



London Region Woodcraft Folk

### **London Elfin and Woodchip Day - a great success**

60 Elfins and Woodchips, accompanied by 23 adults from 7 districts had a great time on a blustery day in April at the Islington Ecology Centre. In the morning they were busy with a range of crafts and face painting. They also checked out the centre itself with a pond viewing area, its indoor climbing tree and leaf rubbing. After an indoor picnic everybody explored the adjoining Gillespie Park with an organised bug hunt. There are ponds, meadows and woodlands and it is likely we will use this centre again for another Elfin day.

### **Annual Gathering - 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Biblins**

London Region is underwriting the cost of a coach to take us to and from Annual Gathering at Biblins as public transport options are rather cumbersome. The cost for the return journey currently stands at £40, but this could come down if more sign up. Pick-up close to Ealing Common tube station (Piccadilly Line) at 6pm on the Friday and return Sunday afternoon. As this makes the journey quite easy, you might consider bringing a group of children as well as adults from your district. For some young people attending, speaking at Annual Gathering has been a life changing experience!

You can find all the details about Annual Gathering here:

<https://woodcraft.org.uk/annual-gathering-2019>

To book the coach please email [londonwf@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:londonwf@yahoo.co.uk)

### **London Pioneer Events**

It's not too late yet to book for the London Pioneer Camp 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June at Park Farm, Lurgashall. The site is lovely and the cost is very reasonable. Pioneer leaders have been sent the booking form, if you need a copy please contact Tom 07975 756189 [tomo6491@yahoo.com](mailto:tomo6491@yahoo.com) or [londonwf@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:londonwf@yahoo.co.uk).

The water sports day at Shadwell has been oversubscribed this year and London Committee has decided to offer two days again from next year. So, plenty to do for our Pioneers!

## Planned Events in 2019

Date	Event	Contact
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Pioneer Camp</b> Lurgashall Park Farm	<b>Tom</b> 07975 756189 tomo6491@yahoo.com
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>London Region Committee</b> Folk Office	<b>Monika</b> 020 8567 5613 londonwf@yahoo.co.uk
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Venturer Activity weekend</b> Phasels Wood, near Watford	<b>Monika</b>
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Midnight Ice skating</b> Alexandra Palace	<b>Sarah</b> 07981 303247 sarahrichardson@writeme.com

### Bringing Groups back from the Brink

A couple of group leaders on the London Committee have written up their experience of how to rejuvenate a group. Leanne, the Woodcraft Folk's Membership and Groups officer, has inserted some useful links from the National website and has uploaded the document on the sustainability page of that website. <https://woodcraft.org.uk/resources/group-sustainability-growth> The link is at the bottom of the page, first in the list of Attachments. Check it out!

### Nelson Mandela Exhibition near Waterloo

It's not too late to take your group to this inspiring exhibition, but you only have until 2nd June. Regular tickets are £15 per adult and £13.50 per child, but the Woodcraft Folk have been offered a discount: use the discount code AAM1250 which gives an online ticket price of £12.50. Tracy from Bromley Woodcraft Folk has taken a group and was very impressed, you might want to contact her if you want to do likewise.

This is the official website: [www.mandelaexhibition.com](http://www.mandelaexhibition.com)

### Walk with Woodcraft Folk at Pride on 6th July

London Committee has funded 35 walking places at this annual LGBT+ parade. If interested apply before 1<sup>st</sup> June and you might be able to get a place. Details on <https://woodcraft.org.uk/news/walk-woodcraft-folk-pride-london>

### Anti Trump Demonstration on 4<sup>th</sup> June

As a charity we are not allowed to take part in party political protests, so we have to be careful about which demonstrations we can support. Last year's Annual Gathering passed a motion which contained this statement: "This conference considers that Woodcraft Folk participation in protests against the Trump visit and against child detentions would promote both our Aims, Principles and Values and our long-term aim of being more widely known and understood."

Look out for publicity on social media and via email as to where to meet if interested.

London Region has a page on the National website:

<http://www.woodcraft.org.uk/places/england/london>

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Please contact us via [londonwf@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:londonwf@yahoo.co.uk) with any queries or suggestions