

From The County Meeting

Census

The number of Fellowship members in GLNE has risen again to 192. These are folk who do not hold a Warrant as a Leader, Romford were down 2 on their Census return.

Fellowship Quiz

The annual Fellowship Quiz will be held at Hargreaves Camp site on Saturday on the 20th November - can we retain the Trophy?

Founders Day Service

Founders' Day Service. It was agreed that the organisers could have done with the usual team of ushers to help but this was only a small part of the organisation as the Guide Association excelled themselves with their Centenary Thinking Day Service.

Fellowship Own

We are still waiting for confirmation of the date and venue.



Regional News

There was no Regional News to pass on as the next Meeting is not until 30th October 2010.

Change to Scout Active Support

Several representatives raised points of concern which were discussed at length. It was pointed out that the change to SAS came from Headquarters and was nothing to do with County. It would appear that HQ had not thought it through properly and were not trying to sort things out. One point raised was if it took three years to discuss the change why were Fellowships not told not to purchase new flags etc. as after December 2010 they will not be used if the words Scout Fellowship appear on the flag.

District Commissioners are responsible for the change to SAS and will have to liaise with their District Fellowship. There was no news about what County will do at the time of the Meeting.

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Celebration

The morning of 27th February saw crowds of members of the Scout and Guide Associations (of all ages) making their way to Westminster Abbey for the annual World Thinking Day and Founder's Day Service. Despite the rain the long line of people waiting to enter the Abbey remained cheerful as each one had their Invitation checked by Abbey staff.

Making our way to our seats we were entertained by a Choir of Guides and even though we could not see them from our seats we could watch on the large TV screens.

The Service was conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall the Dean of Westminster.

During the Service ,Promises were renewed - Chief Guide and the Chief UK Commissioner leading the congregation. Quite an experience with hundreds renewing their Promise, making it all very meaningful.

Throughout the Service the history of the Guide Movement was told starting with a young lady in the very

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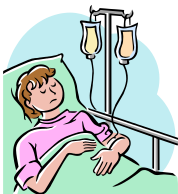


first outfit worn when girls turned up at the first ever Scout Jamboree and asked for a similar movement - through many changes of uniform right up to date. Various parts of the Order of Service celebrated Guiding's success and all that has been achieved through friendship, adventure and determination. Prayers were led by members of the Scout Association and Girlguiding UK. Once again flowers were laid at the BP Memorial.

Tribute must be paid to Girlguiding UK for a well thought out Service - right from the printed Order Of Service with it's photographs and easy to follow theme with Guides of all ages taking part. All credit to the young ladies who did their parts well, not easy when faced with a congregation of several hundreds. Talking to one or two of those portraying 'old' Guiding we found they were proud to be wearing the very old uniforms and representing the early days of their Movement.

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Sick and Wounded



We remember all those who are not in the best of health at the moment and wish them all the very best for a quick return to the best of health.

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Birthday Greetings

Many happy returns of the day to those who celebrate their birthdays during April.

Alan Davies; Paul Leeper; Stan Lucas; Joanne Ray; Joan Walker.

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Directory Amendments

Delete: Alan Davies
Jackie Brett
Julie Deverill



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St Georges Parade.



The Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 25th April 2010. As last year, the venue will be Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row. The Parade will assemble at Clockhouse Lane School, Collier Row at 1.45 and move off at 2.30. All details have been issued in the March edition of the District News. The Colour Party and Readers will be required for the rehearsal at Corpus Christi Church in Lowshoe Lane from 7pm to 8pm on Thursday, 22nd April.

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History Lesson - Part 2

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| 1911 | Scout on duty at the Coronation of George V |
| 1914 | January First announcement of an experimental scheme for Wolf Cubs. August Outbreak of World War 1. War Service introduced. |
| 1916 | May Scout Jack Cornwall posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross |

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| | September | Cornwall Badge instituted |
| | December | The Wolf Cubs Handbook is published and the Wolf Cub Section started |
| 1917 | June | New HQ Building introduced at 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London |
| 1918 | August | Name of Senior Scout Section changed to Rover Scouts |
| 1919 | January | Gilwell Park purchased for use as a Scout campsite and adult training centre |

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Gang Show 2010



Waltham Forest Scouts present their 37th Anniversary Gang Show from 29th April to the 1st May at the Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road, Chingford. Shows nightly at 7.30pm and Saturday Matinee at 2pm. Tickets are £8 adults, £5.50 children and OAPs and £4 for Group Bookings.

Details from:- Gang Show 2010 Box Office, 15, Evanston Avenue, Highams Park, London, E4 9JS. Book by phone until 10pm on 07956 113209.

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A Plea

If you are responsible for sending out details of events or activities by electronic communication, please remember that there are some who do not have access to email facilities or computers. There have been instances where information has not been received by those who have needed it. There was the case of a District Swimming Gala where only those with email received the details - resulting in a somewhat poor response.

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Winter

Now that Spring has begun to encourage growth in the gardens we hope that the cold weather we grumbled about is behind us.

Did you know that the heaviest snowfall in the UK was in 1695. It snowed every day in London in Winter, and the Thames froze over. The snow did not fully clear until mid-April.

The biggest snowman in the world was built by the folk of Bethel in Maine, USA in 2008. It was 122ft 1inch tall and weighed 13,000.000lbs. The eyes were five foot wreaths.

