



Girlguiding

MIDDLESEX NORTH WEST

COUNTY NEWS SHEET

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

Hello everyone,

At this time of year many units will be planning seasonal events and this is an ideal opportunity for recruitment. So please contact your Division PR representatives beforehand to obtain leaflets and publicity material. They may even be able to help out at the event.

GUIDING STAR

Guiding Star is an exciting and unusual opportunity for Guides, Young Leaders, and Rangers to become stars! I hope you have read the booklet in October Guiding and have given your Unit the chance to get on the stage at Guiding's very own X-factor!

It is important groups complete the form and register with Region by the **22nd December**, so that we get the details in time for our own County round. The entrants will be given a time for their performance on either Saturday 31st March or Sunday 1st April.

Each Division has a Guider who has offered to come to Units and talk about Guiding Star because it is a little bit different to the more traditional programme events that we have in the Association.

If you haven't heard anything about Guiding Star, or if you would like some help in presenting it to your Guides and Rangers in an exciting way, then please don't hesitate to contact the people below and they will help. It is this kind of event that makes Guiding unique in offering opportunities to young people they would not get elsewhere. I feel it is especially important we offer it to our Units, and give the young people the decision as to whether or not they participate. We need to do this even if it is not something that appeals to us personally.

So I am asking you to offer Guiding Star in an exciting and positive fashion, and encourage your Guides, Young Leaders, and Rangers to get involved.

Amanda Medler

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for phone numbers

Harrow & Pinner : Karen Harrison

Heathrow : Jenny Brazier

Ruislip Northwood : Denise Tew

Uxbridge : Helen Hutchings

Wealdstone : Chin Lee

TRAINING SESSIONS/EVENTS

January 2007

17th – Gift Aid and Accounts Training at Willow Tree

February

1st – Get Set for Guiding 1 at Willow Tree

8th – Residential Part 2

15th – Get Set for Guiding 2

March

6th – Residential Part 3

HOLIDAY NEWS

Our County continues to award yet more Holiday Licences and we congratulate Claire Rellis (Heathrow Division) for gaining her Brownie Holiday Licence and Catherine Silwar (Uxbridge Division) for gaining her Guide Holiday Licence. Please do talk to your Division Holiday Advisers if you would like to find out more about how to take your Unit away, they are there to help you. We have a practical training about residential holidays on Tuesday 6th March 2007 at Willow Tree Centre; any Guiders from any section are welcome to join us to find out more. It will be

a relaxed evening with lots of helpful information.

Liz Overall (County Holiday Adviser)
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had disintegrated, so we are extremely grateful to Kodak for supporting us at Willow Tree.

Dawn Palmer
Chairman of Willow Tree Management

WILLOW TREE NEWS

INFORMATION EVENING

Vision for the Future

You are invited to our evening at Willow Tree on Tuesday 23rd January. We shall be discussing the proposed new buildings and future plans for activities on site. We shall also be explaining about the 'Welcome Group' and Volunteer teams. Please try and come, as it is important for you to know what is going on and the opportunities available to you.

DONATIONS

We should like to thank Gwen Guy and her friend for organising a stall in aid of Willow Tree, which resulted in a cheque for £120 which will pay for an item on the 'Wish List'.

Thanks also to 1st Hatch End Brownies who presented us with hand trowels, hand forks and bulb planters – much needed items.

Ruislip District Guide Shop have generously given us £1,000 to purchase camping equipment which will enable us to have really well equipped sites.

FAMILY WORKING MORNING

We should like to thank the adults who took part in our Family Working Morning in October. Unfortunately we had very few people on this occasion and did not get all the jobs carried out. We did however manage to prune all the shrubs and we were really grateful to all those who came. The Service Team came again last week and pressure hosed the toilet block – many thanks to all of you.

THANK YOU TO KODAK

We have been successful with an application to Kodak for replacing the goal posts and nets and for providing a storage box in which to keep the footballs. As you may be aware, the previous ones

TRIP TO BELGIUM

Would you like to come on a day trip to Bruges on Saturday 9th June? We have a coach booked, two pick up points arranged, and are travelling via the tunnel. Places are going quickly so if you and your family and friends are interested in joining us on this County trip, please send a cheque for £35 per person payable to Middlesex North West Guides to Karen Harrison (details in the training folder). Please also include emergency contact details of all those travelling and a SAE or an e-mail contact for confirmation of your places.

FUTURE COPIES

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