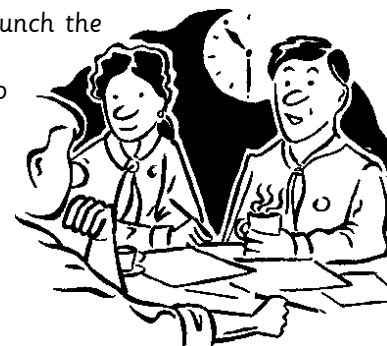


Fellowship Review From the Scout Fellowship eNews July 09

As the review process draws to a close, the team are now preparing to launch the new Scout Fellowship.

The aim of the team is to make the transition as smooth as possible and to give all members as much support as possible during the shift.

During the development of the reviewed Scout Fellowship and beyond, support will be available from the National Support Team. Events to look out for are:-



- Initial launch of Scout Fellowship at Gilwell Reunion 5th September 2009
- New resources and merchandise available September 2009
- Information in Scouting/Focus October/November 2009
- Regional Workshops October 2009 – March 2010

(the word transition raises visions of changes from the present idea of Scout Fellowship whilst merchandise available indicates goodness knows what - perhaps new logo which in turn might mean new badges, flags, uniform etc. By the time you read this the 'launch' will have happened. Will we throw our hat in the air and shout 'YIPPEE' or resign en bloc?)

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The Challenge 2009



Thanks to the courtesy of the Warden, the fifth Annual Fellowship Challenge went ahead on Saturday 11th July 2009. Some 440+ laps were completed - congratulations to all who took up the challenge. We hope that everyone will pay up the promised sponsorship money. One Leader said it was easy money to earn and was pleased that the Fellowship gave this simple way of earning money.

We can only assume that most Groups do not need money as, out of 15 Groups, only two took up the challenge - and this when we have more on the Census than ever. The Fellowship motto is Providing Active Support and this we will continue to do but it is puzzling that when someone else does all the work Groups do not take advantage.

We are grateful to everyone who helped in any way to make the event a success. Paul and Geoff who helped erect the Course and Paul who helped take it all down again, Margaret and Val W our lap recorders, Val G, Marshall and First Aid, Muriel and Betty on the tea pots and Dennis with the Tuck Shop, George for transport and general help. Other Fellowship members popped in during the day - good to see them all.

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Grub Up

Forty Seven Fellowship members supported the barbeque hosted by the Romford Fellowship on Thursday (Continued on page 2)



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23rd July. The evening went off very well and the couple of showers did nothing to spoil things. The two large gazebos protected the diners and there is no truth in the rumour that the Fellowship Punch was diluted by rain. We are grateful to many who helped make the evening go so well. Val and Malcolm, Dave (M), Andy and the Young Leaders from Unit M. Then there were those who supplied transport and those who moved tables and chairs - our thanks to everyone. Twenty six of those who attended represented other Fellowships from across Greater London North East including those from East London making their first visit to Romford Fellowship. A Raffle made £50, we say thanks to those who donated prizes. We did not burn down District Headquarters so we mark the event as a success.



(Since the Barbeque we have had messages of appreciation of the event and compliments to the District for having such an excellent District Headquarters).

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Birthday Greetings



"We know we're getting old when the only thing we want for our birthday is not to be reminded of it."

Many happy returns to the following of our members who have their birthdays this month:-

Kim Chennell, Hazel Geach, Barbara Hall, Beryl Hart and Audrey Young.

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Sick and Wounded

We wish all our members who are under the weather at this moment a speedy return to normality. We also remember those of our number undergoing or waiting to undergo special treatment in hospital.....and who do not want a lot of fuss or details published in the newsletter.

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Dates For Your Diary

- ◆ Thursday 17th September
- ◆ Saturday 3rd October
- ◆ Sunday 18th October

- ◆ Thursday 22nd October
- ◆ Thursday 19th November
- ◆ Saturday 21st November
- ◆ Tuesday 1st December

Monthly Meeting. Speaker - Laurie Ford
 Kubadoo
 Fellowship Own. Methodist Church,
 Clockhouse Lane. 3pm
 Monthly Meeting. Speaker - Freddy Sayer
 Fellowship Christmas Dinner
 County Fellowship Quiz
 District Get Together



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40 This Year !

The Scout Holiday Homes Trust celebrate 40 years of outstanding service, providing holidays for those who might not be able afford a holiday, and the remarkable thing is that you do not have to be a member of the Scouts to qualify. (All details from the Holiday Homes Trust Office at Gilwell on 020 8433 7290). Members of the Romford Fellowship support the work of the Trust by saving stamps (overseas and commemorative only), or by donating unwanted coins.



To celebrate 40 years there will be a special event at the Gilwell Reunion on the morning of the 5th September on the Buffalo Lawn outside the White House. Colin Sheldon and Barry Bevington (Bepo The Clown) will be bringing their restored fairground organ to entertain. Colin and Barry have raised a great deal of money for the Trust. Some do crazy things in order to raise funds. Three former Cub Scouts/Scouts accepted the challenge of driving an old banger (maximum price

£100) to Rome, with various challenges en route - the result was £600 for the Trust. You can help the Trust by a donation of £10 per year and be assured that not a penny is wasted. Send your donation to the Trust Office at Gilwell.

