



Chairman's Bits

Now that I have been ratified as your Chairman it is time to start moving forward.

Firstly thank-you for your support and help with Fundays 2009. The next event for us is Gilwell 24, where I understand we will need a large crew to run the event, as there is a lot going on in 24 hours. The first Fellowship Meeting will be on 23rd October which is the Service Team weekend and will be open to all Fellowship Members.

Andy the site Manager would like to see some of us on site helping at weekends other than just major events. If any one is available and able to give some time please ring the Activity Centre office (020 8498 5411) and offer your help.

Don't forget CHILLOUT CAMP at Popham Airfield. Just the time to relax the weekend after 24.

Tony Smith

Chairman



*My name is
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Activity Centre

Lots of things have happened since the last edition of the Log last year.

Hopefully you will all know that Tony Smith has now been appointed as Chairman of the 2nd Gilwell Park Fellowship.

Tony has been a member of the Fellowship since its inception, and a Committee member for several years, and is really looking forward to his time as Chairman. Elsewhere in this edition of the Log you will hear from Tony regarding an important meeting that is to be held here at Gilwell in October. Tony and I have met recently and I am really looking forward to working with him on some issues regarding the Fellowship.

As I am sure you are all aware, the Jack Petchey Lodge was completed and opened last October. Bookings have been coming in thick and fast for this facility and we have had very good feedback from both staff and guests alike.

Just after Winter Camp we closed the Lid for refurbishment. This project is nearly finished and I was so pleased to be able to use the facility at Fundays last weekend. The new Lid has two classrooms, one that seats 30 and another that seats 42, a briefing room for staff meetings each day, a reception foyer and of course the main hall. In the hall is a large Climbing wall, traversing wall, four high ropes elements, a journey course and a full Archery range. The building looks impressive, the activities look excellent and we are so excited about taking on a building that can deliver so much at any one time.

Meanwhile, on Wilson Way we have started the building of the next lodge. It is going to be called the Peter Harrison Lodge. This will sleep 50 in en-suite bedrooms of 4 and 2 beds. This Lodge is due for completion in mid-October this year.

Winter Camp, Cubjam and Fundays all went remarkably well and I must pass on my sincere thanks to all concerned who gave up their time to come and help us.

Gilwell 24 happens in early July. Have you signed up as staff? If you haven't and you want to come and give us a hand, you can register at www.gilwell24.info/staff. An incredible amount of work has gone into the organising of this event and with the Chief Scout handover from Peter to Bear happening at the start of the event it really will be an exciting time.

Thank you to everybody for their support. We really couldn't do it without you all.

Best wishes

Andy Lanham

Centre Manager

Fundays Build Weekend and Annual Summer BBQ

The build weekend was held, as usual, on the weekend before Fundays. Whilst the Fellowship attendance was disappointingly low, a lot of the preparation for Fundays was done, including the construction of the Aerial Runway Towers. On the Saturday evening, we held our Annual Summer BBQ. This proved a great opportunity for members of the Fellowship to meet the current 'crop' of International Volunteers. Why not put this weekend in your 2010 diary, and come and join us.

Pam and Dave

Membership

Please remember to let us know of any changes to your details (address, email, etc.). That way you will always be informed of the current and upcoming events. <mailto:membership@2ndgilwell.org.uk>

Pam

Fundays 2009

What a weekend, I would like to say a big THANK YOU, to all that attended this years Fundays. It was a huge success and could not have happened without everyones help!

As I waved the coaches off I saw lots of happy and tired faces, it was a great feeling, and we have recieved lots of positive feedback from groups, a few even calling to ask about next years Fundays!

Looking on to next years Fundays if you have any comments or feedback on how to improve the event please email staff@fundays.org.uk. We are also looking to expand the Fundays Organising Team, if you are up for a rewarding challenge please contact Kerry Judd at Gilwell Park Activity Centre.

We look forward to seeing you at future events.

Gill, Caroline and Kerry

Gilwell 24

11th & 12th July 2009 - 9.00am-9.00am

It's that time of year again when thousands of Explorer Scouts descend on Gilwell Park for 24 hours of fun and activities.

This year it's going to be an extra special event, as we will be hosting the hand over between Peter Duncan and Bear Grylls, this will take place in the Camp Square at 9.00am.

For activities this year we have Parkour, Red driving school, Slacklines combined with the favourites of previous years like Sub Aqua, Segways, Gilwell Gauntlet, Mountain Boarding and many more.

As normal we need a strong staff team to be able to deliver all the activities and we also need help the week before. Even if you are only able to help for a couple of hours we would be more then happy with that.

Applications are open at www.gilwell24.info/staff

For questions relating to staff or further information please email us on team@gilwell24.info

Dave, Claire & Andy

