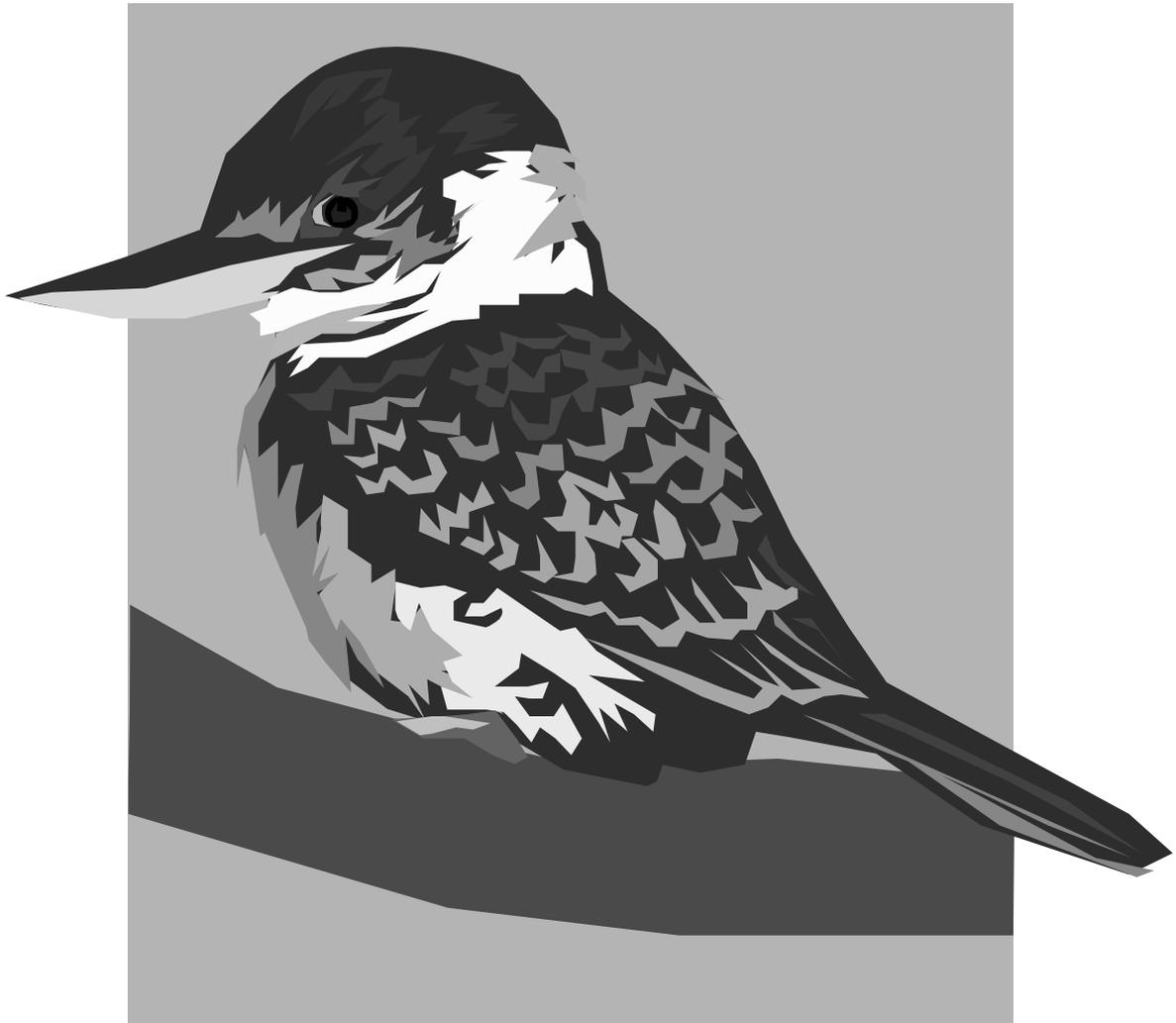


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**ORDER OF WOODCRAFT CHIVALRY
SUMMER 2011**

Greetings

I thought the summer had arrived but now looking outside I am not so sure. Positive thought - the gardens are looking green and Strawberries plump.

It's a bumper issue this time partly thanks to Bill Barclay's article last issue. Greensleeves (Jean Cormack) has written an article that I am keeping for next issue. Thanks Jeannie.

Look forward to seeing those that can make it to Summer Camp.

Blue Sky

Lucy.

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EASTER CAMP

We had a lovely time at Easter Camp! As usual, there was a huge group of children zooming past on scooters, making the most of the fantastic weather. We really noticed the difference in being at the GBC those few weeks later in the year - the Chestnut trees were in full flower, and the warm weather meant that we were able to do many craft activities outside, as well as having our meals out too!

