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## Dubble agents unseat corrupt Managing Director

# Changing the world chunk by chunk

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At the AGM of Chocosh, the cocoa barons you love to hate, the managing director introduced record profits made by driving down prices paid to farmers for their crop. "These workers have had it easy for too long," she said. Sadly for her, but happily for cocoa farmers, the assembled shareholders saw through her plans to fob them off with a bumper dividend and a holiday in the sun – within minutes a boardroom coup had her heading for the dole queue.

That was one of the role plays introduced by Ben Ye of Day Chocolate Company at yesterday's Cocoa Summit, assisted by facilitators from Justice Arts Education and Comic Relief. It had delegates from across the camp experiencing trade issues in every possible scenario – from under the thumb of an evil plantation owner to running a leading chocolate company.

But how do we hand out such justice in real life? The message of the summit was simple – even the largest multi-nationals are starting to care what their consumers think. And it's easy to send them the right messages – NO to firms that exploit the workers and YES to those that have embraced the Fairtrade mark. And with two fantastic Fairtrade cafes here at Global Village,

there's never been a better chance to give it a try.

But there's so much more that we can do. The final workshop sessions gave participants practical ideas for raising the profile of Fairtrade here at GV, and back at home when camp is over. Find out more for yourself by reading the Chocolate Challenge Manifesto online at [www.dubble.co.uk](http://www.dubble.co.uk) – sign up and join thousands of young people who want to send a message to the chocolate industry that things have to change.

Day Chocolate Company are the people behind leading Fairtrade brands Dubble and Divine chocolate. They are unique in that they are owned by a group of cocoa farmers – the Kuapa Kokoo Co-operative in Ghana.

The Cocoa Summit was supported by the Co-operative Group, one of the U.K.'s leading supporters of the Fairtrade movement. "It's a natural partnership for us," said Owen Jell of the Group – "we've been right behind Fairtrade from the start – and Day make all our own-brand chocolate too, using cocoa from the very farmers we've been hearing about today. It's all about what one co-operative can do to help another – which is why it's great to see so much enthusiasm from the delegates to make Fairtrade succeed"

When they asked what could be done to help promote Fairtrade during and after GV, the facilitators were deluged with responses from eager chocolate-lovers:

- "I'll link my website to Dubble"
- "We could start a young



co-operatives group at school"

• "What about our school uniforms? – if they're not Fairtrade, we won't wear them!"

• "And how about our Woodcraft shirts? When can we have a Fairtrade Mark on them?"

The ideas that are emerging about trade will join with detailed research through the commissions set up for each of the Youth Parliament priorities. All the threads will be pulled together on Monday, hopefully, with a Declaration on Youth Empowerment – an agenda to take action far beyond Global Village.



• Is it all? – unscrupulous bosses fiddle the scales when the harvest is weighed

## Wind continues to do damage at GW6



V4 residents mourn the demise of their gate

### Is it me or has everything been blown down?

Yesterday there were strong winds blowing through the campsite at speeds of up to 6 Beaufort. The Village 4 gate was blown down and a lot of effort had been put into making it and the whole village was proud of it. It took two days to make and one day to put up by elves, pioneers and even venturers, so everyone's very sad.

Brendan Lee said that when he went to the toilet the entrance was fine but when he came back he found it had been "thrown to the floor by a rogue gust of wind, sending people of all ages scattering."

This village, from Hornsey District, North London, and Germany, saved four German tents from certain peril as the delegation had gone to London. Another man, Simon Cadman, said he felt like crying as it was so humiliating. He cursed the wind for being so nasty, but said "Red Wolf gateway will rise again, we will not let the wind beat us!"

Over thirty other tents in Global Village also blew down including Sophie and Jacob's tent in Village 8.

This must have been a horrible day for everyone whose tent blew down as it was raining as well so their possessions would have got soaking wet.

Hopefully the wind will clear up for the rest of the week as we don't want any more tent and gateway casualties.

Christopher Parsons and Sam Blackburn, V8

## Beware the weather!

Nothing is safe from our new worst enemy: the weather! The weather has been ruthlessly destroying anything and everything that it can. We have seen tents crushed, signs destroyed and marquees that cannot be constructed.

