

**SCOUTS-L**

-----

**GILWELL  
PARK**

**Date:** Thu, 18 May 1995 21:55:44 -0600  
**From:** "Michael L. Goodnight" <mlgnight@ATHENET.NET>  
**Subject:** Re: Need Addresses: London and Paris

Just in case no one has already told you...there is a Scout area know as Gilwell Park just north of London near a town named Chingford. This is where the Wood Badge adult leader training all started....

The Warden  
Gilwell Park National Cam Site  
Chingford, London E4 7QW  
Tel: 011-44-81-524-1582 (from the states or 081-524-1582 in the UK)

**Date:** Wed, 7 Jun 1995 18:44:12 -0400  
**From:** John Pannell <PANNELLJ@DELPHI.COM>  
**Subject:** Re: Gilwell Park

>you'll find it's easy to take the tube and train to gilwell...and you'll  
>experience a little walk (not sure of the distant...seems like 3 miles)  
>and you're there...the training center, shop, and desplays are a 9-5  
>operations...

To expand on this...

To get to Gilwell Park take the Underground to Walthamstow Central station.

Once there, pick up the BritRail train to Chingford (3 stops, I believe)

Chingford is the end of the line, so it is difficult to miss this stop.

After exiting Chingford station, Gilwell is about a 2 mile walk. A cab ride there will cost you about UKP2. If you're walking, turn right after leaving the station and head towards the edge of town. The road you're on will curve to the right. Just at this curve, there will be a road on the left, take it. Follow that road until you come to Gilwell park on your left.

This road passes a golf course and many nice homes. Don't be surprised to see horseback riders on your walk. Just when you think you can't possibly be going right, you will find Gilwell.

You are from Old Hickory Council and will be on Woodbadge staff this fall? Is this SR-92 with Old North State Council? If so, I will likely be one of your students.

YiS,  
John Pannell  
ASM Troop 39 -- Old North State Council  
...two time visitor to Gilwell... \*g\*

From: Paul Whitfield <paul.whitfield@DAFBBS.COM>

Here is a little synopsis of my recent trip to England - at least the Scouting side of the trip.

I visited Gilwell for about 5 hours one of the days I was in England. It was a business trip to Exeter so my time in London was quite limited. One of my staff suggested that I build a plan of what I should see in London - sort of making it a 'theme' visit. So being up to my eyeballs in Scouting what choice did I have?

I arrived in London late on Monday afternoon, and after checking into the hotel I started my tour - I was a bit tired so chose to visit the closest landmark on my list - The original Scout Shop on Buckingham Palace Road. It was closed but I saw this interesting house across the street - some sort of Palace with guards and gilded fences.

Tuesday morning it was up and packed, check the bags with the bell man and hit the underground - it's 'Back to Gilwell'. Several 'line' changes (L3.10) and I get to Westthamthope Road - onto the train to Chigwell (L2.0 - about 10 minutes). Beautiful hot (90F+) day to walk through Epping Forest [There is a sign at the train station pointing the way.] Lots of Scouts from various places headed the other way [Spain, Norway, Brazil were identified - really neat to see youth wearing their uniform - at least past of it - wherever they were - because this was the week before the World Jamboree they were everywhere I went. About 2 km up the road there is a left turn with a sign - Gilwell Park.

As you head up this lane - it's about 1.5 small car widths wide - there is a large field [Branchet Field] off to the right with 30-40 tents scattered about, tours of various types and flags of many nations. As you walk up the road there is an archway they you would recognize by the 'axe in log' mounted on top. At this arch the road splits to the left and to the right. To the right is the visitor center, the international center and many of the original Gilwell Buildings - the Whitehouse, the Lodge, all of these are well maintained and operating. For a guy from the westcoast where our oldest building is about 100 years old - these are fascinating. The Scot Association also has a facility where they distribute literature in this area - lots to read and

investigate. I signed in at the visitors desk and they gave me a map - I would have liked to bought a book or booklet describing everything but they didn't have one. [Good thing I knew a fair amount about Gilwell before I arrived].

Back to the fork in the road and off to the left - this is the main way into the 'operating' park of Gilwell - the camp. There are many building here and landmarks such as the clock tower, the storm hut, and the museum, the scout store and the Gilwell shop. The museum was interesting but there are better Scouting Museums elsewhere, however they do have something no one else does

-  
The Troop Flag of '1st Gilwell Park Troop' - a Scouter from Illinois was there at the same time as I and he held the end up so I could take a photograph.

>From there I walk through the remainder of the camp - the bomb hole, the Gilwell Campfire Circle, there were lots of groups using the camp and having a great time. I found the various religious 'chapels' very interesting and incredibly beautiful - there were eight or nine different religions represented - some older and some newer facilities but all there and in close proximity to each other - wish society could mimic that!

