



WIMBLEDON and WANDLE
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR
MAY 2011-2012



Annual General Meeting

of the

Wimbledon and Wandle District Scout Council

8pm on Wednesday 16th May, 2012
1st Lower Morden Headquarters, Bow Lane, Morden

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Chairman's welcome and introductions
3. Approval of Minutes of AGM on 11th May 2011
4. Report of the District Executive Committee.
5. Approval of the Accounts for the period ending 31st December 2011.
6. District Commissioner.
7. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman and nominated members of the District Executive Committee.
8. Election of officers:
District Secretary
District Treasurer
District Executive Committee x 4
9. To elect a representative to the County Executive.
10. Appointment of Independent Examiner.
11. County Commissioner
12. Presentations.
13. Any other business

To be followed by refreshments and light buffet.



Wimbledon and Wandle District Scout Council
Annual General Meeting
Held on Wednesday 11th May 2011
At 1st Lower Morden HQ, Bow Lane, Morden

The meeting opened with a prayer led by the District President, Jack Atkins.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Linda Vaudrey, Andy Sloan, Liz McLauchlan, Francis Corrigan, Martin Neil, Deborah Carter, Will Smith
- 2 **Welcome and Introduction**
Andrew Edmonds, District Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the County Commissioner, Bob Prescott our former District Commissioner and three former District Commissioners
3. **Approval of Minutes of AGM held 12th May 2010 and EGM held 13th October 2010**
Proposer for both sets of Minutes – Dave Bixby and
Secunder for both sets of Minutes – Vicky Tullett.
4. **Report of the District Executive Committee**
Chairman's report accepted as circulated. He extended his thanks to all who had worked behind the scenes and to those on the Executive Committee. Apart from Jack Atkins and Andrew Hayward all other members on the committee are to continue. David Williams continues to give legal opinion on the Kenneth Black Hall situation and Brian Whalebone has, over the last six months, helped with the District equipment audit. David Christmas helped with the situation at the 20th Mitcham. These were thanked for their help. Lesley Bixby was thanked for helping to print the reports for this AGM.
5. **Approval of the Accounts for the period ending 31st December 2010.**
Before the accounts could be finalised our Treasurer, Rich Nicol had resigned. The District is grateful to John Young and Keith Angliss for their hard work in preparing the Financial Statement presented at this AGM. The following points were outlined –

The Budget set has been adhered to pretty well. Plans for the use of the money available were taken care of in our Development Plan. Money raised from sale of Atlasta Hall for use by groups in the District. The DC outlined the District Plan for the allocation of requests for money from the Atlasta fund.

The District will be advertising for a new Treasurer but John Young has agreed to carry on and Keith Angliss has agreed to help get the accounts in order for them to be audited. Once accounts audited an

EGM will need to be held to approve them.

Thanks given to Ted Aslett for auditing 2009 accounts and he has agreed to work on the 2010 accounts when available.

6. **District Commissioner**

In addition to his circulated report Joe added the following:-

Again this year the District has experienced the same sad story with the presentation of audited accounts.

This is a vibrant, quality scouting District. The annual census figures show we have about the same number of members as last year. 3 Groups have 100+ members and the remainder of the Groups are around the 70 mark. Sadly the 20th Mitcham Group has closed this year and the 5th Mitcham will close in the near future.

Programmes show the full range of activities in the District, from Kenya to the Jamboree. There were 140 Night's Away last year. Dave Bixby and his team, Michele and Andy (previously Kevin) have all set interesting programmes. We have had successful Swimming Gala and Sport's Day events and at St. George's Day Parade we had 800 on parade with all but 2 Groups attending. We have had 14 Queen Scout Awards gained. Our Scout Band (4 present tonight) is progressing. We now have a Canoe Club covering Sutton/Wimbledon/Wandle which has made canoe training available to all.

Our Executive has sorted out leases and insurances covering our District from which Groups will benefit from having them in place. Our Web site is outstanding thanks to Paul Atkins.

We are the 1st District to try and obtain the London Youth Mark. This is a London wide programme which has been introduced.

Joe concluded that we are a quality District with good Leaders and we can improve year on year.

7. **To approve the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman and nominated members of the District Executive.**

Andy Edmonds to continue as our District Chairman. This was approved unanimously. Joe Rogerson (DC) and Paul Henderson (DESC) Ex Officio. Nominated members: Peter Newman and Joan Burgess. Approved unanimously.