### Precautions

Don't forget guy ropes. They may seem a nuisance at first, but in this weather they stop your tent caving in on you. They also prevent the waterproof cover from being ripped off, as happened to one of our reporters.

Peg everything down very

securely so that your tent won't fly off. Put the heaviest items (like your luggage, for example) near the corners of the tent to keep the edges of your tent down. Be careful that you don't get things too close to the side though, as your outer and inner tents shouldn't be touching.

If you've made some nice craft paintings or signs, be careful to not leave them out in the rain as the ink will run.

So don't forget - be very careful and respect the weather.

Andrew Kilburn & Fingal Plumpton, V18

## The first town champions take a bow in Pass for Peace tournament

While the weather may not be beautiful, some of the football that the teams contesting in 'Pass For Peace' have been producing, certainly is.

The big news is that the Blue Whale Town are the first to crown their town champions! As Blue Whale is one of the smallest groups, villages only needed to win their first round match in order to qualify for the town final. The first of these encounters was between V32 and V33. The match was decided on penalties after a hugely enjoyable 1 - 1 draw, V33 edging out V32 5 - 3 on spotkicks. Louie Hodgson from V32 was in upbeat mood despite the result: "It was great fun and I don't mind that we're out." Village 34 took on Village 31 on the other side of the draw with the match initially ending in a stalemate, but when a penalty kick competition to get a result could not be scheduled, V31 sportingly dropped out, allowing V34 to move through to the final. The final itself between V33 and V34 was an entertaining affair with both village communities getting really involved. V34's supporters were to end up the happier, with their team taking the Town championship with a 5 - 2 win, with help from their Russian and Nepalese

delegations.

The action is also hotting up in the Golden Monkey Group, where the first round of matches in the group was wrapped up by a 7 - 2 win for V7 over V8. This result sets up a second-round clash for V7 against V5 - the Red Wolf Village posing as Golden Monkeys for the sake of tournament logistics.

Over in Indigo Snake Town, V41 battled for a 3 - 2 victory over V38 in an eagerly-contested match. The result means that V41 now meet V37 in a match that offers the winners a place in the town final. Meanwhile V36 had the significant advantage of being the home of the Brazilian delegation and they certainly benefited from this as Wagner showed onlookers how to play the Brazilian way, grabbing all six goals for his team, ably assisted by Rosie, in their 6 - 3 win over V39. Keeper Brendan Ching also deserves a special mention for his crucial performance in the V36 goal.

The youngsters of V14 can be very proud of themselves after they did the early damage to V17, with V14 running out eventual 5 - 1 winners. The enthusiastic players from V14 can now be safe in the knowledge that they have secured a spot in the Yellow Parrot Town final.

There was a large German presence in the V4 and 6 teams that slugged it out in a late-night encounter in the Red Wolf Town. So late, in fact, that for much of the second half, the players had trouble picking each other out through the increasing gloom. The players did their utmost to overcome the conditions and it would seem that V6 have been eating their carrots as they emerged 8 - 3 victors. This means that V6 have the opportunity to lift the Red Wolf title if they beat V2 in the town final.

Finally, we can reveal that the final of the Green Turtle Town Group will be between Villages 23 and 27. V27 reached the final by beating V29 2 - 1 with goals from Ben and Jack. V27's team was boosted by the arrival of Senegalese star Gorgui Diallo whose arrival at Global Village had been delayed. Gorgui wasted no time, jumping straight off the plane and onto the pitch. Tournament organisers will be coming round to the villages still involved in 'Pass For Peace' to inform you of your future fixtures. However, should you need to get in contact with the organising team, leave a message for Matt, Jim and Nicky at either V26 or the Camp Information Point and we will get back to you.

Pass for Peace team

## Hungarian cuisine in V16

The delegation of Hungary came with 10 people to this gorgeous meeting/camp. Both before and after the event, they are staying at either Gloucester or Cheltenham with the local Woodcraft Folk, with whom they have had good relationships for years.