Stopped at the various places about camp and took photgraphs for my training collection. Visited the Gilwell shop and bought a number of Gilwell items for coleagues and self - GP badges, woggles, mugs, notebooks, and walking staff medallions. [Byron - if you are reading this I do have a box coming to you 'soon'] Wonderful place - I wish I could have set up my tent and stayed for a couple of days. If you every get a chance do this. [I had spent the previous two weeks at the BC Yukon Jamboree and I was burnt out - this five hours recharged me more than I can express.

Left Gilwell - train and underground to London. Train to Exeter - [this was the point of the trip right :) Attended conference, gave paper, chaired session, did business etc.

Returned to London on Saturday. Continue the theme. The days itineray includes three main items. B-P house, Scout Shop, and Charterhouse. My hotel was not far from B-P House - walked there, visited the Museum, their shop, nad met some Canadians on their way to WJ. The statue of BP outside is worth the visit, the museum is a bonus - it is a simple sets of displays describing the evolution of scouting and of Baden-Powell's life. Then off to the Scoutshop - nothing their that I had not seen at the store at Gilwell Park. The Guide Association store is nearly next door and I went through their shop as well. Then I headed to Charterhouse - on foot - this took me through Picadilly Circus and past a lot of London sites. It is probably 5 miles from Buckingham Palace. There is only a little of Charterhouse from BP's day still standing and the square has signs on it describing the development of more building for the hospital. Took some photos of the pieces I was interested in. Charterhouse is

also close the the National Postal Museum - stopped there [good opportunity for SOSSI members stamps and Scouting within two blocks of each other!]

Sunday - final day of the tour - off to Westminster Abbey to see the memorial to the Baden-Powell's. Beautiful to see but they do not allow photographs. Then I toured the other sites along the Thames. Returned to Paddington District where my hotel was in the late part of the day and walked down Stanhope Street. B-P was born at a house here. The address is in dispute, I have heard both 6 and 11 which is either side of the street. There is no marker here - just a good feeling.

Monday - home.

Hope this is what you were interested in Ron.

...Paul

Date: Sun, 30 Mar 1997 17:20:17 +0000  
From: Richard Sullivan <rj.sullivan@UKONLINE.CO.UK>  
Subject: Gilwell Resource Center Address

In a recent Scouts-L, Dave asked for the e-mail address of teh Gilwell Resource Center which does indeed do mail orders of Wood Badge Parephernalia. it is:

ukgilscout@aol.com

In my experience, they will require your Certificate number and can ship via mail charging your Visa or MC card accounts. I find that works well because the servicing banks get international currency exchange rates that beat the best consumer rates on dollars into pounds. =20

They offer Wollen Gilwell Scarves and a Poly-blend scarf for around UKPounds 11.50 and UKP 7.50 respectively. The leather woggles run around UKP 3.00 and the two bead necklace about UKP 2.75. If you were a good old staffer, they will sell you (provided you are outside the United Kingdom) three or four bead necklaces, as well. E-mail them for current prices and availability. =20

I have found them to be very cooperative, and if they are out of stock they will say so.

Yours in Scouting,

Dick Sullivan, B.S.A. ADC-London=20  
Channel Dist. TransAtlantic Council  
email: rj.sullivan@ukonline.co.uk

Where American Scouting Began..."In London?"  
No, in a fog.

Date: Sat, 31 May 1997 22:36:13 +0000  
From: Richard Sullivan <rsullivan@UKONLINE.CO.UK>  
Subject: Gilwell WoodBadge Regalia

With the permission of the Gilwell Resource Centre, here is the official and current price list, in British Pounds for Authentic Gilwell Park Woodbadge Insignia. (Today around \$1.66:Pound)

Gilwell Scarf - Woolen	UKP 11.25
Gilwell Scarf - Cotton	UKP 7.25
Gilwell Woggle	2.25
Woodbadge (2xBead)	2.75
Staff Beads (3xBead)**	2.85**

(All prices subject to alteration without notice)

\*\* Under current policies, the American style of staff beads are available for export only, and can be ordered if shipped to a Non-UK address only.

Include the following information in your mail or facsimile order:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wood Badge Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cheques Payable to The Resource Centre or=20

Access/Visa/Mastercard : \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Resource Centre at Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4 7QW, United Kingdom. Telephone 44 181 498 5400 Fax: 44 181 498 5407.

They will charge your credit card in UK Pounds and your card issuer will charge you in your home currency. They will add in the appropriate (and not overdone) shipping charges.

I have used their mail order service as well as going in person. They are reliable and prompt, and very helpful. Scout's Honor, er, HonoUr.

For American WoodBadge holders, your Wood badge Number is your course number and your individual number, listed on your wallet card or your parchment.=20

Enjoy and wear your Authentic Gilwell Park Woodbadge Scarf, Woggle and beads with the appropriate pride.

Yours in Scouting,=20

**Dick Sullivan, Chipperfield, HERTS**  
**B.S.A.Asst. District Commissioner, London**  
**B.S.A Channel District, Transatlantic Council**  
**[rj.sullivan@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:rj.sullivan@ukonline.co.uk)**