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Only the beginning ...



So our time together has come to an end. The time has passed so quickly with not enough minutes in the day to cram in all the activities, entertainment and friendship-making.

At the Opening Ceremony we listened to a message from Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary General, urging you as young people to become the generation which really makes a difference.

Our world faces so many problems that often it feels that anything we do is just one tiny drop of water in an overwhelming ocean. We

are only 5000 people in a world of 6 billion.

But we have shown how it is possible for people from all over the world – from different backgrounds and different cultures – to live together peacefully and to build an image of the world as we would like it to be. At Global Village everyone has made a contribution and every contribution has been valued.

We have worked hard to learn from each other and we have strived to keep our footprint on the earth as small as possible. We have debated, argued, sometimes even agreed to differ. We have smiled, danced, sung, laughed and played

together too. Everyone has learnt a lot and many young people here have developed their self-esteem, self-awareness, and self-confidence to the point that their parents might not recognise them when they get home!

Now we leave the camp behind, we still have work to do.

How can we bring about a peaceful world when many of our leaders seem intent on fueling conflict and war? How can we feed the world when trade rules manipulate world farming? How can we stop climate change when some deny that it exists? How can we give children everywhere

free education when developing countries are saddled with un-repayable debts?

5000 young people in a field. No political control, no financial influence, no media power, no armed forces... just 5000 committed minds, 5000 pairs of hands, 5000 caring hearts.

But those hearts and minds can be a most powerful force for change.

Each one of you can make a difference. You can lobby your political representatives. You can organise campaigns. You can set up projects in your local communities.

You can choose to put fair-

trade products in your shopping basket.

Set up a mediation scheme in your school. Get the Coke vending machine kicked out of your Sports Centre. Boycott Nestlé. Demonstrate against the arms trade. Help raise money for health and water projects.

Challenge prejudice in your home town. Switch lights off.

Build on the international friendships you have made here. Start your own Fear Brigade... keep on keeping on.

Remember – this is only the beginning!

Julie Thorpe

Lost Wheelbarrow

A black wheelbarrow and small pull-along trolley has gone missing from V8. Please return if you know of their location.

E-mail problem

Conny Bohmann from Austrian Kinderfreunde – we were unable to send you the e-mail you asked for. Please call back into the Media Centre.

From the Finnish delegation, V14 –

Kiitos hyvästä leiristä koko suomen leiriläisten puolesta.

From the Italian delegation, V22 –

12 giorni così potrebbero durare una vita, e stato troppo bello grazie á tutti aruragazzi vigenta.

From the Slovenian delegation, V31 –

Hvala vsem, tukaj nam je zelo lepo! Upamo, da se še vidimo kdaj.

From the Ukrainian delegation, V33 –

Kiitos hyvästä leiristä koko suomen leiriläisten puolesta.

From the Norwegian delegation, V38 –

Takk for at jeg fikk være i Framfylkingen, jeg kommer til å saune og være her.

From the Ecuadorian Delegation, V13 –

Un saludo afectuoso de la delegación ecuatoriana para todas las personas que viven en Global Village que este encuentro.

Nos sirva para crear un sentido de identidad mundial y un pensamiento mas solidario.

From the German delegation V18 –

Wir hatten eine geile zeit liebe Grüße, alle die, weitgewirkt haben uns wie in einer großen Familie in fühlen hochachtun gevoll.

Goodbye from us

Blue Skies and a safe trip home.

Sam McGeever and Naomi Koppel

The Global Voice editors

Model UN considers Middle East conflict

The Model United Nations conference was organized to give participants the opportunity to take roles and be the delegates of the countries represented in the United Nations Security Council in order to find a sustainable solution to the Israel-Lebanon Conflict.

The two sessions of the Security Council were held on Sunday, August 6th. There were several motions proposed, but the delegates had to cooperate in order to reach a consensus.

Some of the motions were vetoed by the United States of America or the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. These motions included to impose military sanctions against Israel and to stop selling armament to both sides involved in the conflict.

