Every Thing

and more!

DF ZINE 26'-27' Issue 1

A letter from your new Zine Fairy...

Hi I'm Lizzie. I come from Leicester originally but I live in Brighton. I've been part of DFs for the last three years and have held various roles within the movement- currently I'm co-Venturer Liason with Suzy **and** I've decided to take on the amazing challenge of editing the zine.



lizzie - by jake

BUT WHAT IS A ZINE?

A zine (pronounced 'zeen') is a short DIY magazine. They are generally published in small batches and photocopied into physical prints for circulation. We could spend ages debating over what zines are but truly zines are...

ANYTHING YOU WANT THEM TO BE

And the DF zine is anything our members want it to be. I would love for the movement to contribute more to the zine (we are an incredibly talented bunch) - Eunice and Lida (25-26 Zinesters) made an excellent zine all about this that's available on spanthat.world so please read that if you want more info! (it's all still up to date)

I'm hoping to create the zine quarterly and distribute them at each event (and maybe post some out...watch this space...?) and this edition is all about Woodcraft summer, hence the title 'EveryThing and more!'.

It's been an amazing summer for the movement and it all kicked off with...



VENTURER CAMP!

1st-8th August @ Biblins

STATS

Total people: 414
No. Venturers: 182
No. DFs: 115
No. Kinsfolk: 117

EVALUATION: The youth have the Kinsfolk outnumbered

Venturer Camp 2026 was co-ordinated by the **AMAZING** Aisling Stuart (a DF!) and Wilf Lamont (a recently graduated DF)

Every single team and every centre had at least one DF in a core role.



I'm hoping this was a good camp for boosting the reputation of DFs- we worked so hard and hopefully showed to Kinsfolk how amazing we get when we're locked in and provided a model for Venturers of what a youth led camp looks like.



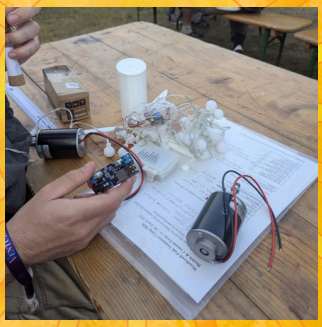
Enjoyed shoegaze stargaze night on camp? Scan to listen to the offical playlist!

Magic 8 ball- will the prank centre be allowed back next camp?



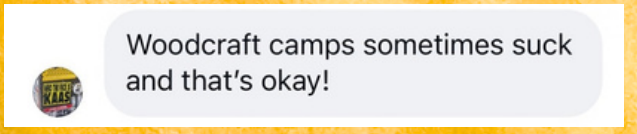
Hmm...

It's a solarphenomenon!



DFs from Tyne ran a workshop envisioning sustanaible futures by making models of small-scale wind turbines in a workshop in the guest (more like gust) centre!

Of course, not all camps are bangers for everyone.



Here's a quote from PANTS extraordinaire and relucant Stroudie, Kas, to remind us of the inevitable highs and lows (mostly lows) of big camps.



ALTHING

14th-16th August

37 people, somewhere in a field near Manchester grouping together to make decisions about the future of the movement, but what decisions did we make?

Motion 1 (the Big One) was all about commiitee structuring. The first part of the discussion was all about regional structures and how we support local activity. Do we have a 'Regions Rep' on committee? Do we have a council or moot of reps? Do we keep it as is?

Stay tuned for the answer because after two hours of discussion the conclusion was for us to put off making any desicions untul next Althing!

Thankfully the next part of the motion went much more smoothly: Accessibility and Sustainablity are both to become commiittee roles, with laymembers being scrapped. Outreach and International Oppourtunities are to be combined to become 'Affliations Rep'

The rest of the meetings were centred on musings, which are more informal proposals designed to get the movement talking.



They included:

Conversations about MEST-UP reform- is MEST-UP too institutional? Does it adequately protect reps from secondary trauma? How does MEST-UP fit into our broader aims with safeguarding?

Plans to set up the DF Just Giving (which is now up- tell your Kinsfolk!!!!) and other questions as to how we fundraise

Plans to set up a system of financial support within DFs. Events are becoming increasingly expensive to run but we don't want to transfer this cost to DFs who are already being squeezed by the cost of living crisis. This year we'll be trialling some new ideas to make events more accsessible.

