



# 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,

It is just a few more weeks before most of you finish this autumn term and start the Christmas festivities. If you are planning a trip to see a pantomime or take part in a Christmas carol service we wish you success. Season's greetings to you all and a happy new year.

## Headline Dates for Next Year

Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> May - Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> May - BP Challenge

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> October - County Day at Haydon School, Wiltshire Lane, Eastcote

## TRAINING SESSIONS AND EVENTS

### December

Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Response Renewal Evening at Willow Tree Centre (7-10pm)  
Applications to Caroline Davies  
[pt.harrowpinner@girlguidingmiddx.org.uk](mailto:pt.harrowpinner@girlguidingmiddx.org.uk)

### January 2009

Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> - Mentoring for New Guiders at Willow Tree Centre (8-10pm)  
Applications to Gill Hodgson  
[Leadership@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:Leadership@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

### February

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

Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> - Arts Celebrations at Coldharbour Lane Hayes (8-10pm)  
Applications to Pam Reynolds  
[arts@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:arts@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> to Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March - Patrol Leader Training at Pax Lodge Centre  
Applications to Liz Overall  
[holiday@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:holiday@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

## WILLOW TREE NEWS

QUIZ EVENING -held on 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Once again this was a very successful evening and we should like to thank everyone who supported us. We had 12 teams (the maximum number for the size of the room) with good questions, good food and excellent company. It was really great fun and we are hoping that Barclays will organise two more in 2009 - so watch this space! We raised £567.

### OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Details have been given to the Division Commissioners for circulation on the following vacancies so please contact us if you are interested in any of these.

ARCHERY LEADERSHIP COURSE - 9-12 March.  
ACTIVITIES ADVISER  
CO-ORDINATOR FOR CHECKERS  
SERVICE TEAM AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM

### REPLACEMENT MATTRESSES

Thank you to 1<sup>st</sup> South Ruislip Brownies and 11<sup>th</sup> Hayes Brownies for sending us £100 each to purchase two more mattresses. We have also received pledges from Brownie Units in Ickenham. We can only order in multiples of 5 so any further donations would be appreciated as we would like to purchase the remaining four to complete the replacements.

## AWARDS for ALL

We have been successful with our grant application and are now the proud owners of a new Ride on Mower. This will enable us to keep the grass very short in the Archery and Sports Area.

## BIRD BOXES

We were delighted to be presented with a variety of bird boxes by Nicky Dodd and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chalfont St.Giles Guides. They enjoy their visits to Willow Tree so much that they have made a variety of boxes for us. These include Bat Boxes, Robin Nests, Insect Boxes and Bird Boxes. We shall put these up very soon.

## WORK SHEETS

Wendy Walker and Jenny Brazier are making great strides in providing work sheets for Willow Tree. These will be beneficial to schools that use the centre and it is hoped that these will be ready at Easter. Nikki Evans is working on this project and is in the process of updating Willow Tree Web Site. We are grateful for all this help and support given to us.

Dawn Palmer - Chairman of Willow Tree Management.

## FUTURE COPIES

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

[countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

Deadline for next issue is 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009

## HOLIDAY NEWS

Congratulations to Jane Middleton (Harrow & Pinner Division) for gaining her overnight licence.

I went to Willow Tree Centre recently to visit an Eastcote Guider taking her Holiday Licence. It was a cold and dreary weekend but inside the house the Brownies were having a wonderful time. They were having their Christmas celebrations with Christmas stockings, a beautiful tree, decorations and even Christmas dinner; the Guiders were also having a fulfilling weekend and thoroughly enjoying themselves. They commented on how satisfying it is to have more time to spend with the girls, and so getting to know them better. It is great fun for everyone involved, so if you are thinking about taking your holiday licence, contact your Division Holiday Adviser and look out for our trainings in February and March 2009.

Your Holiday Advisers are:

Sally Shipman (Ruislip-Northwood)

Gill Hoptroff (Wealdstone)

Susie Edwards (Uxbridge)

Julie Wilson (Heathrow)

Jackie Diamond (Harrow & Pinner)

We are here to help and advise you.

Liz Overall (County Holiday Adviser)

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