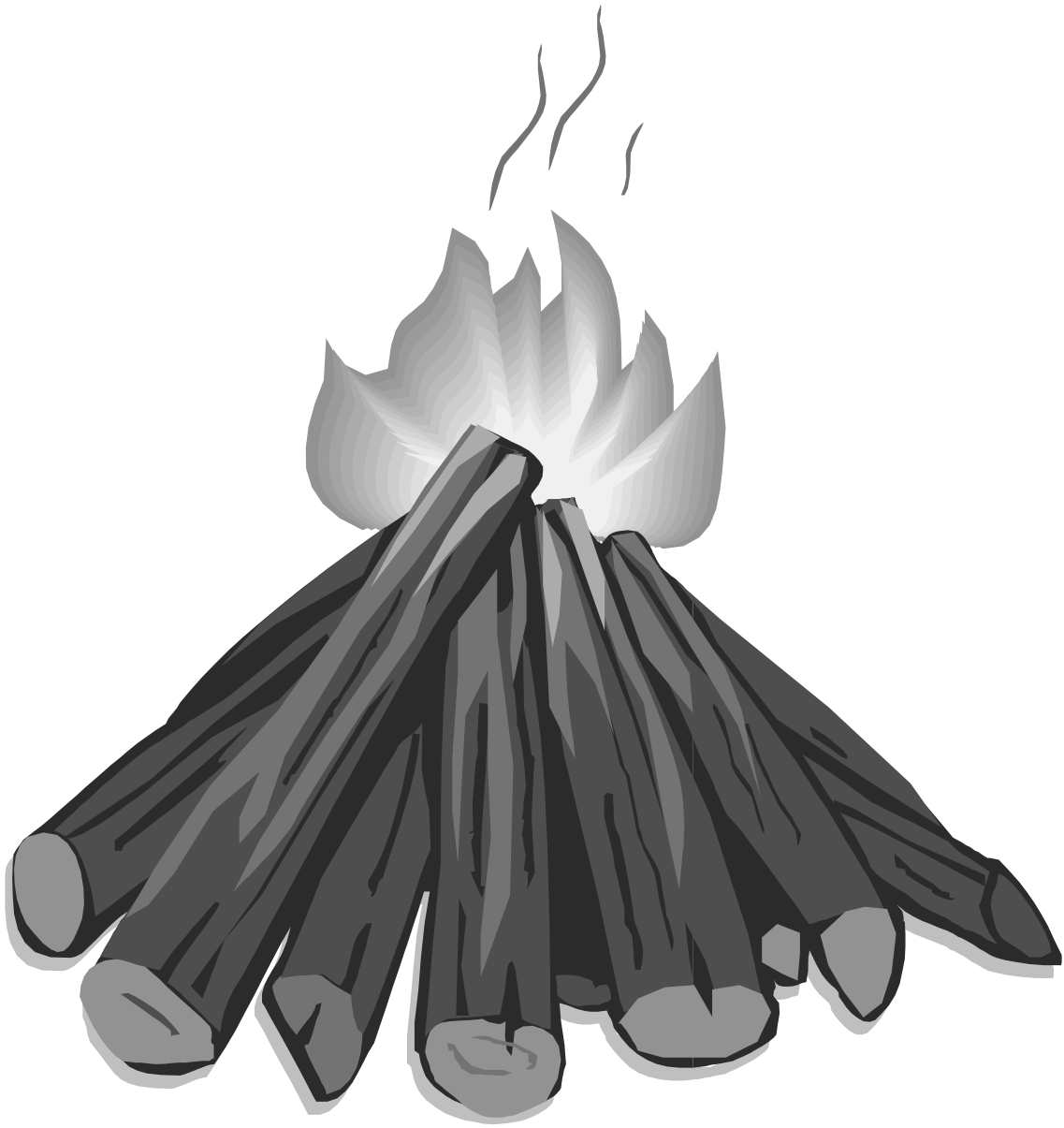


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**ORDER OF WOODCRAFT CHIVALRY
SUMMER 2010**

Greeting

What glorious weather we are having at the moment. I planted some strawberries in two hanging baskets a month ago and due to all the sunshine we're slowly reaping the reward.

Katelyn and I visited Easter camp for the day with Mum, James and Anita Fortune. We had a lovely day. I think James highlight was the egg-Olympics. Teams of eggs competed in high jump, long jump, slalom, up hill canoe. Huge thanks to Greg for organising it. Katelyn and Anita enjoyed making Easter bonnets and masks. Huge thanks to Sue for bringing the resources.

