

REUNION EXPRESS 2011

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON EDITION

WELCOME TO REUNION!

My name is Emma and I am the Reunion organiser for 2011. Welcome to Gilwell Park, I hope you all have a thoroughly good time this weekend. To make it go smoother, if you have any problems or queries, please feel free to speak to a member of staff wearing a green scarf. A big thank you to all staff who I am sure will help make this weekend a great success.

Don't forget to pop your feedback forms back to the Reunion Office before you leave. See you around, Emma.



DO YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE WITH PROGRAMMES ONLINE?

Do you require assistance with updating your membership records? Do you just need further scouting information?

If you answered yes, then why not come along to the Information Centre stall, where you can find one of our friendly advisers, ready and willing to offer you Advice, Support and Guidance for any of your Scouting queries. This year the Information centre will be located in the Gidney Cabin on the training ground throughout the weekend. Please follow the sign post.

APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIP TEAM REUNION WEEKEND 1 – 1's

Do you have problems with your membership record? Queries concerning Training? Appointment queries? Then sign up to a 10 minute 1 – 1 session with a member of the appointments team on Saturday 10.00am until 4.00pm. Booking is essential, and can be done via the Whitehouse reception.

BRITISH SCOUTING OVERSEAS

Have you served overseas with a British Scout Group? If so, then Tony Dunn would love to hear of your experiences. Tony is the County Historian for British Groups Abroad and is collecting information on all British Scouting overseas both old and new, before it is too late and is lost forever. If you can help, then please email Tony at tonydunn@supanet.com

BRAVE THE BLACK CHAIR

How good is your scouting knowledge? Do you think you will be able to "Brave the black chair"? Well why not take part in our exciting competition.

This Master Mind style competition will test your scouting knowledge...against the Information Centre Advisers!!!! Aim of the game is to answer more questions correctly in less time than our brainiest Adviser.

1st place will win 1 night stay in the fabulous bridal suite courtesy of The White House.

2nd place will win 1 night free camping at any of our national centres.

3rd one in a million state of the art Information Centre mug!

To enter this brilliant competition and for full Terms & Conditions, please speak with one of the Information Centre Advisers.

THE SCOUT INFORMATION CENTRE

Friday: 17:00-20:00
Saturday: 10:00-16:00
Sunday 10:00-13:00

See you there!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOANNE

Joanne Wade from York is making her first visit to Gilwell Reunion today, and to top it off, it's also her 40th Birthday. Happy Birthday Joanne, and welcome to Reunion Joanne & Chris!

Do you have any Birthday or first time 'Reunionites' messages? Send them into the Reunion Express Team!

WELCOME BACK

to Scouting and to her first Gilwell Reunion, Yvonne Sansom, after a loong break of many years (having previously been a CSL for 20 years) she's back in Scouting! Welcome back Mum!

FROM THE NEWS DESK.

Welcome to the "early" edition of Reunion Express 2011. This year's Reunion Express brought to you by The Regional Development Service, is fully interactive and you can send in your news and stories in a variety of different ways:

Our "news stand" can be found opposite the Swann Centre – where you can collect the latest issue – drop off your contributions and speak to members of the RDS. You can also post your contributions on our **FACEBOOK** page facebook.com/reunionexpress; you can **TWEET** us @reunionexpress and **TEXT** us on 07534926582.

This evening the 85th Gilwell Reunion will be formally opened by Steve Peck in The Lid at 8pm – do come along and welcome your fellow Reunionites from across the globe and then Barn Dance the night away.

As ever we are looking for the youngest and oldest Reunionite, the person who has been to the most reunions etc etc

Reunion Organiser Emma Saunders has spent 364 days putting it all together for you – tours and talks, drop in sessions, activities, workshops and practical skills, the marketplace, special event and entertainment and we only have until 4pm on Sunday so lets get going

"Ed"



WELCOME BACK YVONNE!

Yvonne Sansom, after a long break of many years having previously been a Cub Scout Leader for 20 years, is now back into Scouting, and this is how it happened....

When Yvonne's daughter Reese met her now husband, over 5 years ago he encouraged her to join Scout Network. She then became a Cub Scout Leader with his Group, and after a while he spoke to Reese's dad, Peter, about becoming a District Chaplain which he did. Then another local group needed a Group Scout Leader which Peter agreed to take on 2 years ago.

Earlier this year Yvonne, who had been a Cub Scout Leader from 1960- 1980, visited a Beaver meeting at Peter's Group when they were short of adults and realised how much she still really enjoyed it! She has now agreed to be part of the Groups Committee and also an occasional helper for all sections at the group and with events etc

Peter, Yvonne, Robert and I also then encouraged Reese's brother, who had been a Scout Leader for about 20 years and left a few years ago, to take on the role of Vice Chair with our Group and help with programme planning at Peter's Group.

Reese's group is also in the process of starting up a second Cub Pack and an Explorer unit linked to the Group!

HARAMBEE FOR KENYA

1st Heathfield Scouts have are supporting a charity to set up a new Scout Group in a Kenyan safe house. The charity aims to make a difference to the lives of young people who have been abandoned on the streets often forced to resort to begging and scavenging for food. The safe house now holds its own Scout Group – 1st Nyakoe with thirty members. There are many ways you can get involved, for further information they will be holding a stall on the Essex Chase on **Saturday 10am - 4pm**, items being sold on the stall have been made by the Kenyan Scouts.

DEEP SEA SCOUTING!

The Deep Sea Scouts are running a fantastic competition for a Scout to win the chance to sail on a tall ship. Entry forms are available from their stall in Marquee A and their campsite at the North end of the Branchet Field.



EXPRESS DONATIONS!

Traditionally we have collected donations, rather than charging for the Reunion Express newspaper. This year, any money collected will be donated to the Scout Holiday Homes Trust!

More information on the Holiday Homes Trust can be found by going to their website at holidayhomestrust.org

CRUNCH THE NUMBERS!

At time of going to press we have

- 1853 participants on site
- 284 support staff
- 80 stalls
- 17 drop in sessions over the weekend
- participants from 11 countries outside the UK, from as far afield as Argentina and Nigeria



WHAT'S THE BLOCK?

Around the site you will see pictures like these. These are barcodes, and if you have a 'smart phone' you can scan the code. The first person to tell us what happens wins a small prize!



ITEM	POINTS	SPIED
Scouters wearing head-mounted torches	10	
Adults wearing a BP style hat	20	
Cardigans with BP's portrait knitted into the back	10	
Adults carrying around teddy bears	10	
The above, but the bears dressed as Cubs/Beavers	20	
Wayne Bulpitt	25	
More than 5 people in the same T-shirt and neckerchief	15	

I-SPY @ Gilwell Reunion
Hints for spotting the following, which you could never see on the High Street.

EDITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Regional Development Service (RDS) provides Development Support across the eight English Regions.

The **Aim** of the RDS is to help Groups & Districts to grow and improve the quality of Scouting; to help and support adult volunteers in key line management roles so they have better knowledge to carry out their role.

The focus of the RDS is to:-

- Increase the engagement of parents in supporting Scouting
- Develop the support provided to "managers" in Scouting through providing "enhanced" support for the recruitment of, induction and ongoing support for DCs and GSLs.
- Increase the number of former youth members taking on adult volunteer roles (40% of all new adult appointments are former Explorer Scout Young Leaders)
- The Recruitment and Retention of Adults in Scouting

The Regional Development Service is your editorial team this weekend, you can see us if you come along on office tour!