Because of the warm weather we able to sit round the fire until fairly late, and took advantage of Spike's knowledge and learnt the Leo constellation. As he was pointing things out over our heads, 'And that's the Space Station!'. What fantastic timing! We got a good view of it, looking a lot like a satellite going over, but clearly bigger and brighter. Thanks for arranging that, Spike!

Blue Sky to Russell for his extremely successful fish and chips order! The only person he forgot was himself...

Blue Sky to Charlotte for her excellent organisational skills in the kitchen!

In writing this, I am reminded that circulating the camp was an old issue of Pine Cone (circa 1978) in which Lucy found a camp report by me, aged 8 -ish. It was slightly embarrassing to re-read my youthful enthusiasm, but then I like to think that I still carry it (or at least some of it!) with me!

Blue Sky to all! Glo (Pringle)

Ollie says he loved summer camp and his favourite thing was playing with Alex and Sophie! And ever since he's talked about going to Summer Camp every day.

We made it to Easter camp for 1 day - teething babies are not much fun and we thought the night-time screaming may make us a bit unpopular with all our friends! But the 1 day was so good - a perfect mix of beautiful weather, gorgeous place and catching up with friends. Watching my own children play with and talk to older children and other adults brought back memories of my own childhood at camps, remembering how secure and happy I felt there. We're all so looking forward to Summer camp this year, and spending more time catching up. Maybe we should all start a daily sundance now in preparation!

Blue Skies

Sheena x

Spring Bank Holiday and Folkmoot

The Tinder Test

In our search for good natural tinder (ie something as good as cotton wool) - Anna and I found aspen seeds are extremely fluffy, and easily took a spark from a swedish fire starter that Ben had with him (although the fire-starter itself was a bit tricky!). Dead rose bay willow herb seed heads were not fluffy but very light and thin, so they caught easily once the aspen seed flame caught them.

Here's my new version of Campfire's Burning (to the tune of London's Burning)

Lots of tinder, dry and fluffy,
Then a heap of dead twigs.
Thick sticks burn quite quickly, so
Put on a log!

Katherine Pringle

Katelyns Report on Spring Bank Holiday

I asked Katelyn what she enjoyed about camp. "Singing" ("What?" I asked). "Singing camp fires Burning" we then had to sing the song twice before more reporting. "Sleeping in our tent. Going in the woods with Daddy. We didn't find Anna. We found Squirrels (She means rabbits). We went up the hill.. We saw the Little Pigs Houses (tSaxon Huts). One had been blown down because the Wolf came." She is referring to the one that was burnt down about a year or two ago.

It was lovely watching Katelyn looking at a spider with Katherine, letting it crawl on her hand. Thank you Katherine.

FIND THE BIRD!

1. It sounds as if this holds up the flower! (5)
2. The little cat stirs (9)
3. Gulp (7)
4. Designed St. Paul's (4)
5. I'd go new for this one (7)
6. We hear Whittington was told to do it again (4)
7. Fair, grass or pimples (5)
8. The dark hours in a strong wind (11)
9. Out of breath (6)
10. Cowardly tool (6,6)
11. Can lift loads (5)
12. Musician on the beach (9)
13. Angry William (9)
14. Speedy (5)
15. Do it twice (it's extinct) (4)
16. Angling Rex (10)
17. Crimson object from the toy-box (3,4)
18. Sherwood outlaw without the head gear (5)
19. Unwanted nest guest (6)
20. Arthur's wizard (6)

Answers

11 Crane	1 Stork
12 Sandpiper	2 Kittywake
13 Crossbill	3 Swallow
14 Swift	4 Wren
15 Dodo	5 Widgeon
16 Kingfisher	6 Tern
17 Red Kite	7 Goose
18 Robin	8 Nighthingale
19 Cuckoo	9 Puffin
20 Merlin	10 Yellow-

The diversity that is nature

With the presence of many shrubs and two apple trees, the view from my study window is a twitcher's paradise – that natural environment aided by bird feeders laden with nyjer seeds, sunflower hearts and peanuts have enabled me to recognize some thirty varieties – in addition to are sundry “lbg;s” that I have lumped into the sparrow category- I cannot tell a warbler from a chir-ruper!

The birds bring ceaseless joy

- the red faced goldfinches continue to delight – Are these colourful creatures really all-year residents?
- the strident call of the great tit reinforces its grand size compared to that of it's delicate blue cousin
- the brilliant red on the greater spotted woodpecker still excites as it hangs upside down and tries to savage the peanut feeder
- the starling chicks yell their food orders from beneath the roof tiles
- the morning visits of the huge, yet bouncy jay is eagerly anticipated.