Hope to see lots of you at Summer Camp.

Lucy (Sunflower)

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Enclosures - Summer Camp Flier

Chieftans Chat

Just sorting out all our camping equipment for its first outing of the year at Glastonbury festival.

It won't be as exclusive as an order camp. The district council regulations say that tents must not be close than 30cm (1 foot in old money).

So you have to get on with your neighbours I estimate that there will be 8,000 people / 4,000 tents in our field. But it does have its similarities: you can have open fires: for the first day, and then all the wood runs out. You have to trail off to the tap to fill your water containers. And the toilets...

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We work as Campsite Crew and have terrible trouble getting people to be quiet after 10pm !! Although it might be an idea to try the arise song each morning.

We collected the caravan that we use as a crew base last week. When we opened it up it had that lingering smell of wood smoke. I expect my tent to still have that festival smell at summer camp. So come and have a sniff.

Blue Sky

Greg

Folkmoot 2010

We enjoyed a dry, sunny weekend for the very first time at Bishopswood. It was lovely to be able to venture further than the Saxon hut (which has now sadly burnt down) and the loo block on the other side without getting wet. We found some great works of woodcraft in the woods and some very interesting logs and trees, one very long and twisty branch on the ground with eyes carved out of it that looked like a snake!

Looking forward to more Blue Skies at Bishopswood!

Sarah, Dean and Sophie



PGL

When I went to PGL (commonly known as 'Parents Get Lost' but actually means Peter Gordon Lawrence who founded PGL) with the school, in April, I did loads of activities; these are the activities we did:

Raft building

Leap of faith (climbing a pole and jumping ancatching a bar.)

Zip wire

Canoeing down the river Wye

Archery

Quad-biking

Mud course

Abseiling

Rifle shooting

Jacobs's ladder (7 wooden beams on cables that you have to climb up in groups of three to get to the top in the quickest time.)

Fencing

Sensory trail (making your way around a course blindfolded)

My favourite activities were, canoeing, raft building

When we went canoeing we were in 3-man canoes and we canoed 4½ miles down the river Wye, to Hay-on-Wye, we went through rapids, and in the biggest rapid, one of the other canoes crashed into the bank. But none of us fell in!!!

We also went raft building and it was really fun. We had to work in two teams of six to tie the barrels together with a really complicated knot. Once we had made the rafts we put them in the water and got on. At the start we were alright, none of us fell in, and then we had a race and the raft I was on won. After that two of the people on my raft fell in and we had to get them out of the water. Then I fell in and I had to get myself back onto the raft. We also played 'Head, shoulders, knees and jump' but we got up too quickly and the raft rocked and everyone fell in, then we swam back to the shore of the lake. After that we made a slide out of a canoe and ran at it and belly slid on the bottom of the canoe headfirst into the lake. We all got really wet!!!

I really enjoyed my week in PGL and I had loads of fun!!

Luke Pringle

stepping stones for stags



Females rarely fly
but emit chemicals
to attract males



Eggs
are laid
underground
near dead wood



Larvae live
underground for
up to 7 years eating
dead wood



Adult beetles
only live for
around 6 weeks

Stag beetle facts

- Britain's largest native terrestrial beetle
- The male's antler-like mandibles (jaws) are used for fighting with each other
- Adults can grow to the size of a man's thumb
- Adults do not feed
- They are harmless

Why stag beetles need your help

A major problem facing not only our native stag beetles but many other species that also rely on rotting wood is that there is much less deadwood habitat for them than there used to be. We would like you to help us by continually replanting dead wood where stag beetles are known to exist to ensure that these populations survive.

Another major problem is that stag beetle populations are becoming isolated, so we would like you to help, where possible, by creating log pyramid stepping stones for stags so that they can colonise new areas more easily. Stag beetles do not move very far from where they emerge. Although males can fly for up to 500m, most females travel no more than 20m. Thus it would help the beetles if log pyramid stepping stones could be built, starting close by a colony that you know, so that we ensure that there is a good supply of suitable dead wood nearby for females to lay their eggs in.

Let us know

Once you've created your log pyramid please take a photo of it and email it to stagbeetle@ptes.org or visit www.ptes.org/stagbeetles. An ID guide of other creatures that may use your log pile can be downloaded from our website.

