



Girlguiding

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COUNTY NEWSHEET

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

Hello,

This is the last Newsheet before the summer holidays, following which we shall be celebrating the launch of the Girlguiding Centenary. So relax and enjoy the summer in readiness for a fun packed year of events.

TRAINING SESSIONS AND EVENTS

Book places for 'Singing with your unit' Wed 23rd September at Willow Tree. Learn some action songs to encourage girls to sing, even if you are not a singer yourself, and then enjoy a campfire around the Willow Tree campfire circle and learn some traditional and new campfire songs - marshmallows provided!

Applications to Jenny Le Gall

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CAMP NEWS

Congratulations to Sarah Brooks (2nd Ruislip Windmill Rangers) for gaining her Senior Section Camp Licence. Sarah is now working towards the extra module for her Holiday Licence.

Please ensure that all AA forms are sent on time. That is 6 weeks prior to the event if you already hold your licence and 12 weeks if this is to be an assessment camp.

Sally Pople County Camp Adviser

AUCTION OF PROMISES

This auction is to raise funds for 2 guide groups travelling to Switzerland in the summer. It will be held at Ruislip Conservative Club, Ickenham Road, Ruislip on Friday 26th June at 7pm. No entrance fee. Leaders, friends, family, everyone is welcome. There will be a disco and BBQ on offer as well as the auction. Your support would be very much appreciated.

ARTS TEAM NEWS

Thank you to the few ladies who attended the Fun with Food evening on the 6th May - we had a great evening and everyone left saying it was a shame not more people had applied! We will soon be back to a busy year with the Centenary coming up and already Ruislip Northwood Division are asking if you could once more look out for old white/pastel plain sheets for their Division camp - so please start searching them out!

As next year will be packed with events, the Arts Team is going to be fully stretched so if any of you would like to give some time or are interested in helping with sessions at events then please forward your details to myself or your division representative and I will contact you in due course.

In preparation for the launch you are invited to design the County badge for the centenary - everyone is eligible to take part from Rainbows to Trefoil Guild members. The winner will have their design made into the Centenary County badge!! Prizes will also be given to section winners - The competition closes on the 15th July so start designing now!! More details are provided on the flyer which has been issued to all Division Commissioners, so please ask for one. Pam Reynolds - County Arts Adviser
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WILLOW TREE NEWS

This is the time when it gets very busy with various Groups using Willow Tree especially during the evenings. Sometimes we get five groups arriving during one evening and the last thing we want to do is restrict the number of groups. To help us please could you make sure you put someone on the Gate at least 30 minutes before parents start arriving as they constantly ring the House disrupting those who are using it and this can be very annoying. Last week some occupants even received abuse from a parent because the gate was shut! As this booking was for a full week it does not help us, as they may not book with us in future. We hope you will co-operate with us to save unpleasantness. If someone from another Unit is manning the gate please offer to help by directing cars and making sure they park close together or even suggest you take over after 30 minutes. May we also ask you to inform your parents and girls to use the field/camp gates and not go through the House Gate as this is an intrusion! On several occasions the parents have stood outside glaring through the cathedral window, which is not acceptable! At the end of the day we should like everyone to enjoy their time at Willow Tree so a little consideration to others would make a huge difference. We have erected the posts where parents and children can assemble - they can be reached by using the top camp gate entrance or even the Field Gate. All you have to do is Blu-tack your Unit Name on one of the posts.

Thank you to Harefield District for their £200 donation. We really appreciate this financial help especially as the two fridges in the kitchen are not functioning properly and need to be replaced as soon as possible.

We should like to enlist volunteers to help Willow Tree especially with weeding, breaking up wood, painting etc We are proposing having one evening a month from May to September and one morning a month (possibly a Saturday) from October to April. If you think this is a good idea and would like to be a member of this team can you please let me know?

Dawn Palmer
Email.

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HOLIDAY NEWS

If you are keen to take your Unit away next year and need to have a licence then all is well. We are arranging to have two trainings for Camp and Holidays in November so that you can join in the 2010 celebrations by taking your girls away for a fun time. Please remember to let your District Commissioner and Holiday Adviser know well in advance if you are booking and planning to take your licence. It is important that your Adviser helps you and gives you an application for assessment form.

Liz Overall (County Holiday Adviser)
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Coffee Morning to raise funds for Willow Tree

To be held at Wealdstone Methodist Church, Locket Road, Wealdstone

On Saturday 27th June - 10.30am and 12.30pm

Leaders, girls, friends, family, everyone is welcome so please call in and have a coffee and piece of cake. Your support would be much appreciated.

LOW ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE

Taster evenings - 17th June, 2nd July and 7th September.

We have had no response for these sessions so regrettably we shall have to cancel them all.

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Deadline for next issue is 7th September 2009