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# FRYLANDS NEWS

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### **Introduction**

Welcome to the seventh edition of Frylands News.

Our training courses are proving extremely popular. Since 2008, we have now held 3 GNAS Archery and 4 NSRA Air Rifles courses. There is another GNAS course lined up for September which has a few spaces left. Our new Training Room, in one half of the site office, has proved to be a success with lots of groups hiring it out for the day and being used for our training courses.

As well as Groups staying at Frylands and using us for activity days and evenings, we have kept ourselves busy with various events. Our annual big event in May (B2B - Back to Basics) really challenged its participants. Our June Beach Party Funday for 6-10 year olds was also a great day. The sun shone for most of the day apart from a thunder storm after lunch, typical British beach weather! 50 volunteers joined us on our Dig & Eat day in April - the next one is on the 23rd October and you are welcome to join us. See articles below for more details

Despite the weather, the 36<sup>th</sup> Woolwich were brave enough to attend our Barn Dance on the

Saturday 16th July. With some fancy dress and instruction from the Mixed Porter Country Dance Band, all had a really good laugh.

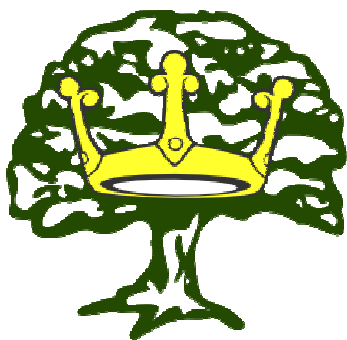
Earlier on in the year we sent out a request for help in the Providore (tuck shop). We now have 5 people helping out on days that suit them. Josie and Peter, who have been managing and working in the shop for many, many years can now have a well earned rest some weekends. More helpers very much welcomed.

We have some extra help in the shape of the Third Thursday Club. Formed as a group of more experienced folk that have a love of Frylands who want to give some time for odd jobs on, you've guessed it, the third Thursday of each month. See below for more info.

Once again, enormous thanks goes to volunteer Crew who have consistently offered their time to help run the site and activities.

We hope you enjoy our Newsletter & we hope to see you at Frylands again very soon.

Barry Goswell  
Warden



The event opened with a Disco kindly provided by Steve from Phase 1 DJs with power kindly supplied by Chris from D2-UK LTD.

On Saturday there were two activity zones: Bushcraft Skills which included Shelter Building, Woodland Crafts (knife, axe & saw) and Fire Lighting - all expertly staffed by Sunrise Bushcraft, and Scouting Skills & On-Site Activities which included Quad bikes, Climbing, First Aid, Rabbit Skinning and Camp Bread amongst others. After a jacket potato dinner, provided by Frylands, guests were treated to a mass Campfire lead by our very own Joe & Tom.

Sunday opened with a Scouts Own kindly led by Peter James and then the Team Building zone which included Atomic Pile, Pulley Lift, Chair Walk, Towers of Hanoi, Double Rope Bridge, Gutter Challenge and many more. Thanks go to both Sutton District and Bromley Network who supported many of these bases. On the Sunday afternoon teams

took part in an incident hike lasting 3 hours where they used many of skills they'd learnt over the weekend. They were scored on Team Work, Approach to Base, Completion of Task, Leadership and General Team Spirit & Attitude throughout the task. The 8th Lewisham South won a trophy for Team Spirit and the 1st Oxted were the overall winners. Congratulations to them both!

Here are just a couple of the comments we received back

"We all agreed this was the best activity weekend you have run"  
38th Croydon Scouts

"Thanks for the B2B day which our scouts really enjoyed. The instructors were really good and made a nice change for the scouts to hear and see it from someone else."  
5th West Wickham Scouts

Thanks to all the Crew that helped & hope to see you at our next big event in May 2012.



280 Beavers and Cubs attended our Beach Party Funday on the 18th June. The 8<sup>th</sup> Lewisham South kindly lent of some extra marquees and all of our shelters put up as heavy showers were forecast all day but, thankfully, the weather was kind to us and we had just one large shower after lunch.

Activities included: Water Rockets, Bouncy Castle, Magic Man, Soak a Leader, Paddling Paper boat race, Ping Pong, Balls in Jars, Coconut shy, Hook a Duck, Bingo, Treasure Hunt and Desert Island Lucky Dip.