8. Election of Officers

District Secretary	- Muriel Treagust
District Treasurer Contact)	- Vacant (John Young will continue as Point of

District Exec.Members - Brian Whalebone, John Young, Keith Angliss, Peter Treagust

The above were proposed by Dave Gould Seconded by Tony Webb.
All present agreed

9 **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

It was proposed that Ted Aslett be appointment our Independent Examiner. This was agreed unanimously.

10. **County Commissioner.**

Ian Newbery reported that there had been no growth of groups shown for the current year. As a County we are pushing recruitment of adults but he feels that 'we are not really grasping the nettle and delivering'. Baden Powell broke the trend and the mould when he started the movement. If we are struggling then let us think differently - be radical and break the mould.

David Christmas, 3rd Mitcham, said that he had been a volunteer in Scouting for over 40 years and said he objected to these assumptions. Ian Newbery mentioned that the County Chairman is 24 years old and we need younger men and women in Scouting, but it appears they don't want to be involved week after week. We must think how we run meetings - teenagers and young people don't think as we did when we came into Scouting and we must change our ways.

This opened discussion re the 'old' way of Scouting against the proposed new way forward.

Presentation of Awards

The following were presented:

- 11 Wood Badges - Peter Hutton, 13th Wimbledon, Paul Henderson, Explorers
30 Years' Service - Paul Atkins, Neil McLauchlan
35 Years' Service - Marion Clifford, ex 20th Mitcham
50 Years' Service - Peter Newman, District, Dick Hooper, 19th Wimbledon
Peter Treagust Silver Acorn
Jean Nelson Bar to the Silver Acorn
Tony Webb Silver Wolf

12 **Any Other Business**

Joe and his team were thanked for all their efforts by Michael Orbell, 9th Wimbledon.

Review packages available from Joan Burgess or Rob Brumwell.

Andy thanked everyone for attending and also thanked Catriona and Angela Maher, 9th Wimbledon, for providing the refreshments, to Andrew Hayward, 1st Lower Morden and the SAS Unit for their help.

A light buffet and refreshments concluded the meeting

**Wimbledon and Wandle District Scout Council
Extra-ordinary General Meeting
Held on Thursday 15th September, 2011
in the District Headquarters, Morden Hall Park
commencing at 20.00**

The meeting was opened by Andy Edmonds.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Joe Rogerson, Paul Henderson, Paul Atkins, Ian Newbery, Sam Allen, John Young and Peter Treagust.

2. **Welcome and Introduction**
Andrew Edmonds, District Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and he explained the reason for the Extra-ordinary meeting:

to approve the accounts for the last financial year which were not available at the Annual General Meeting in May

3. **Approval of the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2010**
Due to the issues experienced with the previous Treasurer thanks must be given to the hard work of John Young and Keith Angliss who stepped in and prepared the accounts .

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Michele McNamara, seconded by Neil McLauchlan and accepted by all those present.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.07.

Chairman's Report May 2011 – April 2012: Andy Edmonds

Let me start my Report at the risk of offending anyone I don't name; by saying "thank you" to all who served on the District Executive Committee including:

Our financial team: John Young, Keith Angliss and Ted Aslett, our auditor; who have delivered on their promise to complete the Accounts and audit them in time for this year's AGM. We still look for a long term qualified replacement to take on this vital role.

To our Secretary Muriel Treagust for her hard work trying to make sense of my ramblings at Exec meetings and then writing up the Minutes and with the help of our Groups; being the first in the County to complete the task of the Annual Census.

To Peter Newman and Joan Burgess who run the Appointments Sub Committee with skill and efficiency that means as a District we had fewest outstanding CRB's across the County. Joan has decided it is time to relinquish her role, but has kindly given us two years to find and train a replacement.

To Alan Green, Dave Bixby, Cliff Condon and team for their hard work at Morden Hall DHQ, to Brian Whalebone as Store Manager and Quartermaster and Lesley Bixby as Badge Secretary and "Links" Editor; to Paul Atkins for making our web site the font of information it has become!

To Peter Treagust and Richard Mainwaring for overseeing the project that is the flat at Kenneth Black Hall with such tact and skill.

To Dave Gould and the SAS who help out with grass cutting at Morden Hall DHQ and looking after the Mary White Memorial Garden.

To Dave Christmas for his help with Risk Assessments and David Williams for legal advice.

A final big "thank you" on behalf of us all to Joe; our District Commissioner, who gives greatly of his time (despite job pressures) and from my viewpoint: fantastic drive and inspiration!

