

## Introduction

Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of eNews, in what has been a very busy year for the Scout Fellowship, with news of Fellowships across Britain providing flexible, active support to Scouting.

eNews is designed to deliver the latest news and information to support ADCs and ACCs in their role. If anyone else would like to receive their own copy please email [fellowship@scouts.org.uk](mailto:fellowship@scouts.org.uk) and we will add you to the list.

Remember, eNews is also available to view online at [www.scouts.org.uk/fellowship](http://www.scouts.org.uk/fellowship).

## All at the Reunion . . . . .

It was great to see so many people at the Gillwell Reunion this year. Thanks to all of you who came to see us in the Adult Support tent, and at the National Scout Fellowships' reception on the Saturday night. Thanks also to everyone who entered the photo competition. The winner was Julia Kattana of Axe District Scout Fellowship who took this photo:



So, how did the photo come about? Axe District Fellowship was asked to provide some bases at the District's AxeJam weekend in May 2008. As we had no idea of numbers as the hundreds of young people could choose which activities they wished to do on the day, added to the fact we were asked to keep the cost to a minimum, we hit on the idea of:

### “RECOVER - RECYCLE – RE-USE”

We ran bases making “Tracking Boards” from cartons, stones, sticks etc. “Bangers” from magazines and cereal packets. “Knotting Boards” from carton & string and “Gift Bags” made from glossy magazines, playing cards, glue & string.

The photo shows a group of Beaver Scouts with their bags, which they were able to use to carry home other articles they'd made.

We did have to buy sellotape & string (although we did try to re-use some bits we'd collected). We also tried to make larger bags from wallpaper, but the young people found the smaller bags easier to make.

Overall these bases cost us about £8, and we probably had around 150 visitors to each base during one day. The visitors were mostly Beavers & Cub Scouts, although some Scouts and quite a few Leaders visited us too.

**STOP PRESS** : Next years dates for Gillwell Reunion are 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sep 2009

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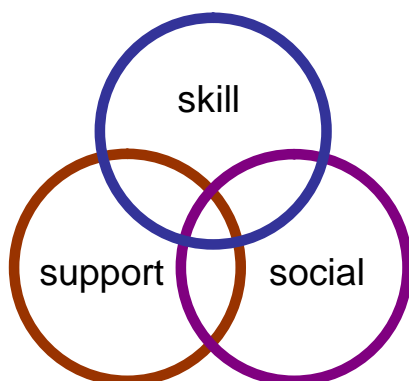
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## Review – An Update

Based on the feedback from the extensive survey work, the review team have been looking in detail at the Fellowship model, and the importance of interlinking the support, skills and social aspects of a Fellowship together, to meet the needs of the members as a whole.



The team is considering the brand and image of the Fellowship and whether it reflects all of the work which Fellowships actually do. Also being considered are ways in which to better support Fellowship, and ensure that it is integrated at a local level through the management structure.

The work will be completed over the next nine months, during which time detailed information will be given to managers and Commissioners.

Further information can be found at [www.scouts.org.uk/fellowship](http://www.scouts.org.uk/fellowship)

## Regional Workshops

Just a reminder that the Regional workshops have started their tour around the UK, each one offering real practical support and ideas to assist you with the development of the Fellowship in your local area.

The dates of the upcoming workshops are:

North East	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
South East	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
Greater London	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
East Midlands	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
North West	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2009
East England	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2009

Please contact your County Commissioner or ACC for further details, but if you are going along we'll see you there!

## The options at 18

If you have ever wanted something to give to 18 year olds to explain the Scouting options to them after Explorers, including Fellowship? A resource is now available to do just that...

Both the leaflet and poster are available to download from:

[www.scouts.org.uk/18plus](http://www.scouts.org.uk/18plus)

## Network Russia

### Network Russia helps on Training Courses



In May this year, members of the Network Russia Scout Fellowship helped to staff a course for Explorer Scout Leaders at Hesley Wood in South Yorkshire. Some sixteen Explorer Scout Leaders took part in a course which was designed to show leaders how to plan and organise visits abroad to all parts of the world.

Included within the content of the course was Module 19 (International) of the adult training programme which was lead by the ACC(I) South Yorkshire. Members of the network who took part are all experienced in overseas travel and the course, which was held over a weekend, was packed with ideas of how to plan it and what pitfalls to avoid!

Pete and Nicola Hobson from Network Russia provided excellent catering and everyone was left smiling, so lets hope they all take up the challenge and go outdoors abroad.

If you have offered active support on any activities like this please send them in to us so that we can share the ideas.

## Members Site

Have you seen the new member area at [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)? Not only can it be customised to meet your preferences but also contains as an

integral feature, the membership admin area where you can update your personal details, log onto Programmes On Line and choose which supplements you receive with Scouting magazine.

If you need any help and assistance please contact the Information Centre on 0845 300 1818.

All Fellowship members should be registered on the database and have access to the members site. If you have not logged in to My Backpack or Programmes Online before you will need your membership number to register. If your Fellowship role is not registered, please contact your District/County Secretary in the first instance to find out why.

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## New Appointments Process

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The new appointment process is a simplified, non-threatening route into adult membership. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008 marked the start of the year-long transition period for Counties, Areas, Regions and Districts in moving to the new process.

Full information, including the range of new resources designed to support the process, is available from

<http://www.scouts.org.uk/appointment>

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## Home Contact Consultation

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The activity team is currently conducting a review of the Home Contact system. Following the responses they have received, the review group have put together a consultation document. This consultation document is available for all to view, and we would welcome comments on this from anyone who wishes to contribute:

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/homecontact.pdf](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/homecontact.pdf)

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## Staff Change

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Due to recent changes within the Adult Support team, from 3rd November Rosie Shepherd will no longer be the staff support for Scout Fellowship. She will not be moving far though – she will be instead supporting Adult Training.

The new staff support for Scout Fellowship will be Laura Spafford. Her contact details are above in the Adult Support Office section.

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## And finally . . . .

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Thank you for reading this edition of the Scout Fellowship eNews. If you have any ideas that you feel would make future issues even more helpful, please let us know.

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