Also, the delegates had to debate whether to have a permanent cease-fire or a temporary one and whether

humanitarian aid should be sent to all Lebanon or just the Northern part. They had to amend the motions so that the permanent members would agree and not veto them.

Israel and Lebanon were guests at the meeting, responding to questions and proposing motions, without the right to vote. Below you can see the resolution they came up with at the end, which was signed by the representatives from: China, France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Congo, Denmark, Greece, Japan, Peru, Qatar, United Republic of Tanzania.

Model United Nations Resolution adopted by the Security Council at its meeting on August 6th, 2006.

The Security Council, Expressing deepest concern of the escalation of the conflict between Israel and Lebanon,

Concerned with the involvement of other nations in

the conflict,

Worried about the numerous casualties, especially civilians including children, caused by the attacks of both parties,

Decides upon:

1. Ceasing fire immediately for the following 48 hours, for the Lebanese civilians to evacuate southern Lebanon,
2. Sending humanitarian aid to the northern part of Lebanon, to ensure basic human rights of the civilians,
3. Urging Israel to withdraw its troops from southern Lebanon and to send UN peace-keeping forces in southern Lebanon instead,
4. Discussing, if necessary, methods to enforce the resolution the UN Security Council decided upon today,
5. Urging the Government of Lebanon to do its best to disarm Hezbollah, in which UN forces will help if needed,
6. Remaining actively seized of the matter.

Moldovan Delegation, V18

Lazy camper

In Village 39, about 9 in the morning yesterday, a lazy camper was carried, still in his tent, from V35 to our village.

He was a DF and he tried to give chocolate to the pioneers to leave him alone, but they didn't.

His name is Jorge, and now his tent has been dumped on a big hill that's hard to get up and he's surrounded by trees, bushes and crickets.

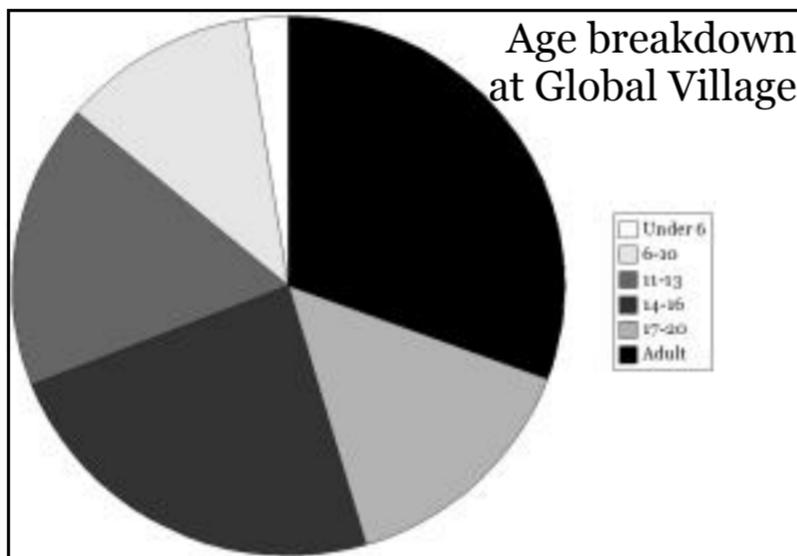
Tanya Rimmer and Kayleigh Ellis, V39

Coming soon...

Some of you may have noticed something missing from this camp. Participants from village 66 have been nowhere to be seen. This worrying absence has been investigated by the news team, who can report that in a small booking mix-up they have actually spent the last 9 days in Kent, Ohio, United States.

They realised their mistake early on after noticing a distinct lack of hummous, but attempts to travel back were thwarted when they were quarantined with suspected bubonic plague. As this paper is delivered they should be flying back to Britain, and they hope to be here on site by Friday, only missing the camp by two days.

