

REUNION EXPRESS 2011

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCOUTS OWN IS AT 2:30PM IN THE LID

FINAL EDITION

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14th Hackney (St John-at-Hackney). Congratulations on your Centenary!

DEPARTURE GATE...

The car parking team need your help to ensure a safe and speedy departure from Gilwell for all campers. 10am onwards: Campers in Essex Chase and The Quick. When you have completely packed up your kit, one person from your group should go the tent located at the exit sign in Branchett field and queue up for a kit run. Please note that if a vehicle is dispatched to your site and you are not ready, the vehicle will not wait. Your patience and co-operation is appreciated. CPT Car Parking Team.

YOUR WORDS...

"Very good, the organisation is marvellous. Bring back the tea on the training ground", "Absolutely marvellous", "Fantastic, the best reunion yet. The range of activities was astounding", "Excellent", "Absolutely fabulous", "Bloody fantastic", "Very informative, the talk on autism was fantastic", "It's been nice to have an adult weekend, there's been a lot more younger adults this year which has been great", "ABBA-tastic & probably the best in a long time, the range of activities was fantastic, the attention to detail made all the difference", "Brilliant, absolutely wonderful, we are already trying to book up for next year!".

FROM THE NEWS DESK.

So here we are Sunday lunchtime and we have reached the final edition of Reunion Express 2011 – only a few hours left in which to squeeze in the last few activities, and all those contact details to swap with the new friends that you have made this weekend. Do remember that **The Scouts Own is at 2.30pm** which is a change to your programme, and is followed by the AGM of the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Group, led by the Director of Programme and Development, Stephen Peck, with a look back at the past year and a glimpse into the year ahead.

Reunion Express has been produced this year by a finely honed team of Regional Development Officers - Bradley, Kathryn, Peter, Hannah, Sonja and John (who was responsible for all 't'interweb' elements of this year's Reunion Express) – to those of you confused by our "online presence" and who preferred the old cut and paste days of Reunion Express – sadly the gestetner is broken and the Tipp-Ex plays havoc with my laptop. We have heard about Reunionites reading their copy on an i-pad on the motorway on their way to Reunion and there are some leaders who were unable to be here this weekend, but have let us know they have enjoyed being able to follow our various ramblings and have a taste of the weekend. Thank you to all of you who have contacted us by pen and pencil, tweet and facebook; to those who did not manage to get their item into press, we tried our best ☺, and to the IT Team at Gilwell THANK YOU for all your help. Also a big "thank you" from Helga for the many kind offers of the loan of a sleeping bag last night.

The answers to last night's quiz are: What used to live on Tasmania Lawn ? **(THE WALLABY)** What did Betty Clay drive in 1993 ? **(A JCB DIGGER)** What was The Reunion Newsletter called in 1986 ? **(QUIDNUNC)** When was the last SCOUTING Magazine Roadshow with chips and karaoke ? **(1998)** What was different about Reunion in 1997 ? **(There were no activities on the Saturday due to Princess Diana's funeral)** Where should Big Mac have gone ? **(On top of the Campfire Shelter)**

So as you all head home tired (and possibly damp), but we hope happy and reinvigorated, make sure that you put the 7th – 9th September 2012 in your diary since it would not be a reunion if you did not come back !! Spare a thought for those back home who support you in all you do for young people in your local area, and maybe ask them what they have done this weekend before flaking out muttering something about not being able to sleep without the happy sound of fellow campers putting the world right long into the night. We look forward to bringing you all the news gossip and the very best of the 86th Gilwell Reunion but until then if you need help with recruiting that extra leader or opening that new section

Who you gonna call

THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE !!

"Ed"

BIG CAMP

Be part of the organising team for West Yorkshires 'Big Camp' experience in 2012. 500 young people and adults camping together at Yorkshire Showground, who like you, would love to be part of the experience so get yourself to thebigcamp.net for more information!

THANKS

The Deep Sea Scouts would like to thank all those who bought raffle tickets from them this weekend, they have raised £270. The winning ticket was 'Red 117'; please would the winner contact the DSS on 07802 182710 or at their campsite at the North end of Branchet. They would also like to thank all those who donated a total of £90 to 'Clinic Nepal', this money will be used to pay a nurse's wages for three weeks.

I-SPY @ the drive home from Gilwell Reunion		
ITEM	POINTS	SPIED
3 Scout minibuses en-convoy on the motorway	30	
Neckerchief at the Service station	20	
Scouter's face pressed against the window	10	
Teddy Bear in Scout uniform in the back window	33.33	
Car/Van/Minibus getting stuck in the parking field	7	
"WE'RE ON AN ADVENTURE" car sticker	1	
Bags bursting at the seams	5	

CONGRATULATIONS

To the winners of the tent pitching competition who won with a time of 6 minutes 26 seconds! Down to their quick fingers and excellent teamwork the pair won a Talon 22 bag.



GILWELL VIRGIN

Chris Brown from Biggleswade, congratulations on your brilliant A level results and good luck for Uni!

FROM HEIDI

"I would love a mention in the Reunion Express to commemorate my 1st trip to the Gilwell Reunion after gaining my wood badge this year.....I've come with my parents Rosemary & Michael Haxeltine, who met on their Wood Badge course at Gilwell in 1959! They will be celebrating 48years of marriage on 12th Oct 2011! As a child, Gilwell Reunion is somewhere Mum & Dad disappeared to each September and returned home with a pack of popcorn for us! Now I've experienced the 85th Gilwell Reunion for myself and it's ACE!....so much to do. Well done to all who've organised and are helping to run! Love you Mum and Dad...thank you for introducing me to the Gilwell Reunion!" Heidi Haxeltine.

HARD AT WORK



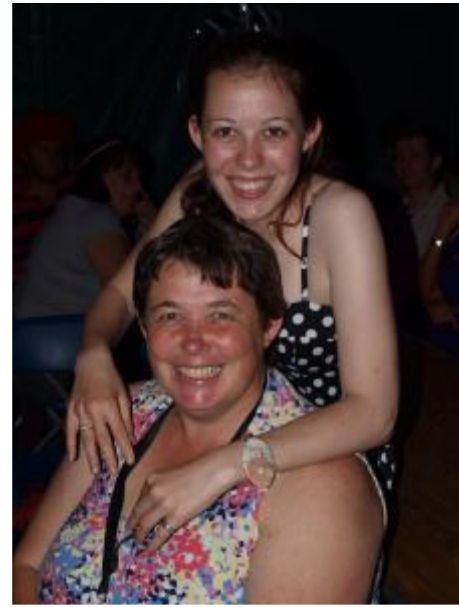
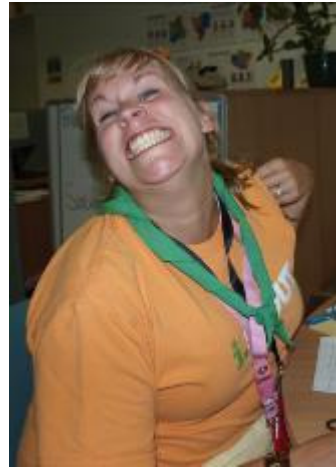
GOODBYE, GOOD LUCK!

Best wishes for the future to Ellie Brown who leaves us today to train as a teacher!



REUNION 2011, A WEEKEND IN PHOTOS!

Hello to Freddy the Teddy who is attending his 8th Reunion! He has many badges which he has achieved including his Wood Badge!



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