

# REUNION EXPRESS 2011

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**SATURDAY MORNING EDITION**



## LIGHTING THE WAY

Nick Gurney has been nominated to be an Olympic Torchbearer; the Olympic Flame will arrive from Greece on 18th May 2012 and will begin at Lands End on 19th May 2012. The Olympic Flame will be travelling over 8,000 miles in the 70 days. Has anyone else here at Reunion been nominated? Let us know.

## FANTASY SCOUTING



How often do you complain that someone on your District Team is not the right person for the job? How many times do you whinge that the Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts) should not be the square peg in the round hole that he is? Here's your chance to create the team of your dreams....

All you need to do is construct your own District or County/Area Team using anybody – yes, anybody – from history or the world of fiction. Use the skills and characteristics of these historical and fictional people to suit the jobs available, and you could win a prize! Create a list of your Fantasy Scouting Team (and state whether Group, District, County/Area or Headquarters) and drop it in to the *Reunion Extra* headquarters (opposite the Swan Centre) or email/text/Facebook us! The best entries will be selected and printed in a future edition, with the best gaining a top prize! Here's an example of FANTASY SCOUTING to get you started...

County Commissioner: David Brent  
ACC (Beavers): Elmo  
County Scout Network Commissioner: Russell Howard  
ACC (Explorers): Thor Heyerdahl  
ACC (Diversity): Graham Norton  
Media Development Manager: James Murdoch  
ACC (Planning (cunning)): Baldrick  
County Sailing Advisor: Dame Ellen MacArthur

## GOOD MORNING CAMPERS !

Hope you all had fun last night – Mother Superior (aka Daisy Charlton) says you were all very well behaved at the film last night – although not the same can be said for a certain Regional Commissioner in the Inn on the Park !! It's going to be a long busy day folks so check your Reunion Programme and plan carefully so that you don't miss out on anything – for me I'm just back from the early morning exercises in front of the White House and about to head off for Diving, Roller Skating, Dodgeball and Go Karting – then lunch !! Then I plan a quieter afternoon with building my portfolio, origami and maybe some beer tasting !! At 4.30 I am heading for the Training Group to listen to Jon Beeby, who left his job and walked across America, a total of 3,200 miles walked, 12 pairs of trainers exhausted, 1,232 litres of water consumed, 616,000 calories consumed over the course of nearly 5.5 million paces – it's no wonder that the challenge was named "A Step Too Far". I'm exhausted just typing about it so re think on this morning's activities maybe a coffee and a visit to the Unity Insurance Stand. If you are taking one of the tours of the Gilwell House then please whisper quietly as you view the hard working team producing your Reunion Extra, I don't want them woken up !!

Have Fun, "Ed"

## SHOOTING GROWTH

23rd Prestwich and Whitefield Scout Group (All Saints) in Greater Manchester North re-opened in June 2011 with a new Beaver Scout Colony. They have 3 new Leaders Peter, Rebekah and Neil – who were all "found" by the Group's local Rector Alison Hardy. Their first meeting was on June 13th when 12 young people attended, although 3 decided it was not for them, but now there are 9 regular members. On Monday the new Executive Committee will meet and the GSL has nominations for all of the three key roles on the Exec. **Not bad for 83 days !!**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Adam Bowden, celebrating his first year as a Scout leader this September by enjoying fun with friends at Gilwell Reunion!

To those of you who were at Reunion '93, I'm here once more from Sweden and have again not brought a bag for the sleeping. Maybe some kind Scouter may lend me one, Helga.



## THE MOST PREPARED 4X4X4

Scout4x4 are an active support unit with members around 80 people, one of the biggest units attached to an individual Scout Group. They have instructors in pretty much all land and water based activities, as well as providing 4x4 Support, logistics, equipment hire, communications.....the list goes on. Pop over and have a chat with the team at their site next to the Essex chase bar.

They contribute their success to openness, fun attitude, and willingness to help others.

## WRITERS CORNER

Tony Blair  
Gordon Brown  
Alistair Darling

They've had their say  
Now it's his turn!



## ANN SAYS

"Hi, thank you for hand delivering our 2nd edition of the reunion express, very well received and thoroughly enjoyed. Please can you mention our fantastic trip that we made in April this year. 22 members of crew, staff and volunteers from Linnet Clough Scout Camp, Stockport, visited Kenya, undertaking 2 projects whilst there. 5 days were spent at Harambee, concreting path ways and a patio area. Our crew also financially supported the charity, which offers a safe house to street children.

