



2nd Gilwell Park  
Scout Fellowship

# The Log

GILWELL PARK SERVICE TEAM

## Chairman's Bits

Firstly, I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the recent Fellowship weekend, my thanks go to Claire for organising it and Pam and Dave Eason for catering and of course everyone else who helped in some way or another. It was great to see so many people attending, hopefully more people will come next year as it really is a fun event.

The clocks going forward signals the start of another summer season and although the Jamboree is now becoming a distant memory, Gilwell is going to be nearly as busy this year as it was in 2007. So a per normal if you are able to support any of the events that are taking place throughout the year, then please let the staff in the office know as soon as is possible.

On top of the all of the events there are also a number of working weekends and social activities taking place, details of which you will find in the calendar. So get out your diary and try to pencil in a few dates when you will be able to join other members of the Fellowship.

Progress is still on-going with the Fellowship Field and the plans are being finalised for our building, it is hoped that these will be presented to the campsite by the 18th of April, where the decision making and negotiations will really start. Once we get approval to start then of course we will be hoping that all of the members of the Fellowship will be able to support the development of the field into our own camp base. I hope to let you all know our progress by Cub and Beaver Fun Days.

In the mean time I look forward to seeing you all either at a special event, working weekend or while instructing activities.

**Nick Godden**

Chairman,  
2nd Gilwell Park Fellowship



# Spring 2008 Edition

## Activity Centre News

Hi Everybody,

Wintercamp was a great success back in January with people saying that it was the best one so far. My thanks go to the organisers of the event and to everybody that turned up to help. Without this help we cannot operate such fantastic events.

The Centre has been going through a few months of re-structuring. Some staff have left us and new ones are about to join us.

Our new GAP students have arrived and are settling into their new life here at the Park. Most are here for around six months so you should get to say hello to them next time you're here.

Last weekend saw the fellowship at Gilwell, plenty of work got done and a great meal on the Saturday night.

Bookings are looking really good for 2008. Cub Day and Gilwell 24 bookings are coming in thick and fast which is a good sign for another tremendous year.

The Jack Petchey Lodge is now well under construction. Walls are rising from the foundations. The completion date for the building is the end of August.

The Lid is about to become bigger and better!!! Building work for this project should start in September and will include making the main hall longer. Classrooms and a staff briefing room will be built down one side and new activities within the building should include a high ropes course suspended from the roof, A large climbing wall covering the whole end of the building, A traversing wall on the outside of the classrooms and briefing room and netted Archery ranges that can be folded away when not required. Unfortunately the Storm Hut will be demolished to allow the building work to happen but I think that this is a small price to pay for such an exciting new venue. For those of you worrying that the Lid will not be finished by Winter Camp 2009 please don't. The builders are aware of this important date and hand the main Lid hall back to us for the event and then finish off the classrooms, etc. after Winter Camp. I look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

Best wishes

**Andy Lanham**

Activity Centre Manager

## Service Team Weekend

On Friday evening I helped Pam and Dave unpack all the food - we were certainly not going to be hungry during the weekend! During the course of the evening everyone started to arrive and it was an evening of socialising.

Saturday morning arrived and after breakfast we split into teams to carry out various tasks around the campsite. The team I was in consisted of Alan, Angela, Tony and Ian. We had the job of fixing a new roof to the Garage Store. The roof had been damaged in the strong winds a few weeks ago.

Taking the old roof off was easy enough. The new one took quite some time with lots of measuring, sawing, drilling and at times, muttering! The roof sheets were a different size to those, which we had taken off, so battens had to be moved and every sheet had to be cut down or trimmed in some way. Angela and I became very adept at moving the sheets in and out of the Storm Hut to be cut down!

Whilst the men were busy up on the roof, Angela and I spent time clearing the rainwater gully from the Activity Store to the end of the toilet block. Having removed what seemed like half of the field and a tree, the water still did not flow away properly.

We finished for the day as it started to get dark and by this time, very wet and windy.



A treat was in store for us when we got back to the PHC. All the tables nicely laid out with cloths and candles. The new International staff came and joined us for a three-course dinner prepared and cooked by Pam, Dave, Carol and Sarah. After the dinner, it was time for Bingo and horse racing and eventually bed less an hour as the clocks changed that night!



Sunday was back to that garage roof again. Other members of the Service Team were busy tidying the camp square, painting activity store huts around the site and

building a new pontoon on the Bomb Hole. The gully was blocked again and this time Nick came with a set of drainage rods to try and clear the pipe - you had to be there to see the action! Lots of laughter and still the pipe remains blocked! At least it was sunny and dry and we eventually finished just before lunchtime.

Another busy but fun weekend at Gilwell Park.  
**Caroline Hart**

### **Fundays 2008 - 21 and 22 June**

Back with a roar this year - we have just confirmed that Mattel will be attending again and this will include the roar of a Monster Truck or F1 car. Combined with the usual favourites such as Aerial Runways, Face painting, Archery, Climbing, Abseiling, High Ropes and many others, these two days will give the Beaver and Cub sections the opportunity to try activities that are not easy to run in a normal meeting.

We need a strong staff team as usual, including the week before if you are available. Work will include Aerial Runways building, preparing some activity areas as well as running them on the actual weekend. Fundays is always a popular event for staff so please make sure you sign up soon.

Applications are open at <http://www.fundays.org.uk/staff>

For questions or further information please write to [staff@fundays.org.uk](mailto:staff@fundays.org.uk).

**Caroline, Kerry and Nick**

### **Congratulations To...**

The following all received awards in the St George's Day Award list:

Pete 'Dad' Morrall – Silver Wolf  
Brian Beardsey – Silver Acorn  
Ken Beardsley – Silver Acorn  
Richard Church – Silver Acorn  
Heather Friend – Award for Merit  
Kevin Heritage – Award for Merit

My apologies if I have left anyone out.

**Dave Eason**  
Editor

### **Membership**

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership this year.

For those of you who have not returned their forms, please do so in the next week as it will soon be too late. If you have not returned your membership you will no longer be allowed to attend at Gilwell Park as you will not be insured.

If you pay your Membership subscription through the fellowship please make sure that you send a cheque for £19.10 made payable to '2nd Gilwell Park Scout Fellowship' as soon as possible.

**Pam Eason**  
Membership Secretary

### **Chill Out Camp**

The date has been set . . . Weekend of 20 July 2008  
Place . . . Popham Airfield, Hampshire  
A chance to relax and enjoy good company with friends.  
For further information contact Claire:  
[social@2ndgilwell.org.uk](mailto:social@2ndgilwell.org.uk)

We hope to see you there.

**Claire Godden**  
Social Secretary