Village 16 became a perfect place for the English, Chilean, Finnish and the Hungarians to be together as a family. The Hungarian Childfriends made a wonderful national meal on Thursday evening and showed a really exciting "high show" with lights.

They also made an exhibition about the Hungarian Childfriends and about Hungarian inventions. You wouldn't think how much stuff was used first by Hungarians. Like Rubik's Cube, helicopters or the ballpoint pen.

The blanket from the IFM-SEI camp 10 years ago has also been brought to the GW6 and people painted their hand-prints and names there.

You can buy a T-shirt for £5 with the GW6 and Hungarian Childfriends logo. It is worth it to come around here!



Making a traditional Hungarian meal in V16

Vilmos Hanti, V16

# African Drummers bring warmth to Global Village

Way out in the bleak wilderness of village two, a lively rhythm can be heard. A delegation of South Africans are drumming out an energetic beat. The delegation represent two organisations - the Children's Resource Centre and the Place of Blessing - and include young people who have worked with young people and children on topics such as gender empowerment and equality. Using methods including dance groups and music, the organisations provide positive activities for disadvantaged young people in Cape Town and throughout South Africa.

The groups have got together whilst here at Global Village to create a drumming and singing group playing gospel and traditional songs. Media Centre reporters James and Miles from Village 3 caught up with them for a chat.

What kind of music do you play?

We sing different types of music lots of gospel, but also traditional where we play drums. We sing lots of songs where we have messages on different topics like gender equality and girl-child



The musicians record at a session for 87.7 FM Radio Global

empowerment. And some of the songs that we sing are just for fun. When did you learn to start drumming?

Mostly in our community we start dancing, singing and drumming at a very young age. It's just a way of expressing yourself it's not an individual thing and that's what I like about it. You don't only play drums on your own we get together as a

group to play, so it also requires teamwork.

What inspires you?

What we do comes from way back from our cultural environment. We're all people that like to dance and sing and it's all about that. Even when we're playing as kids, you sing, you dance and you act.

Have you done any concerts? Lots and lots. Both our

organisations have performed in several places for events involving the government and the community.

Is this something you've always wanted to do?

I always wanted to work with young people and at Global Village I have that chance, as I am involved in the gender tent and will be running a workshop there.

## Fair Trade Fact Hunt

We asked people what they thought of the fair trade food at Global Village these are some of their answers:

"It is very important, we can't believe in something if you don't do it," said a camper from Village 20

"I don't know if the food in the kitchen is fair trade but there is a lot around."

"The chocolate is OK and the popcorn and candy floss is nice" said Jo Cole from Village 9.

"It doesn't taste any different," said Sophie from Village 11.

"It is tasty. Fair trade cafe is good for the daytime but Tillyards is good for the evenings."

Then we asked a clan leader, Andrea from Village 9, if the food was fair trade. She replied that all the food in the kitchen was fair trade.

We discovered that out of the people we asked, four people preferred Tillyards to the fair trade cafe. Me and my friends had an unpleasant experience at Fairy Trade Cafe because we had to wait twenty minutes for soup that we ended up so bored and fed up we left the cafe.

At the end of the day the fair trade system seems very fair but now we need the rest of the world to start to get fair trade food!

Eileen, Francina, Kirsty and Imogen



The missing chess set that we reported on yesterday has been returned to the Democracy Centre by people from Village 16. According to Vilmos, the leader of the Hungarian delegation, a kind lady gave him permission to organise a chess tournament. Unfortunately, nobody knows where she is, nor where she comes from, or whether she was in charge of such decisions. Anyway, the problem has been solved now, and the chess set is back in the Democracy Centre so they can continue their enjoyable activities.

Greg Horvath & George Ly

# Sauna Opens in Village 34

On the greyest day of GV06 so far, our own little slice of the tropics has arrived, in the shape of a sauna. Tucked away in Blue Whale Town, the Sustainability Centre and workers from Village 34 have been slaving away for 2 days to create this eco-friendly steam room.

Two veteran Woodies, Alice Hall and Josie Knight (both 10, both from Leicester WCF) told us "It uses a lot of sustainable materials - the walls are from an old shed, the roof insulation is sheep's wool and an old wood burning stove provides the heat for steam". Extra power is provided by 4 solar panels.

