

# **PINE CONE**



**ORDER OF WOODCRAFT CHIVALRY  
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Greeting,

Washing has been dried outside on the line. A sure sign that Spring is here and the sun has reappeared. The other day when coming home Katelyn suddenly said “Look Mummy Blue Sky” she was so excited.

Apologies to anyone who missed their Winter Issue of Pinecone. For those who haven't heard I had a little girl January 17th. Lydia Anne is a little treasure and settled very well into our hectic family life.

Hopefully see several of you at Easter camp.

Blue Sky

Lucy

## **Chieftain's Chat**

Sun is shining; daffs are out; and the grass is growing! Spring leads to thoughts of Camping.

Are the nights warm enough for being outdoors yet? I hear you cry!

Time to get your camping equipment out and give it an airing. I always find things (thought lost) but wrapped up in the tent last time it was used.

I am not going to spend any more time rambling on – so you can go and get your tents out and up.

Blue Sky

Greg

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# Chocoholic Quiz part 2

All answers are products containing chocolate!!  
(Anagrams in capitals)

Eg. A bottle of bubbly in the freezer     Magnum

1. Enjoyed by green fly
2. LOBETONER
3. Call a break in basketball game
4. Wogan's had the Midas touch
5. Leo's watering hole
6. Sounds like you are walking over cornflakes
7. Famous for its bubbles
8. This toy has its ups and downs
9. An aid for travelling to the wild west
10. CAN HEATER GO COOL (2 words)
11. Gives you a lift – at a price
12. Stephen's full of eastern promise
13. LAMECAR
14. Sounds like a drinking establishment for mother
15. A subject of conversation
16. Coat fastenings
17. Pull the oars under the water
18. A jockey's wooden accessory
19. Falling from the sky in winter
20. To eat alfresco
21. Cows and hens produce unite
22. Where the celebrities drink

Greetings Lucy.

Out of the blue this morning I received a telephone call from Mollie Pringle. Whilst talking to Mollie I remembered a resolution which I made to myself upon reading the last edition of Pine Cone; and that was to send a short message myself to express my gratitude at receiving Pine Cone without fail all these years and to perhaps be able to contribute a very small piece to let those who remember me know that The Order still means a great deal to me. Thanks - Blue Sky Bill Barclay.

Hearty Greetings to all those members who remember me and even heartier ones to those who don't or who never even met me. My name is Bill Barclay of the then Tomahawk Tracker Tribe Yestrehc, London Guild.

I was introduced to the Order in the early 1950's by a school teacher of mine, John Blanchflower. From the very start I was captured by the warmth and friendliness of everyone and the way in which we trackers were listened to by adults. Early memories include the very wet fortnight spent at SandyBalls for the Centenary Celebrations and Folk-moot. I have so many memories which come back to me frequently (no! not as nightmares!!) I was so proud at Morecombe lake in Dorset when my little Black's Tinker tent was one of the very few left standing in the morning after the night of the great storm. The same camp (I was a very athletic young teenager by then) I was well beaten into third place in the race to the top of Golden Cap and back by Bill Tofts - a father of three (the race was infact won by Ray Wilson who was several years older than myself).

My favourite camp of all was at North Glen Sannox on the Isle of Arran. It was there that my love of the mountains was fully established having been first introduced to them a few years earlier in the Lake District by the same teacher John Blanchflower.

Other memories of Order life come back thick and fast as I write - some of places but many, many more of people. Such wonderful people with so much time for others and especially for youngsters.

I hope that I was able to repay just a little of the debt I owe to John Blanchflower and to the Order. For many years I took school parties to Greenwood and to the mountains and to some Order Camps. I hope that I gave to just a few the pleasure, guidance and help that was given to me.

I took Pauline, my wife to be (although new it then) to an Order camp and Greenwood when she was also a teenager and she too was entranced by the atmosphere and the people. We are still together over forty five years later so the experience couldn't have been too of putting. Pauline helped me with all of my school journey trips and also with my role as Greenwood steward. We have lived in the village of Send, Surrey for most of our married life and very frequently pass Sendholm where London Guild held a wonderful country dance weekend for many years. Every pass the entrance to the camping area I staff to think of all the good times and memories flood back.

But it took a phone call from a friend of many years ago - and still a friend now - to spur me to put notes on paper.

Blue Sky

Bill Barclay - We hope to see many of you in the not too distant future.

(Thanks Bill for putting pen to paper and sharing your thoughts and memories - Lucy)

## News of Members

We are sad to report the sudden untimely death of Rosalind (nee Skerry), from an aortic dissection. Rosalind was the daughter of Angela and Chris, and the grand-daughter of Winifred Skerry. Rosalind and her brother Gavin attended Order Camps in the late 70's and early 80's, particularly the Country Dance weekends which were held at Winifred's home, Greenhigh, near Petersfield. Chris hopes we will remember her as the cheerful little girl discovering life at camp. We send sympathetic greetings to Angela, Chris and Gavin, and to Rosalind's husband, Mark. Molly Pringle

Pinecone and Order members wish Mick Tutt and family all the best following the sad death of his mother.

Mick Tutt has booked Greenwood for August Bank Holiday from 26<sup>th</sup> August through to 2<sup>nd</sup> September . Anyone wishing to make the most of this and join Mick for the week or part of please let him know.

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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.**