



Girlguiding

Middlesex North West

girls in the lead



COUNTY NEWS SHEET

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

Happy Centenary!! We hope you all celebrated the start of the centenary in some way; there cannot be many organisations that celebrate their birthday for over a year. There are so many opportunities available during the year, both locally and nationally, so whatever you decide to do we hope you and the girls have a memorable time. Please keep checking the County website for updates on events. We will be taking every opportunity to promote local guiding during the forthcoming year and the PR team would like to hear of any special events and activities you are undertaking.

Best Wishes Helen and Karen County Commissioners for Middx North West

TRAINING SESSIONS AND EVENTS

Craft Dabble evening on Tues **10th November 8 -10pm**

Uxbridge HQ Sweetcroft Lane, Uxbridge UB10 9LQ

There will be craft items for sale at the evening as requested by Guiders at County Day

To book a place email: arts@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

Introduction to taking your unit away -

Tuesday 17th November 8-10pm at Willow Tree Centre

Mentoring for new Guiders (session 2) -

Wednesday 18th November 8-10pm at Willow Tree

COUNTY CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Our Centenary Launch celebrations at Willow Tree on 6th September were attended by 300 members and guests and the evening was enjoyed by everyone. An aerial photo was taken of participants standing to form '100' with Willow Tree House in the background.

This picture and others from the day should be available on the County website from mid November along with details of how to purchase them. Judging has taken place for the County Centenary badge and winners will be announced in the next edition. County will be purchasing the badge for every member so that they have them for Thinking Day 2010. Details of the County Centenary Challenge Booklet will also be on the county website from mid November.

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STREAMLINE

We held some very successful training sessions at the start of the year and the system went live during the summer. All units must have girl data entered on the database by Christmas, so to help those who may have missed the earlier sessions or who now have queries, we are holding a series of surgeries during November.

The first step is to ensure all adult members (with a membership number) have a password - if you do not please follow these instructions:

If you phone the number mentioned below and answer a few questions you will be given your password. Similarly if you experience any difficulty logging-in, please contact us on 0808 168 1908 (Mon-Fri 9am-7pm) or email gосupport@girlguiding.org.uk

At least one member from every unit should have attended either a County or local session training on Streamline. During November there will be Streamline sessions on the following dates:

Tuesday 3rd November - Willow Tree

Wednesday 18th November - Bourne Primary School, South Ruislip

Tuesday 24th November - Bourne Primary School

Monday 30th November - Willow Tree,

(Also depending upon demand we may fit in more sessions as well as visiting some district meetings).

The aim is to give an overview of the system and participants are asked to bring their unit information with them as time will be allocated to input data. These sessions are also for anyone who may need a refresher or have a particular problem.

On each of the above dates the sessions will be from 7.30 to 8.30pm and 8.45 to 9.45 pm.

If you would like to attend you must book a place by email to Jenny Brazier on

PT.uxbridge@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

(particularly as we need to use laptops at Willow Tree).

MEMORIES 21st April 2010

Flyers with application forms have now been distributed to all Divisions and Trefoil Guilds. Plans are now well advanced for an evening of fun and entertainment for adults in our County. Your completed application form and SAE should be sent as soon as possible.

Some guiders have expressed an interest in camping for the night sleepover; this is good news. (Just indicate your interest on the application form so space can be allocated).
May I remind the 'team' of helpers to also complete a form to book for the evening and/or the sleepover.
June Jones

WILLOW TREE NEWS

WORKING DAY

Thank you to Leaders, Parents and Friends who helped out on 26th September at our 'Working Day'. It was a great morning with lots of jobs carried out in a very friendly atmosphere! Thank you everyone!

BOVIS COMMUNITY DAY

Bovis Lend Lease spent a 'Community Day' at Willow Tree in September and provided 30 people over two days. They painted the concrete floors in the Barn Shelters, cleaned and re-treated the lower pine timbers on the House and Shower Block.
Many thanks to Bovis for completing this work.

WEB SITE.

We have experienced problems with the domain but this has now been rectified and our new web site is taking shape. We shall keep you updated on the progress; you will not be disappointed!

QUIZ NIGHT - Tuesday 10th November.

This is really a good evening so if you have not yet entered please contact Lin Gregory as soon as possible. Email.

divc.ruislipnorthwood@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

JAZZ BAND

We have had confirmation that this will take place on Tuesday 29th May 2010. Tickets and details will be given out in the New Year.

SCHOOLS

Letters have been sent to 100 schools, inviting them to a 'Viewing Day' on Thursday 12th November. We shall hold further days next year.

Dawn Palmer

Chairman of Willow Tree Management

VACANCY AT WILLOW TREE

Due to a cancellation, there is a vacancy at Willow Tree Centre from Friday 30th April - Monday 3rd May 2010. This is the early May Bank Holiday. Any enquiries, please contact Christine Mills - Booking Secretary 01895 637309 or accombookings.willowtree@girlguidingmiddxnw.org.uk

HOLIDAY NEWS

Congratulations to Aileen Williams (Ruislip-Northwood Division) for gaining her Brownie Holiday Licence.

We have two holiday trainings arranged and hope that if you are interested in taking your girls away you will come and find out all about it.

Tuesday 17th November 2009 at Willow Tree Centre 8pm. We will give you help on how to fill the forms in and how to start organising your holiday or camp.

Tuesday 24th November at Willow Tree Centre at 7.30pm. This session will give you lots of practical ideas, themes, crafts, venues and help to make your holiday fun for both you and your girls. Please contact me or your Division Holiday Adviser to let us know you are interested.
Liz Overall (County Holiday Adviser) 01895 825375

TRAFALGAR SQUARE LONDON 2010 FINALE

Middlesex North West is joining with other London Counties for a Grand Finale Celebration at Trafalgar Square on the 20th October, 2010.

Entertainment for all ages including: street performers, bands, activities and a big screen. A goodie bag will be given to all, and participants can revel in the fun and sheer enjoyment of being together to renew their Promises.

Further details and application forms etc. will be sent out in January/February. Cost is £5.00 per person and the event is open to parents as well as all sections and Trefoil Guild members.

June Jones

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CENOTAPH PARADE

Jenny Brazier and Hilary West will be taking part in this year's parade. They will be 'shadowing' Middlesex East who are representing Girlguiding UK in the youth section. Next year our County will be providing nearly 30 members for the parade and will be shadowed by the following year's main representatives. A great opportunity for the County

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Deadline for next issue is 30th November 2009