

WALESBY FOREST NEWS

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Welcome to another edition of Walesby Forest News where we bring you up to date about what's been happening

in and around the centre.

We've done a number of things to improve Walesby over the last year and I am pleased to be able to tell you that we had a successful 2009 and we are continuing to see increased Scout and Guides visiting the centre this year. Our new refurbished accommodation, all weather marquees and new activities are a hit with customers.

We have again introduced more new activities this year with Canadian Canoes, Cave Maze, Aerial Course and Mini Fencing which have proved very popular. We have launched Walesby CSI and Metal Detective which add to our programme of specialised courses which include Bushcraft. We have also extended our range of inclusive packages to include Scouts and Guides and other groups.

We have also added new events to our calendar and are delighted to announce our first **Leader Skills Weekend** in October this year, where we hope to see many leaders attending what we hope will be an annual international event. By popular demand, we are introducing a **Winter Camp** in January 2011 where participants can either join the NESST walks or stay on centre and enjoy an organised winter activities programme.

My thanks go to everyone involved with Walesby and I continue to be amazed at the support we receive in our endeavours.

Ian Sinclair
Centre Director

Diary Dates

29 - 31 Oct	Leaders Skills Weekend
5 - 7 Nov 10	Bonfire Special
13 - 14 Nov 10	Art Exhibition
26 - 29 Nov 10	Apprentice Assessments
21 -23 Jan 11	Winter Camp
22 - 23 Jan 11	NESST Walk
25 - 27 Mar 11	Wake up Walesby
29 Apr - 2 May 11	Walesby Challenge

Bonfire Special and Wake up Walesby are FREE for Nottinghamshire Scouts. Don't forget Nottinghamshire Scouts also get 20% discount on all camp and accommodation fees at any time.



27 July - 3 August 2013
Don't Miss the Great WWE 2013
75th Anniversary.
Booking from January 2011

Behind the Scenes

Our Apprenticeship Programme in Activity Leadership goes from strength to strength with 8 participants this year and rising to 12 for next year.

As well as attaining the level 2 NVQ participants have the opportunity to attain National Governing Body qualifications (NGBs) in Archery, Rifles, Climbing Kayaking etc and externally assessed / accredited activity courses (H&S, Food Safety, First Aid etc).

Candidates for this years recruitment attended an assessment weekend where they went through a series of tasks and activities to determine their suitability for the programme. If you know anyone who wants a career in the leisure sector please let them know.

What's New?

Following on from last years refurbishment programme and new activities, this year has seen the refurbishment of Mason Lodge (Staff accommodation), the all-weather marquees now have fixed solid flooring, new kitchen equipment and a range of layout options (We even had a Nottingham City Beaver Sleepover!)

We have improved our IT systems and added more telephone lines so our customers can get through and the website is constantly updated.

We have completed the boundary fence to the Robin Hood Way and opened the Riverside Camping area for those who prefer to camp by the river and the new signage ensures visitors can find us easily.

We have also been busy adding new activities and programmes, most constructed by our own team. These include the Cave Maze, Aerial Course, Mini Fencing and Canadian Canoes. The Archery area has also been enhanced with new shelters (now all weather use).

We have totally redesigned the rubbish and recycling areas and now have more bins around the centre.

Our UK Chief Commissionaire Wayne Bulpit t says 'The Power is Believing In Ourselves' well I can certainly say that we have no shortage of what we believe is possible for Walesby.

We are aiming high and plans are afoot for more accommodation lodges, more new activities and more facilities.

We have plans to build 4 new lodges and we are working on the refurbishment of centre toilets and showers. We plan to introduce a Giant Crate Stack, Pole Climb, Gauntlet Race and also start work on improving the lake facilities and surrounding areas this winter.

And if that's not enough we also plan to build a new dining facility for those groups and schools that want us to provide catering services.

Get in touch if you would like to help.

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Mark Spencer MP visits Walesby Forest

Newark & Sherwood Member of Parliament Mark Spencer visited Walesby Forest Scout Centre to see the changes that have been made and learn about planned developments.

Walesby Forest has undergone some recent improvements and now attracts a range of visitors from Scouts and Guides, schools and other youth groups. Everyone was delighted to have an MP visit and take an interest in the developments and the opportunities that Walesby Forest creates for young people.



Mark Spencer said "It was great to see the wonderful facilities on offer at Walesby for Scouts, Guides and other community groups. It's clear that a lot of work has been put into the centre over the last few years and it's a real asset to the area."

Walesby Forest increased visitors by over 30% in 2009 and now employees over 20 staff, 8 of which are young adults on apprentice schemes and, with further accommodation and facilities planned, is set to build on its recent success.

WALESBY FOREST 29th - 31st October
LEADER'S WEEKEND 2010

Join us for a dedicated Leader weekend and experience many activities and scouting skills.



The cost inclusive of camp fees, all activities and meals is £25

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Optical Illusion

Look closely at the picture what do you see?



Like this image you will see more new faces on centre as well as time honoured volunteers.

Many thanks to everyone that is helping make Walesby a success.

A New Approach

We are pleased to announce that we are working with a number of training providers to deliver short courses at Walesby Forest.

These will include:-

Food Safety, Health and Safety, First Aid and a range of NGBs as well as training courses for business development.

Courses are open to anyone but there will be free places for our regular Walesby volunteers.

Check the website for upcoming courses.

WALESBY WINTER WEEKEND

21st - 23rd January 2011

We have fun filled activity programmes from Dawn to Dusk followed by Twilight Zone to keep everyone entertained. For those who prefer a challenge we have teamed up with the NESBIT to offer a range of challenging hikes.



The cost inclusive of all activities is £25 (1 Leader FREE per 12 children)

Are you up for it!



JOBS

Interested in working at Walesby Forest and gaining recognised **NVQs and NGBs**? We will be holding our next assessment weekend in November for places on our **NVQ Apprenticeship Programme**. Interested applicants should download and complete an application form and email it to: admin@walesbyforest.org.uk or visit www.walesbyforest.org.uk

Conditions apply: Places are limited, only open to those between the age of 17 and 22 who do not have a degree.

XMAS PARTIES ?

Why not hold your Christmas Party at Walesby Forest. We have bars, function rooms and marquees and can also provide catering and entertainment services. Whatever the event we can provide a range of facilities to suit.

All this and great prices too. Call for details.

WALESBY ACTIVITY CHALLENGE 2011

Friday 29 Apr - Monday 2 May

This 3 day event over the May Bank Holiday is like no other. Groups take part in a number of events and challenges, points are awarded (as well as certificates) and the group, in each age range, with the most points is awarded a Walesby Trophy. Open to all ages and groups.

£36 per person including all activities (**FREE** Leader Places)

R U up for it?



Equipment Wanted

Have you got any of the following?

- Mess Tents**
- Patrol Tents**
- Sleeping Bags**
- Roll Mats**
- Large Catering Pans**
- Golf Balls**

Please let us know

We would welcome ideas and stories for our next edition, please email admin@walesbyforest.org.uk with your suggestions.

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