Craft activities were: Lei Making, Make a Sun Hat, Face painting, Colouring in, Iced Biscuits and Cocktails.

Our on site activities: Archery with bucket and spade targets, Climbing with canoes and anchors hanging off the back of the climbing wall, Rifles with a seaweed entrance through to the Mermaid's cave, Giant Beach Ball, Trampoline and Big Games.

We also had items for sale: Chips in cones, Ice Cream, Sweets, Candyfloss, Popcorn and our very own Frylands Wood Stick of Rock!

Scout Med were there again to offer First Aid support  
<<http://www.scoutmed.org/>>

40 volunteers help set up and running the activities. Many, many thanks go to them all for all their hard work.

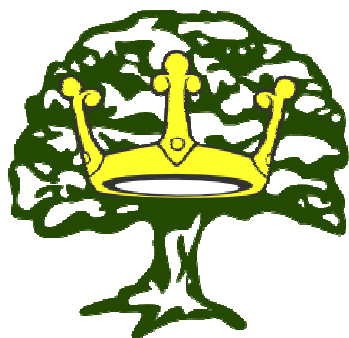
Feedback from Groups:

*"Just a line to say 'THANKS' for giving the kids such a great day last Saturday. They were talking about it all the way home on the coach. Please pass on our thanks to your team who ran all the activities for keeping the Beavers and Cubs amused and happy."*

*"My Cubs had a great time. Highlight was Laser Quest in the thunderstorm!"*

Two groups have already booked their accommodation for the same time next year so they can attend the Funday again.





*Thanks!*

Barry and Penny would like to personally thank **ALL** of the Crew that have helped out over the past months. It has been an extremely busy season which means that some people have done more than their fair share of volunteering. Thank you so, so much for all your hard work and support.

### **Peter and Josie James**

Josie and Peter have managed the Providore for many, many years turning up every weekend during the busy season and on any weekends where we needed support. They also do a weekly run to Makros to stock up.

Peter has been doing the finances for Frylands and the Providore for years and has gone above and beyond what a Treasurer's role should be. He has kept usage statistics for the site, made weekly visits to the bank, attended budget meetings and weekly meetings with the District Chairman along with many, many other jobs he does not shout about.

Thanks goes to both Peter and Josie for EVERYTHING they do!

### **A Community Project by Wates Construction**

Wates Construction have chosen Frylands again for their Community Project. Last year they renovated the Rifle Range and surrounding area. They returned on the 24th June and painted the office, re-boarded and painted the exterior of the Providore, fixed the Providore brick wall, cleared the old Pedal Kart Track so that the site can be used for camping and cleared many other bits from the woods. They also kindly gave us a £250 donation so many thanks from all at Frylands Wood



## **2011 dates for your diary**

Grand National Archery Society (GNAS)  
Community Sports Leader Award

**Archery Training Course**  
17th, 18th and 24th, 25th Sept 2011



**Dig & Eat**

23rd October 2011

10-4pm

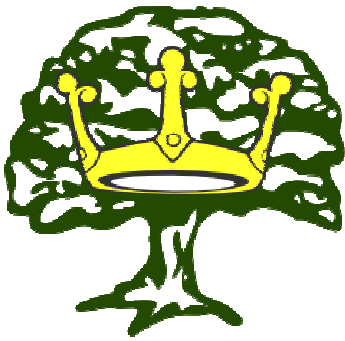
Lunch is included

## **2012 dates for your diary**

**Our Annual Big Weekend**  
4th - 7th May 2012

**Frylands Wood Funday for 6-10 year olds**  
10th June 2012

**Please visit our website regularly for information  
and booking forms**



# Adopt a Site

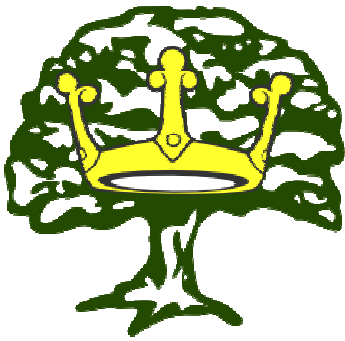
24 Sites have been adopted now which is absolutely fantastic! You can see a list of them on the Adopt a Site page on our Website.