Should we have a return to split regional events? Consensus: Yes! Bring on north and south nocturne!

Conversations AI (see the opinion piece on page 11!) within Woodcraft



Unfortunately for RON he won nothing this year :(

And of course we had the election results!

Congratulations to Mallory (Shadow Treasurer) Bunny (Activism), Angus (Chair & GC Rep), Tom (Shadow MEST-UP), Lizzie (Zine & Venturer Liasion), Hazel (MEST-UP), Gabriel (Podcast & Shadow Events), Cherry (Secretrary), Larry (Treaurer), Austin (Scottish Liason) and Eunice (Laymember) who were all elected into new roles at Althing, as well as Nyx (Events) and Suzy (Venturer Liason) who were reelected to their roles.

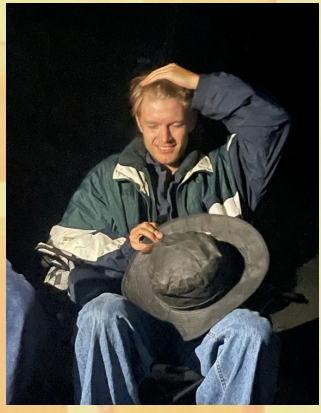
We bid a warm goodbye to Lara, Alex, Aisling, Molly, Huw, Stella, Mickey, Rowan, Sumi, Eva, Lida and Anna from committee and thank them for all the work they've put into making committee and the movement amazing.

THE EVERYTHING

16th-22nd August

Admined by the ever-wonderful Caitlin and Angus
KPed by Flinn and Tomi
KEed by Hazel and Finn
Programme by Jake, Gabriel and Maya





Immediatley following Althing, the movement turned from work to play for the Summer Camp part of the EveryThing, with 56 members attending.

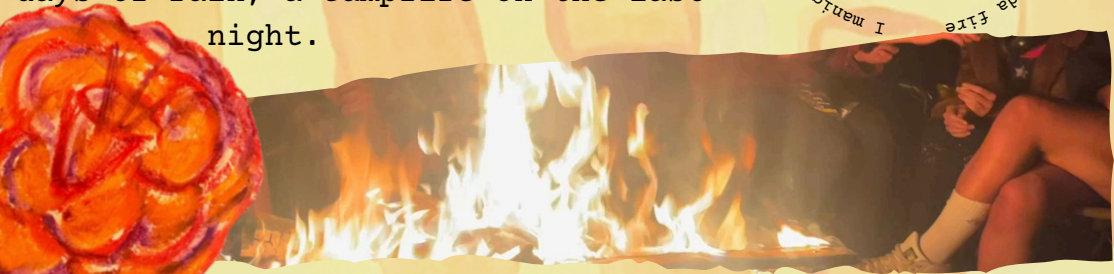


#thesearemyadmins

The theme of this Summer Camp was 'Wilds of the Isles' and we had a range of fun British wildlife related daytime programme like pendant making (led by Maia), nature journaling (led by Gabriel) and a foraging walk led by Clare from Lockerbrooke.

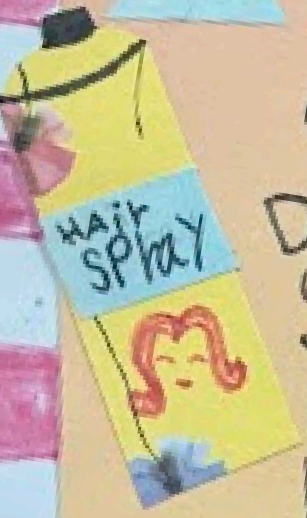
In the evening, we had a range of programme such as slideshow night, cheese night, a merry moot, a production of Grease by our in-house director, Casper, and FINALLY after days of rain, a campfire on the last night.





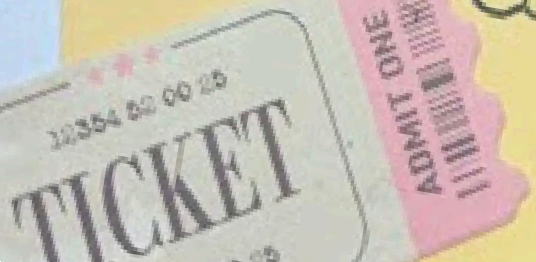
GREASE

DF Summer Camp 2026 CAST LIST



Danny Zuko - Finn
Sandy - Kas
Rizzo - Jaja
Knickie - Loki

Frenchie - Grace Jan - Gabriel
Daisymae, Angus, George Jonah, Austin, Freddy, Tomi and Casper!!!