Global Village in numbers



Most popular names

Anna	44
Sarah	37
Joe	31
Tom	30
Sam	29
Laura	28
Jack	28
Daniel	27
Hannah	27
Peter	26

- Over **4500** people
- 56** organisations from **50** countries
- 58080** tea bags
- One** meringue nest per person
- 20400** litres of semi-skimmed milk (1700 per day)

Largest Villages

Village	Population
Village 2	186
Village 33	167
Staff Village	162
Village 20	155
Village 8	150

- 6000** fairtrade bananas
- 10** newspapers
- 9.2 tonnes** of crisps
- A quarter of a tonne** of ham

Smallest Villages

Village	Population
Village 10	72
Village 25	69
Village 38	55
Village 11	52
Village 39	52

- 22529** free-range eggs
- Over **a mile** of masking tape for the Fear Brigade
- 712 kilograms** of hummous
- 3000** toilet rolls
- 750 canisters** of Calor gas
- 40** hours of live radio
- Almost **2000** individual first names
- 36** tonnes of fire wood

And... **2 llamas**

Lawrence Miller

Fear Brigade wows the crowds

It was the fantastic finale to a fantastic festival. The Fear Brigade came among us, put out our fears and gave us the strength to go back into our communities and make the whole world a better place.

The story of Jenny, Paula and Sid Mudgeon was written specifically for Global Village by Adrian Mitchell, a longtime friend of the Woodcraft Folk who has been pricking consciences for more than 40 years.

It fitted in perfectly with our aims – to recognise and deal with injustices worldwide and to show that young people can really make a difference.

The puppets, lanterns and sets for the show were made by young people over the past 10 days and played a vital part in the successful projection of a play to nearly 5,000 people simultaneously. The music was all specially written for the play; the singers, musicians, stage crew and extras were all taken from among us.

The special effects and pyrotechnics capped a wonderful evening of music, light and drama that will be remembered by us all as we return to our homes across the world. We will also take the message of the Fear Brigade with us – that we should not



● The Fear Engine – on its way to extinguish the world's fears

be afraid of each other, that we can all make a difference and that we can change the world.

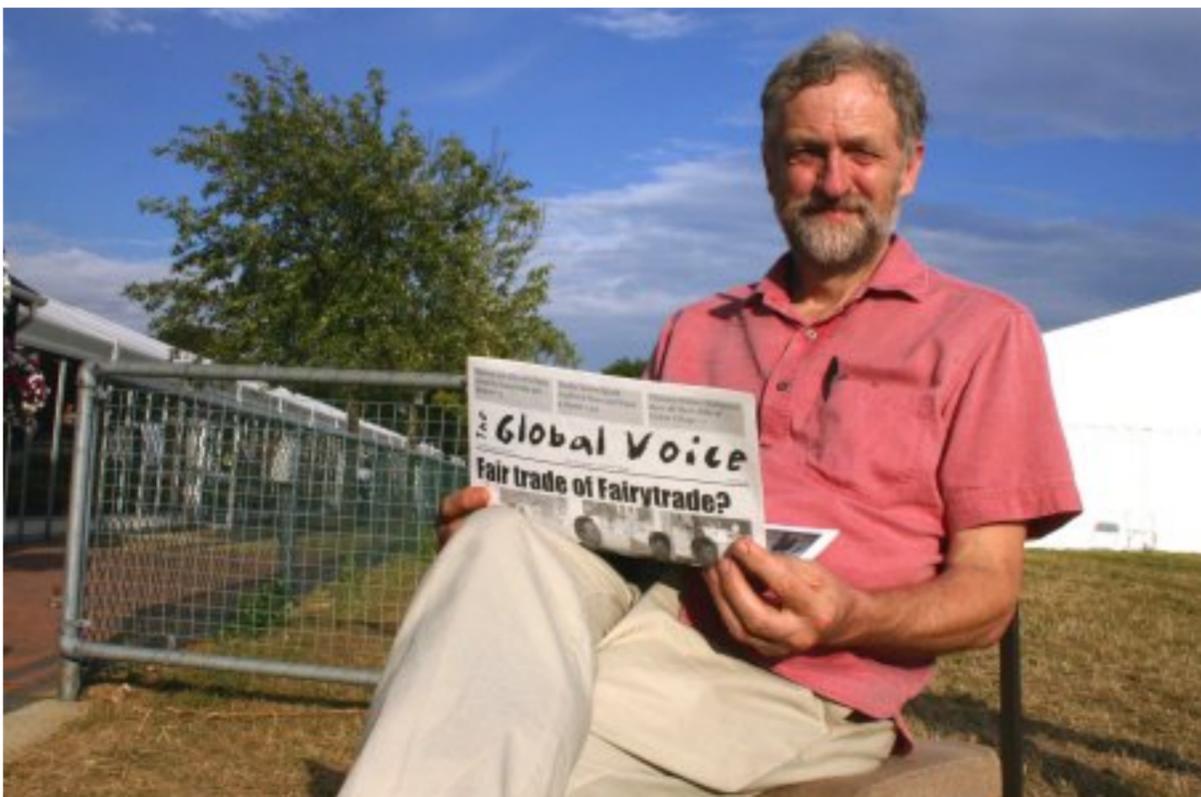
“I thought it was brilliant. It was really well-done, very professional. A lot of fun,” said Joe MacMahon, of V2.