Furthermore the non-bird wildlife causes mirth amongst adults and the kids. The squirrels have long since given trying to access the feeders via the long, thin hanging wires – but they still try to leap from trunk to feeder. Persistent failure leaves them undaunted – they are either excessively determined or dim.

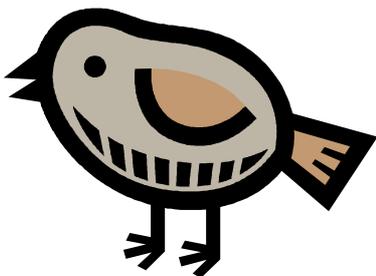
Various holes in the lawn beneath the apple trees makes me wonder what night-time activity an infrared camera would reveal.

Yet all is not sweetness. As I sat at the window reading, a flurry of activity drew my attention. Two wood pigeons were being hassled by a crow. Ultimately the crow selected its victim and attacked with stunning ferocity. The victim stood not a chance. Its erstwhile companion simply strolled away . seemingly it accepted that such violence is part of the grand scheme.

Some days later two magpie's inflicted similar summary violence upon a crow –*thinks* “*Was it the same one?*” It is so easy to see the beauty of nature and too easy to forget that almost every creature is both predator and predated upon.

As present all is calm. Leaves of numerous green shades sway and the seed heads of the bluebells bob in the gentle breeze. But if we wait, either the sweetness of nature, or its brutality, will disturb the quiet. I wonder which?

Peter Kehoe



SANDY BALLS JULY 1999

The fire sends up a milky-way of
Smoke and star-sparks.
We sit in contemplative silence,
Each to his own thoughts.
Faintly, I can make out
Strains of "Loch Lomond" sung in Czech
At the far end of the field.

The fire – the same and ever new –
Kindled in the Folkmoot Circle
For the Welcome Ceremony
At this 2nd International Woodcraft Gathering
Has been brought down to our singing circle
At the Greenwood camping site
For the last evening, all-night vigil.

Banned to commercial campers,
Our open fires were a special concession
For this special meeting
Of Woodcrafters:
The Order of Woodcraft Chivalry,
Forest School Camps,
Woodcraft Folk, the Czech League,
And one lone representative
From North America –
The Messenger from the West,
Uncheedah, Grandmother.



We are saddened by the
Unexplained absence
Of our friends from Seton Castle'
As we sit silently
They come to our minds
And our hearts are full,
Missing them.
The wood smoke makes my eyes
water.

How many memories will travel
Back with me:
Friendships renewed
And new friends made;
Exchanges of gifts,
Acts of kindness,
Thoughtfulness, and love.
No preaching, some teaching,
Much to learn;
Learning by doing, being,
Sharing, caring.

Barbara (Witemeyer)

Just a Reminder of Camping Code of Conduct

General

1. One named member of the Order of Woodcraft Chivalry ('Camp Convenor') is to be responsible for the conduct of any camping event and for ensuring that members and guests attending comply with this code.
2. The OWC will use every endeavour not to camp on any site for more than 42 consecutive days or 60 days in any 12 consecutive months. The OWC also will endeavour not to camp on any site being used for camping by other organisations holding camping exemption certificates if the site would thereby be used for camping for more than 42 consecutive days or 60 days in any 12 consecutive months.
3. The Camp Convenor should be aware of the Country Code, the Seashore Code and the Camping Code.

Venue

4. The OWC will take reasonable steps to satisfy itself that the site proposed for an exempted camping event is not subject to a direction under Article 4 of the 1995 Order (if it is, express planning permission is required) and is not one where planning permission has been refused or where enforcement action has been taken.
5. The OWC will agree to avoid or move from any site to which the local authority objects.
6. The OWC will take reasonable steps to ensure that the siting of tents does not unduly interfere with the activities of local people, their privacy or their enjoyment of their property and that the siting of tents does not interfere with the enjoyment by others of the landscape, natural beauty or nature conservation value of the area, particularly in areas designated for their landscape or wildlife qualities.

Nuisance

7. Local people should be able to carry on their normal activities when camping is in progress. The Camps Council will take reasonable steps to minimise disturbance and will investigate and deal with the causes of any complaint.

8. Care should be taken not to damage the site and the surrounding locality. Trees, fences, buildings, equipment and stock should be respected.

9. The Camps Council will take reasonable precautions to ensure that domestic animals belonging to members of the OWC and their guests will be kept under control. They will be exercised away from tents and parts of the site used for communal activities and any mess will be picked up.

