

## CAMP HOUSE NEWS



A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Strawberry tea in June.

We were so lucky to have yet another beautiful summer evening. There was a great turn out from both counties and some people chose to sit outside in the sunshine.

We had an increase in the number of stalls, so as well as pudding tasting and Florence's strawberry shortcake,

scones and cream, we also had plants and home produce to sell— Strawberry and Raspberry jam! Profit was £627.38 which Karen Pear got 'match funded' through 'Barclays' so we have actually raised £1254.76. Fantastic... what an evening! Many thanks to everyone who helped on the day. It will be very useful for the additional work at Camp House.



The extra fencing has been added to our entrance which now looks complete. This was funded from our 2009 raffle and we have £213 remaining from that fund raising event, which was for the development of the site.

We have 4 huge Beeches in the woodland and earlier in the year, a branch from one, came down in a storm, damaging our neighbours fencing... Enquiries with Girlguiding Insurance AON confirmed that we were covered by Girlguiding Public Liability Insurance (we all contribute to the insurance in our Membership Fees at Census time) so the fence and gate have been replaced with no cost to Camp House. Wonderful news!







We hosted 30 Students from Emmanuel College, Gateshead as part of their Environmental Week. Our Partnership is now in it's 6th Year.

The number of students choosing to come to Church Woods has grown and some come back a second time. They find it very rewarding—much better than litter picking. This year they removed ivy from our boundary wall

and trees and the roots of Rhododendrons they had cleared in 2008.... The Rhododendrons continue to grow unless we can remove the roots and we now have loan of a ratchet to enable us to do that.

Camp House was the venue for an NEE ICE weekend and Guides taking part carried out some Woodland Management too. They did a great job at removed huge swathes of Rhododendron and carrying it to our field for burning.



Camp House was the venue for the County's Challenge this year and what a great time everyone had. The Rainbows even made 'Btingham Palace'.



We are encouraging hedgehogs and mice to use it, also bees and lots of insects.

If your girls would like to join us at Church Woods, please give me a call to arrange a date. There are jobs for all ages.

Thanks for your support Pat