## Dig & Eat

It was a beautiful sunny day when 50 Scouters from 6 different Groups came to the Dig & Eat day on Saturday: The 1st Selsdon & Addington Cubs worked on NT2 - "This is the most fun I have had ever!" exclaimed one of the Cubs. The 8th Lewisham South continued their fantastic work on 6 Acres and the 5th West Wickham continued on the left of the Activity field. The 3rd Beddington adopted SL7, a beautiful site at the top of the hill, and cleared back a huge amount of overgrowth making it bigger. They, and especially the GSL's wife, have some great plans for useful things to add to the site. The 4th Lewisham South dug ditches and sunk logs to create a natural edge to the path on WH3 and put up wonderful bird box made by their Cubs. Three dedicated leaders from 1st Streatham St Leonards worked on SL2 and SL3 clearing brambles, leaves and wood. It is amazing what a difference it can make to the look of the sites after just one day. Thank you so much to everyone who worked so hard. We really couldn't keep Frylands such a special place without you. Below are some photos of the day.

**The next Dig & Eat day is on the 23rd October 2011 so please put this date in your diary. Lunch will be provided so let us know if you are interested in coming for catering purposes.**





### **Crew Hut Renovations**

By Kelly Freeman  
(Scout Leader, 8th Lewisham South)

On Friday 29th July, Kelly's Heroes and Stingers Crew arrived at Frylands Wood to begin the much-needed TLC on the Crew Hut.

We started on Friday night by painting one of the bedrooms - we soon had to stop as some wallpaper came away and revealed a wasp's nest. This was the start of the fun and games.

The Saturday started like most other crew weekends with site activities. but with a Crew of 24 people, they emptied the living room, removed walls, built new ones and started a brick BBQ. We removed the old bathroom suit, only to find all the floors were rotten and all the drain pipes needed replacing.

During the week, we lost over a day by doing emergency site jobs including the girls and boys toilets flooding due to the sharp downpours. We still managed to stay on track with most of the jobs - we painted all the bedrooms, lounge, fitted a new bathroom, kitchen work top, curtains and cupboards, making it feel clean, fresh and homely.

All of this could not have been possible without Stingers Crew, Kelly's Heroes, a few friends, Selco (Catford) and Epsom College. I would like to say a massive "thank you" to all involved.

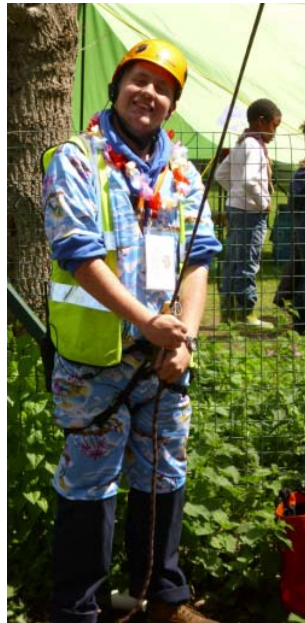
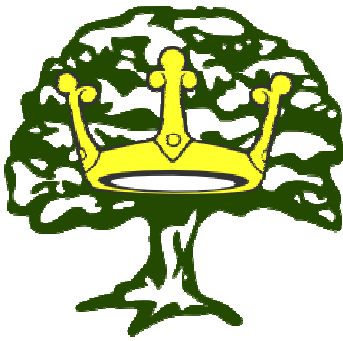
We are still in need of some items so please let us know if you have any of the following:

Bath Mats x 2  
Carpets  
Hoovers x 2  
Bathroom Mirrors x 2  
Floor Tiles  
Wall Tiles  
Sauce Pans  
Tin Openers  
Radiators (1200x600 DP, DC)  
Outside Paint  
Outside Table and Chairs  
Curtain Poles  
Dining Chairs  
Nets for Windows x 4

To see photos of the renovation please visit the Frylands Wood website and click on Photos.

Yours In Scouting

*Kelly*



Joe at the Beach Party

Chairman Alan



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Joe McEilly (see left)  
Penny Hann  
Barry Goswell  
Ray Wickenden

## Frylands Events Working Group:

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Joe McEilly  
Tom Nixon  
Chris Vickers  
John Sweeney  
Nick Mellis  
Penny Hann  
Barry Goswell

If there is anything that you would like to discuss about Frylands, please let us know.