



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

Hello,

We hope you all enjoyed your summer break despite the rather unseasonable weather. Most of you will already have organised your meetings for this autumn term but it would be great if you could find time in your schedules to arrange a trip to Willow Tree on 11th October to help with planting.

HOLIDAY NEWS

TAKING YOUR UNIT AWAY - HOLIDAYS

We hope you have all had a good summer break and that all the Guiders who took their Units away had successful holidays.

We are pleased that three more Guiders in the County have gained their holiday licences: Lynn Clifford (Wealdstone) Guide Holiday, Jo Hockaday (Ruislip-Northwood) Guide Holiday and Vikki Jeeves (Pinner & Harrow) Guide Holiday. Congratulations.

If Guiders have evidence folders still to be completed please contact me or your Division Advisers as soon as possible so that we can arrange to have your licences signed off.

Taking your girls away is great fun; if you would like to take your licence why not get in touch with your Division Holiday Adviser. We will give you all the help and support you need.

Sally Shipman : Ruislip-Northwood Division
Gill Hoptroff : Wealdstone Division
Jackie Diamond : Harrow & Pinner Division
Julie Wilson : Heathrow Division
Susie Edwards : Uxbridge Division

Happy holidays!

Liz Overall (County Holiday Adviser)
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HAVE YOU VISITED OUR COUNTY WEBSITE?

www.girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk provides useful information for Guiders on forthcoming events, training opportunities and all the latest news throughout the County.

It includes an area where you can download handy files, for example, the latest County Newsheet, our Annual Review, as well as certain forms and training information sheets. Links to other relevant websites can also be found e.g. Girlguiding UK, WAGGGS, Girlguiding LaSER as well as Unit, District & Division websites.

If you would like to add a link to your website please email the details to our webmaster at webmaster@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

We would like to add an 'activity ideas' page so we are always looking for new articles about the activities that you have enjoyed in your own units, to share with other Guiders. Please email any articles of interest to the webmaster.

If you don't know who to call, the website includes a contact list of County personnel so that you can direct any queries you may have to the right person.

For those wishing to find out more about Girlguiding in general there are pages that include a summary of our organisations history, details of badges, the area's that our County covers, a bit more about who we are and what we do and all the information you need to become a member.

Why not take a look at our website, visit www.girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

WILLOW TREE NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU to Wealdstone Division who financed 3 more mattresses. Five more were ordered and have been delivered. You will be pleased to know that our old mattresses are given to Orchyd (Organisation of Ruislip Churches Holiday for Young Disabled). They are so grateful that they have financed two mattresses for Willow Tree. So far, we have given them 15 and have promised they can have the remaining eight once we have purchased them. The reason Orchyd find our mattresses great is the fact they have only slight usage (just two weeks a year) and that they are plastic coated so more hygienic than the ones they have and easier for storage. If you would like to buy a mattress please send a cheque for £100 (payable to Willow Tree Centre) to either Dawn Palmer or Anne Harvey. It would be great if we could replace the remaining eight mattresses as soon as possible.

NIGHTLINE & LOW LEVEL COURSE

These activities are very popular and bookings are going very well.

We now have other equipment available for use, including Rounders with flat and stick bats and Volley Ball nets and ball, so there are more things for you to do to make your stay more enjoyable.

Sally Pople is looking at all the equipment and we are revising the Orienteering Course.

DEVELOPMENT

With the current credit situation many of our applications have been well received but no money has been made available to us which is extremely disappointing news.

We are competing for funds which seem to favour sports in the lead up to the 2012 Olympics. Our current position is now £11,000. The target at this stage was £200,000. We still have three applications that are being considered and more to submit this month.

We should like to thank Gill Stanton & Jane Stone who helped out at the Ruislip Manor Fun Day. Although we did not raise a great deal of money we made contact with others who may be in the position to help us financially. It is still amazing that many people think Girlguiding is either part of the Scouts Association or that we do not exist anymore.

QUIZ EVENING

We had a really enjoyable and fun evening on 12th June with Barclays providing the Quiz questions. Gill and Liz did the food for us and it was a really successful evening with 11 teams. Unfortunately, we had to turn away 2 teams so next time make sure you get in early! The raffle made £207 so the final amount raised was £572 which will be matched by Barclays and will go towards the maintenance costs for Willow Tree. With the steep rise in fuel costs this income will be important to us.

1,000 TREES

The Woodland Trust have visited Willow Tree and we qualified for a 'Camp Make Over'. They will be supplying us with 1,000 trees and shrubs to cover the earth bund. These will be small but we shall need to plant them straightaway so we require as many pairs of hands as possible. Planting has been scheduled for Saturday 11th OCTOBER. If you could mention this to your Parents we would be grateful. Flyers will be given out to the Districts for distribution.

HELP NEEDED at WILLOW TREE CENTRE

In preparation for the planting of the trees and shrubs on Saturday 11th October we need to weed the large earth bund which is covered in large weeds.

A group of volunteers from Willow Tree Trefoil Guild are attempting to do as much as possible on Thursday 2nd October between 10.30am - 4.0pm.

We would really appreciate some extra pairs of hands!

Dawn Palmer

Chairman of Willow Tree Management

TRAINING SESSIONS/EVENTS

Training booklets will be sent out in near future. Please make sure you receive a copy.

FUTURE COPIES

To receive the County Newsheet please forward S.A.E.s via your DC or send your email address to:

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Deadline for next issue is 13th October 2008