



# Girlguiding

Middlesex North West

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COUNTY NEWSHEET

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

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Hello,

Happy New Year to you all. This issue features a number of training sessions that are taking place in the next couple of months. Contact your District Commissioner if you have not received details of the Section Training weekend (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February).

## TRAINING SESSIONS AND EVENTS

### February

Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> - Introduction to Taking your unit away at Willow Tree Centre (8-10pm)

Applications to Liz Overall

[holiday@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:holiday@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> 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)

### March

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> - Practical Residential Training at Ruislip Guide Hut (9.30am - 2.30pm)

Applications to Liz Overall

Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> - First Response Full Course at Maricas Avenue (10am -4pm)

Applications to Caroline Davies

[pt.harrowpinner@girlguidingmiddx.org.uk](mailto:pt.harrowpinner@girlguidingmiddx.org.uk)

Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> - First Response Renewal at Rayners Lane Scout Hut

Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> - PR Introduction to photography at Hatch End HQ

Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> - PR Perception at Willow Tree Centre

Applications for PR trainings to Jenny Brazier

[pt.heathrow@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:pt.heathrow@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> - Safe from Harm at Rooks Heath College (8-10pm)

Applications to Jenny Le Gall

[pt.ruislipnorthwood@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:pt.ruislipnorthwood@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

## HOLIDAY NEWS

Congratulations to Nicola Setterfield (Ruislip-Northwood Division) for gaining her Brownie holiday licence and to Emma Field (Ruislip-Northwood) for gaining her Guide holiday licence, both Guiders can now look forward to many enjoyable holidays with their girls.

It could be you, so why not contact your holiday adviser and she will show you how simple it is to gain your licence. The Holiday & Camp training booklet has been modified and we will give all the help you need.

Learn more at our training 'Introduction to taking your Unit Away' on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at Willow Tree Centre and why not join us for a 'Practical Residential Training' at Ruislip Guide Hut on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009. We will give you ideas for venues, themes, menus, first aid, crafts and lots more, and it will be a relaxed, informative day with lunch provided.

Brownie Guiders should have received information about the exciting Funtenary at Butlins, Bognor Regis in January 2010 being organised by Region. This has been such a popular event our County has reserved places to avoid any disappointment. I have some places left so if you would like to take your Brownies please let me know as soon as possible. You do not need a holiday licence to take your girls, and it would be a very special way for your Unit to celebrate the Centenary. If you do not have details please let me know and I will send you the information.

Liz Overall (County Holiday Adviser)

[holiday.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk](mailto:holiday.adv@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk)

## WILLOW TREE NEWS

### ARCHERY LEADERSHIP COURSE 9-12 MARCH.

We have two vacancies for the above course. Please contact Dawn Palmer ASAP if you wish to take up this opportunity.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE DONATIONS IN 2008 - List in Willow Tree section of website. Since the last edition of County News we have had donations for mattresses from 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ickenham Brownies. We need just 4 more to complete all replacements - would you like to purchase one? They cost £100 each.

We have recently received a donation from the Friends of former 7<sup>th</sup> Pinner Guides. This is restricted funding for environment project in the area of the Peace Garden. Will keep you informed of the progress.

We were successful with our application to NWL Community Foundation (Sports Council) and have replaced the worn archery targets. We were also able to purchase longer arrows and two lighter bows.

Success also with a BAA Heathrow Community Grant towards flyers and wallets in connection with the 'Work Sheets Scheme' for schools. Wendy Walker and Jenny Brazier are producing the 'Work Sheets' and the scheme should be in operation in March. With these resources we should attract more schools to use the Centre.

### CAPITAL FUNDING FOR NEW BUILDINGS.

Our vision for completion by 2010 is fast failing and very disappointing. There have been so many occasions when we have needed them. We have had interest from a couple of National Foundations but unless we raise more funds their offers cannot be awarded. We were delighted to hear that Ruislip Lions held a Christmas Show in aid of our appeal resulting in £1,000. We are really grateful for this local support.

### WAITROSE LOCAL COMMUNITY FUNDING

We have been successful in being chosen as one of the 3 local Charities in the Northwood Branch of Waitrose. This will take place in March and we hope you will pass this information to parents and friends who shop in Northwood. We need this money to pay for replacement mixer valves in the outdoor shower blocks which are very expensive but until replaced the water will remain cold!

We have been advised to fill in nomination forms at every Waitrose in L.B.Hillingdon and L.B.Harrow as we are not restricted to one branch. Please fill in a nomination form at your local Waitrose - there are so many replacements needed we could do with this help. The fly

catcher in the kitchen needs replacing just as an example! When you are next in Waitrose, ask for the form and fill it in. It is simple, just say it is for Willow Tree Centre, which is the local Outdoor Centre for Brownies, Guides and other Youth Organisations It is used by 8,500 young people every year and run by volunteers. Put Willow Tree address down with my name and phone number 01753 890924 as the contact. That is all you have to do!

Dawn Palmer - Chairman of Willow Tree Management.

## BLACKLAND FARM - Girl Guiding UK's Camping and Activity Centre

News and dates for your diary from FRIENDS OF BLACKLAND FARM.

We are grateful to everyone who supported our events last year and hope very much to see you again in 2009.

Please note the following dates :-

24 to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009 - Friends Spring Break - Herons House. A chance to give service to the site, catch up on old friends and take part in future planning.

24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 - Midsummer Madness Cream Tea (2 - 4.30pm) on Woodpecker site.

Tombola, Sales Stalls etc. Cost £5.50 each.

Friends may arrive from 12noon if they wish to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy exploring Blackland before the Friends' event. Please bring a chair and if you have one, a small table.

16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009 - Social weekend and Annual Review (17<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 11am)

All events take place at Blackland Farm.

We hope to see many of you at these events and if you require any further details or would like to become a Friend of Blackland, please contact Jean Greenaway on 01293 782224. We are endeavouring to increase our membership and new faces are very welcome.

## SAD NEWS.

Joan Webb, a real guiding light, has sadly passed away after a long fight with cancer. She was an inspiration to a great many of us that had the privilege to know her. She ran a Brownie pack in Ickenham for many years and then went on to be the Commissioner. She was in later life a member of the Trefoil Guild. She will be missed by all that knew her.

## FUTURE COPIES

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