

friends of pax lodge news

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The World Thinking Day theme for 2008 is '**Think about water**', focusing on water's importance to health and on the issues of access to clean water and water conservation.

Pax Lodge is holding a three day event over World Thinking Day that will include activities relating to water.

Please visit the WAGGGS website for more information:

<http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/home>

Come and stay at Pax Lodge for free!

Due to the success of our last event, we are holding another **Helping Hands** Event where in exchange for your help with a few things around Pax Lodge, you receive a bed for the night and three meals per day.

11—16 May 2008

See our website for more details



News from Friends of Pax Lodge UK



2007 seems to have passed quickly and the UK Friends of Pax Lodge are very pleased that so much money was raised for the Christmas Bazaar that did not happen. (For our friends outside the UK we challenged

our members to send us what they thought they might have spent had the Bazaar taken place.)

This year we are eagerly looking forward to the publication of "***The History of Pax Lodge***" which will cover our first 16 years. Eileen Burbidge has been working very hard at completing the book and we very much hope that it will be ready for our meeting in May.

It will then also be available through the Pax Lodge shop. I have seen some of the copy and know you will enjoy reading it..

On a more personal note I visited Perth, Western Australia just before Christmas and stayed with Pat Goodheart, a past Chairman of the Pax Lodge Committee. Pat and I spent many happy hours reminiscing about our times at Pax Lodge. While I was there I also had a very enjoyable day with Janis Wittber, the present Chair of the Pax Lodge Team.

Patricia Noble
Chairman, Friends of Pax Lodge



Thank you Friends of Pax Lodge USA

Special thank you to the Friends of Pax Lodge GSUSA through the World Foundation of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Inc for their financial support in providing a new Guest Kitchen at Pax Lodge—it looks fantastic!



News from World Centre Manager

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you enjoyed the festive celebrations!

Looking at 2008 already there seems to be lots of change ahead. For those of you that haven't heard, Janet left on 13 February after being the Deputy World Centre Manager for seven years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Janet for all of her hard work during this time and wish her well with her future career.

It is also a sad time for us, as this will be the last Newsletter that will be compiled by Janis, our World Centre Team Leader who's term of office will come to an end at the World Conference in July of this year after serving for six years.

Janis has led Pax Lodge through times of change and has laid the foundations for exciting future plans that will continue to unravel for many years. Her ideas, hard work and enthusiasm has ensured that Pax Lodge continues to thrive. On a personal note I would like to thank Janis for all of her support over the past couple of years. She has been a fantastic leader, team member, mentor and friend to me during that time for which I am truly grateful. Her shoes will be extremely hard to fill!

Finally, I'd just like to wish everyone a Happy World Thinking Day!

Just a few updates on things happening here at Pax Lodge:

'Our World Lounge'

As part of our ongoing renovations, we transformed what was previously our library into '***Our World Lounge***'. Using the colours from the four World Centres, we now have a much brighter lounge for staff and guests to socialise with each other in the evenings. We are regularly in there watching TV, playing games or singing on our Singstar machine! See pictures below.

Booking System

Our new booking system was installed at the end of last year and now we are using it alongside our old system to ensure that it is working correctly and to our requirements. It has taken a lot of work, but will hopefully save us a lot of time and effort going forward and coming soon we will be launching the online booking element of the system.

Grace Farrelly
World Centre Manager



Coming Events

Helping Hands: 11–16 May 2008

Did you want to stay at Pax Lodge for free? If so, we are offering members the opportunity to receive a bed for the night and three meals per day in exchange for your help around Pax Lodge during the dates above.

Summer Events 2008

We now have some spaces available on our London Experience Events for this Summer. If you're interested, please contact us for more details.

Summer Events 2009:

Our Events in 2009 will be different to ones in the past. Throughout June, July and August we will be holding a series of **Discover Your Potential** Events. During these five day events, you can:

- ◆ Discuss issues important to you and young women around the world, and find out what you can do to make a difference
- ◆ Challenge yourself to try something new and see just how far you can reach...
- ◆ Participate in a service project benefiting the local community while learning new skills and having fun
- ◆ See some of the world famous sights of London and discover for yourself this historical city—Tower of London, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace to name just a few



Special Friends Event

A special Friends event is to be held in 2009 and Saturday 14 March is the "big" day. Why not make a note in your diary, this event is open to all supporters of Pax Lodge.

The "big" day will have lots of fun things to do and for those who can stay longer special activities will be arranged. Watch for more information in the Friends Newsletter and the Pax Lodge website.

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