Okay, so what have we been up to? I have tried to keep everyone abreast of developments through my Reports in "Links", but for the record:

The closure of the 23rd Mitcham Group and its merger with 20th Mitcham has been formally approved by Scout Association. The now renamed 23rd Mitcham Group has been registered with the Charities Commission and has been busy renovating their HQ.

London Borough of Merton is supporting the building of a "Scout Hall" at the former Rowan School site. The Hall will be self contained, with storage, secure parking, toilets and kitchen and will have its own Lease. Adjoining "Community Rooms" will be run separately. Whilst there will be restrictions on use, this presents us with a great opportunity to start a new Scout Group in Longthornton Ward; where we currently have none.

Financially, we have made a Grant to the District Band for new instruments, purchased sheds for storage of pioneering equipment at a new central point at Morden Hall DHQ, agreed support for the Jubilee Camp, Grant to set up Network, purchased Radios to ensure better communication at District events, agreed a loan under "Atlasta Loan" scheme to help 6/12th Mitcham modernise their HQ, undertaken a review of works required at Morden Hall DHQ, started a plan of works on the flat at Kenneth Black Hall for which we will now receive rental income and have abolished the annual District Levy.

As I write this we are in the process of reviewing the District Development Plan and arranging meetings with Groups to discuss Group Plans. As the District looks to conclude its plans to maximise income and minimise expenditure, we will now be able to give priority in the future to wider Development needs and our shared objectives.

District Commissioner's Report May 2011 – April 2012: Joe Rogerson

The last year has been a very successful one for the District in a number of ways.

The Census demonstrates that we have grown the Movement by a staggering 7.9% overall! When one considers that the national figure is just under 3% and the regional figure is 2.4%, we can easily see the fruits of the great work done across the District, from the smallest Beaver Colony to the biggest Scout Troop, including the huge network of help provided by so many adults in a huge variety of roles. Needless to mention, such increases are hard to maintain, but the efforts that are going into programme planning at Section level; into development planning and adult recruitment at Group level and into adult support and training at District/County level augur well for the future.

90% of Key Managers now have a development plan in place, the two plans in preparation are where new appointees have recently taken up their roles, and 85% of Sections have a written programme. Of course, this means that 15% of all programmes are still to be submitted, but it does demonstrate that we are on the right path towards a situation where all Scouts are benefiting from high quality, well resourced, balanced programmes as envisioned in our District Development Plan.

The development of the Explorer section is particularly exciting as some five Units are on the drawing board and, whilst the process of delivery has had its challenges, the unstinting commitment of all those involved to provide a wider provision of 14+ Scouting across the District is praiseworthy indeed.

Add to that the opening of a new Group (the 23rd Wimbledon) in Effra Road and the future of Scouting in the District looks distinctly buoyant.

In terms of infrastructure, the work of the Executive has been immense, particularly in the areas of finance and asset management. The members' hard work in putting the District on an increasingly solid financial footing, such that we can reasonably look forward to a sound financial future, will, in turn, allow more resources to be directed to the "front line".

That we still have challenges to face, be it at Section, Group or District level, is self-evident, as we operate in a challenging world of economic uncertainty and societal change. What we can be sure of, however, is that we are making great strides in equipping ourselves to meet those challenges and we can be justly proud of our achievements over the past twelve months.

ADC Beavers Report May 2011 – April 2012: Andrew Hayward

It's been quite a busy and eventful year for the Beaver Section. We're now into our 26th year as a section having celebrated our 25th birthday in 2011. I like to think that the activities we put on helped to celebrate that and gave the Beavers a memorable year.

Events that took place in 2011-2012 were the District Outing to RAF Hendon, our inaugural Fun Sports Day and the Beaver Bike and Cycle Ride.

The inaugural Beaver Fun Sports Day finally took place in September at Hillcross Primary School after the original day proved to be a total washout – the good old British weather strikes again! The Beavers tried their hands at many fun events such as javelin throwing, hoopla and dressing up challenges, the wet sponge relay, group skiing to name but a few. A great day was had by all and was ended with a very loud singsong and an even louder happy birthday! A very big thank you to the SAS for helping with the refreshments and to the leaders who helped staff the bases. Hopefully the 2012 Sports Day will be just as good, if not better, with more colonies attending.

In November over 250 of us jumped on a fleet of coaches and made our way to RAF Hendon for a day out and to complete the Air Activities badge. I really enjoyed the day and from the smiles on the Beaver's faces I think they did too. There was so much for them to do, to look at and to climb in and over that a day visit just wasn't long enough. I plan to go back in the future but maybe without 250 little ones....

