

Wimbledon and Wandle



Diary Dates

April	1	Nights Away Assessment	1 st Morden HQ
	4	Cubs' Activity Day	Frylands Wood
	4	Inter County Scout Air Gun Competition	
	7	No Store	
	14	No Store	
	20	GSLs' meeting	Wimbledon HQ
	24	Barn Dance	8 th Morden HQ
	25	St George's Day Service	Canons, Mitcham
	26	Nights Away Assessment	19 th Wimbledon HQ
May	1-3	National Trust Fayre	Morden Hall Park
	5	CSLs' Meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
	7	Wimbledon ESU's Prohibition Ball	
	9	Cubs' football competition	Raynes Park High School
	12	District AGM	

Easter Greetings

The clocks have gone forward, the daffodils are in bloom and the camping season is about to start. If your first camp of the year is about to take place, I trust you will have a happy, safe and sunny time. Best wishes to you all for a happy Easter.



St George's Day Awards

Many congratulations to the following who have received awards in the District:

Bar to the Silver Acorn

Bob Prescott DC Wimbledon & Wandle

Silver Acorn

Laurence Barham Ex DC Wandle

John Kendal GSL 14th Wimbledon

Bernard Reeves District Health and Safety co-ordinator



We also offer our congratulations to the following

Silver Acorn

Ian Newbery ACC Scouts

Joan Uridge DCC

Medal of Merit

Alex Minajew National Commissioner Activities

There are a number of others in the County who have received awards; all listed in April issue of Scouting Magazine.

Notes from the DC

to commemorate the re-print of the original version of "Scouting for Boys". It has been printed as part of the centenary celebration and the plaque bears the centenary logo. The unveiling was carried out by the grandson of BP, the current Lord Baden-Powell and the Chief Scout George Purdy.

Scouts from the 14th Wimbledon and Explorers from Wimbledon Edge Hill Unit were in attendance and were a credit to the District.

This complete version of "Scouting for Boys" contains some interesting reading and much that is very relevant today. Well worth purchasing a copy.

At the National Trust Fayre this year (May 1-3) we will be the first hosts in the Country of the Scouting Mobile Display Unit. It will be a great opportunity for us to be "shouting for Scouting" and I would like full support of Leaders, especially GSL's and the Team, in manning the Unit.

I am looking forward to support at the Fair from all Groups.

More details of the fair from Bill Vaudrey or on the Unit from Brian Whalebone.

I have received about 12 applications for a Nights Away permit. Please get your application in as soon as possible.

Please look out for news of First Aid courses, they are beginning to be run in the District and all Leaders will need the qualification.

Please would all Leaders note that all current warrants will be renewed automatically for the new District and they should be issued in the next month.

Bob Prescott

Census January 2004

The last thing both our Districts did before the amalgamation was to complete the Census - see below. Any Groups that have not paid their membership fees yet should do so immediately, please. £20.30 per person.

Group	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Leaders	Other adults	Total
Wandle						
1 st Morden	11	15	22	4	5	57
2 nd Morden	12	9		3	1	25
3 rd Mitcham	12	18	7	11		48
4 th Morden		16	3	5		24
5 th Mitcham	27	17	12	7	3	66
5 th Morden	24	31	12	6	2	75
6/12 th Mitcham	13	18	14	10		55
7 th Morden	6	21	5	7		39
8 th Morden	16	18	23	9	4	70
11 th Mitcham	16	11	22	6	1	56
16 th Morden	18	18	15	8	2	61
20 th Mitcham	3	14	9	5	1	32
23 rd Mitcham	11	11	10	4	3	39
36 th Mitcham		11		4	2	17
Total	169	228	154	89	24	664
Explorers		21		3		24
F'ship/Dist		30				30
Total for Wandle District						718

Wimbledon & Merton						
1 st Merton Park	20	19	11	8	5	63
1 st Wimbledon	16	18	15	4	2	55
8 th Wimbledon	20	26	13	2	5	66
9 th Wimbledon	19	33	41	10		103
13 th Wimbledon	11	7	6	4	5	33
14 th Wimbledon	16	27	11	11		65
19 th Wimbledon	31	27	26	13	5	102
22 nd Wimbledon	28	26	31	13		98
Total	161	183	154	65	22	585
Explorers		77		12		89
District		7				7
Total for Wimbledon & Merton						681

St George's Day Service

Just a reminder that our St George's Day service will take place on Sunday 25 April at the Canons Leisure Centre, Madeira Road, Mitcham.

Groups should assemble at 10am on the grass by the Sports Hall and they will be dismissed from there, after the service and inspection by the Mayor, just before 12 noon.



First Steps Training

Thursdays 13th & 27th May and 17th June 2004 7.30 pm - 10 pm.

Venue Wallington & Carshalton D.H.Q. All three Thursdays to be completed. Application form and further information from Margaret Pooley - District Training Records Administrator.

mag@pooley1.freemove.co.uk

National Trust Fayre

As Bob has mentioned in his report, Scouting will have a very high profile at the NT Fayre on 1 -3 May, as the mobile display unit will be there. Hopefully this will attract a lot of people to our 'Children's Corner' and make the Groups running the stalls a lot of money! If you want to be part of this action and haven't booked in with John Tweedley or Bill Vaudrey get on to them as soon as possible, at the time of writing the slots on Sunday between 12pm & 6pm are unallocated as well as Monday 4pm - 6pm.

It's a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours and all helpers get a free pass to the Fayre.

Help is also needed on Friday afternoon. Are you free then? If so, please contact Bill.

