



# 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

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Hello,

We look forward to seeing you at County Day on Sunday. It's a great day for catching up with County members and picking up new ideas at the training sessions, as well as enjoying more relaxing activities after lunch.

## OVER THE RAINBOW EVENT

Sunday 15th June 2008 at Willow Tree.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with Over the Rainbow. We still need more volunteers.

A date for your diaries: a volunteer's evening will be held at Willow Tree on Tuesday 3rd June at 8pm to inform everyone about the day and their roles. Planning for the event is progressing nicely. Another 'make day' is to be held at Hatch End HQ on Saturday 15th March when you can drop in anytime from 10 am to 4pm. The closing date for applications from Rainbow units is Monday 31st March. Email Caroline Davies - P & T Team via [pandf.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:pandf.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?

Also we would be grateful to receive any gold or silver spray paint which you may have left over from Christmas.

If you can help with the above please contact me on [arts.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:arts.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

Pam Reynolds County Arts Adviser

## TRAINING SESSIONS/EVENTS

### March

9<sup>th</sup> - County Day at Rooks Heath

18<sup>th</sup> - Practical Residential Holidays 7pm -10pm

### April

16<sup>th</sup> - Food Hygiene Session 1

23<sup>rd</sup> - Practical Camp Training

24<sup>th</sup> - Food Hygiene Session 2

29<sup>th</sup> Mentor Evening for New Guiders

### May

1<sup>st</sup> - First Response Renewal Evening

7<sup>th</sup> - Food Hygiene Session 3

17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> - GOING FOR GOLD - County Event at Willow Tree Centre

20<sup>th</sup> - Mentor Evening for New Guiders

## HOLIDAY NEWS

It is great that we have another two holiday licences awarded this month. Congratulations to Gemma Flaxman (Ruislip-Northwood) and to Roni-Anna Crawford (Heathrow) for gaining Brownie Holiday licences.

Our Practical Residential Training is taking place on Tuesday 18th March 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 about places to stay and help for everyone. Come and join us whether you are experienced and just want refreshing or if you want to know more about how to get your licence. We are here to help and encourage you. If you would like to come and join us please contact me on [holiday.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:holiday.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

Liz Overall

County Holiday Adviser

## WILLOW TREE NEWS

### A NEW TREE TO BE PLANTED

We should like to thank Denise Tew for the new tree which is to be planted as a standing memory of the work and support given to Willow Tree by her late husband David. As most of you know we do not put up 'Name Plates' but this is entered in the special book 'In Memory at Willow Tree'.

### MATTRESSES

We have ordered 5 more replacement mattresses thanks to:

1<sup>st</sup>. South Ruislip Guides

2<sup>nd</sup> Ruislip Manor (St.Paul's) Brownies

Amanda Medler

Ruislip-Northwood Division (2).

We are really grateful for this help and support and if you as a Unit, District or Division would like to purchase one it is very easy just send £100 to Dawn Palmer or Anne Harvey. Cheques made payable to Willow Tree Centre.

### CAPITAL FUNDING FOR NEW BUILDINGS

We have this week received £750 from Nestle so all we need now is £648,000!

Please do not forget if you work for a company who supports the Community please pass on this information. Dawn will be happy to contact them.

### WORK SHEETS

We have had a couple of schools enjoying the facilities at Willow Tree and after a meeting with the Head Teachers they informed us they would use Willow Tree more if we could provide work sheets for them.

Samples can be obtained through various web sites but we do need 3-4 people who would be prepared to do these for us.

Wendy Walker knows what is required and would be willing to give further information on this. Perhaps you know of a classroom assistant who would be willing to help or an enthusiastic parent or friend. It is not rocket science but another project which would help us at Willow Tree if we could get this sorted.

### INSTRUCTORS FOR LOW LEVEL ROPE CHALLENGE COURSE

This was successfully carried out last month - it was great fun and extremely challenging. Ideal for older Guides, Senior Section and Adults!

### NIGHT LINE

The safety equipment for this has been ordered and will be operational this month as will the Spiders Web.

### QUIZ AT WILLOW TREE (Matched funded by Barclays)

Try and enter a team. THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Dawn Palmer

Chairman of Willow Tree Management

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### LATRINE TENTS AVAILABLE

I have two lat tents which are no longer required and wonder if there are any campers out there who would like them free of charge. Only condition is that you collect.

Please contact Jan Burgess at

[jan@burgess6854.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:jan@burgess6854.fsnet.co.uk)

### PEGGY HOLLOWAY

Sadly, Peggy Holloway who was the first County Commissioner for Middlesex North West died on 25<sup>th</sup> February in Tiverton.

Her guiding career which stretched from 1947 included appointments with Air Rangers in Southall, Guides in 6<sup>th</sup> Hayes, District and then Division Commissioner in Uxbridge.

Girlguiding Middlesex became so large that in 1945 the County was split into Middlesex East and West. Later, in 1979 it was decided to split Middlesex West into Middlesex North West and South West.

Peggy Holloway became the County Commissioner until 1984 when she retired to live in Somerset. She will be remembered for her love of Guiding in Middlesex North West and right up to her death continued to be interested in the County activities and development.

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