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The Chaplain writes

As a very green curate after leaving the Training College I was attached to a Church in what we now call a deprived area. The Bishop said that it would be a challenge but I was full of enthusiasm and get up and go and looked forward to the work. The Vicar, the Rev Barnstable, was an elderly man and had been at St Margaret's for many years and I thought how behind the times he was. After a few days I realised how loved this man was - he cared about his flock, their unemployment, their poverty and as a result their poor health. Those who came to Church could afford little to put in the plate as it was passed round but everyone was welcome in their shabby clothes and boots tied with string. His Sermons were put over in a way that the uneducated could understand and he never, but never, 'preached' at them. His attitude was that all his flock were loved by God but needed more practical help. The very poorest had basic food and a few coppers to help pay the rent. The so called Club for young people was more like a collection of the great unwashed with foul language who were not averse to making something vanish if it was not nailed down. At one time the Police called on Barney (as he was known through the Parish). Some of his boys had been involved in a fight with a rival gang. The rival group, it appeared, had designs on the lead on the roof of St Margaret's, and Maggie's Lot were not going to stand for Barneys Church being vandalised. Such was the respect that everyone had for Barney.

One of the 'Club' members was a quieter boy who never seemed to fit in with the rest, but Barney said that this lad had hidden depths. So it proved when a piano was donated to the 'Club'. Michael had a natural talent as a pianist and in a short time was picking out recognisable tunes. Barney arranged for a local music teacher to have a look at Mikey and this worked wonders.



I learned the hard way visiting Parishioners never to feel ashamed of the plight of many people who although having very little would always insist on making a cup of weak tea, sometimes without milk in a cracked mug. What little these folk had they were willing to share. By the time I was made Vicar of my Church in a better off part of Brum my respect for Barney could not have been higher - and I never forgot his happy Church family, made happy by the love and caring of Barney. Came the day when at an advanced age Barney was called to his reward I was asked to assist the Bishop at the Funeral Service. This was a cheerful occasion with no doom and gloom anywhere. Most of his 'club' were there, now with their own families; some had dragged themselves up by their own bootlaces and had done quite well for themselves and who now helped their poorer 'brothers'. The musical tribute was played by Michael, now a well known pianist and the Bishop revealed that Barney had been a reasonably wealthy man but had used his money to help his 'family' as he called them. His wife had died before I went to 'Maggie's and he never had a real family. If there was ever a real Saint on earth it was Barney. We never knew how old he was when he departed this life - he was elderly when I first met him and I was his Curate for some years so we estimate that he was well into his 90s when his time came. I have visions of Barney explaining to God how he (God), could have done things better.

**From "I Turned My Collar Round"
by Rev James Ferguson.**

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Data Link

This is a voluntary scheme sponsored by the local Rotary and Lions Club. It is for anyone living at home who might be reassured to know that essential information would be readily available to the Emergency Services should they suffer from an accident or sudden illness. The scheme ensures that vital information is available not only to identify you but to advise of relevant illnesses, allergies, medication and contact addresses. When the emergency services see medical information and personal details they can render safer and speedier First Aid by cutting time consuming enquiries about the patient.

A form is supplied together with a clearly marked plastic container. The form is completed and placed inside the container. The container is then placed in the fridge in a Door Compartment where it will be safe and quickly found. A label is then stuck on the outside of the fridge door. A second label is fixed on the inside of the

house front door. This will enable the emergency services to quickly obtain the information they require.

The scheme is supported by ambulance, police, fire and rescue services and the NHS Primary Care Trusts.

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It's A Fact

Things you might have gone through life not knowing.....

- * 19th August 1946 - professional footballers threatened to go on strike over their demands for a minimum wage of £7 per week.
- * Collier Row recalls the 'collier' meaning a charcoal burner. Colliers had inhabited the area from the earliest times. The last recorded collier was in c1570.
- * Prospect Place, an area of flats in Collier Row Lane, got its name from an area of ancient wooden houses that stood on the same site. The wooden houses stood on the edge of a poultry farm which occupied a large area - the old entrance site can still be seen.
- * During the 1939 -45 War some 16,500 Clippies (female bus conductors) replaced London Transport busmen who were called up into the services. LT converted 477 Green Line coaches for use as ambulances which were much used in emergencies. LT co-ordinated the production of 710 Halifax four engine bombers at its works at Chiswick and Aldenham - as well as overhauling Rolls-Royce engines for RAF fighters.
- * In the 1914-18 War, London General Buses sent their trusty B-Type buses (complete with their drivers) to the front carrying troops and bringing back wounded soldiers.
- * London Transport has an official representative party in the Remembrance Day parade and Service at the Cenotaph each year in recognition of their wartime efforts.

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Prince Charles Supports Call For More Adult Volunteers

Prince Charles visited the Docklands Scout Project today to experience a range of the kind of activities available to Scouts.

The Prince visited the project prior to receiving over 1300 young people from a number of youth organisations at Buckingham Palace to announce the official launch of the London youth partnership YOU London.

YOU London aims to bring a network of youth organisations together in working to recruit more adult volunteers.

This will enable more young people to take part in the kind of great activities that youth organisations such as Scouting have to offer. Within London, across the nine organisations involved, 25,000 adult volunteers are needed to accommodate the needs of nearly 100,000 young people wanting to join.

The Docklands Scout Project is a volunteer lead water activity centre based aboard the Lord Amory on the River Thames in London's Docklands.

The Prince supports getting more adults into Scouting

The Prince was joined at the Project by his wife, The Duchess of Cornwall, and was shown a number of typical Scouting activities ranging from kayaking to zorbing.

The Prince offered his support to getting more adult volunteers in Scouting through YOU London saying, 'My hope is that, before too long, we can replicate YOU London on a national scale so that every young person in the United Kingdom has the opportunity, if they wish to, of joining a youth organization.

'Our nation's youth united together in exciting and rewarding activities should, I believe, be our ultimate goal.'

Sixteen year old Explorer Scout and Young Leader Alec helped show the Prince around the Project telling him about his Scouting experiences, 'I talked to the Prince about being a Young Leader in Scouting, about how it involves me helping young people do all kinds of different activities.

'He was really interested in what I'd been up to recently through Scouting. He asked a lot about what activities I'd been doing at a recent activity camp called Gilwell 24.'