What you can do

Create a log pyramid in your garden for beetles and other wildlife, too.

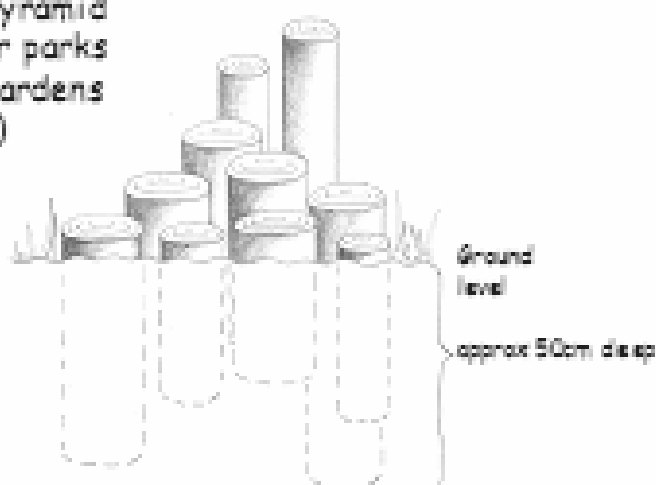
- Use wood from any broadleaved tree, but especially oak, beech or fruit trees such as apple or pear as these support the richest insect communities.
- Site the logs in partial shade, if possible, to prevent them from drying out.
- Fresh logs with the bark attached provide better and longer-lasting habitats.
- The logs should be at least the thickness of an adult's arm.
- Partially bury the logs vertically in the soil so that they retain moisture and increase the numbers of visiting insects. Stag beetles lay their eggs near decaying wood. Buried dead wood ensures a good food supply for their larvae.
- Avoid making log piles too high, or the timber will dry out.
- Allowing plants to grow over the log pyramid both retains moisture and provides shade for the stag beetles.

Log pyramids can be built at any time of year. It will take a while for the wood to rot down sufficiently to be in the right condition for stag beetle larvae, and many other animals, to feed on.

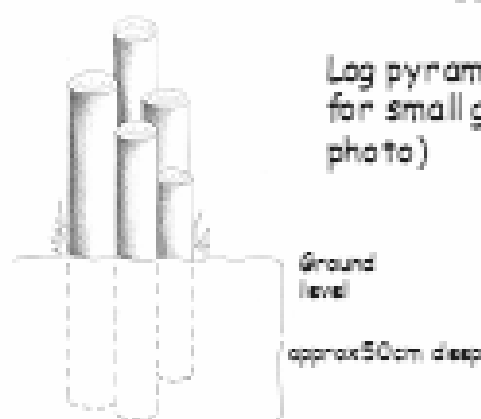
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Different types of log pyramids

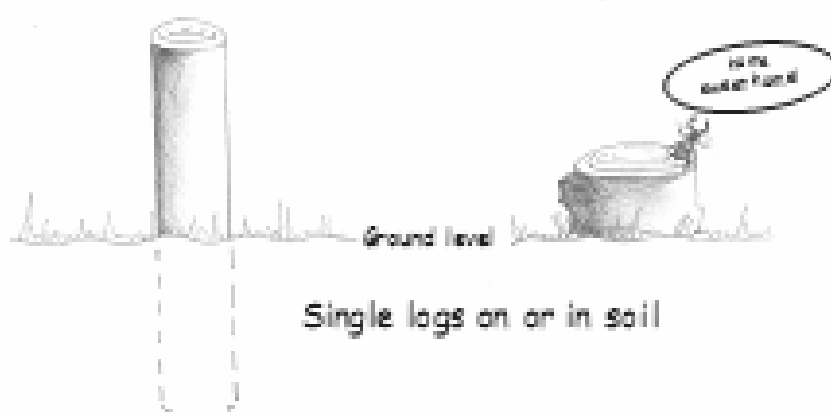
Large log pyramid suitable for parks and large gardens (see photo)



Log pyramid suitable for small gardens (see photo)



or, if space is limited...



Other do's and don'ts in your garden or park:

- Leave tree stumps in situ if possible; they can become garden features with plants growing over them.
- Avoid using polythene sheating covered with bark chippings to control weeds. Newly emerging adult beetles can get trapped beneath it in spring and die.
- If you find larvae in the base of rotten timber posts, for example, and need to move them, dig a hole elsewhere in your garden and put them in, together with some of the rotting wood from their original site. Cover loosely with soil.
- Try to leave some quiet, undisturbed areas in your garden. This will benefit other wildlife, too.
- Try not to use insecticides.
- Keep cats away from beetle habitat if you can.
- Keep a lid on your water butts, as stag beetles are known to fall in and drown.
- Share this leaflet with your gardening friends.

