



Girlguiding

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COUNTY NEWSHEET

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

Hello,

In this edition we are concentrating on training. A number of exciting new sessions have been arranged this term aimed to inspire you with ideas for your programme. Why not come along to the PR Perception party details of which are attached with this Newsheet?

PROGRAMME AND TRAINING NEWS

There is a change of format for the new Training booklet which is due to be sent out before Christmas. It will be an A5 size booklet with fliers for each of the trainings and will cover the whole of 2009 rather than the school year. In the meantime the Training Sessions that have been planned for this term and early January are detailed on an A4 sheet that you should have received via your District/Division Commissioners. If you have not yet received the sheet, the Trainings are listed opposite along with email addresses for applications.

As a result of feedback at County Day there will be a variety of venues around the County that are accessible by public transport.

Each term there will be one full First Response course and one renewal course but others can be arranged if there is demand.

Headline Dates for Next Year

Sat. 7th February at Ickenham and Sun. 8th at Hatch End - Section Training for all sections

Sat. 28th February/Sun. 1st March - Patrol Leaders Training at Pax Lodge

Fri. 1st May - Sun. 3rd May - BP Challenge

Sat. 10th October - County Day (venue to be arranged)

TRAINING SESSIONS AND EVENTS

November

Thurs. 6th - Mentoring for New Guiders at Willow Tree Centre (8-10pm)
Applications to Gill Hodgson on Leadership@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Thurs. 6th - PR Perception at Barra Hall in Hayes (8-10pm)
Applications to Jenny Brazier on pt.heathrow@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Tues. 18th - PR Introduction to Photography at Barra Hall in Hayes (8-10pm)
Applications to Jenny Brazier as above.

Thurs. 27th - Aim Hi! at Willow Tree Centre (8-10pm)
Applications to Jackie Diamond on hol.harrowpinner@girlguidingmiddx.org.uk

Sat. 29th - First Response Full Course at Hatch End Free Church (10am - 4pm)
Applications to Caroline Davies on pt.harrowpinner@girlguidingmiddx.org.uk

December

Tues. 2nd - First Response Renewal Evening at Willow Tree Centre (7-10pm)
Applications to Caroline Davies as above.

January 2009

Thurs. 8th - Mentoring for New Guiders at Willow Tree Centre (8-10pm)
Applications to Gill Hodgson as above.

WILLOW TREE NEWS

PLANTING OF TREES

With beautiful weather the atmosphere was excellent when we held the Working Day on 11th October. 101 families took part and we managed to plant 850 trees. Please thank your parents on our behalf. The list of names will be given to the Division Commissioners. The remaining trees have been heeled in and watered. We did not get the pruning carried out so if anyone is interested in coming to help with this please let me know and we can arrange some sessions. The majority of families complimented us on the Centre, appreciated the hot dogs and said they would be willing to come again - a couple commented on the fact that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and how great it was that they could bring the children.

QUIZ EVENING

The Christmas Quiz has been arranged for Thursday 13th November so book now to avoid disappointment. This will be held at Willow Tree Centre as requested by the previous teams. All funds raised will be matched by Barclays. These funds are needed to replace the fridge/freezer in the Utility Room and two more mixer valves for the outside showers. (These cost over £100 each).

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

We have had two adults offering to be part of the Outdoor Service Team. However we need a few more to join this team plus a volunteer to be Team Leader.

Also we need a Co-ordinator for the Checkers at Willow Tree. The applicant will need access to a computer. You may already be a checker so why not offer to take this on? It would certainly help us out.

ACTIVITIES ADVISER

Chris Fellowes is currently organising the bookings for the activities and the instructors until we find a permanent Activity Adviser. Please send your activity booking form to Chris and not Sally Pople who has taken on the role of County Camp Adviser.

ARCHERY INSTRUCTORS' COURSE.

Watch out for the flyer as we have booked four places for GNAS Archery Instructors' Course and would welcome enquires for this. There is a cost involved so we would need your commitment to take some of the Archery sessions.

P & T are organising an Instructors Course for the Low Level Challenge Course.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

We have met with one of the Contractors who will be sending us an up to date estimate. We have received £5,000 from the estate of the late Peggy Holloway. Several grant applications have gone in but at present our fund stands at £16,000.

Dawn Palmer
Chairman of Willow Tree Management

HOLIDAY NEWS

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.

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