Alice and Josie say "it has gone really well; it's very hot."

The sauna is now open, it's free and you are welcome to just turn up. The panels work well even in bad weather, and there's enough back-up power for 5 days, so come and let the solar sauna warm you up.

Matt, Connor & Matt



# The Centre Spread



# MEST-UP

## Welcome to MEST-UP!

MEST-UP stands for the "Mediation and Education Support team Umbrella Project". MEST-UP offers a safe area to explore your identity and your relations with others, and also look at these issues in a wider context. It also helps people work through any problems they may be having - whether problems relating to camp or problems in their life in general. MestUp has been running for about 5 years, since the last Woodcraft Folk International camp, although peer education has been running for a lot longer. At Global Village, MestUp involves five different areas - Peer Education, Mediation, the Rainbow tent and the Boy's and Girl's tents. Although they do not focus on a particular Millennium Development Goal, MestUp's work covers a lot of the Global Village themes such as Prejudice, Water and Health and Conflict.

## Peer Education

Peer Ed try to empower people to help themselves by providing information on various personal issues. Peer Education as a concept involves young people teaching their peers (fellow young people) about issues relevant to them. At Global Village the peer ed tent provide information on issues such as drugs, sex, relationships, alcohol and mental issues. It also provides impartial support by having safe spaces where people can talk to one of the trained members of the peer ed team. The MEST-UP Peer education follows a model called the 'Egans model'. This involves four stages which can be realised during the conversation. The first stage is to find the problem, which may not be as obvious as it first seems. The second stage is solution - discussing what the ideal solution is, and also what is a realistic solution. The third stage is strategy, which is how the solution could be reached. The final stage is action - what are they actually going to do. The peer ed team try to facilitate this process by asking non-leading impartial questions and using other techniques such as reflective listening.



• Members of the peer education team outside the MEST-UP tent.

## National Orgasm Day



Participants were left screaming with delight by the end of MEST-UP's highly popular national orgasm day workshop. Aimed at the 16+ audience, the focus was not only on informing young people about the dangers of sexually transmitted infections and contraception but also on how to have a healthy sexual relationship. For years MEST-UP have

provided young adults with free condoms, tea, lubrication, fruit, and information on other methods of contraception.

By brainstorming various contraceptives and STIs we learnt from each other's experiences and shattered many myths. This complemented the fantastic information available in the extensive collection of leaflets and books located in the MEST-UP tent.

We also discussed the importance of being relaxed and comfortable in order to get the most out of sexual relationship. Ideas ranged from a romantic walk in the woods to a hot and steamy bubble bath. Afterwards a little anatomy lesson on the less publicised parts of the body ranging from the G spots to prostate. This

enabled people to feel more comfortable with their bodies, remove any stigma still associated with perfectly natural behaviour. Going beyond the basics of sexual awareness we created a forum of sexual expression that left none unsatisfied.

This Tuesday, 11-16 year olds can enjoy a MEST-UP Sex-Ed workshop. The focus will be on why people have sex and stressing the importance of being comfortable and making the right decision. It will also go in to detail regarding health issues including contraception and STIs.

If you can't attend a workshop, the tent will be open in the evenings so come in and talk about any of these issues with the hard working friendly team.

Charlie Keys & Hertha

# Mediation to the rescue

Mediation is brilliant, or so says Hazel Mason.

Mediation is a peaceful form of conflict resolution whereby two mediators encourage conflicting parties to talk to each other and come to their own solutions.

It is particularly appropriate in a situation such as Global Village, where different cultures and backgrounds can cause conflict.

Communication and open dialogue are both key elements that allow problems to be resolved.

Mediation can help people open up and talk in an environment where both sides views are going to be

listened to.

The mediator is merely a facilitator in the conflict resolution process.

Mediation can be used in many different situations from large scale conflicts as an alternative to war (we feel mediation would be very useful right now in the Middle East!) to smaller

**"Mediation is the best thing I've done all camp"**

disagreements between friends over boyfriend s or girlfriend s.