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Reflecting Circles

Braziers Park School of Integrative Social Research is sixty this year; which got us thinking about how it came to be.

A relative latecomer on the progressive education scene, Braziers, like the Forest School, can trace its inspiration back to the Order of Woodcraft Chivalry, which was founded in 1916 by Ernest Westlake and inspired by Ernest Thompson Seton's Seton Indians (Seton was honorary Grand Chieftain of the OWC). Whilst largely being contemporary to BadenPowell's Scouting movement, the OWC differed in that it did not have the perceived military overtones of Scouting, instead focusing on the virtues of kindness, fellowship, animal conservation and woodcraft.

Many other organisations still in existence today, Forest School Camps, Woodcraft Folk, Griff Pioneers, share the same roots and inspiration along with groups that have fallen into obsolescence like the Kibbo Kift or the Common Wealth.

We, that is Aggie Forster and Marcos Guillen of FSC and John Sewell and Tom Glaister from Braziers (Tom also has

connections with the OWC and Griff), have organized a gathering at Braziers Park from Sept. 27 2010 to which you are invited to reflect, reminisce and record our common history. We plan to draw a time line from Seton to the present day, hear anecdotes and share archive materials, old photos and memories.

Please come to inform, if you were there at the beginning or knew people who were, or to listen and learn. Our history is important to understanding our organizations especially if we increasingly seem at odds with the modern world.

A mid-week date may seem peculiar to many of you, and for this we apologise, but it felt important to host this event in Braziers' sixtieth year and all the weekend spaces were booked. Please come if you can and make it a success. The Forest School re-union at Whitwell last year was enjoyed by many and if there is enthusiasm, we may make this an annual (weekend) event.

The event will cost £70 (£85 single room) for the duration staying in the house or £40 if you are camping. Shorter stays pro rata. Please reply by email to aggiegoatmother@hotmail.com or to Aggie Forster c/o Braziers.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS	
SESSION	
MONDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING	Arrive, tea and greetings, pitch tents and settle-in, supper and campfire.
TUESDAY MORNING	Breakfast and first rally, introductions followed by meeting in main interest groups to produce a 'brief history'. Feedback to main group and adding your history to the timeline.
TUESDAY AFTERNOON	Estate walk, work in gardens or estate, working etc. or idling & chatting.
TEA TIME	Tea and cakes. 15-minute lecture/talk/interlude etc.
BEFORE SUPPER	Global café interactions, recording and reporting via audio recording and timeline.
AFTER SUPPER	Dancing followed by campfire.
WEDNESDAY MORNING	Breakfast and rally, 15-minute lecture/talk/interlude etc. Global café interactions, recording and reporting via audio recording and timeline.
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON	Estate walk, work in gardens or estate, working etc. or idling & chatting.
TEA TIME	Tea and cakes. 15-minute lecture/talk/interlude etc.
BEFORE SUPPER	Meeting in small groups with the intention of recording memories, ideas and discussion group. Feedback either by audio recording or written word. Expand timeline.
AFTER SUPPER	Free time, campfire.
THURSDAY MORNING	Breakfast and rally, 15-minute lecture/talk/interlude etc. "Learning by doing, teaching by being" skill drama workshop.
THURSDAY AFTERNOON	Timeline review, Lodge Common Council. Strike camp and closing up.
TEA TIME	Tea and farewell.



If replying by e-mail please state names and needs e.g. room arrangements and dietary requirements and make payment directly into the camp account Diane A Forster a/c no. 08138048 Sort code 08-92-49 or write to
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Ipsden, Wallingford,
Oxfordshire, OX10 6AN
and either transfer money as above or make cheque payable to Diane A Forster.

Catering will be from camp kitchen so you will require your own eating things. Waterproofs and wellies are recommended.

Can I remind members about Camping at **Greenwood**; booked for the weekend of August bank holiday 28th August, until the following Friday (3rd September)... with a farmers' market on the bank holiday Sunday. Please let me know, asap, if you plan to come; ta Mick Tutt

Order members have been invited to attend Woodcraft League of Czech Republic events; on 5th July at Marialanski Lasni and 17th November in Prague more details in last Pinecone.

