



Girlguiding

Middlesex North West

girls in the lead

COUNTY NEWSHEET

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

Happy New Year and hello to you all,

We were both honoured and excited to be asked to take on the role of County Commissioner. Under Amanda's leadership the County has gone from strength to strength and we aim to continue moving forward as new initiatives are introduced. We hope that all members of the County, both girls and adults will be able to take the opportunities available to them through Girlguiding. We value the time and effort everyone gives the association as well as your input so please let us know your views. We hope to meet as many of you as possible during the coming year.

Best wishes

Karen Harrison and Helen Hutchings

OVER THE RAINBOW EVENT

Would you be willing to help with this event to celebrate the 21st birthday of Rainbows on Sunday 15th June at Willow Tree?

We need volunteers to set up in the morning, to help with car park stewarding, hostessing VIPs, with craft and other fairground-type activities, or with catering and clearing away.

Any help will be gratefully received.

Please email Caroline Davies through P & T Team email:

pandt.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

ARTS NEWS

URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR THE GOING FOR GOLD EVENT AND THE RAINBOW PARTY

Do you have any PLAIN PASTEL or WHITE SHEETS that you no longer need? We require enough to make skirts and to decorate Willow Tree.

Do you know of any Jumble sales that are taking place before the beginning of May?

If you can help with the above please contact me at arts.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Pam Reynolds

County Arts Adviser

TRAINING SESSIONS/EVENTS

February 2008

13th - Taking your unit away - part 2 at Willow Tree 7.45pm to 9.45pm

26th - Get set for Guiding at Willow Tree

March

5th - Commissioner Support Group

9th - County Day at Rooks Heath

18th - Practical Residential Holidays 7pm -10pm

April

16th - Food Hygiene Session 1

23rd - Practical Camp Training

24th - Food Hygiene Session 2

29th Mentor Evening for New Guiders

FUTURE COPIES

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countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Deadline for next issue is 3rd March 2008

ADULT LEADERSHIP SCHEME

It's quite a while since I wrote a report so I have a long list of ladies who have completed their training. Congratulations to them all.

Rachel Meen and Sarah Meen from Hillingdon
Jenny Lee and Joanne Read from Stanmore
Kelly Field & Noreen Flynn of Ruislip/Northwood
Rosemary Drummond from Wealdstone
Jean McGuire from Hayes

2007 was a good year for us, as no less than 25 people gained their warrants. Let's see if we can top that in 2008!

As you may remember we have also been piloting a new NVQ course on behalf of Girlguiding UK and I am pleased to report that 11 out of our 12 candidates have successfully completed their portfolios and their work has been submitted for verification. More news of this when we hear the results.

Gill Hodgson
Leadership Co-ordinator

HOLIDAY NEWS

Congratulations to Consey Demeester (Ruislip-Northwood Division) for gaining her Brownie Holiday licence and to Corrie Bwye (Ruislip-Northwood Division) for gaining her Guide Holiday licence.

Please note that our Practical Residential Training has been changed and will now take place on Tuesday March 18th at Willow Tree Centre from 7.00pm. Guiders will be able to meet their Division Holiday Advisers and we will have lots of new ideas, information and help for everyone, whether experienced or just thinking about taking their girls away. If you would like to come and join us please contact me at

holiday.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Liz Overall
County Holiday Adviser

COUNTY WEBSITE

As well as reading about events and trainings in the Newsheet you can find out what is happening in our County by logging onto the website :

www.girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

If you have anything that you would like to be included on the website or if you want to update some of the District and Division details please contact the webmasters by emailing Nikky on:

webdesign@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

WILLOW TREE NEWS

MATTRESSES - WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY ONE?

We have replaced 10 mattresses in the small dormitory, but we need to replace the others. Would you as a Unit or District like to purchase one? They cost £100 each.

We should like to thank 7th Stanmore Brownies and Nationwide who have purchased one each.

CHECKERS

It was agreed that we need to make the responsibilities of the 'checkers' easier. They play a valuable and essential role in the running of Willow Tree. We have organised a 'Refresher and Training Evening' on WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH at 7.30pm for those interested in helping. Please come along to find out what is involved. We have such a valuable asset which everyone enjoys, so your help and involvement would be appreciated.

NEW BUILDINGS

Funding for this new project is not going as well as expected and to enable us to apply to the National Lottery and other major funders we need to prove we have financial support locally.

We need to raise £600,000 - £650,000

So far we have support from:

Eastcote Community Centre	£750
Greenford Lions	£100
Northwood Lions	£150
Waitrose (Ruislip)	£100
Clancy Docwra	£100

THANK YOU

80% of the work was carried out at the 'Cleaning Blitz' in January and we should like to thank everyone who worked so hard to accomplish this.

LOW LEVEL CHALLENGE COURSE, SPIDERS WEB AND NIGHT LINE

The construction of these exciting activities has been completed. We are now waiting for the Instructors to be trained and safety gear in place so please do not use the equipment until everything is in order. **There is a minimum age restriction on the Low Level Course and Rope Swing.**

For the Night Line and Spiders Web, an evening training will be organised by the Programme and Training Team.

There will be a small charge for these activities and they will need to be booked. The charge will cover additional maintenance, safety equipment and Instructors where necessary.

We shall keep you informed once we have all the information.

Dawn Palmer
Chairman of Willow Tree Management