



Girlguiding

MIDDLESEX NORTH WEST

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

Hello everyone,

This year has been the 90th anniversary of the Senior Section and it is pleasing that Middlesex NW has a strong contingent of Rangers and Young Leaders. As a County we should give them all the support they need, as potentially, they are Girlguiding UK's future adult leaders. For those who are attending the Senior Section Residential event at Northern Heights we hope you enjoy the weekend and return to your units with plenty of ideas.

PINNER TREFOIL GUILD COFFEE MORNING

Pinner Trefoil Guild is holding a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 11th November** from 10.30 am in Love Lane Methodist Church Hall, Pinner (entrance in Avenue Road). The proceeds will go to Poppy Support and we would be pleased to see any members from the County to support this worthy charity.

So please pass this information on to other members. Thank you.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

'RIGHT NOW!' – Have you signed up for this cross-sectional County event on Saturday 18th November at Rooks Heath School. Open to all adult members of the County, plus Young Leaders. Why not come along with your team and enjoy time together. Everyone welcome.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore the new cross-sectional publication – 'Right Now!' Applications to June Jones via countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk or SAE or phone.

TRAINING SESSIONS/EVENTS

November

18th – Right Now Training at Rooks Heath

23rd – Taking your Unit Away – Part 1

24th/26th – Senior Section Residential

29th – Commissioner Support Group

January 2007

17th – Gift Aid and Accounts Training

HOLIDAY NEWS

Guiders in our County continue to show great enthusiasm and pleasure by taking their girls away. Over fifty units will have enjoyed the holiday experience this year.

There was much excitement when the 8th Roxeth Rainbows and 2nd Hatch End Rainbows stayed at Willow Tree Centre for a Sleepover; they all had a great time.

Congratulations to Kate Rogers (Harrow & Pinner Division) for gaining her Senior Section Holiday Licence. There are at present five Guiders preparing evidence folders and three more Guiders planning assessment holidays before Christmas. Do come and join us at our trainings and find out more; if you contact your Division Holiday Adviser she will be only too pleased to give help and advise.

Liz (County Holiday Adviser)

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WILLOW TREE NEWS

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Planning application has been sent in for two additional buildings.

The drawings are on the 'Notice Board' in the activity room for everyone to see and this is your opportunity to make any comments or suggestions. We cannot alter the exterior due to strict planning regulations but we can amend the interior. It will take time to get the planning permission so this will not happen overnight!

Comments have been made that we need more activities at Willow Tree – we could not agree more and the following have been suggested:

Low Rope Course with Boulder Wall

Sisal Trail (similar to the one at HOAC)

Rabbit-run

If you have any ideas on how we can improve Willow Tree please let me know.

FUNDING SUCCESS

We have been successful in obtaining a grant from Hillingdon Youth Services to purchase the additional equipment needed for the Archery Range. These include another left-handed bow and longer arrows and we have made contact with an Instructor – more information at a later date.

We will also be replacing some of the tents on the equipped camping sites and purchasing rope to enable people to do pioneering.

BOVIS LEND LEASE COMMUNITY DAY

20 employees from Bovis Lend Lease spent a full day at Willow Tree in September.

The floors in the Barn Shelters have been re-painted, another BBQ base constructed as well as a base in the compost area.

Treatment to some of the fencing panels was undertaken plus some weeding in the 'Tranquil Garden'. Our grateful thanks to them and also to Catherine Woods and her husband Steve who organised the catering which included breakfast, lunch and tea!

If you work for a firm who sponsor 'Community Days' or give Community Grants please let me know as we are conscious of the fact that we shall need to replace the two cookers in the activity room as spares are no longer available.

DONATIONS

We have been able to replace our CCTV monitor which now means our team of volunteers do not have to change the tape every three days. It also gives a clearer picture and can take additional cameras at a later date. We have been able to do this due to the generosity of Pinner Music Festival in partnership with Harrow and Pinner Division.

FAMILY WORKING - Saturday October 21st

You should have all received leaflets for this and hope you will encourage support from parents. We have a great deal of pruning to be carried out.

Dawn Palmer

Chairman of Willow Tree Management

RECRUITMENT BANNERS

If you would like to borrow either of the Recruitment Banners please contact Denise Tew via countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxmw.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.

1st RUISLIP ANNIVERSARY

1st Ruislip Guides are celebrating their 80th birthday and 1st Ruislip Brownies their 60th. To commemorate these events we are having a special Church Parade service on **Sunday 15th October** at 10.30 am in Ruislip Methodist Church, Ickenham Road. This will be followed by a reunion and 'get together' in the hall afterwards. If you have been involved with 1st Ruislip at any time we would be delighted if you could join us. Please contact Corrie Bwye via countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxmw.org.uk if you require any further information or to confirm attendance.

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