The event concluded with the closing ceremony, which featured dancing and drumming from our

delegations and speeches from some of those who organised the camp.

Keep on keeping on!

MP relies on pedal power to visit Global Village



● Jeremy Corbyn, who arrived by bike, loved the camp but complained about the "big hill" between here and Maidstone station

Jeremy Corbyn, member of parliament for Islington and a strong supporter of the Woodcraft Folk, arrived yesterday – by bicycle – for a visit, having missed the Open Day because of other commitments.

“We had Hiroshima Day in the morning in Tavistock Square, which I compered. And in the afternoon I promised months ago to start the cycle ride from London to Jerusalem for peace in the Middle East and in Palestine,” he told The Global Voice.

“I was there to speak and then I cycled the first few miles.”

Jeremy is a veteran of Woodcraft Folk camps, and was on the last international camp in 2001.

“The point of bringing people together in a global village environment is really what Woodcraft is about, and certainly the camps I have been on have been fantastic,” he said.

He visited the Senegalese delegation and planned to visit the Palestinians as well during his visit.

Asked if he had a message for the participants as they returned to their countries and communities, Jeremy said:

“Whenever I have finished a Woodcraft Folk camp, I always feel a sense of elation and rejuvenation from it, and that the views we have on peace, fair trade and global justice are not a minority, and we should not allow ourselves to be isolated by the pressures of the wider, warlike and consumerist society.

