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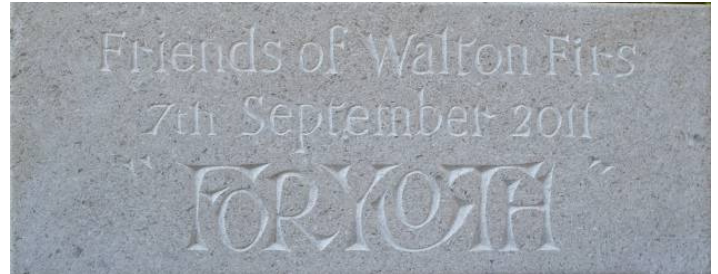
***I've got that B.—P. spirit
 Right in myback yard!***

There's no turning back now!

Dave McIntosh and his staff were joined by a team of dedicated volunteers who stepped up the pace to empty and take down the old wooden building. The shop is now operating out of the container visible in the right hand picture, with the addition of an awning for wet days. The contractors have moved in to take up the old slab base and secure the site ready for the footings to be prepared.

So far so good. On target and on budget.

The new venture has the blessing of Robert, Lord Baden-Powell who is delighted that his late wife Patience, Lady Baden-Powell will be remembered in the naming of the new building as *'The Patience Baden-Powell Centre'*. A stone to commemorate the start of the new project has been carved by Cliff Palmer, and was unveiled recently prior to being finally sited.





OUR PROJECT NEEDS YOUR VOTES!

We need to update our WC/shower block and you can help us with just the click of a mouse. If every Friend of Walton Firs voted, we could well win. Log on to natwest.com/communityforce and vote for the 'Walton Firs Foundation' project, following the 'Read More' link, and placing your vote.

Voting closes on 23rd October 2011 so hurry, don't let us miss the chance to gain valuable support for this urgent work.



ST GEORGE'S DAY THANK YOU

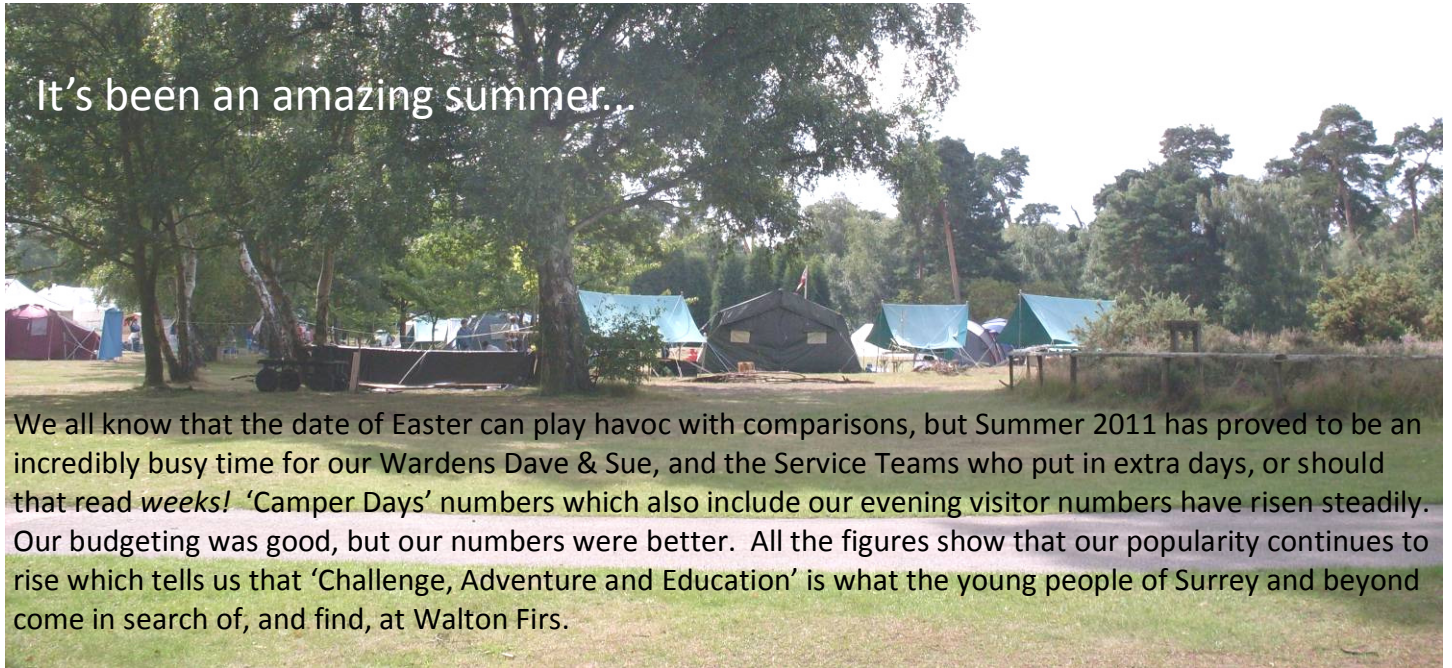
April 23rd, St George's Day is traditionally when Scouts remind themselves of the Scout Law, and reaffirm their Promise. This year Wimbledon & Wandle held their parade and donated the collection to Walton Firs for our Patience Baden-Powell Centre fund. Many thanks to all who took part and gave so generously.

We in turn promise to use the funds wisely.



During September, Trustees from The Eric Frank Trust, The World Scout Foundation and other invited guests held their Trustees' Reception at Walton Firs hosted by Derek Pollard. This was an opportunity for Derek to bring together a group of people with a common aim although from diverse backgrounds. We also

welcomed Mark Knippenberg, Deputy Director of the World Scout Foundation, whose work continues to encourage and celebrate the work done by the BP Fellows. Through the generosity of guests at this reception, Walton Firs received over £500 in donations with the WSF and the East Africa Appeal also receiving funds.



We all know that the date of Easter can play havoc with comparisons, but Summer 2011 has proved to be an incredibly busy time for our Wardens Dave & Sue, and the Service Teams who put in extra days, or should that read *weeks!* 'Camper Days' numbers which also include our evening visitor numbers have risen steadily. Our budgeting was good, but our numbers were better. All the figures show that our popularity continues to rise which tells us that 'Challenge, Adventure and Education' is what the young people of Surrey and beyond come in search of, and find, at Walton Firs.

Saturday 31st March 2012

At Dorking Halls, Dorking

A SPRING CONCERT

compèred by Michael Aspel OBE
Featuring the Weybridge Male Voice Choir,
Treble Clef Ladies Choir, and
'A Touch of Brass'

Tickets are £10 from the
Dorking Hall Box Office

Have you ever thought of climbing Everest? A challenge too great perhaps on the real mountain. Why not try our Walton Firs version and climb 'Everest' in the safety of the Activity Centre. Bring along a team, make a day of it, let your sponsors know what you're doing and how great an impact fundraising for Walton Firs will have for the young people of Surrey.

Check out the details on our website www.waltonfirs.co.uk or email stella@waltonfirs.co.uk for more information. Week end dates are yet to be confirmed, but will be during the winter season 2011/12.

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Sunday 24th June 2012

At Walton Firs

PIMMS IN THE PARK BAND CONCERT

With the Kingston & Malden Scout & Guide Band.

Put the date in your diary—
more details in our next newsletter.