10. The Camp Council will identify a suitable open space for any games that might otherwise intrude on or constitute a danger or annoyance to campers or others on or around the site.

11. Noise will be kept to a minimum for the comfort of other campers on the site as well as people who live or work nearby

Safety and Spacing

12. The Camps Council will take all reasonable precautions to adhere to local speed limits.

13. Units will be spaced and sited so that they do not restrict access to, or exit from any unit or the area in case of emergencies. Emergency vehicles must be able to get access to any tent on the site.

Fire Precautions

14. Open fires and barbeques may be used with the permission of the Camp Convenor and landowner. Where permission is given for open fires or barbeques, they will be sited with reasonable regard to safety. This organisation uses fire responsibly; sensible fire precautions will be taken.

15. A fire extinguisher approved to British Standards Institute and/or Fire Officers Certificate standards will be held on site.

Chemical Toilets and Waste Water Disposal

16. All members and guests will act responsibly when disposing of the contents of chemical toilets and waste water and take full account of the need to safeguard water supplies and prevent the pollution of rivers and streams.

17. On-site disposal of the contents of chemical toilets and waste water will be in accordance with arrangements agreed with the landowner. Neither will be allowed to foul the ground except at designated disposal points. If there is any doubt about the disposal of waste, if appropriate, the Camp Convenor will contact the relevant local authority for advice.

Refuse Disposal

18. All members and guests will take steps to ensure that refuse is either disposed of in accordance with on-site arrangements or taken home. The co-ordination of this is the responsibility of the Camps Convenor or the Council of Leaders as appropriate

Road Safety and Access

19. The Camp Convenor will take steps to ensure that travel from major roads to a proposed site is not likely to cause undue disruption or difficulties for other road users. Access to the site must be suitable for the number and likely size of units attending the meeting. The arrival and departure of units should be arranged to minimise disruption to other road users.

Adopted

Date: 25th May 2009

Memories

I was so pleased to read Bill Barclay's piece in Pinecone which brought back memories for me too. It was at one of the Send folk-dance camps that we met Sir Ralph Vaughan-Williams who was staying at the 'Big House' and was brought down to our camp-site to watch us dancing, possibly to some of the music he had helped to collect. He was, as pictured, a big bear of a man, dressed in rough tweeds and seemed delighted to meet us and to chat.

North Glen Sannox camp-site was where Julian was introduced to lightweight camping - aged 6 months- and where Margery Guillen made a horse-head out of cornflake packets and a bowl etc. which helped turn Tony into a passable Morris horse to prance about amongst the onlookers when the whole camp set off on a mini-Morris tour of Brodick. It was a marvellous wild-life site - many birds, seals, adders, and even, one day when out for a solitary walk, the amazing (and eerily silent) sight of about ten black fins of killer-whales cruising along that East side of the island. They seem to have been driven away from the area now, possibly by the movements of nuclear submarines.

Perhaps Bill will remember that Janie and Bill Toft with family arrived during the camp and that 6yr.old Philip made straight for the stepping-stone rocks across the Sannox near where it enters the sea. He fell in and was being swept along in the current but, fortunately, I was washing nappies there at the right moment and was able to fish him out.

Angela Coombs and family, the Glaisters, Peter Jones and many others will no doubt think of further anecdotes from that site as will other families, such as the Simpkins and Pringles, from the great times we had at the Picken's farm on the West coast of Arran, looking out on Ailsa Craig, Pladda and the Mull of Kintyre.

Blue skies, Margaret Brown

Membership of the Order and the Annual Financial Contribution

The Annual Financial Contribution is a donation to the Order, to maintain and continue the service it offers the membership. This year at Folkmoot it was decided once again not to increase the suggested contributions, which are as follows:

Kindreds:	£25.00
Wayfarers (over 25):	£18.00
Waywardens (18-25):	£14.00
Pathfinders (15-18):	£6.00
Provisional members:	£6.00
Pine Cone only	£6.00

These amounts are aimed at balancing the books; there is no set minimum or maximum, so members may pay:

- a) the suggested contribution,
- b) what you can afford,
- or c) what you feel membership is worth to you.

The A.F.C. is not requested as proof of membership, but to encourage involvement with the running of the Order.

A.F.C's are now due for the current year and all members are reminded to make a return to the Keeper of the Purse. If you would like to pay online or set up a Standing Order please email me for the bank details.

Greetings and News from Members

The Kehoe Clan welcome two new babies. Sarah and Dean are proud parents of Libby Anne Mara born March 19th. Emily and Steve's second girl, Elizabeth Mary was born April 20th, bringing Pete and Mary's Grandchildren to 12. Congratulations to you all.