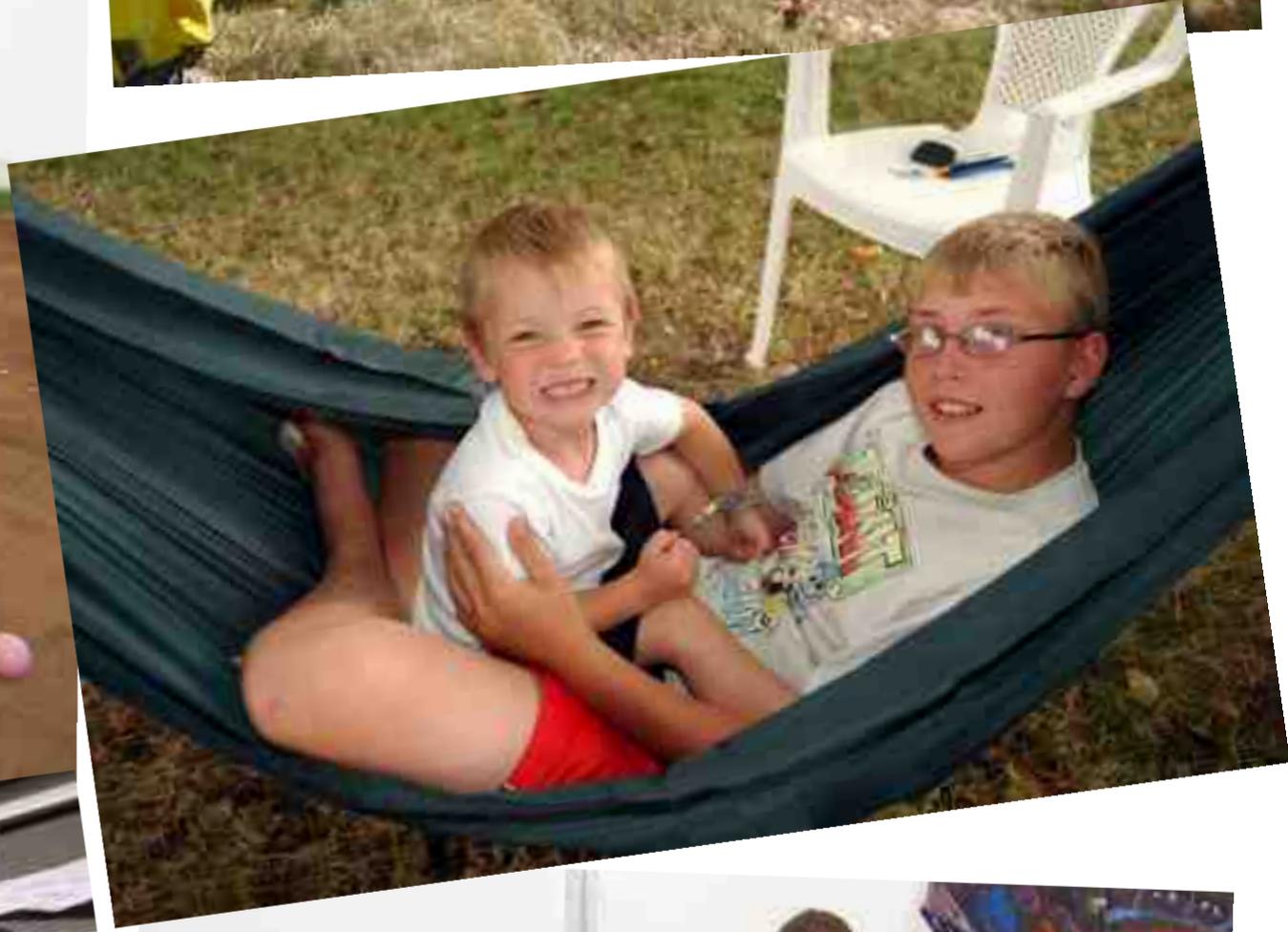
“I think Woodcraft, and its related organisations, does a fantastic job of opening our minds to a better way of running things.”

Naomi Koppel

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Making the news

It was very easy, sitting round a table in Birmingham some time in February, eating biscuits and making elaborate plans about what the Media Centre would be like. There was talk of wireless hot spots and even hover-boards. Now we're the other side of the camp, it's interesting to compare our expectations with the actual results.

Our aim was to make the Media Centre a place where anyone could walk through the door and be able to take part. I know some people have been disappointed by the limitations of equipment, but hopefully those who've wanted to create TV, radio and print have been able to. We wanted two strands to run through our work: to produce quality and interesting content which would serve all members of camp, stimulating ideas and keeping the information flowing.

We also wanted those who were contributing to feel ownership of the ideas, the process and final output. I'm sure some will have experienced frustration whilst working – that's inevitable. However, we've



• Media Centre reporter James Robson, left, conducts an interview for GV:TV

seen people coming through the doors here each day, steadily improving in their new skills, and growing in confidence.

The advances in new media and the reduced cost of electronic gizmos mean that everybody can produce their own news and – more importantly – put it in a place where millions can access it and be influenced by it. Hopefully we've shown a few people just how easy it is and they'll share everything they've learnt

elsewhere at Global Village in new ways.