Clare Tweedley, Julia Doohan and Tracy Sterlini organised a Bike and Scooter ride around Morden Hall Park in March, which proved to be a great success once again. The weather was very warm and sunny for March, which was an added bonus and all those who scooted or cycled had an enjoyable afternoon. My apologies once again for not being able to make it, but a big thank you to Claire, Julia and Tracy for organising the day and to all those who assisted on the day too.

During the last 12 months the 5th Mitcham Colony has finally closed and any Beavers in situ were transferred to Sutton District. However there was some good news as a new colony has started at the 19th (Burlington) Wimbledon. Congratulations to Liz and Rebecca for their hard work and perseverance. Hopefully their Colony and also their pack will go from strength to strength.

In closing I would like to thank the DBSLs (Clare, Julia and David) for all their help over the last year and also running the section when a family illness meant Scouting had to take a back seat for a few months. I really appreciate the work you do and the support you have given to me.

I also would like to thank all the Beaver Leaders, assistants, helpers and parents for what they do too. Our census figures rose again and that is down to you, your hard work and the challenging and varied programmes you offer. If I haven't visited your colony yet then you can expect a visit soon – I promised I would visit everyone and that is a promise I will keep. Finally, if you're not a regular attendee to our Leader's Meeting why not pop down to the next one. It would be great to see you there and together we can ALL take the Beaver Section forward.

ADC Cubs Report May 2011 – April 2012: Michele McNamara

A full and busy year again! The District has seen most packs attend an event and it is my ambition for the coming year to get at least all of the packs involved in at least one District event!

In March we descended once again on Frylands Wood with fewer Cubs than usual – 62, due mainly to a clash with the Merton schools concerts at the Albert Hall. However those who did make it had a great time and thanks to Mia Patterson, Martin Neal and Bill Smith for organising. I must also thank all the other adults and leaders without whom the event couldn't take place.

May saw us once again at Raynes Park High School for our 7-a-side football competition, the weather was much more suitable for football this year and we had enough referees to ensure that no one person was continually on duty. Thanks to all the Cubs, leaders and parents for a good competition and the 23rd Mitcham for keeping us all fed and watered. Winners of this event were the 5th Morden with the 11th Mitcham as runners up.

89 Cubs went to Sutton arena in June to try for their athletes badges, despite a little drop of rain, the evening went very quickly and a lot of tired Cubs and leaders departed after a successful evening. Thanks particularly to Peter Hutton's son who ran two 1500 metre races for us, acting as pacemaker for the Cubs, he didn't even look tired when he finished!

The County ran an event in June for Cubs and beavers at Walton Firs. We had 24 beavers attending and 40 Cubs, not a very big contingent compared to other Districts but I think the cost had a lot to do with it. The children who went had a great day and good weather helped. One of our bases, run by Jo Watson of the 16th Morden and Martin Neal, won an award for best leader run base, very well deserved considering all the hard work they had put in.

November and we were making a noise at the 22nd Wimbledon HQ. as the Cubs undertook the handicraft competition, the theme this year was 'Australia', which proved quite a difficult theme for interpretation. However, as usual the leaders came up with some wonderful suggestions and the clay models were particularly interesting. Thanks to Colin Pullen for once again coming up with the wooden craft item and instructing the Cubs; Bill Smith for organising the junk modelling section and all the other leaders involved who had a very noisy Sunday. Special thanks to Muriel Treagust and John Young for judging the event and the 22nd for the use of their H.Q. Congratulations to the 16th Morden for winning this event.

1st Lower Morden HQ hosted this year's badge day – Communicator. We had a very large number of Cubs taking part- 148, with most of them attending in the afternoon. They had a varied choice of bases at which they learnt about various forms of communication and judging by the noise they made, they didn't need a lot of encouragement. Many thanks to all the Cub leaders and the leaders from other sections who spent a very tiring day making sure the Cubs had a fun time.

Our last District event was the chess competition. We struggled a little with finding teams for this event which is a pity since those that came had a great time and it's a nice quiet competition (nothing like handicraft). I do think that there must be more Cubs out there who can play this game and would ask the leaders of packs who didn't attend to make an effort to find out if they have any budding grandmasters amongst their pack. Not of course that they have to be of this standard, we had 2 Cub playing this year who had only previously played chess on their computers! A new experience for them and they loved it. We could also do with some more adults to judge, so if anyone in the District could help next year, please look out for the date in Links. Thanks to Mark Steed for organising and the 19th Wimbledon (Oakwood) for the use of their H.Q.

