



BOOKINGS: Bookings available for the remainder of the year are mid week 22–25 October (school half term) 2–4 Nov, 9–11 Nov and December. Various weekends are booked for 2019.

If you would like to bring your girls to Camp House, just get in touch with the booking Secretary, Jean Foulds.

DEVELOPMENTS: As many of you will be aware, there has been a problem with the water at Camp House.

During the annual water testing it was found that there was bio film in the cold water storage tank that supplies cold water to the showers.

As a precaution and in the interests of safety, a decision was made that no cold or hot water was to be used while water samples were taken. Toilets were ok to be used and hand sanitising gel was provided in the toilet area.

During this time Northumbrian Water provided cold water from a stand pipe fixed to the wall near the front door and the Baby Burco (hot water urn) was used to generate hot water.

The results showed that:

- The cold water system (fed direct from the mains) was safe
- The hot water system - to the taps was safe (heated continually 24 / 7).
- However the tank feeding cold water to the showers contained stagnant water and so the showers should not be used. This was due to an ill fitting water tank lid and the showers being used infrequently and therefore the tank had not been flushed sufficiently.

Very quickly the cold and hot water from taps plus the kitchen hot water boiler became available but the showers could not be used; cold water to the showers was isolated while quotations were sought to resolve the problem.

A big thank you to all groups visiting for their patience and understanding

Any group deciding to cancel their visit were offered alternative bookings which they have taken up.

The exciting news is..... work to be carried out during August:

1. **Remove ALL water storage tanks. Both hot and cold water will be fed direct from the mains with a new direct fed hot water cylinder. This will also increase the hot water flow to the kitchen taps.**
2. **The girls shower area will be gutted and replaced with new showers, shower trays and locking cubicles including a space for changing.**
3. **Leaders shower room to be gutted and replaced as a wet room / DDA shower room.**

Further Exciting news is..... We are to have a new road through the woodland thanks to Jill Lambley and the father of leader Georgia Hall from St Aidan's Guides Graeme works for TARMAC who are providing 70/80 ton of dolomite / limestone to repair the track through the woodland and will maintain the road annually free of cost!

MORE EXCITING NEWS..... Success with a funding application for 'THE LODGE' from 'DURHAM FREEMASONS'!!!

We are busy arranging the Presentation to receive the cheque—at Camp House of course! Look out for further updates.



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FUND RAISING: Many thanks to everyone who came along to enjoy the blue bells at the Blue Bell Day in May. The weather was beautiful and it was lovely to see old friends AND members of the public, some who actually attended last year ... We raised £306.

The Strawberry Tea went very well and was well supported by the school children staying at Camp House that week, they did enjoy it.. They helped us raise £718 which was match funded by BARCLAYS thanks to Christine Shovlin.



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Sadly The Ultimate Pudding company has gone into administration. Another company is going to produce the Christmas puddings but they are unable to produce the Gluten Free or Sponge puddings. It is no longer a profitable venture so the Camp House puddings will now be unavailable.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the sale of the puddings and helped us raise a considerable amount of money for the Lodge.

However we are continuing our CHRISTMAS FAYRE due to requests and the success of last years Fayre. This is to take place at Camp House on Saturday 17th November, so please come along and bring your family and friends.

BUILDING WORK: Funds for the LODGE now stand at £16400 which allows us to start work on the conversion of the Lodge. Building regs has been approved and we are ready to begin work but our Builder has gone Bankrupt.... **Please get in touch if you can recommend a builder to carry out the work.**

WOODLAND: The bowed stone wall now needs urgent attention and a stone mason has been sought to carry out this work ASAP.



Many thanks for all your support—Pat Bennett