We also hope that you've enjoyed our news – whether on the screen, over the airwaves or on the page.

We've had a whole lot of fun along the way making it happen (not to mention a few late nights and the occasional disaster), and if what we've done encourages just one of you to go out there and spread the word about the Millennium Development Goals to your friends at home, then we'll

have achieved what we set out to do. Go for it!

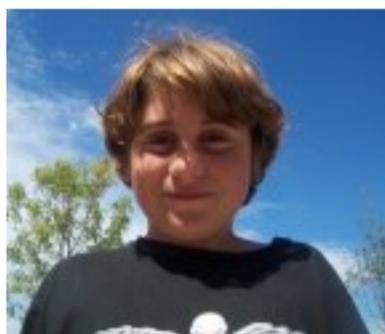
Jon Wright

It's not over yet

You can get back issues of The Global Voice, listen to Radio Global and catch every episode of GV:TV (including all of the March of the Woodcraft) online at globalvillage2006.org/festival.



Are you ready to go home?



Alice, V34

"I'm ready to go home because I'm missing my parents and a comfy bed"



Douglass, V38

"No! The atmosphere is really nice but I want a proper shower"



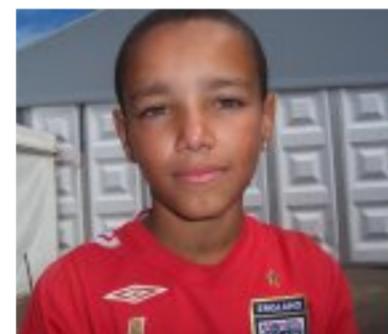
Calum, V2

"Yes because I'm tired and want a proper bed"



Tyne, V41

"Yes, so I can have a nice bath and see my mum"



Saul, V18

"Yes because I want to watch TV and go in my bath"

Surviving the Tsunami

More than 200,000 people lost their lives in the tsunami that hit South Asia on December 26, 2004. Many more are still unaccounted for. The reconstruction work continues following the massive donations of time and money from across the world to help those left devastated, but with other natural disasters and conflicts dominating the headlines, it's easy for the ongoing problems to drop from our radar. Anushka Wirasekara from Sri Lanka, staying in Village 11, is one of the few people to witness the tsunami and survive. This is his story.



• Anushka Wirasekara, left, with his friend Ninuka Kasun Kavunanayake, at Global Village

“It was the full moon holiday and I was lazing away the morning when I heard the first shouts. At first it wasn't enough to interest me. One voice, then five... then many.

I rushed out to see the sea, normally 20 feet below the house, had risen up to the boundary wall. It then receded back hundreds of metres, leaving the seabed exposed and fish gasping for breath.

I went back into the house as the excitement faded away. Twenty minutes later, there were more shouts, this time the sea was really furious and was coming towards the house.

I was frightened. I ran to higher ground, jumping over a wall onto a railway track. I managed to climb up a coconut tree inside someone's compound where I thought I'd be safe.

I saw sea water rushing down the railway track,

destroying the wall I'd jumped, coming towards me. Houses were breaking like toys. Luckily I'd passed a river and most of the black water was able to flow into it.

Once the water had receded, I went to look at the devastation. It looked like a place destroyed by war. There were cars in the trees and boats in the road. We had to walk several miles inland before we were safe.

I heard the next day 50,000 people were killed in Sri Lanka alone. It's a day I will remember for the rest of my life.”

Anushka is now back studying, although he says there are still people without houses. He is optimistic about Sri Lanka's future, but has mixed feelings about that day.

“It was very exciting for me to see the Tsunami, but was a very sad day for Sri Lanka.”

Thanks from Josh

As Global Village draws to a close I'd like to give a big thank you to everyone that has helped make the event such a success. It's a rare thing to work with so many passionate and dedicated people and astonishing to think almost every single one is a volunteer. First and foremost it's the central team and co-ordinators that deserve our thanks. These are the people that have worked day and night to bring everything together and provided the planning, support and administration to make Global Village a possibility. Just as important are the village volunteers without whom the essential daily operations would've ground to a halt. From toilets and recycling to stewarding and security it's the village people that made the difference.