Finally Graham Fairclough and I took 3 teams to the County quiz in March. We dispensed with the District round and took the only 3 packs who were interested, 5th Morden, 11th Mitcham and 22nd Wimbledon. They didn't win unfortunately or score very highly but enjoyed themselves nonetheless and I thought they were a credit to our District.

The mini census and pack programmes still present a challenge to some packs, although we are improving, so I would ask that an extra special effort be made this year in these two particular areas. I have to say however that during any of my visits to packs, all the Cubs seem to be having a great time, so who could ask for more?

If I have forgotten anyone in my thank-yous, my apologies, my brain isn't what it was! Thanks to all the leaders throughout the District for their continued efforts with the Cubs, be it at pack meetings, camps or District events, just remember to have fun and follow P.O.R.

Finally, special thanks to Graham Fairclough, Martin Neal and Mia Patterson for continuing to support the District and myself at all times.

ADC Scouts Report May 2011 – April 2012: Dave Bixby

It has been a mixed year.

On one hand we have yet another increase in Scout numbers, up by 10% on this time last year, although there are Troops that are facing challenges.

On the other hand, while some Troops have submitted their programmes, several of the more established ones are relying on the SL winging it on the day – not always very successfully.

Currently we have no shortage of young people walking in the door to join and I have seen quite a large number of adults who are keen to help and we owe it to them all to include them in our programme planning.

I would urge anyone who is not confident with planning their programmes, scouting skills or preparation for camps to give me a call as we have an extremely experienced team who can give advice, help or training on all aspects of running a Troop.

Our Patrol Leaders' training course was well received, judging by the comments on the feedback forms that I have had back from the participants. Interestingly enough, the most enjoyable and instructive sessions during the weekend appear to be the use of saws and axes and fire lighting. Might it be that for all the sophisticated activities we strive to provide, Scouts really do like the traditional skills like poking a fire with a stick?



Our canal trip was blessed with fine weather and gave Scouts from different Troops the chance to get down and personal with Grand Union lock gates. I really recommend this as an activity if you haven't tried it.



The camping assessment weekend was not very well supported by Troops which is a shame because it is all things to all people – if the Scouts are young and inexperienced we have a brilliant team on hand to help them through and teach them the basics; for those who know how to camp there is an opportunity to show off how good they are and work towards the coveted Gold Standard Award and new or Young Leaders can get a real working knowledge of Scout camping from a totally different viewpoint.

The incident hike at Boiderhurst was another very successful event which had teams out and about in the Box Hill area. Some of the Scouts were fairly inexperienced but all survived and it was a good experience for all concerned.

The 5-a-side football was a bit of a challenge regarding the venue but Gary Baker pulled it together, as he does, and the afternoon went very well.

My sincerest thanks must go to all who have helped organise our District and Scout events this year and to those who have quietly been giving help and support to Troops other than their own with camps and activities.

Tim Kerridge, Dave Hodges and Alan Green have been working hard behind the scenes helping in all manner of ways and Lesley has been typing, shopping and putting in endless hours producing the Red Book.

Lastly but no means least, to all those who give up their time to run and support all the Troops within our District – THANK YOU.

Scout Section results

County Events:

Night Exercise	1 st place	8 th Wimbledon
	2 nd place	13 th Wimbledon

District Events:

Patrol camping	1 st Morden
Patrol cooking	1 st Morden
Gala	22 nd Wimbledon
Incident hike	8 th Wimbledon
Quiz	3 rd Mitcham
Sports	13 th Wimbledon and 5 th Morden
Football	5 th Morden

District Explorer Scout Commissioner Report May 2011 – April 2012: **Paul Henderson**

The Explorer section continues to be as busy as ever delivering a quality programme to their members. Weekday evenings have included visits from one local MP, Guide Dogs for the Blind as well as visits to local emergency services (for a visit to see how firemen operate, put out fires and cut people out of cars following accidents; not necessarily calling upon their services I hasten to add!) . This all took place in conjunction with a more traditional Explorer Scout programme, preparing our members for their activities and expeditions. The members continue to participate in the Red Flare night hike with two teams from the District doing particularly well. Less strenuous activities have included Gilwell 24 which is 24 hours of non-stop activities, rides and skills taking place at Gilwell Park.

