



2nd Gilwell Park  
Scout Fellowship

# The Log

GILWELL PARK SERVICE TEAM

## Chairman's Bits

I expect that I feel like many other people at the moment. After all the build up and anticipation the Jamboree has been and has gone. My Jamboree experience was everything that I thought it would be. I was amazed at many things, worked long hours, laughed more than normal, met people I hadn't seen for a long time, made new friends and spend several hours trying to find my tent when my vision and navigation were affected by tiredness and alcohol on more than one occasion.

I have talked to other people about their experiences and it seems that everyone had a great time. I am sure that we will all have many memories that will last a lifetime. Personally, I am really keen to harness this enthusiasm and motivation generated by the Jamboree to ensure that all of the members of the Fellowship continue to enjoy their Scouting. The Committee has a meeting planned for early October, when we are going to discuss what we would like to achieve in the next year. Many of the items that are on the agenda have been suggested by other members of the Fellowship, they are all things that will improve how we are able to support Gilwell Park.

As you may have read in the last Gilwell Log, at the AGM there were a couple of changes in the structure of the Committee. Primarily we now have someone responsible for Fellowship fundraising. Raising our own funds will enable us to make improvements in several areas. We are also going to discuss establishing a sub-committee, so that we can move the development of the Fellowship Field forward, so that we will all be able to use it as our base, starting in April 2008.

I am keen to hear what you have to think about anything to do with the Fellowship. The job of the Committee is to represent your views and make all the time that you spend at Gilwell great. If you have any views or opinions then please email me at [gpst-chair@flyingpigs.org.uk](mailto:gpst-chair@flyingpigs.org.uk). There will be a full report of the outcomes of the meeting in the next Edition of the Gilwell Log. I know that the activities at Gilwell are still busy at weekends, and there will be some preparation work for Winter Camp and now most of the seasonal staff have moved on, the Centre staff and people responsible for the delivery of special events will always be



thankful for our support. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Nick Godden**  
Chairman,  
2nd Gilwell Park Fellowship

## Activity Centre News

Hi Everybody,  
Hope you have had a great summer just like us. As I am sure you are all aware GPAC has had a really busy time. Since Fundays it really feels as if the staff and volunteers have not stopped. I am sure that you will have read in the last edition of the Log on how good Fundays were this year. Following on from Fundays we had the biggest Gilwell 24 so far. A truly great event and plans are already afoot to make 2008's event bigger and better again. Following on straight away was the annual National Association of Youth Theatres event, which saw over 1000 budding thespians, take to the stage in a weekend of learning and socialising, without catching breath we were headlong into Jamboree time and GPAC was transformed into the Gilwell Adventure and Village Green. With over 4500 participants daily, Gilwell Park was buzzing, what a tremendous event!!

In early September GPAC once again hosted Reunion, This was the last of the Centenary events that GPAC were hosting, the event was full and with the weather good everybody was happy. This year for me has flown by, Staff arrived from Australia in March and as I sit here now they have all done their six months and have gone, either on holiday or back to their own country. It was great to see so many familiar friends again coming back to Gilwell to help out. New staff have just arrived and are currently settling into GPAC life.

In the next few weeks work starts on the Jack Petchy Lodge on the Branchet Field. This will be a 60-bedded accommodation and will open in September next year.

Looking ahead to next year, Winter Camp is fast approaching and with bookings already filling up for this event the rest of next year looks to be just as busy.

Thank you to you all for the hard work that you have given to us during this special year and I very much look forward to seeing you all again here in the near future.

Best wishes  
**Andy Lanham**  
Activity Centre Manager

## Social News

Hopefully you have all recovered from a busy summer. Here are a couple of social activities that are coming up.

### Walking in the Peak District (17th/18th November)

Some of the members of the Fellowship are planning a trip to the Peak District in November. This is a similar event to the one that took place last year; where people arrived on Friday, afternoon or evening. Friday evening was spent socializing in the pub and then back in the Youth Hostel. On Saturday there was a walk of about eight miles that took the group on a circular walk up to the peak bogs. This was a moderate walk but did include 'climbing' a waterfall, crossing a river and navigating back to the Youth Hostel in the dark. For those that felt up to it there was a much shorter walk on Sunday, after which people had lunch and then made their way home. If you are interested in coming on this weekend, please contact me so that I can keep you informed, when the final arrangements have been made.

## Southern 50 (6th February 2008)

Are you interested in taking part in the Southern 50? There are two hike routes; one over 50 miles and the second over 50 kilometres. If you are interested in taking part in this event, either walking or as part of a training programme. Then please let me know before the end of November. If we get enough people interested then we may be able to enter a couple of teams.