On Global Village,

people are encouraged to use the mediation service to sort out any problems or conflicts to make camp a happier place.

Yesterday the mediation centre ran an in depth workshop for leaders on the mediation process and conflict resolution.

One leader said it was the best thing he'd done all camp!

The workshop tried to enable leaders to sort out conflicts in their district and in their village themselves, and to spread the skills of mediation

Hazel Mason



## Rainbow Tent

The rainbow tent is a place for everyone to explore their identity and sexuality. They offer information and advice, or just a friendly chat. They have a range of leaflets and magazines covering things such as coming out, lesbian, gay and bisexual issues and general health and wellbeing. The centre is open most of the day for drop in, and also runs workshops on specific issues. So far there have been workshops on things like coming out, discrimination and prejudice and vagina monologues drama sessions. The centre also shows films on lesbian/Gay/Bisexual issues in the Groovy Movie Cinema - see program listings for more info. Saturday is rainbow day, and there will be a parade starting at the rainbow tent, ending up with rainbow themed disco. The rainbow tent have been running workshops preparing for this, such as craft workshops in which people have made a giant paper adhesive penis and vagina.

## Girl's Tent

The girl's tent provides a space for girls to discuss personal 'girl' issues in a safe, relaxed atmosphere. They run a series of workshops and drop ins looking at all sorts of issues from sexual harassment to identity and stereotypes. The centre has also been exploring feminism, looking at its roots, the need for feminism, feminism in the present day and the future and its links to socialism.



## Boy's Tent

Similarly, the boys tent offers activities for boys only, looking at male related issues. This centre has been exclusively organised by members of the Rote Falkens, who have built on their experience at their own camps to bring something new to a camp hosted by the Woodcraft Folk. The boys tent looks at male image and identity. Workshops have explored things like machosim - do you have to be macho to be macho? There have also been activities aimed at breaking down stereotypes - for example dancing for boys.

## The Future?

MESTUP has been running very successfully this camp, reaching out to lots of people in need, young and old. We have done some things for the first time this camp, for example the boys and girls tents, a Rote Falken concept were part of our project for the first time this camp. However there is always room for improvements. Some ideas are to devolve the skills of peer education and mediation, for example by having people in every district trained in these areas, so that support is more widely available and can reach more people. In the future we hope to have more international members and stronger links with the IFM-SEI.

It would be great to see future camps, large and small, having an ever growing MESTUP presence.

## Evan's Evenings

Flap flap flap, what's that? Hah! It's the sound of 'The March of the Penguins', a beautifully filmed expose of the secret lives of everybody's favorite flying birds, being shown in the Red Wolf town marquee after the news. The Palestinians continue their tutelage of the masses in Green Turtle town marquee at the same time. All fire performers, I'll see you (non-flaming) during the day, to implement our fire show on the Mestup field at around 9 O'clock. Once again, myself, Ash or Johnny are your men to see about all things flammable. 'The Corporation' takes over the projectors of Groovy Movie, in another lively film and debate combo from 9 O'clock onwards. Battle of the bands draws all of the sap like talent from the woodwork that is Global Village, making and breaking a million adolescent dreams. This kicks off in the Cornwallis at around 9 O'clock. Young rappers under the tutelage of Emanuel Jal perform for us in Fairy Trade at 8:30, promising to speak the truth in real time. This is followed by a 60s evening, involving many appropriate tunes, not to mention the odd pair of flairs. Up and coming collective The Stations, play Tillyards at 9:30, followed by Una Ryder, a singer songwriter with a voice to lull your fears. The Palestinians continue to rep in the Green Turtle town Marquee, educating all on the realities of their situation. After the educational film in Groovy Movie, we have a particularly exciting Multimedia Cabaret, I suggest to whet your appetite that you attend.

I'll leave you with a thought. Chill out night saw unprecedented levels of horizontality, however, some were still keen to meander around site. All of ya'll, especially the older kids who feel left out by sections of the evening program me, please come and see me. This is a far more preferable option than organising mobile raves mere metres from the sleeping forms of very cute elfins (who, non-the-less get cranky when kept awake by Gabba/Dubs te p/Grim e/Trip Hop). Good night, this is column was my latest submission yet, as I tap the last key, I hear the first piercing tone of a morning songbird. Why will they not shut up?

