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Happy guiding new year to you all,

Thinking Day is just a few weeks away and as the Scouts celebrate their centenary this year, we shall think about guides and fellow scouts around the world. Unit Guiders and Commissioners will be preparing for the 2007 Census and all members are reminded to pass on their Personal details forms.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

After a fairly quiet time I am pleased to inform you that six ladies have now completed their Adult Leadership Qualification. They are Kat Cedenno from Headstone, Sarah Brooks from Ruislip Windmill, Jacqui Riddington, Sarah Hullyer and Kelly Rayner from Hillingdon and warranted leader Donna Emslie-Henry from Ruislip Windmill, who has completed Module One for Guides. Congratulations to them all.

At the beginning of January nine of our new leaders started work on the Open College Network Leadership Qualification. This is a Pilot Scheme being run by Girlguiding UK and we are one of 19 counties participating. If the course is successfully completed, participants receive an external qualification equivalent to an NVQ level three in addition to their Guide Leadership Qualification. We wish them good luck for the course. This external qualification is open to anyone, so we also have three warranted leaders participating as well as mentoring the new leaders. I will keep you informed of their progress.

I do hope that many more of you will complete your folders soon and put them forward for verification.

Gill Hodgson, Leadership co-ordinator.

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WALKING TRAINING

There are still a few places available for Guiders who are interested in this Residential weekend of Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th March at Blackthorn, Northern Heights. It will include some short walks and provide programme ideas for walking. Details can be found in the Training folder or telephone Kate Rogers.

TRAINING SESSIONS/EVENTS

February

1st – Get Set for Guiding 1 at Willow Tree

8th – Residential Part 2 at Willow Tree

15th – Get Set for Guiding 2

March

4th – First Response

6th – Residential Part 3

HOLIDAY NEWS

If you would like to know more about 'Taking Your Unit Away' why not come and join us at our Practical Residential Training evening on Tuesday 6th March 2007 at Willow Tree Centre. Your Division Holiday Advisers are an enthusiastic team who are keen to encourage and give advice. Let us help you take your girls away.

Contact Liz Overall (County Holiday Adviser) at holiday.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

CAMP NEWS

Congratulations to Roni Crawford (Hayes Division) and Sheetal Rajani (Harrow/Pinner Division) who both gained their Camp licences last year.

I am re-organising the equipped sites at Willow Tree, and replacing a number of items. Please can you let me know if there are any camp items you would like to have on the sites.

On Saturday **21st April** I shall need help at Willow Tree from 10.30am making sure all the tents are in order. I have purchased a number of new tents which need to be marked up and prepared for the camping season.

Please let me know if you can help.

Lin Gregory, County Camp Adviser

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****WILLOW TREE NEWS****

INFORMATION EVENING HELD AT WILLOW TREE

We should like to thank all those who came to the meeting on 23rd January. It would have been nice if more people had attended but those that came made positive and constructive comments and ideas. We really appreciated your input so **'Thank you very much for coming'**.

Building Plans.

These should be going before the Council Meeting in February. We discussed proposed alterations to the plans and internal structures and furnishing. Good ideas came through and it was important to us that members were able to share their thoughts and ideas.

Future Plans and Activities

Enquiries have been made for the construction of a 'Low Level Rope Course and small Boulder Wall'. It was also suggested we have a 'Spider's Web and Sisal Trail' but naturally this will cost money. To enable us to bring in more revenue we are exploring the use of the Centre during the day midweek. Local schools are interested and Denise Tew has volunteered to deal with these enquiries as well as dealing with enquiries from local businesses that would like to use the Centre for meetings. If you, or a parent/friend/relative, work for a Bank or Building Society or a Firm that has a Community Policy we would welcome hearing from you. There are so many firms now who give match funding and even a Volunteer Community Day. We already have this support from Barclays and Bovis so please take this seriously, on our behalf. We are conscious that we need to replace the cookers!

Welcome Teams and Checkers.

Anne Harvey (Vice Chair of Willow Tree) received offers a few more interested people to assist with this, which is great news! The more we have the better.

New Ground & Environment Team

Three people were interested in joining this new Team with a view to taking responsibility for maintaining a section of the shrubs or the Tranquil Garden. They may also have other ideas, but it is great to go forward on this.

Service Team

This team takes on certain tasks at Willow Tree. They meet once a month and carry out a valuable service whilst having fun together. We really need to expand on this and create another Team. If you can help with any of the above or wish to know more please do not hesitate to contact me on email. willowtree.adv@girlguiding.middxnw.org.uk or telephone.

While showing someone from the Education Dept round last week they made the following comment to me when they left:

'I cannot believe this is here – it is so wonderful; it is like an oasis! You have terrific facilities, car park, residential house, toilet facilities for the outside users with safe wonderful grounds & environment. It is like being in another world!'

Dawn Palmer – Chairman of Willow Tree Management

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.

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