The people below deserve a special thank you:

Julie Thorpe — For all the obvious reasons and giving me the opportunity to work at Global Village.

The Site Services Team (Rose, Dan, Pete, James, Alexx, Wendy, Sam, John, Joe, Laurie, Rob, Dave & Adam) — For everything.

The Stage Team (Nick, Owen, Chris, Keith, Griz, Ben & Millie) - For keeping the neighbors happy and everyone dancing.

Adam, Tom & Ben — For keeping everyone safe and secure.

Ben — For the quad.

Alison & the CHS — For helping me make very difficult decisions and keeping the bug in check!

Linda & Tom — For the vehicles (sorry!).

Roland — For all the off site trips.

Tamsin — For not killing me when the transport went (very) wrong!

Tillyards — For the constant caffeine supply.

MEST-UP — For a quiet place to sleep.

Hannah & Anna — For the tent space.

Village 26 — For a place to hide.

Miriam — For sorting the recycling.

**Josh Riordan,
Site Services**

Evan's Evenings

Hmmmm, it all appears to have gone awfully quiet. This is a most terrible shame, as this evening plays host to the most exciting programme of evening activities yet.

Directly after the news the districts of Boveney and Leicester meet in the Cornwallis in a breakdance battle, with the wheels of steel spun by the remaining members of Run DMC. The space is then to be filled with insulation foam for a short time, before being tunneled through by a host of under-11s armed with fireworks and sparklers.

From the smoking debris will emerge a drum and bass extravaganza the likes of which you've never seen, with DJ Thorpe and MC Pearce cutting loose in a ragga stylee.

Despite assurances that fairies do not exist, we are still hoping to procure one for Fairytrade's closing night. If the worst comes to the worst, we can easily draft in some genetically enhanced moths at least the size of a copy of the Financial Times. The building will then be set ablaze, to arise a mere 4 minutes and 15 seconds later, shiny and new, glistening heartily in the Kent

moonlight. The purpose? A metaphor for the damage we cause to the world, and also a smashing way to utilise our stockpiled matchsticks.

Tillyards, following the runaway success of the Site Services strip show, will send shivers down rigid spines as the Office team attempt their own stab at an alluring striptease. Full-frontal nudity promises to be prevented by the tactical placement of laptops, as the walkie talkie system is used to amplify a most pleasing rendition of Fly Me to The Moon.

At around 9:17, the Tillyards team will be losing their senses, due to a nerve agent secretly piped into their establishment via a concealed nozzle in a crepe machine. Expect to see Phin climbing the centre pole with a mug in his teeth, while Lee attempts to cram both himself, and the same number of bruschettas as years of his own life into the Tillyards strobe chiller cabinet. All mugs will be smashed in protest as the dwarf labour force responsible for the manufacture of countless lattes and paninis emerges from an intricate system of trenches running beneath the Mest Up and gender tents.

Four of the six town marquees will be packed up and mailed to Dallas, just to mix things up a bit. The same goes for all the occupants of V17, who are participating in an exchange with our comrades from the Texan Star NRA chapter. The remaining two marquees will see workshops on the different forms of conflict resolution: in Blue Whale, the mediation, and in Red Wolf, the fight.

In a grand finale to the evening programme of the festival, each individual town will fold in upon itself, and in a cacophony of clanking gears and hissing pistons form into a robotic representation of each town's animal. The robots will then fight until all lie in a pile of molten steel and canvas. This will signify the fleeting nature of humanity's existence, as the entire camp slides into a gaping abyss, as the universe falls in around our ears.

After the end of the universe, tea and cake will be served for any who survived, or who were perhaps intelligent enough to have never existed in the first place.

Evan Sedgewick-Jell