### Fancy a trip to India?

If you have enthusiasm ideas and time to contribute to youth projects promoting AIDS awareness and other issues in India, contact Prof. Anil Navale, regional secretary of Asia's IFM-SEI and involved in the ANTAR BHARTI INDIA organisation. Anil and Malti Navale, are here with other representatives from their organisation, looking for inspiration and potential young volunteers to help educate the youth of Asia. To find out more, find them in V22, green turtle or email: anil.navale@gmail.com

### Plane t tree menders needed

Earth in crisis - Emergency help needed. Design a better future for your community and make a pledge to help the planet. Workshop 3-5pm Friday at the Sustainability Centre (Workshop 4 area). Age 10 and over. Maximum 16 places

### Falken Hoodie Lost

Black with white writing, has "Toby" written on the label (that's me!). Left in Tillyards a few days ago. Last seen hanging behind the Tillyards bar. I've been cold every night since and can't afford a new one. If found, please return to either Tillyards or village 8. Thanks

Toby Osmond

### Media Centre this weekend

There will be no Global Voice tomorrow, Saturday - but look out for a special open day edition early on Sunday morning. Sunday will also give you the opportunity to catch up with the other camp media - Radio Global will be playing the best bits so far from 7am, whilst there's the opportunity to catch up with the first seven days of GV:TV in the Cornwallis building from 6pm. There will be no GV:TV in town marquees on Sunday evening - things return to normal on Monday, with GV:TV running in town marquees at 8pm.

Media centre editorial meetings will continue to run over the weekend at 10am each morning - all are welcome, and we would especially like to see more international delegations coming along to help make something for the camp media. The media centre will be closed for a well-earned break from after lunch tomorrow (Saturday) until Sunday morning.

## Is it a floris t? Is it a m eadow ? No, it's a t e nt!

Camping has suddenly become posh and stylish with new and cool tents made by Cath Kidson and Eurohike.

These tents seem to be taking over, and they are becoming more popular than the old original Vangos.

We have found over thirty at Global Village and there are three in Village 33 alone. These tents may look groovy and funky but are they actually practical for the tough weather conditions?

We spoke to Robin Parsnips, the proud owner of the Cath Kidson tent you can see in the picture.



How does it feel to own a flowery tent?

I feel proud and honoured. Without it my life and camping would never be the same.

Are there any downsides to this type of tent?

I think they should design larger and stronger ones because all my friends beg

to share with me, and the walls cave in.

How much does it cost? It's a great deal, it costs just over £50, but I did have to beg my dad for weeks to buy me one.

Although the range of funky tents is great, the textile designs seem to be clearly girl orientated. We think there should be a

wider range of choices for boys, as out of a gigantic 33 tents, we only found 1 tent suitable for boys.

So, enjoy your funky tent, but, if you want something substantial go for the good ol' orange Vango!

Imogen Yung & Miriam Wulf

## Noche Latinoamericana

Este sabado, el Fairy Trade Cafe albergara las 13 delegaciones latinoamericanas presentes en el Global Village 2006 para hacer de esta una noche llena de alegria y, a la vez, servira para estrechar lazos de amistad. El encuentro se llevara a cabo a las 20h y estara abierto a todos y todas del festival.

Segun Anna Maria Forsberg de Paula, Vicepresidenta de la IFM-SEI, las organizaciones presentaran elementos de la cultura latinoamericana, sobre todo musica y danza tipicas. "Este encuentro, dentro del marco del Global Village, de fine una necesidad de promover la integracion entre los diferentes paises de la region y, por otro lado, dar a conocer el trabajo que vienen desarrollando las organizaciones de nuestra Internacinal en America Latina", explica

Anna Maria.

Durante la noche, quienes com parezcan a este evento podran disfrutar de ritmos como salsa, merengue y bachata. Habra asimismo una performance de bailes tipicos de Brasil (maracatu, coco, samba, frevo y ciranda) y capoeira. "Sera un momento para rescatar nuestras raices historicas y culturales," dice Flaira Ferro, integrante de la delegacion del Mirim-Brasil.