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Giant Sleepover

Have you registered your Cub Pack for the Giant Sleepover on 19 June 2004? Cub Packs and Primary Schools all over the country will be involved and the aim is to set a new world record. Each young person who takes part will receive a free goody bag and every Group will get a comprehensive Event Guide which will include fundraising ideas. Check out and register your Group's interest on www.giantsleepover.com or call them on 0870 240 1640. Participation will be on a first come first served basis.

Thames Bridges Bike Ride

The Stroke Association are organising a bike ride over the 14 bridges from Tower Bridge to Hurst Park (near Hampton Court) on 23 May 2004. You might like to take part, but they are also looking for marshals. Give them a call on nationalevents@stroke.org.uk or 020 7566 0311.

District Store

Don't forget that the Store will be closed during the school holidays on 7th and 14th April.



Nora Wyeth

It is with regret that we have been advised of the recent death of Nora Wyeth. Nora was the widow of Henry, a former President of Morden & St Helier and GSL of the 7th Morden. The meeting room at the Morden Hall DHQ is named in honour of Henry's contribution to Scouting in the area.

Section Reports



Beavers - Evelyn Steele

It was nice to welcome some 'new faces' to our Meeting on 17 March and I would thank those Leaders who tendered their apologies. If you are unable to attend a Leaders' Meeting, please would you send a brief report on your Colony activities, number of Beavers plus warranted leaders, etc. to be added to the Minutes - this could be emailed to Evelyn Steele or Andy Elgar if this is easier for you.

You should all have received a letter inviting your Colony to participate in a District outing to Gilwell Park on 19 June. Please remember to advise by the date requested if you would like to attend, with obviously very rough numbers (Beavers and adults), so that we can have some idea as to whether the outing should go ahead.



Cubs - Liz Laverick

The first DCSL meeting on the 10th March was very well attended, in fact so well attended that it was decided all future meetings would have to be held at the District HQ at Morden Hall Park as the meeting room at Kenneth Black Memorial Hall would be too small. The meeting was also attended by DC Bob Prescott and ACC Cubs/ACC Beavers Jenny Ririe. I sincerely hope that all future meetings will finish long before 10.35pm! Please read the minutes if you did not attend. If you are not already on the postal or e-mailing list, then contact Michele McNamara.

michmac@blueyonder.co.uk

Wednesdays seem to suit the majority and the start time has to be 8.30pm.

Future Dates

Sunday April 4th - Activity Day. Frylands Wood for all cubs over 9 ½. Mia should have had your numbers by now.

May 1st to 3rd - National Trust Fair. The Scout Truck will be there. Volunteers as usual to run games and volunteers to man the Truck.

Wednesday May 5th - DCSL Meeting 8.30pm Morden Hall Park HQ.

Sunday 9th May - 7-a-side Football Competition at Raynes Park High School. Details will be sent out shortly.

Friday 4th June - Athletes Badge Sutton Arena 6 to 9pm.

Cub and Scout Sports Day - either the 3rd or the 10th July probably at Hillcross School.



Scouts - Paul Atkins

Our recent Scouters' meeting was not as well attended as the previous one but as we were in competition with a London derby football match the low turnout was not unexpected. Thank you to those Troop leaders who have volunteered to represent Wimbledon & Wandle at the New Programme Audit with representatives from HQ in May, some well presented arguments were aired at the meeting which warrant passing on to those responsible for the new approach within the Scout section.

Many Scouters have strong opinions on the proposed disposal of some of our local camping facilities. The most effective way to make your opinions known is to write to the current site leaseholders who are the ones who have to make the first decisions about what they wish to do with their sites. We will achieve nothing by just discussing the subject amongst ourselves so if you feel strongly about the proposed changes, please put pen to paper.

I will shortly be circulating details of our Patrol Camping Weekend so please register your entry as soon as you can so that we can ensure we have the right level of adult organisation to support the number of Patrols who plan to attend.

For those Troops with Scouts coming up to Explorer age, please remember to let Dick Hooper, our Explorer Scout Administrator, know so that the transfer between Troop and Unit can be made as smoothly as possible.

And finally, at the risk of becoming a one-subject bore, may I remind you again to get your Nights Away Permit applications in to Bob as soon as possible. Thank you.



Fellowship - Bill Vaudrey

Recent Events;

Saturday, 28th February - the Fellowship entered a not very successful team, in the 7th Morden Quiz Night. However, an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Sunday, 7th March - Fellowship A.G.M. - indifferent turn out - hope to see more of you at forthcoming events. Thank you to Jean Gould for laying on the refreshments.

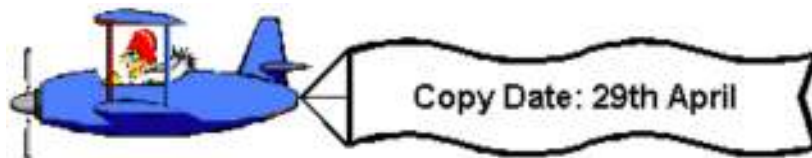
Forthcoming Events:

Wednesday, 21st April - Beetle Drive and Fish 'n Chip supper. Names to Bill with your supper order by Friday 16th April please.

Sunday 25th April - St George's Day Parade, The Canons, Mitcham. If you can help please contact Bill on the above number.

National Trust Fayre - Friday 30th April to Monday 3rd May - if you can help during this period please contact Bill, as soon as possible. As you probably know the Headquarters Mobile Display Unit will be on site during this period to promote Scouting.

Best wishes to Florrie Smith and Bill Walden who have both been under the weather recently. We hope they will soon be fighting fit!



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When life gets difficult and the road ahead is steep, remember God didn't make the earth flat and it is more interesting and beautiful because of that.