



Hello to you all,

Just a brief reminder that next Wednesday 9th May is the County AGM and hopefully all members should have seen the invitation which was circulated with the last Newsheet, or via their Division/District Commissioners. If you are interested in attending the AGM which will be held at Willow Tree Centre 7.45pm for 8.00pm, please would you let the PR team know as soon as possible by emailing fellofam@gmail.com.

If you are planning any events this summer and intend sending articles to the press, please would you ensure that you do this through your local PR Adviser.

HOLIDAY LICENCES

Holiday Licences are still very much in demand. We have seven Guiders in the County preparing to take their girls away this summer to gain their licence. Congratulations to Lara Seymour (Ruislip-Northwood) and Roni-Anna Crawford (Heathrow) for gaining their Guide Holiday Licences and Susan Harrison (Heathrow) for gaining her Brownie Holiday Licence. Please do contact your Division Holiday Adviser for any advice about holidays. We have lots of venues, ideas and information for the experienced and for new Guiders. It is great fun taking your unit away.

Liz Overall - County Holiday Adviser
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QUIZ NIGHT AT WILLOW TREE

Have you entered a team for the Quiz Night? This will be organised by Barclays Bank and match funded.

So far, we have received 3 teams but need 8 teams to make the evening worthwhile.

QUIZ NIGHT AT WILLOW TREE CENTRE.

MAY 15th. 7.45pm for 8.0pm. Doors open at 7.30pm.

For further information contact

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TRAINING SESSIONS/EVENTS

May

15th - Brownie Section Training

22nd - Rainbow Section Training

23rd - Guide Section Training

June

7th - Craft Evening at Maricas Avenue

9th - County Trip to Bruges

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Guiders, you can apply for booklets for this Arts challenge directly to myself. You only need to enclose a return address, a cheque made payable to "Middlesex North West Programme & Training Committee" to cover the number required (£1.50 per booklet) and I will forward them. The challenge covers a wide range of craft related tasks and provides a useful way of filling any gaps in your annual programmes! Plus, on completion the girls will receive a badge and certificate for their efforts!

Pam Reynolds - County Arts Adviser

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Can we have your advice please?

In the last Newsletter we gave the date for the 'Family Working Day'. This was held on Saturday 28th April. We asked for your help in promoting this working day especially to your Parents & Girls. We sent out 3,400 flyers before Easter and asked for these to be given out to Parents as we needed 100 people.

You can appreciate our disappointment with only 20 people throughout the day!

They worked so hard and did manage to rake up 80 bags of thatch from the reed bed.

If this task had not been completed the sewerage system would not have worked and NO ONE would have been able to use either the House or grounds.

Because the volunteers were given this priority other work was not carried out. The campfire circle and the 'Tranquil Garden' need attention and there is a great deal of weeding to be carried out.

A suggestion given by one of the Parents was to hold an evening event, with everyone doing one hour's work and then cooking their own food on the BBQ ending with a campfire?

Another suggestion was that Units spend one evening as part of their programme carrying out 'Service' which covers the environment.

One parent asked why they had not received the flyer until two days before the event? She added advance notice would have allowed families to enter this date in their diary. (I ask myself - who has been sitting on these flyers)?

Please let me have your views and whether you would be willing to support the second suggestion.

HSBC - COMMUNITY DAY

Our grateful thanks to HSBC Bank in Uxbridge. They have treated the exterior buildings but were not able to reach the apex.

Do you know of a painter & decorator who could give us a price for this work?

I should imagine it would take one day - paint will be provided.

ACTIVITIES AT WILLOW TREE

Thank you to Lynda Bowerman of Hayes who heard about a local funding opportunity and was successful in getting money for a 'Spiders Web'

Dawn Palmer (Chairman) Willow Tree Management

There was a buzz of excitement in the air at Willow Tree on Sunday 1st April, as girls from across the County waited to perform in the local round of the Guiding Star competition. The stage was set and looked amazing, thanks to Pam Reynolds and the Arts team. We had flashing lights, a sound system and a camera was rolling to catch all the action.

The X Factor style contest saw 23 acts perform throughout the day to a panel of five judges including the current Miss Fitness Champion of Great Britain, the owner of the Italia Conti School in South Ruislip, and the Head of Hillingdon Music Services.

Guides and Young Leaders showed their singing and dancing talents either on their own or as a group, using their own material or a song from the charts. One of the judges said "It has been wonderful being part of such a fantastic day which has afforded young girls with the opportunity to showcase their talents. I have been very impressed by the high standards of performances" Following their performance, girls were interviewed in the Green Room before being presented with a certificate, badge and photograph to remind them of the day.

The winners Kitty Murdoch of 1st Ickenham Guides in the 10-16 age group and Sarah Nisbet a Young Leader with 1st Hayes Rainbows, 16-25 age group, will now go forward to the Regional finals and workshop day being held in Kent.

After her impressive performance, Kitty said, "This has been a great experience and lots of fun" Runners up Chelsey Caldwell, 4th Ruislip Windmill Guides together with Georgina Devine and Meave McHugh both of 1st Harefield Guides will also go through to the finals.

The national finals winner will get to appear in front of 10,000 Guides at the BIG GIG later this year at the Manchester MEN Arena. So Good Luck to all of our entrants.

Well done to Lara Seymour, the P&T team and everyone who helped make Guiding star a successful event.

Sharon Cargill
County PR Adviser

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