



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,

Spring has finally arrived and the weather is slowly improving as the days become longer. So why not consider taking your girls to Willow Tree for the Work Day in May or book an afternoon of outdoor activities during the Easter holidays.

TRAINING SESSIONS AND EVENTS

March

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

Applications to Jenny Le Gall

pt.ruislipnorthwood@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Sat. 28th - Instructors course for Challenge equipment at Willow Tree (10am-4pm)

April

Tues. 21st - Mentoring Evening for new Guiders - Session 1 at Willow Tree Centre (8-10pm)

Applications to Gill Hodgson

Leadership@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Tues. 28th - Food Safety & Catering Level 2 - part 1 at Willow Tree Centre (8-10pm)

See details in Training booklet.

May

Tues. 5th - Food Safety & Catering Level 2-part 2

Wed. 6th - Fun food and outside art at Willow Tree (8-10pm)

Applications to Jenny Brazier (email above)

Sat. 9th May - First Response Full course at Uxbridge Guide HQ (10am-4pm)

Applications to Caroline Davies

pt.harrowpinner@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Tues. 12th - Food Safety & Catering Level 2-part 3

Due to a lack of response the PR trainings on 12th and 17th March have been cancelled. It is hoped these sessions will be run on County Day which will take place on 10th October this year.

FUTURE COPIES

To receive the County Newsheet please send a unit contact email address to:

countynews.ed@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Deadline for next issue is 27th April 2009

WILLOW TREE NEWS

Thanks to Willow Tree Trefoil they have pruned 50% of the roses so more help is needed to get this work carried out within the next couple of weeks. Please contact me if you are willing to give 2 hours of your time.

Waitrose in Ruislip and Northwood have chosen Willow Tree as one of their three charities during March so please tell your neighbours and friends to put the green marker in our box. We need these finances to replace more mattresses and have the mixer valves in the outside toilet replaced.

QUIZ NIGHT AT WILLOW TREE. Tuesday 19TH May and WORK DAY on Saturday 16TH May.

(Flyers for both these events are attached with this Newsheet.)

Please support our next QUIZ and enter a team - we appreciate it clashes with a couple of other things but this was the only date that Barclays was available to organise the Quiz.

These quizzes have been such fun and all money will go towards the printing of our brochures which have now finally run out.

We shall obviously take this opportunity to update them.

For the WORK DAY the jobs to be completed are painting the picnic benches, planting, weeding the reed bed, painting the floors to Barn Shelters and retreatment of wood timbers on lower sides of the house which have been dried out due to the sun.

We do need your Parents or friends to help us so please encourage them to come.

Dawn Palmer - Chairman of Willow Tree Centre

willowtree@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

HILLINGDON DISTRICT IS DESPERATE!

We urgently need warranted guiders during the summer term, for two of our Brownie Packs and for a Rainbow unit.

One of our Brownie guiders is expecting a baby in June and a Rainbow/Brownie guider is due to have a major operation after Easter. They both hope to be back in September. All three units have adult helpers and there will be a programme planned for the term.

We also need a warranted Guide guider when the only warranted adult leader with 7th Hillingdon Guides moves to Brighton at Easter otherwise the unit will have to be suspended.

If you know anyone who is a warranted leader, who is not with a unit at present and would be willing to help out, please please let us know.

Please help us, as we do not want to see four units closed.

Brenda Tilbury Division PR rep.

PR.uxbridge@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Jacky Cox District Comm.

dc.hillingdon@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

HEADQUARTERS NO 11 (FIGHTER) GROUP OPERATIONS ROOM

Did you know that Fighter Command at RAF Uxbridge was responsible for the air defence of London and SE England during the Second World War?

The Operations Room exists today as it did on 15th September 1940, which is now commemorated as Battle of Britain Day.

Last week members of Willow Tree Trefoil Guild with their guests visited this memorable and historic 'Bunker' which is now a listed building. We experienced the illuminated tote boards of the individual fighter squadrons as well as the original plotting room displaying both friendly and hostile plots. In addition to this there is a small museum.

I am giving you this information as it was a great experience. The cost is a donation and I cannot speak more highly of this visit. The Tour Guide was a wealth of information.

No admission to anyone under 9 and booking is essential. Group number recommended 25 people. As this is an active RAF Station security is tight and everyone has to be listed on the pre-booking register. ID has to be shown on day of visit. Not suitable for people with walking difficulties as you have to walk down 74 steps to the underground bunker.

For further information contact Hazel Crozier (Curator) and email address is:

11gpcurator@btconnect.com

Dawn Palmer-Willow Tree Trefoil Guild.

PLACES ON TRIP TO SWITZERLAND

6th A Headstone Guides have 5 places available on our trip to Switzerland.

We are happy to take Guides, Senior Section members or adults. The date is July 24th to August 2nd 2009. The cost is £500.

Further details from Karen Harrison

countycomm@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk.

The cost includes travel, accommodation, food and all the activities which will include, an ice disco, dry tobogganing, water activities, swimming, a visit to Our Chalet, cable car rides and much more!

GUIDING CENTENARY 2010

By now you will have realised you need a 2010 planner so that you can programme in some of the wonderful Centenary Events on offer to you and the girls.

Our County will celebrate in many ways to ensure everyone has a chance to be involved. Please enter the following dates into your diary now:

21st April 2010 - 'Memories' A fun evening for every guiding adult in the County, including senior section and trefoil ladies.

A chance to share an evening of your 'memories'. Everyone will be encouraged to Have Fun. Displays, competitions, a catwalk (extinct uniforms), memory pond, a special tree and delicious food plus lots more will be on offer - there will be something for everybody.

Whilst the evening will be from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, there is the offer of an Adult Sleepover - so that the celebration can continue into the night. Fancy a midnight feast at the Tranquil Garden, Torch Flashing at lights out, and lots of conversation. (Mature ladies - take the bottom bunk). Breakfast from 7.00am so that those who want to leave early for work, can do so. Our party will continue until 10.00am

It will be a celebration to remember.

More information and how to become involved, will be available in September.

20th October 2010 - Promise Renewal Evening in London (Trafalgar Square) from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Wow! What a celebration this is going to be. Middx N.W. is joining forces with other Guiding Counties in Laser to celebrate the official end to our Centenary year. This event is for all members of the county and will be a truly memorable occasion - the promise renewal will take place on the 'big screen'. Again more information later.

Centenary - Challenge Everyone Now To Experience Nationally A Remarkable Year!

June Jones