## Fellowship Weekend



The Fellowship weekend will be taking place on the 29th and 30th of March 2008. There will be activities taking place on Saturday, followed by an evening meal, fun and frolicking in the PHC. If you have any ideas for activities then please let me know.

If you have any other ideas for social activities or if your group or organisation is having a social event that you want to others to support or attend then again, keep me informed.

gpst-social@flyingpigs.org.uk or 07885 546430

**Claire Godden**

Social Secretary

## Fundraising



As most of us will now be catching our breath after the Summer, perhaps now is a good time to be thinking about what you can do to help the Fellowship with some

fund raising.

We've been thinking about e-Bay, that wonderful place in cyberspace where we can sell things to people or just get rid of stuff we no longer want and can't be bothered with.

Here's the thought..... Do you have anything (not too big as postage will cost a fortune), that you would be willing to donate to the Fellowship, we'll then do one of two things with it; If the item can be brought to Gilwell or posted to us or if you'd be happy to post it to the buyer direct when sold (We would reimburse your postage), then we can sell whatever on e-bay and the proceeds go to the Fellowship. If you'll post it, we just need a couple of photos and details to list it on e-bay, we then sell it and tell you who to post it to after.

Alternatively, bring it to Gilwell for Winter Camp or similar, we'll run a mini bring and buy sale there and then at Winter Camp, anything not sold, goes on e-bay after.

Obvious items would be scout badges camping equipment, books, bits and pieces, any old laptops, gizmos etc., and things we haven't thought of! We will be creating a "shop" on e-bay for the stuff.

Do get in touch if you have any ideas. Thank you in advance.  
mark@brett.com

**Mark Brett**

Fund-Raising Coordinator

## Working Weekends

We are having a working weekend on 3-4th November with a firework function in the evening.

The job list is available in the Calendar, please look through and see what jobs you are able to do.

We have room in the den and the log cabins but that is all so if you need accommodation, please contact Sam or Dan on 020 8498 5411 as soon as possible.

*Please note: If you booked your place at Reunion, please contact the Activity Centre and rebook, as the original list has gone missing.*

**Lynz Holden**

Working Weekend Coordinator

## Cub & Beaver Fundays 2007

Fundays was again a huge success for the Activity Centre, with many people going home having had a very enjoyable day at the site. Activities included everything from the impressive Water Rocket range to the return of Destrier with their jousting show which again was well received. We did have a number of problems with catering for staff for the event which we have written to everybody who was at the event for their feedback in the early summer in order to allow improvements to be made for Gilwell 24 and the Jamboree. This has resulted in a number of changes at later events and these seem to have been well received by those that have attended the more recent events. Our 2008 event will be held on the 21st and 22nd June 2008 and is very much in concept stages, so please let us know your ideas by emailing [staff@fundays.org.uk](mailto:staff@fundays.org.uk)

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## Winter Camp 11-13th January 2008

Winter Camp this year will see some favourite activities coming back, including our twin zorbing runs, which is probably one of the most popular activities we have run at Winter Camp in recent years, as well as this we hope to have Challenge Valley open, building on the success of this over the Jamboree period. Our staff team is already building up, with applications from some of our Finnish Jamboree staff as well as a number of Off Site Programme Team. This year's event is slightly later than normal, so please don't get your diary confused, as it is not



unknown for staff and participants to turn up on the wrong dates. For more information, please see the website or the attached/enclosed information:

[www.wintercamp.org.uk](http://www.wintercamp.org.uk) and the staff site at

[www.wintercamp.org.uk/staff](http://www.wintercamp.org.uk/staff)

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## Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)



A small group of Fellowship members, who are also licensed Radio Scouters, will be taking part in the 50th JOTA by operating GB2GP from its small shack/internet cafe at the back of the old Storm Hut during the w/e of Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st October 2007.

Everyone is welcome, however, if you propose to bring more than 6 of your Group along we would appreciate

knowing in advance ([albawill@btinternet.com](mailto:albawill@btinternet.com)) due to the limited space and setting up additional equipment to keep all involved.

**Mark Brett, Rex Hunt, Alan & Barbara Willson, Denis Noe and Steve Bunting**

## Blank Space

What is this you cry? Why have we got a blank space at the end of this edition of the Log? Well, you could fill it! As Claire said earlier, you could use it to publicise your Group's events, or you could fill it with any information you think that the membership might find useful or interesting. You can contact me at [gilwell.log@btopenworld.com](mailto:gilwell.log@btopenworld.com), or via the Activity Centre

**Dave Eason**

Editor, Gilwell Log