

SENIOR RANGER'S REPORT FOR 19/4/07

STAFFING

- Hanna off still. Judith & David have been covering her duties including Watch Club.
- Jim Walker has been providing practical cover.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers: October to March inclusive: 493

COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE

Number of Groups/people from beginning October 2006 to end of March 2007 was as follows:

	Groups	Number of People
October 2006 – March 2007	413	3639

These included such groups as: Cambs. constabulary, Youth Offending service, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, HDC tourism groups and various natural history groups.

CAFÉ

- On same period last year, up £1,500 in café income, doing more small buffets for CC with very good comments.
- Plans for extension – cannot use site safe extensions for technical joining reasons, so now looking at complete new extension again.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- X-country run American Schools 2 x 100 runners
- Duke of Edinburgh from Milton Keynes – 24 people x 2 w/e
- American Scouts camping RAF Alconbury
- Boxing Day – 120 people
- Cambs Search & Rescue Training course – 2 days – 20 each day
- Hinchingsbrooke School – cycling proficiency each week about 15 children at a time
- RAF Wyton & county race – 60 participants
- Regular fortnightly Nordic Walking Group at least 8 people each time

WIDER DISTRICT

- Godmanchester Nursery – weeding/lifting trees, Godmanchester Pond.
- Coneygear – tree saucers & bonfire event
- Spring Common – grass cutting/hedge cutting & tree planting with 75 children from local schools.
- OVW hedge cutting/tree cutting
- Holt Island
- Hartford Wood
- Crosshall Litter/recycling Project – 4 days

PARK MANAGEMENT

- Llama fencing – volunteers
- Path building continues around the lake, though very weather dependant
- Tree surveys & associated work – lost large poplar in October and with the high winds December lost several more throughout the woodland
- Replanting Corsican pines area
- Ash regrowth has been cut around lake

- Scrub bashing on spit head
- Brick bridge, crack repaired – wall taken down and rebuilt

FRIENDS OF HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK

- Membership now – 55 people
- Funds increasing due to the enthusiasm of the younger committee members.
 - Christmas Shopping evening had £350 profit.
 - Sponsored Fun Run on 29th April likely to raise £1000. volunteers to marshall are still needed!
 - Donations to the Friends from the pot on Café Counter - £10 per week.

MISC.

- Roundhouse burnt November 3rd 2006 and the other huts have been taken down.