

### The County Meeting



The meeting was held at County Headquarters on Monday 2nd March. Following a welcoming cup of tea, members of the meeting introduced themselves for the benefit of those attending for the first time.

The annual Founders Day Service held at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 21st February was discussed. This year only 10 representatives from GLNE/Fellowships were required to help with Stewarding duties. It was felt that possibly things were not so well organised this year, although the actual Service went off without a hitch. All who acted as Stewards have received a personal letter from Anne Brown (Executive Personal Assistant), thanking them for their help. 11

The usual 'team' will be on duty at Gilwell on 9th March for the Chief Scout Awards evening.

The 2009 Scout Fellowship Own will be hosted by Romford and will be held at the Collier Row Methodist Church. Service will be led by Rev Ken Nicholls - Free Church Chaplain. Sunday 18th October 09.

2008 Scout Fellowship Quiz in November was the best supported yet, with 11 teams taking part. The sum of £258 was sent to The Scout Holiday Homes Trust.

Malcolm Wetherell, ACC (Scout Fellowship) Greater London North East and Ted Rose, Chairman, Romford & District Scout Fellowship attended the regional meeting. The Fellowship Review should be completed by mid 2009. The meeting expressed concerns that a new 'branding' might mean another change to the logo, badges and flags etc.



Representatives then outlined their programmes since the last Meeting. Again it was surprising to hear of the very varied meetings held.

During 'other business' the problem of Membership Cards was discussed. There are some members who do not receive their Scouting Magazine and who have never received their official Membership Card. It was agreed to wait for the new issue of cards in April to see if the problem was resolved. If not further enquiries will be made.

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### Awards Night 9th March 09



The International Centre at Gilwell Park was a hive of activity when younger members of the Movement from across Greater London North East came with their parents to be presented with their Chief Scouts Award. As before members of the Scout Fellowships (including Romford), were involved in traffic control, car parking and acting as guides to the venue. Many parents have never been to Gilwell and without the guides would probably wander round the Park for ages.

These Awards nights have been held in rain, snow and this time it was in dry but very

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cold conditions. Carrying out the Motto of Be Prepared - thermals and extra woollies were worn.

One cannot help but wonder why some car drivers just will not take the advice of those trying to help them. Some ignore the directions to a space to park and some do not pay attention when directing them as they leave down the narrow road to the main road against incoming traffic. We have not had an accident so far but feel it is only a matter of time.



After many presentation nights when we relied on the good offices of our County Secretary to bring a flask of coffee, it was good to see that this time there were two drinks machines available serving a really good cup of coffee. This was much appreciated by those who have been out in the cold. Maybe, just maybe, we could qualify as part of the Gilwell Jobsworths Team.

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### **April Birthdays**



The following members celebrate their birthdays this month and we wish them many happy returns, together with the best of health and happiness:-

Alan Davies; Paul Leeper; Stan Lucas: Joanne Ray and Joan Walker

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### **Sick and Wounded**

There are members who are feeling under the weather at this time but who would prefer to remain anonymous. We wish them a speedy return to full health.

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### **St Georges Parade 26th April 2009**

We feel that the item regarding the Parade and Service we printed in the March edition was slightly misleading. It should have read that those going to the Church by car will find plenty of parking space. This should have read 'at the Catholic Church - Corpus Christi, as there will be no space at the Methodist Church'.

The Parade will start at the Methodist Church, Clockhouse Lane, and proceed via Collier Row to Corpus Christi where the Salute will be taken by the Deputy Mayor of Havering.

The Service will be held at Corpus Christi Church, Lowshoe Lane, Collier Row following the Parade, commencing at 3.pm. Guests should be seated before this time. Stewards will direct those joining us to their allocated seats.

All details in the District handout.



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### **Fellowship Annual General Meeting Thursday 21st May 2009**

It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend the AGM. Our special Guest Speaker will be Ron Jeffries, one time Editor of Scouting Magazine and Author. Ron is a very busy man and has fitted us in, so please support the Meeting.

Also we will be able to welcome guests Malcolm Wetherell ACC (Scout Fellowship) and Mrs Wetherell. See you there.

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## It's in the Shop

Last year we passed on the information that a small supply of Woggle Polish had been released for members who possess a Gilwell Woggle. Due to the demand for the polish, supplies were soon exhausted. A further supply, though limited, will be available; plus a supply of small bottles of Woggle Oil for reviving sagging and sadly neglected woggles. DO NOT APPLY THE OIL TO PLASTIC WOGGLES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.