A 2 day trip, seeing the sights ended at Nyeri and the BP centre. Nothing special I bet you think, but no, we arrived at Nyeri and the graveside of Baden Powell on Sunday 23rd April - St Georges Day, at sunset for renewal of promise - special, you bet it was, there are many words that we try to use, but special sums it up the best. We stayed at Outspan, once the home of BP for 5 further days, and worked at the centre, painting gates, and the centre. Our main project was to provide the funds to have a kitchen built at the centre, this was achieved and is now up and running providing an income for the centre to move forward. Are we passionate about our trip? Come and talk to us on Essex Chase, and ask us about it, we will even offer you a seat! We are continuing to support Harambee and the BP centre, and donations are welcome.

Thank you

Ann"

## BACK TO HARAMBEE.

Harambee for Kenya are raising funds to build their second safehouse and would like your help. They are holding a swimathon to swim 4,500miles to Kenya. They are looking for teams of up to 6 people (3 age ranges) from Beavers to Leaders and friends to help them achieve this and raise £30,000. Don't panic...1 length of the pool =1mile!! Pay them a visit on their stall on Essex Chase where they can explain how you can help, regardless of where you live. This experience can contribute to your Global and International awards to name just two.

## GSL VIRTUALLY?

Free resources to try and make a GSL's life easier [scouts.org.uk/gslsupport](http://scouts.org.uk/gslsupport)

## KEEP UP TO DATE.

We wish to draw our readers attention to POR rule 4.42, this rule particularly applies to Gilwell Reunion 2011.



## LOOKING ONLINE?

As well as being able to get the Reunion Express online, you can also go to [scouts.org.uk/ypyv](http://scouts.org.uk/ypyv) where you can give open, honest and even anonymous feedback on any programme matter, and you can also contribute to the conversation on [facebook.com/ypyv2](http://facebook.com/ypyv2). Don't like the internet, come and talk to us on Sunday!

## TRAINING

Adult training drop in, Saturday 10 - 2.45 and 8pm onwards, White house coffee lounge. Come and ask you training questions or share your thoughts on training. This is a change to the advertised drop ins.

## YOUNGEST REUNIONITE

We have found the youngest Reunionite so far this year, Izabella, 12 weeks old. Mum is AESL, Dad is the Scout Leader, Grandad is GSL, Godfather is Scout Leader and Godmother is Cub Leader, from 1st Snodland. Believe it or not this is Izabella's second time camping and we are assured she slept right through the night, unlike some Reunionites!



Anne, Sara and the rest of the Sodexo team hope you are enjoying the food on offer.



The UK Chief Commissioner enjoys a barn dance as much as anyone!

| I-SPY @ Gilwell Reunion  |        |       |
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| Score points for spotting the following, which you would never see on the High Street. |        |       |
| ITEM   | POINTS | SPIED |
| Someone still in their cowboy outfit from last night's barn dance                      | 15     |       |
| Walters Urn  | 5      |       |
| One member of the Activity staff on their own  | 40     |       |
| Sea Scout book author; Roy Masini  | 20     |       |
| Four leaf clover   | 30     |       |
| Ralph Doe of UNITY Insurance   | 22.5   |       |
| Mark Tarry   | 50     |       |

## A DOSE OF DOWSING!

Has anyone got a success story of finding a new leader or exec member? Workshops on Dowsing will be running twice, for 12 people at a time, so book early to avoid disappointment with Michael. He will be hiding under the large pear tree, next to the CIC in the orchard. Michael is possibly the first in the world to have used dowsing in a major planning enquiry, and is our foremost expert in this delicate art.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mityana Community Development Foundation is a charity funded by Scouters and Girls Brigade leaders from Whitley Bay, Durham and Sunderland. It works predominantly in Mityana District, Uganda.

Over the last 4 years the charity has maintained the District Scouts registration plus a number of School Groups for disadvantaged children. The charity runs a community school, has built a community centre with library and an internet cafe, runs an annual school sanitation award, teaches 'beat the bugs', a PSCE course for all ages. The charity also runs adult literacy classes and has refurbished the District hospital. Please come and see us and hear more about us in the Swan Centre and in the International Scout Active Support tent to see what you can do to help or go to our website: [community-development-foundation.org.uk](http://community-development-foundation.org.uk) or contact Carolyn Taylor 079392 81786 or email at [enquiries@mityana.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@mityana.org.uk)

Trevor Watson District Commissioner welcomes Tim Watson from the World Scout Bureau Bruxelles to the Nene District contingent for the weekend. He asks "How come other members of the District put his tent up for him? What has he got that his dad hasn't?"

Hello to Gilwell virgins from Royal Harbour 6<sup>th</sup> Ramsgate Sea Scouts: Adam Kirby-Brown and Ken Brown. From all at 6<sup>th</sup>. Well done to Emma Panton of East Beds Network on completing your Gold DofE last week!

