

Introduction

Welcome to the second Scout Fellowship eNews from the Adult Support Team at Gilwell Park. It is designed to keep you up to date with what's going on with Fellowships up and down the Country, as well as providing relevant information for the leadership and management of the Scout Fellowship.

eNews is sent direct to ACC(SF) and ADC(SF). Please do pass the information on, either as a whole or just the relevant parts, to Scout Fellowship Chairs and to anyone locally who may be interested. Remember it will also become available online at www.scout.org.uk/fellowship

Well, the next millennia of Scouting has truly begun and as we "Spring into 2008" the National Scout Fellowship Support Team is ready and raring to go, so if you want to contact Glenn and his new team please get in touch on the new Fellowship e-mail address, fellowship@scout.org.uk or through the Adult Support office at Gilwell Park.

... So, Who are the Fellowship Team?

Whilst the new National Scout Fellowship Support Team is a unified single team responsible for the continued success of the Scout Fellowship, the areas of work that people are directly responsible for have been broken down into two distinct areas:

Glenn Walker (UK Adviser)

Review Team

Lyn Rowe (Project Manager)
Mark Finnis
Ken Ridgway
James Reid
Adrian Wray

Maintenance Team

James Morton
Stuart Card
Steve Brownless

Firstly there is the team looking at the Fellowship review. They are considering the research and consultation, and are planning and overall moving the process forward to a successful conclusion.

The second team is overseeing the "continued development" ensuring that the Fellowship continues to receive the support it needs to offer active support to fellow Members of the Association.

Meet the Team

Each issue we will bring you a profile of one of the members of the team. In this issue, as promised in issue one, we find out about **Mark Finnis**.



"I joined The Scout Association as a Cub Scout, however I was really born into Scouting as my Dad was on the Gilwell service team and my Mother was a Cub Leader and worked at Gilwell Park. Gilwell Park was my playground and I also slept in a cot in the White House on big events such as Reunion, Cub Day and Sedan Chair Rally. I was a Scout Leader for ten years until work commitments prevented me from continuing. Approximately six years ago I joined the Scout Fellowship after being recruited by my partner. The Scout Fellowship gave me the opportunity to provide active support to Scouting in a flexible way, and has allowed me to work with a cross section of young people and adults."

The Adult Support Office

A team available to support you:

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For general Adult Support issues
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Update on the Review



Thanks to all of you who filled in the questionnaire, both online and via post. Your feedback was invaluable and the results can be seen on the website at:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/fellow/review

All the statistical data, thoughts and comments have been taken on board and the review group is now using this information, along with all the other feedback received over the past 18 months, to positively take forward the next stage of the Scout Fellowship review.

Fellowship in Action

Have you seen something new on the website – a section all about your Fellowship activities? It can be found at:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/fellow/local

We would love to hear what your Fellowship are getting up to. If you would like to be featured please send your stories and pictures to us at fellowship@scout.org.uk

This issue, with thanks to Lawrence Baldwin, we take a look back at what Tamworth Scout Fellowship did for the 2007 celebrations:

Tamworth Scout Fellowship

In 2005 Tamworth Scout Fellowship had the honour of being asked to oversee Tamworth District centenary celebrations. By the end of 2006 planning of events was well underway and a backwoods cook book had been produced by Fellowship Members, with the proceeds going towards the celebrations.

The first event, a trip to Euro Disney, took place in February 2007 attended by four Fellowship members helping to provide the necessary food for the coach load of hungry Cubs, Scouts and Leaders, very expertly arranged by a Group Scout Leader.

This was followed by the District camp at Beaudesert campsite with 600 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders attending over three

days, for which 12 Fellowship members provided a BBQ at the disco.

Then there was providing breakfast at the August 1st Sunrise Event, and front of house and internal catering at the Gang Show for nine hundred people, over the four days it ran.



Then we had the past leaders and helpers reunion, and we still had the end of year disco and fireworks party to go, PHEW.

National Scout Fellowships in Action

Fellowships up and down the country provide a multitude of different support to such a diverse range of Scouting groups. For example did you know that there are National Fellowships covering areas including:

- National Scout events
- Religious groups
- Support for local Scout and Guide events
- Promoting International links
- Working with Scouting abroad
- Climbing
- Conservation
- Medical
- And many, many other groups doing different things

What areas of Scouting do your Fellowships support?

Glenn would really like to hear about these Fellowships, don't forget his challenge to find stories of Fellowships giving active support!

Find out more about National Scout Fellowships online at:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/fellow/natsf.htm

Shout out for Fellowship!

Often wondered how to promote a Fellowship, perhaps at an event such as Sainsbury's week? There are a whole raft of resources available to help, many of which are free to download from the website. These include:

Sainsbury's
Try something new today

- Leaflets
- Colour posters – can be printed A4 or larger
- “Active Support” – a complete guide for Fellowships

Just go to:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/fellow/resources

Have you had a particularly successful promotion event? Do you have ideas for other resources? If so please let us know about it so that we can share the secret!

New Factsheets

Do you have Groups or Districts who might want to start up a Fellowship but aren't quite sure where to start? Or need answers to common questions? If so then help is at hand with the new factsheets that have been written in the last few months covering:

- What is Scout Fellowship?
- Setting up a Scout Fellowship
- Developing and Revitalising your Scout Fellowship

More detail on all of the issues covered is always available in the Active Support file, which itself has been updated recently – the updated information is contained in a factsheet:

- Updates to Active Support Nov 07

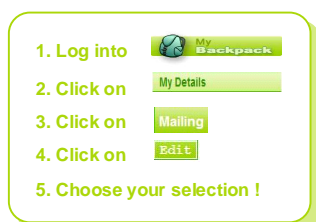
.. all are available to download for free from

www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/fellow/resources

or to buy from the Information Centre.

My Backpack

Does everyone in your Fellowship receive their copies of Scouting Magazine and Scouting Plus+ each week on e-mail? If not it may be that they are not set up correctly on the Membership Services System (MSS). Resolving this problem is easy using “My Backpack” – the new interface. Just follow these five steps:



Every Member can update their own details, all you need to register is your Membership number and your date of birth.

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

All Fellowship Members should be registered on MSS. If you aren't, if your appointment card is wrong or you have not received an appointment card please contact your District/County Secretary.

Census



Census returns are currently in the process of being completed locally. Remember that every Member of The Scout Association, including Fellowship members, need to be included on the census and pay capitation once only. There is space on the census form to record Fellowship members.

Programme Refinements



The 6 – 25 programme has recently been refreshed with a raft of new badges and tweaks to the programme zones.

As well as offering new opportunities for the young people perhaps there may be new opportunities for Fellowships to offer even more active support to their local Group, District or County.

Further information about the refinements can be found in the Dec/Jan *Scouting* magazine and supplements, or by contacting the Information Centre. Read *Scouting* and the supplements online:

www.scouts.org.uk/magazine

Finally...

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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