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## Lost

One pea from a Clarion Whistle, which was misplaced at Crow Camp during the Cub Scout Scooter Rally. A Reward will be given to the finder.



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## Still Wanted?



Since we started the Fellowship Newsletter in its present form we have been sending out copies to people who requested a copy. We are pleased to continue to do this. However, if you no longer wish to receive your copy please advise the Secretary who will take your name off the mailing list. Or, if you have changed your email address, please advise Graham who does the technical stuff. Names and addresses can be found at the bottom of the front page of the newsletter.

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## The Chaplain writes:

Not many people it seems sit down and read the Bible these days. Here is the Bible in 50 Words for those who do not have the time for the full version.

God made. Eve bit. Noah Arked. Abraham split. Joseph ruled. Jacob fooled.  
Bush talked. Moses baulked. Pharaoh plagued. People walked.  
Sea divided. Tablets guided. Promise landed. Saul freaked.  
David peeked. Prophets warned. Jesus born. God walked. Love talked.  
Anger crucified. Hope died. Love rose. Spirit flamed. Word spread. God remained.

Item submitted by Rev Ken Nicholls District Free Church Chaplain - Romford.

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## Membership Fee

The Fellowship Treasurer has paid the Membership Fees for all those liable to pay through the Fellowship. At the time of the March committee Meeting the Treasurer reported that there were still 11 Members who had not paid their dues into Fellowship Funds.

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## Modesty



The death was announced on 9<sup>th</sup> March of William Wallace. You may not have recognised the name but you may have seen the name of Ali Bongo, President of the Magic Circle and technical advisor Paul Daniels Show on BBC TV. He was a modest man who invented some of the illusions used on TV and

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was an associate of the late Bob Currie, maker of magic boxes of all sizes (and you could not see the secret panels).

What have these men to do with young people? First, they were great children's entertainers and, most importantly, helped many young folk who had taken an interest in the art of magical entertainment. The Secretary had the privilege of meeting both these men and recalls their enthusiasm and willingness to share their expertise.

If only Leaders were able to enthuse young people as they did - perhaps we should join the Magic Circle and learn card tricks!

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## Insurance

A message from Scout Headquarters informs us of a change to certain aspects of the insurance cover for Fellowship members and Leaders over 65.

The important aspects of this change seems to be as follows:-

*Members over 65 who wear dentures will be restricted in insurance cover if they do not abide by the changes. Members who wear dentures and assist in judging Cooking and Camping Competitions (and the like) will, from 1st April 2009, only be permitted to judge tea, soup and custard. Anyone to whom this applies who goes further and breaks their dentures when testing any other food will not be covered by HQ Insurance. Public Liability Insurance which may be held by the District could possibly provide some aspect of cover for personal injury.*

*Essential information may be found in copies of 'Burnt Cakes And Their Disposal' or 'So You Thought You Could Cook'.*

Further details from the Assistant District Commissioner (Special Activities).

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## Scouts' Support WWF's Climate Change Campaign

**Scouts around the world are showing their commitment to helping tackle climate change by pledging their support to [WWF's Earth Hour](#).**

At 8.30pm on Saturday 28 March, Scouts will be joined people in over 500 cities across 75 countries in switching off their lights for one hour in a demonstration of support for international action on climate change.

Luc Panissod, Acting Secretary General of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement said: 'Scouts all over the world have a great interest in the environment and are leaders in their community. WWF's Earth Hour offers an opportunity for Scouts to demonstrate this commitment to tackling climate change and engage with their families and friends.'



### **Scottish Scouts ready for action**

The Scottish Parliament's Climate Change Bill, currently being considered, has the potential to lead the world. Scotland's 36,000 strong Scout Movement will be expressing their support for the bill through taking part in Earth Hour.

Jim Duffy, Chief Executive of The Scottish Council of The Scout Association said: 'The Scout Association is always keen to promote environmental awareness among our members and the wider community.

'By taking part in and spreading the word about WWF's Earth Hour, Scouts will be making a real difference to climate change and once again making a positive contribution not only to their local communities, but worldwide.'

Dr Richard Dixon, Director of WWF Scotland said, 'This promises to be the biggest show of support ever, involving communities from around the world in a dramatic hour of action on climate change and it is great to see young people getting on board.'

### **Scouting's Environment Award**

Scouts in the UK can also show their support for green issues by taking part in [the Environment Award](#), which was recently launched in London with the help of Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Hilary Benn MP.

A [resource pack](#) for the award has been developed in partnership with Serco Local Government that will assist Scout Groups with arranging a clean up campaign in their local area.