It was decided at Folkmoot this year the Order will offer an annual £150 to support an Order member or members to attend international events to take our Greetings and act as a representative at the camp. If you are interested in the above camps and would like more information please contact Harriet Jones contact details at back.

Sue's Talent Show Entry

Sue & I had the river cruise of a life-time at the end of March; 10 days on the river Elbe from Berlin to Prague...magical – apart from the 'rabid Palin supporters', of whom there were many. On the last night one of the Americans (who had been in show-biz...) organised a 'talent show' – so Sue learnt the following words

my vsatci zijame v zttej ponorke

zttej ponorke

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(in tres slappy medusia fashion) &, along with some of the English people with whom we had made friends, we 'treated' the cruise to a Czech (?slovak) version of Yellow Submarine...I suspect the crew enjoyed it far more than some of our North American friends – who thought we weren't taking it seriously enough.

Mick Tutt

News of Members

I was at Whitwell Hall when the Tannery burnt down! Although it had already lost its roof anyway. Arthur Cobb drove at breakneck speed to fetch the fire brigade proving why his brother had held the land speed record!

Tom Glaister

I was fascinated to read that at in the past, to ensure weight loss, jockeys would deliberately infect themselves with tape worms. Once the worms had done their stuff they were got rid of with a powerful purgative. Anyone brave enough to try it? (London's Strangest Tales, Tom Quinn, Robson Books)

John Myers

Charlie Jasper Wilkinson was born on 30th April weighing 8lb! Congratulations to Chris and Frances (nee Tutt).

Golden Eagle Kindred news.

Laurel Bowen and partner Mark are moving to live at Sandy Balls end of June Cannot think of anything else except this year it is 90 years since the Smoke Tribe camp was held at Sandy Balls. The totem pole was carved to commemorate 90 years and this year I am getting people to paint tiles to arrange a mosaic of all the tiles and decorate the walls in the Activity Room.

Lynden Bowen

I am buying Penarth based shop Hi-Plan Copy Print, where I have been working for the last 3 years. The business involves faxing & emailing, internet access, plan printing, copying, design & print business cards etc, stationery and greeting cards - basically we provide office services for those who don't have one. I love the job so much I thought I'd buy it - am I MAD?

Emma Pringle

DIARY DATES

Summer 2010 Plwmp, Llandysul, Dyfed Wales
July 24th - 8th August

August Bank Holiday Opportunity to camp at Greenwood,
28th August– 3rd Sept Sandyballs, New Forest

Wassail Was decided at Folkmoot that it is a busy time of
year so individuals could hold their own events.

Easter 2011 Gordon Brown Centre, Hook
Apr 22nd– 25th

Spring Bank Hol 2011 Location to be decided
May 28th - 30th **Will include Folkmoot**

REMINDERS

<p>THE ORDER DOES NOT CARRY INSURANCE PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE COVERED</p>
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THE ORDER OF WOODCRAFT CHIVALRY

The Order of Woodcraft Chivalry is a small but well established movement founded in 1916 by Ernest Westlake, naturalist and research scientist, in collaboration with Ernest Thompson Seton, American naturalist-author. It is an educational and social fellowship, of both sexes and all ages, non-political and non-denominational. Members believe in the 'Woodcraft Way' of first hand experience and the 'chivalrous spirit' of helping others and being ready to respect and understand all peoples. The aim of the Order can be found in the *Affirmation* to which all members subscribe:

“To respond to the call of the world of nature, seeking from it simplicity good sense and fortitude. To pursue bravely and gaily the adventure of life, cherishing whatever it holds of beauty, wonder and romance, endeavouring to carry the chivalrous spirit into daily life.”

Membership of the Order is open to all who feel themselves in sympathy with its Affirmation. It includes families, kindreds and individuals, or lone members. Activities during the year include weekend camps, social gatherings and outings and members came together for a summer camp. For many the highlight of the year is the Folkmoot our annual general meeting.

We hope this magazine will have given you some idea of our activities. If you would like to know more about the Order please ask for further information from the Herald (address inside back cover) details of forthcoming events are also included in Pine Cone. Perhaps the best way to get to know the Order is to come along.

Please feel welcome to attend any of our functions, we just ask that you contact the Herald beforehand if possible or on arrival.