Fun Fact!
A DF year is actually 362* days long! This means if your planning to spend your Normie Birthday on camp but leave early due to stress - you can still celebrate your DF Birthday w. friends!



*I lowk forgot and had to check the DF wiki and then my laptop broke ?!?!?!

shoutout Eli's MP3 player photos!

and the oscar goes to...



kas - best actor as SANDY in Grease the Musical

One thing we all learned from the EveryThing is that it's really never that deep...let's have a look at some examples of our 'not that deeps of the day' to round off this section:

↳ Not having enough vodka... it's not that deep

Having to wait +6hrs for booze "

- clans are not that deep

Going home from camp early

Being ignored because the person you're trying to ask a question to is making heart eyes at your mate is NOT THAT DEEP!

Write your

- shift rotas... its not that deep.

Sleeping arrangements... It's not that deep!

OPINION PIECES

What do DFs think about...all sorts of things?!

On Kinsfolk at the Everything

Kinsfolk were present at The Everything 2.0 in summer of 2026, running programme. This wasn't a decision made by DF Committee, nor the co-ordination team of the event. Instead it was a compromise between General Council and the DF Movement on how to maintain high safeguarding standards and educational programme whilst remaining an autonomous section of the Folk.

The initial reaction from myself and many other DFs was skeptical. We did not want to be parented nor patronized, and there were worries about losing some of the DF independence due to the presence of kinsfolk. Many jokes were cracked early in the event about our visitors, and many only learned about their involvement at the event, causing feelings from surprise to nearly fear.

But by the end of the event the mood had shifted drastically. I heard far fewer complaints of overreaching kinsfolk, and many praises for the sessions that they ran.

Every piece of DF Camp programme ran by adults was well attended: over half the camp came on the foraging walk ran by Claire, and many stayed after to make some baskets out of brambles. Delilah's workshop on the Kinsfolk & 50 years of DFs Camp brought out interesting discussions about how people would like DF camps to be run. Lloyd's workshop including the People's Emergency Briefing motivated every attendee in a way that I haven't seen programme at a DF Camp do before.
Rather than preaching to us, this programme presented itself no different to the rest of the great DF ran programme on camp,

simply weaving in educational and thought provoking topics along the way.

Perhaps this isn't particularly surprising. Woodcraft is an educational, youth-empowering organisation, and these Kinsfolk are well-versed in making workshops simultaneously fun and educational. The simple dismissal of their ideas that were circling pre-camp was short-sighted and forgot that these adults were once in our position too.

It was also clear that Kinsfolk were not there to run our camp, as had been feared. They worked with us, got involved where appropriate, and then left us to be DFs as before.
I believe that the offer of Kinsfolk-led programme is one we should continue to accept. The skills they possess are ones that can be passed along to us, so that we can one day do the same for the next generation. Ideas have already been floating around of what organisations we can get to run sessions, and the excitement of making the day during a DF camp useful is palpable.

The one exception to my praise stems from Althing. Lloyd's section of the agenda transformed the room from a co-operative discussion to a classroom. And whilst it worked well to find DF versions of the Aims and Principles, it left a bad taste in many mouths. I believe DF democracy should be left to its own devices, if the Committee decide it is in the best interest of the Movement to have a Kinsfolk, then so be it, but central Woodcraft should aim to avoid imposing themselves onto the self-determination of DFs.

Overall, the trial run was a huge success. The floodgates for outside programme have opened, and I hope that many more DFs will feel empowered in the day and free at night.

By Angus Crocker (Chair of DF Committee and Co-Admin of the EveryThing)

What impact does AI have on Education for Social Change?

AI has an active role in diminishing the impact that education is having on our generation. Where is the chance for creativity? For originality? For ingenuity? For young brains to develop they need a chance to stem their imaginations, growing to people who are able to think for themselves, creating their own opinions and unique minds. Do you want to continue using a platform that takes away people's ability to think for themselves? Which harms the very ideas you strive to create?