This year has also seen Explorer expeditions to South Wales, the Lake District and Devon. A variety of activities were undertaken including hill walking, caving, canyoning, sailing and canoeing. It was good to see expeditions such as these taking place under canvas and tackling all the inclement weather our Isles could throw at them.

This year marked one of change and transition with the Explorer leaders. This year we welcomed two new ESLs to their Units (previous AESLs and ESL) as well as the retirement of one of the District's longest serving ESLs. I would like to personally thank Neil Griffin on behalf of the District and all those Ventures and Explorers who has passed through his Unit for his hard work and dedication to the section. He certainly changed the face of Ventures/Explorers in the District with his international expeditions, fundraising prowess and ability to put on a show! He has made a huge difference to those less fortunate than us in other countries as well as giving an eye opening experience to those members who were fortunate enough to be in his Unit.

Looking forward, it seems that we are on the precipice of a huge amount of growth of Explorer numbers in the District. There are potentially 4 new Units (adding to the 5 existing Units) who may be starting their Explorer Scout journey which is good news for the section. It signals the strength of the Troops and Units that we can fill these places and meet the demand of 14 to 18 year olds in Merton. This will certainly be a year of change and rapid growth and I hope to report next year on the success we have had in increasing Explorer numbers and the new Units.

District Band Report May 2011 – April 2012: Richard Thorpe

With only 22 Band members we started a large recruitment campaign in March 2011 which went on for 3 months in W&W and Sutton Districts, with the campaign ending in May. We have now increased the membership to 34 that is a rise of over 50%. We decided to stop there for the moment to enable us to concentrate on training the new members. It was decided to run Band through the summer holidays to keep up the young recruits training and their interest. It was the best thing we did as there was very a good turnout.

The parade season started in May for the Band, we started with one St Georges Day Parade, although we normally do two.

2011 Parades:

Merton Council was offered the Band to do the Mitcham Carnival, but, unfortunately, the offer was not taken up.

1. Armed Forces Day Morden 23 June 2011 (this was the new recruits first outing)
2. Woking Catholic Church 3rd July 2011
3. 3rd Mitcham 90th Birthday 10th July 2011
4. Mitcham Remembrance Day Parade 13th November 2011.

Fund raising and recruiting was done at Mitcham Carnival and some bag packing with the 6/12 Mitcham Scouts at ASDA Sutton in December, all told we raised about £1,000 for the Band which we have been using for converting, repairing and buying new instruments and equipment for the Band.

As 2012 began, we lost a few older members to work and family commitments and we received lots of Band Performance request from different places.

March 11th 2012

We performed for the Royal Marsden Marchers at King George's Playing Fields with some of the Band's favourite tunes and the following are being lined up for the next six months:

April St George's Day Parade Wimbledon
St George's Day Parade Sutton

May Wimbledon and Wandle District Camp
Kingston Borough Band Tattoo
Sutton Neighbourhood Watch

June Mitcham Carnival
Carshalton Carnival
Tonbridge Carnival
Primrose Hill Open Day
Sutton Catholic Church
Armed Forces Day.

July Woking Catholic Church.

August Hastings Carnival.

We are always looking for new recruits aged between 8 and 18 to come and join us on a Monday night at the 8th Morden between 7pm and 9pm.

The Band are also looking into doing some touring around the District in the future and maybe come to a HQ near you, a "Come and Meet the Band" session either during the evening or during the day. If this is something that Groups would like, kindly contact Richard on 07940 489 496.

District Scout Active Support Unit Report May 2011 – April 2012:
Robert Brumwell

Over the last twelve months we have been able to assist the District in various events ranging from acting as stewards at St George's Day, assisting at Sports Day and at safeguarding courses as well as providing catering at the Patrol Leaders' weekend and the Beavers Bike ride.

Although, at the time of writing, the District Camp is still in the planning stage, we are looking forward to providing support throughout the camp.

We have been asked to help the traffic authorities on Armed Forces Day in June, which, whilst not a District 'event', we consider that this will spotlight the District to the general public. Also we have been asked to provide stewards on Remembrance Sunday.

In addition to our service side, we have had a full social side with everything from away days to the coast to Beating the Retreat at Horseguards Parade and social evenings at DHQ.

The District events that we support are being staffed by a number of stalwart members and given that the raison d'être for a District Scout Active Support Unit is to support the District, it is important for us to increase the number of members that we have available to assist the District.

Therefore if anybody would like join or knows of somebody who would like to take part in Scouting but cannot give a full time commitment please contact Dave on 07768381809. We only ask that you help occasionally throughout the year.