & Kathryn Costis from Ruislip & Northwood, and Claire Rellis from Heathrow. Congratulations to them all.

I would love to have some more Mentors as the number of new Guiders in training is increasing. If anyone would be interested could they contact Gill Hodgeson via [leadership.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:leadership.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

### COUNTY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 7.45pm for 8.00pm  
at Willow Tree Centre

This year we are trying a different approach by inviting members to attend through their Districts and Divisions. This is to allow a fairer distribution of attendees so as not to leave any Section out. If you would like to come please contact your District Commissioner, but remember places are limited so it is advisable to contact her as soon as possible.

There will be a short business meeting and after the Guest Speaker, Pat Downer (Chief Commissioner for LaSER) we shall have social time, which will make the evening most enjoyable.

### COUNTY WEBSITE

Alun Seymour and Nikky Evans have been working hard on the website for our County. If you would like to see the progress and development of this log go into [www.girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](http://www.girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

### TRAINING SESSIONS/EVENTS

#### 2006 May

18<sup>th</sup> – Guides Out of Doors 8pm – 9.30pm

Also on 18<sup>th</sup> Rainbow Out of Doors 8pm – 9.30pm

Both trainings are at Willow Tree

#### June

10<sup>th</sup> – Day Trip to Brugge

#### July

9<sup>th</sup> – Guide and Senior Section Water Activity Day  
9am at Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre

### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN THE TEAM – If you are interested in coming to meet the County Training Team, let me know (email address above). We will offer a ‘no strings’ informal evening. We are a friendly and welcoming group and would love to hear from you. Contact June Jones via [countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

### HARROW & PINNER DIVISION MAY DAY

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Badger site at Willow Tree was alive to the sights and sounds of Brownies in the Division trying country dancing, maypole dancing, making hobby horses, garlands and dance sticks. Their activities included watching a display by the Whitehorn Morris Dancers. 125 Brownies and their leaders enjoyed every aspect of their May Day Revels including the visit from the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrow, our County Commissioner and Dawn Palmer.

The feedback has been great and the Division Team would like to thank everyone who came and participated or helped make the event a success.

## WILLOW TREE NEWS

### NEW SHRUBS

You will see two beautiful 'Rosemary Bushes' outside the kitchen entrance of the House, a fragrant shrub outside the main door and a replacement tree near the corner. All these shrubs and tree were presented by 1<sup>st</sup> Roxeth Brownies and planted by their leader Caroline Davies. A big 'Thank You' to everyone!

### NEW ENTRANCE AREA

Clancydocwra were approached last year and promised to help us by providing a mechanical digger and driver to create an entrance and area for composting and storage of soil. They were true to their word and in April they carried out this work for us as a community service project. This will prove invaluable to us as we did have a problem with depositing grass cuttings and pruning. All we need now is a commercial shredder!

### FAMILY WORKING EVENING

Please make a note of the date and perhaps put it into your programme. **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.** Notices will be distributed this month and we should appreciate lots of help. If you need any further information contact Liz Overall at [holiday.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:holiday.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

We should like to share these remarks from a Northamptonshire Brownie Group who spent a few days in the House during the Easter Holidays. "This was our first visit to your centre and County. We shall be highly recommending the facilities to our fellow Guiders in the County. An enjoyable weekend made better by the surroundings and setting of this centre"  
Dawn Palmer  
Chairman of Willow Tree Management

### SUMMER EVENINGS AT WILLOW TREE

Why not bring your unit for a summer evening at Willow Tree campsite? You can use the site for picnics, nature evenings, campfires, outdoor cooking, sports, games and much more besides. Remember, in case of inclement weather there are shelters available with each campsite. To book an evening please contact Christine Mills at [info@willowtreecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@willowtreecentre.co.uk).

### HOLIDAY LICENCES

If you are interested in taking your Holiday licence please contact your Division Holiday Adviser as listed below: (phone numbers available via Liz's email [holiday.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:holiday.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)).  
Heathrow Division - Julie Wilson  
Uxbridge Division - Susie Edwards  
Wealdstone - Gill Hoptroff  
Ruislip-Northwood - Sally Shipman  
Harrow & Pinner - Jackie Diamond (who is also DC so can email [pinner.dc@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:pinner.dc@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk))

### WILLOW TREE TRANQUIL GARDEN

The official opening of the Tranquil Garden at Willow Tree has been arranged for Wednesday evening 21<sup>st</sup> June. Invitations have been sent to the immediate family of Mary Kinnersley, Pat Coe and Stan Justice. We have also invited representatives from the sponsors, BAA Heathrow, Paradigm Housing and Awards for All.

If you would like to bring your Unit along during the evening please book through Christine Mills. It would be nice if the sponsors could see some action at the Centre, but you will appreciate that we cannot invite you to the official opening. Nevertheless you are welcome to view the garden when the guests have gone into the Centre.  
Dawn Palmer [willowtree.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:willowtree.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)  
Chairman of Willow Tree Management

### RECRUITMENT BANNERS

We now have two Recruitment Banners which can be used by Units, Districts or Divisions. If you would like to borrow them please contact Denise Tew (telephone number available through [countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)) They are weather proof PVC and show an email address. They are ideal to hang outside on fences but please ensure they cannot be vandalised.

### FOR HIRE

Harrow and Pinner Division have the following available for hire:

1 generator with fuel - £20 per day  
3 maypoles - £20 per day per maypole  
2 gazebos (9m x 3m) - £25 per day per gazebo  
Please contact Hilary West (telephone number available through [countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk))

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