Our little latest addition is now to be known as Neve Josie and doing well; Penny and Simon are managing their new roles too. The family's Springer spaniel reacted to the baby's cries by taking one of their toys and, unusually, dropping them for her - quite amazing !
Margaret Brown

Congratulations to Liz (McCarthy) and Wilf on the safe arrival of their second child. Clarice Margaret was born 9th of June.

Blue Sky to all new arrivals.



Many years ago, when our children were young, my wife Betty and I were active members of the Order, to which we were introduced by the then Chieftain, Bill Tofts. We enjoyed many happy camps at Bearwood, Sendholme, Dockenfield and Sandyballs. We also had a delightful holiday on a farm at a camp in Wales, where I sat in front of the tent after lunch each day reading *The Hobbit* aloud to me children - with voices in character. At the other end of the scale of joy I remember a camp at Bearwood, when the rain only stopped for about an hour throughout the whole week. Naturally it did not dampen our spirits, but the food was a bit limp.

That was all a long time ago, since when we have been Pine Cone Members, greatfully keeping up with the Order through its well honed pages. Now, alas, Betty is no more. She died suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack last September. So, after 54 years of marriage, I am facing my old age without her. Fortunately I have a supportive, though geographically distant, family, good friends and neighbours and a warm hearted church.

May I please ask you to record Betty's death in Pine Cone, because some readers will remember her despite the passage of the years.

Blue Sky
Bernard Day

Thanks for Folkmoot news etc. I fear it is too far for me to come as I shall be driving to the Brecons on the following day with Hannah(11) who chose pony-trekking for her treat. I understand from Hazel P. and Marcos G. that they would like me to visit the OWC camp as a member of their FSC group (communal catering is a draw too!). As I plan to go to the Thames-Valley Morris tour at Challacombe it might be a possibility but I'll have to wait until nearer the time to decide properly. I wish everyone a good Whit camp and a happy Summer - maybe we shall catch up later this year.
With love and many Blue skies, Margaret (Brown)

I'm afraid we won't be there this weekend - Joe has 2 weeks of shows starting this week so it's all a bit hectic here. But please do give our best to everyone, we'll be thinking of you all and hoping for sunshine :) - blue skies and much love - Sheena (Tutt) x

I'm fine, although my 71 years have started catching up on me - specially round the knee joints. Please give my greetings to Folkmoot and to those who remember me - Blue Sky - John Myers

Hi from Louis Randall Pringle – he's planning his first solo trip to Europe – 3 weeks in July, planning to take in bits of Spain, France, Italy & Holland...

Greetings - Sadly I must send apologies as I shall be in France conducting two handbell concerts, but I shall be thinking of you all and hoping you have an enjoyable camp and a productive Folkmoot. Tim Willets

Greetings - I shall not be able to attend as I have some paid work which is exciting as I seem to spend a lot of my time doing voluntary accounts and it gets kind of weary after a while. I trust folkmoot goes very well for you all. (Janet also mentioned to me that she has done a Foot Health Practitioner's certificate, and is doing a lot of cycling to keep her carbon footprint down – sounds foot-healthy to me!) - blue sky Janet (Haswell)

Hi to all - I think of you whenever you have a Folkmoot, and remember times when I was with you at Sandy Balls. I am attaching a copy of the poem I wrote after the 2nd World Woodcraft Camp. I know it is now 12 years old, but I think some of this may still be going on. My best wishes for a successful Folkmoot and also for the BlueSkies!World Woodcraft Camp in August which I shall, sadly, not be able to attend. Hugh and I will only just be returning to New Mexico from 6 weeks in Australia as that ends. But, who knows, maybe I'll be at the next one! - Blue Skies! Barbara (Witemeyer)

Sadly neither Mary nor I are able to join the gathering as we shall be in Brussels for the Jazz Marathon. Greetings and Blue sky wishes to all assembled. Be well - Blue sky - Peter (Kehoe)

Greetings & hao kula!!! - I'm afraid I will have to send my (& Sue's) apologies for folkmoot - please convey my & Sue's greetings & good wishes to all at folkmoot'. I've made a real start on the pelican clan carving (which buffalo started at Easter); it should be on our lodge before the end of the summer & I will also have a phoenix emblem on the summer house by then...we've bookings for (various) Nash clan members in early august (at greenwood) - with all blue skies...Mick Tutt

DIARY DATES

Summer 2011 Broadoak, Bridport
July 23rd - 7th August

Halloween 2011 Godshill Village Hall
October 29th.

Easter 2012 Gordon Brown Centre, Hook
Apr 6th– 9th

Please let Lucy Kehoe know if you would like to convene any of the above.

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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.