If you hear "it is too cold to snow" this is a myth. Below 30 degrees there is not usually enough moisture in the air for it to snow but it is technically possible at any-temperature. Snow has fallen at - 41 degrees.

The best snowballs are made at 0 degrees - made in advance and stored for a few hours to firm up.



Another snippet from the department of useless information.

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Wanted

A Gilwell Tie Clip, which was the Basic Training Award at one time before the many changes to the Training Scheme. If you have such a tie clip to spare please contact the Fellowship Secretary and name your price.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Newsletter,

With reference to your mention of the person who collected used tea bags. There is an organisation for such collectors, of which I am a member. We have many enthusiastic collectors and it is hoped that a National museum will one day be built when the financial situation eases. It was with regret that the new Museum locally declined to devote space for a display.

It is easy to start collecting - the 'Newcomers Guide To The Preservation Of Old Tea Bags' comes complete with a small selection of bags in a waterproof container.

Collectors are known as 'Baggers' and reference is often made to "those silly old Baggers".



E. D. Ward

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The Chaplain writes:-

As a new Curate I was posted to a Church in an area I had never been to and lodging had been found for me with one of the ladies of the congregation. 'Our 'Doris' was a friendly and motherly soul who was also a good cook..... I must have put on pounds!



Doris was a small lady but full of energy and always ready to help - I wonder if the Church could have managed without her. Playing the piano for the Sunday School and telling wonderful stories to the children. Helping at the Brownies although she would never become an official Leader. Need a sewing job done or a jumper knitted, just ask Doris but whatever it was the dear soul never wanted reward - just a simple Thank You sufficed. I suspect but could never prove that, whenever there was an appeal for a special occasion much of her pension was donated.

Moving on to other appointments over the years I never forgot Doris. I was saddened to hear that she had gone to her reward but not surprised to hear that she had left instructions for her 'arrangements'. No expensive funeral, no flowers but donations could be made to a charity that helped homeless people. Right to the end Doris thought about other people.

If only we all went through life, not wanting reward for helping others but could be satisfied with a simple Thank You. Doris was well into her nineties but right to the end she thought of others. I

'Remembering Doris' from the Church Magazine

City Mission - Widnes.

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Exclusive Offer!!

Over recent years we have seen many exclusive offers aimed at Scouting, including instant lump free porridge, inflatable HQ buildings, woggle polish and cloth emblems for wearing on night clothes.

This year we draw your attention to the new issue thermal bootlaces. Suitable for all Sections but must be ordered from your local Scout Shop on a first come first served basis. There will be a large demand for this latest exclusive accessory - no more cold feet in the snow or wet.....order yours as soon as possible (colours may vary).

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Advertisement

Do you run a Tuck Shop at your Activity Area or Camp Site? Are you sure that everyone has spent all their pocket money before they go home? To ensure that no money is taken home why not install one of our Gate



Warblers? As Health and Safety regulations no longer allow you to hold a child by their ankles and shake them the Warbler is the answer. The simple piece of equipment can look like a very large stone or can be coloured to hide in a clump of grass - see our large catalogue for the full range of designs.

Whichever design you select you can be sure that all coins within a range of 3 metres will be detected and a gentle warbling warning will alert those on gate duty. A small sign must be displayed warning of the installation of the device - but as this is in Greek the sign should not stop the collection of coinage.

When a Warbler is purchased a Revenue and Customs Excise Certificate is issued. Only holders of the Certificate are within the law as applicable to collecting coinage but goods must be supplied for all coinage taken. Customers are advised to go to www.daylightrobbery.com for the legal obligations and full terms & conditions.

Warblers obtainable from Grabbitt and Runn at their HQ, No 3 The Railway Arches, Giggleswick.

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Testing Their Knowledge

The below are thought to be genuine answers given by youngsters to questions at a Catholic Elementary School. They have not been changed and the incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. IN THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GUINESSIS. GOD GOT TIRED OF CREATING THE WORLD SO HE TOOK THE SABBATH OFF.
2. ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH'S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AND ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARS.
3. LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.
4. THE JEWS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH UNSYMPATHETIC GENITALS.
5. SAMPSON WAS A STRONGMAN WHO LET HIMSELF BE LED ASTRAY BY A JEZEBEL LIKE DELILAH.
6. SAMSON SLAYED THE PHILISTINES WITH THE AXE OF THE APOSTLES.
7. MOSES LED THE JEWS TO THE RED SEA WHERE THEY MADE UNLEAVENED BREAD, WHICH IS BREAD WITHOUT ANY INGREDIENTS.
8. THE EGYPTIANS WERE ALL DROWNED IN THE DESSERT. AFTERWARDS, MOSES WENT UP TO MOUNT CYANIDE TO GET THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.
9. THE FIRST COMMANDMENTS WAS WHEN EVE TOLD ADAM TO EAT THE APPLE.
10. THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT IS THOU SHALT NOT ADMIT ADULTERY.
11. MOSES DIED BEFORE HE EVER REACHED CANADA THEN JOSHUA LED THE HEBREWS IN THE BATTLE OF GERITOL.
12. THE GREATEST MIRICLE IN THE BIBLE IS WHEN JOSHUA TOLD HIS SON TO STAND STILL AND HE OBEYED HIM.
13. DAVID WAS A HEBREW KING WHO WAS SKILLED AT PLAYING THE LIAR. HE FOUGHT THE FINKELSTEINS, A RACE OF PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN BIBLICAL TIMES.

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