As well as this, by using AI for producing art, you are taking away opportunities for our young people to create and produce their own artwork for this organisation. Young people are the faces behind our movement, surely they should be at the forefront of our promotion. I am sure there is no end of DFs, Venturers and Pioneers willing to lend their talents to our campaigns. It negates the very point of our work, to promote and allow young people to grow and develop their skills, by using AI instead of a person. This cannot continue. AI is purging the world of its need for the human mind. The beauty that is created in the imagination of a person, not a blank machine. We speak of education for social change, but that change shall not come if AI corrupts the education systems we stand for. That change cannot come if we are all taught to think the same.

From the email sent by DFs of Althing to General Council. Written by the fabulous Lara Sayers

Misogynycraft?

In the last year, I've seen a rise in misogyny at every level of Woodcraft. The level of disdain for female members of the movement by our male peers has been shocking.



Female DFs make up the bulk of committee and often the bulk co-ord teams. The roles they take on are often more admin/behind-the-scenes and they (from experience!) are more likely to take on additional work, without getting any additional credit. When we bring this up, we're treated as nagging, 'bitches' (direct quote...more times than one) who should have just let their male peers know that they needed more support.

We claim to sing to the fashioning of a new world- yet we can't sing to one where womens labour is as valued as men?

This dynamic (particularly within mixed-gender role sharing) is a mirror of the gendered dynamics of heterosexual relationships, a symptom of a capitalist society that limits people of all genders. The reason I talk about misogny in Woodcraft so much is because I know a better world is possible. The revolution should start here. We should be actively dismantling these gendered boundaries that limitand divide us, gender boundaries that have been forced on us by years of cishetrosexist socialisation and provide fuel for transphobic rhetoric. Gender boundaries that has historically underminded womens labour, and therefore underminded the working class as a whole.

When men speak over womens voices, all they do is prevent us from singing together- singing louder, signging stronger, singing to the fashioning of a new world.

By Lizzie Cadoux (Nagging Bitch)





Reactive to the previous article, the DF zine has decided to include a long distance

WOMENS APPRECIATION CIRCLE

in this issue.

I apriciate my mum because she bought me a jar of fancy honey to eat by the spoonful

Eva and Aisling should have got shoutouts at the closing ceremony of v-camp.

I wanna glaze caspers mum I know she ain't a DF but she does run brighthelmstone woodies and she sorted bens woods for us and she's a legend big up capsers mum

I would like to appreciate every uterus haver with endometriosis. theres so little research on it and it takes so long to diagnose, yet it can leave people unable to work.

Lizzie - zine qween. She is such a creative force in DFs and is the go to woman for deep Woodcraft lore. Always reliable for crazy and hilarious stories, she is one of the best to sit around a campfire with.

Gabriel - makes the podcast go round and is the loveliest person ever. I always check that she's recording before starting meetings and love listening back on our weirdest camp moments.

Cherry- The person who convinced me to come to my first ever DF event. Always has a notebook on her

Lara - former sexy secretary

Caitlin Small is the creator of womens appreciation circles and the coolest girl I know. She's incredibly passionate about her role and got me out of one million stitches when I was on V-Camp comms (wordpress queen). She's so efficent and happy to help out the movement in a million different ways. She always looks after me when I'm on a tweaky one. She moggs all men at everything- specifically giving first-aid and comms.

Ellie Radcliffe (got glazed six times)

Caitlyn Big

BRYONY!!! (is the best)

Wilds of the Isles

On account of the theme of this summer camp being 'Wilds of the Isles' we've decied to round off this edition with some wildlife photography from our members.



Frollicking Deer (by Ollie Ball)



Seagull vs Bread Roll (by Ollie Ball)



Pigeon spotted doing the morning cry (by Ollie Ball)



The time a caterpillar came to Summer Camp (by Eunice)



The time a catterpillar came to Althing (by Caitlyn)



Heron (doing a rival morning cry) (by Ollie Ball)


Walking home from Biblins, I saw a dead pygmy shrew and water shrew. My Shrewspert says they likely dried out in the heat, being very fragile. Instead, I have painted them frolicking, separate as water shrews are vicious.
Shrews- By Eunice
Eunice