Tambien sera lanzada la idea de construccion de un peñon hecho por los niños y niñas, con sus propias letras, sobre derecho a la educacion pidiendo el aumento del presupuesto para esta area. "Queremos que los gobiernos escuchen nuestro pedido", dice uno de los niños del Club Infantil 23 de Mayo Chap. CARNAVAL - El domingo, cuando el Global Village estara abierto a visitantes, tendra lugar a partir de las 12h una feria internacional de artesanía. Antes de la feria, se hara un recorrido en el area del festival, saliendo de la Villa 40 (Indigo Snake) al ritmo de musica latinoamericana, culminando en un animado carnaval.

On Saturday night, the Fairy Trade Cafe will play host to the 13 different Latin American delegations represented here at Global Village. The evening will combine lots of fun with the opportunity to extend links across the continent. The activities will begin at 8 o'clock and will be open to everybody at the festival.

Carnival: On Sunday, when Global Village will be open to visitors, there will be an international carnival beginning at 12 noon. Beforehand, a parade will leave Village 40 (Indigo Snake town) and will make its way to an exciting finish accompanied by Latin rhythms.



Alfie Byrom, Village 14, was born on 10th March this year. He's now four months and 24 days old.

Alfie's mum, Jennifer Byrom, said "He's having a really good time on camp. He's sleeping better here than at home and he's made lots and lots and lots of new friends."

# The Middle East dilemma

We share core values such as peace, justice and co-operation, so it's not surprising that the situation in the Middle East is developing into one of the major issues of concern, emotion and discussion on GV06. The situation is deeply political and rooted in a long, complex history which many of us struggle to understand. The Palestinian delegation in V28 have already been able to share their first-hand experience with fellow campers, and offer valuable insights on the conflict. Unfortunately the Israeli delegation could not come as they were not allowed to leave the country, and we are poorer for their absence. Many other campers how ever also have knowledge and experience to share.

I went to Tuesday's meeting following a request for action from the Palestinian delegation. The following is my attempt to report on the events of the meeting as impartially as I am able.

The meeting was chaired by Richard Kirkwood from Hackney District, V3, who opened the meeting. A member of the Palestinian delegation and a Woodcraft member of Lebanese origin gave brief introductory accounts of life for the Palestinians at present. The meeting was then opened to suggestions of possible camp activities and action and which could be taken.

The meeting quickly became a political discussion and a lively and vigorous debate ensued. The debate went on for about an hour and a quarter before the chair attempted to reach a consensus among the gathered individuals.

Three motions were passed: a call for a complete ceasefire was

unanimously agreed by a showing of hands, as was a motion to allow humanitarian aid. A motion in line with the aims of The Woodcraft Folk and the IFM-SEI to call for the protection of children's rights on all sides of the conflict was also agreed.

The other motion, that all sides are to abide by U.N. resolutions, went to a vote. Although a majority voted in favour, some people voted against and there were some abstentions. In the interest of promoting unity among those gathered, the motion was withdrawn by the proposer.

At this point in the meeting the chair moved to the organisation of activities and people formed into small groups by a show of hands and adding names to lists. As it was getting very late these groups met at a later time to discuss practicalities.

Heather Atkins, V14  
with Jenni Brooks, V1



Young people from V32 express everyone's wish for the Middle East

## The IFM declaration

Stop killing innocent children in the Middle-East

IFM-SEI reaffirms the need for an immediate ceasefire in the Middle East. We are deeply concerned at the continuing conflict in the Middle East, by the pain and tragedy which continues to afflict innocent civilians and in particular children. Once again IFM-SEI strongly reiterates its call for an end to the hostilities in the region and for an urgent, immediate and total ceasefire.

The logic of peace, not war, should prevail in these testing times for the international community, as should the logic of law, not force, in the region. No argument should be allowed

to stand in the way of the clear, obvious and basic demand for a ceasefire. The continuous breach of children's rights in its definition by the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child by all involved parties is especially not acceptable! It must stop immediately!

The IFM-SEI, convinced that it is only through dialogue and negotiation and not through war that peace will be reached, believes that the time has come to work for the holding of a new Peace Conference to lay the foundations and a new framework upon which the countries and peoples of the Middle East, as well as the international community, can look forward to a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the entire region.

All involved parties, politicians and actors have to unconditionally respect children's rights and in particular Article 6, that every child has the inherent right to life and to ensure to the maximum extent possible the survival and development of the child. The acceptance of child casualties by all parties is a complete denial of any sense of humanity and civilisation. From now on all decisions and actions taken by the involved parties and the international community have to put the life and well being of all children as their first priority!

Declaration of the IFM-SEI presidium

Adopted 3rd August 2006

## The Palestinian view

Ahmed Tariq from village 28 is keen to see the Global Village take a strong position on the Middle East crisis and take positive actions. "I'd particularly like to see us put pressure on the British Government to stop the massacre in Lebanon," he said.

Ahmed is the leader of the Palestinian delegation that come from the West Bank and are from different religious groups. "We want to see people contacting their MPs and alerting them to the crisis," he said, adding that he was concerned that the ministers of this country are not doing enough about the Middle East conflict.

The Palestinian delegation say that they are pleased with the response they have received while talking to people in Global Village, and tell us that most people are very supportive of their concerns. "We want everybody here to know about the situation and for there to be more discussions", Ahmed says.

"Children are dying and we want everyone to get together and talk about what can be done."

The group will be organising a number of presentations while they are here, making the most of their chance to communicate closely and personally to the international community here at the Global Village.

James Conway, V35

## A different view

Shortly before the start of Global Village we received sad news that a child from the Israeli IFM organisation Noar Oved was killed by a missile, one of hundreds which have been launched on Israel for months now. The present situation in the Middle East gives our sister organisation difficult tasks, as they are consciously organising members of very different social and religious groups in their region, from Druze, Bedouins to Arabs and Jews.

Are human rights not for Israelis who have to live with suicide bombings and with missiles launched from Palestinian and Lebanese territory? If basic human - especially children's - rights are offended (right to education, to water, electricity, a decent life) you should claim these rights also for Israelis.

The Palestinian government is controlled by Hamas, a religious fundamentalist organisation. Their open claim is to destroy the Israeli state by force of weapons. Should anyone give money to an organisation which aims to annihilate Israel? Of course not.

Hamas, unfortunately, is only one of the anti-Semitic organisations and tendencies which can be found in Europe as well.

Support our Israeli comrades in their struggle for peace and solidarity. No anti-Israeli demonstrations on this camp.

Bjoern Oellers and Sophie Jaenick, V8

## Events planned during GV06

- On Saturday between 11 a.m. and noon in the Co-operative Centre the word 'PEACE' will be spelled out with pioneers and elfins.
- Footprint cutouts will be decorated with messages of peace to be displayed on Sunday Open Day.
- Large cutouts of the Lebanese cedar tree will be distributed to each village to display wherever they can. Children will be encouraged to write messages of peace on paper leaves and attach them to the trees.
- Individual villages have already begun making banners for a parade on Sunday.
- For the older villagers there will be workshops outlining the history of the Middle East conflict. Exact times will be given in next week's programme but there will be a presentation in the peace and conflict centre for ventures, DFs and adults.

Meanwhile the Palestinian delegation are putting on a presentation every night in the Green Turtle town marquee at 9 p.m.

- The Palestinians have drafted a letter that is to be sent out to MPs by individuals here at Global Village. If you would like a copy to email or post then you should drop by the Fairytrade Cafe.
- A minibus will be providing transport for people who wish to join the parade in London, but more drivers are encouraged if they wish to take groups down themselves. No unaccompanied under 18s will be taken and anyone interested should meet in the Yellow Parrot marquee after the news on Friday evening.
- Activities are still being organised and more volunteers and suggestions are welcomed. If you would like to get involved please contact Richard Kirkwood who can be found in V3 or phoned on 07903019336.

# Global Village The First Week

