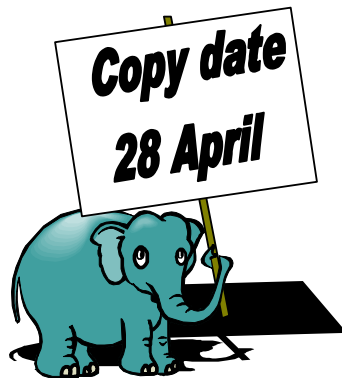
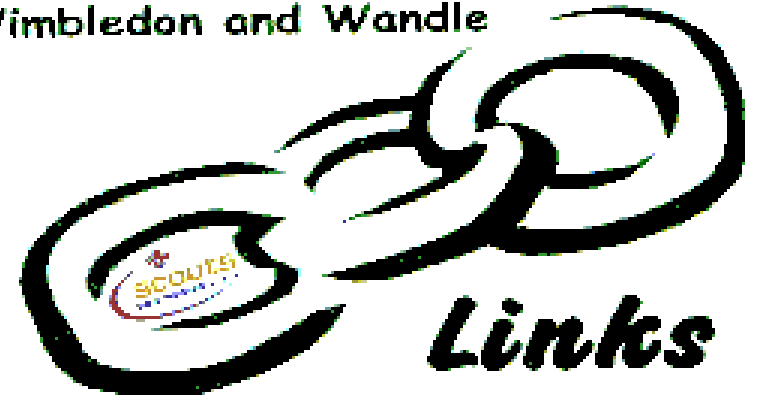


*"It takes less time to do a thing right
than it does to explain why you did it wrong."
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*



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April	7	District Team Meeting	Kenneth Black DHQ
	10	Cub Outdoor Activity Day	Frylands Wood
	10	Fellowship spring hike	
	11	GSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
	14	Store re-opens after Easter	Morden Hall DHQ
	16	Edge Hill ESU Prohibition Ball	Upper Parish Hall
	20	Fellowship Beetle Drive	Morden Hall DHQ
	24	St George's Day Event	
	26	District Executive meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
May	4	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting (Note: change of date)	Morden Hall DHQ
	11	District AGM	Kenneth Black DHQ
	13	Fellowship evening ramble	
	14	Scout Table Tennis Competition	22 nd Wimbledon HQ
	14	Iceni Unit's chocolate experience	1 st Morden HQ
	15	Cub 7-a-side football	Raynes Park High School
	18	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ

St George's Day Awards

Congratulations to **Peter Newman**, Chair of the Appointments Committee, who has been awarded the Silver Wolf by the Chief Scout for exceptional services to Scouting over a period of 46 years and to **John Tweedley**, GSL of 3rd Mitcham, who has been awarded the Silver Acorn for especially distinguished services to Scouting.



District Commissioner

Census: It is with some disappointment that I have to report a drop in the District's number of 66, the largest drop of any District in the County. Indeed the County's overall figure showed an increase for the first time in many years. Despite this 9 Groups showed an increase. The drop in numbers was particularly pronounced in 2 Groups who dropped 47 between them.

We have also recorded a waiting list of 56 across the District and if we had got these young people into sections we would only have dropped by 6

I would like to congratulate 23rd Mitcham who showed the biggest increase in numbers of 17. They also have a waiting list for Beavers of some 20+ which we must address.

I will be spending time with GSLs and the District Team in looking at ways we can improve things in our Groups and District.

Many thanks to those Leaders who have attended the course for **Training Advisers**. This will enable the whole training process to begin. Courses for particular modules are now being advertised, so once you have got started with a personal learning plan you can get yourself onto courses, please remember this is only one way you can choose to do your training. Please refer all queries to Brian Beckley.

Bob Prescottt

At the end of July a party of 30 Network members and Leaders, drawn from every part of GLSW, travels to Sweden for 'Edda', an International Camp attended by 3,000 Scouts. The GLSW Scout Network will be a valuable part of the staff team supervising activities as well as undertaking the more menial tasks no doubt. Before the Camp the group will spend 4 days log-rafting on one of the rivers which flow into Lake Vanern.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that the County is mounting an Explorer Belt Expedition to Lithuania in July/August 2006. All Explorer Scouts aged 16 and over, plus Scout Network members, are eligible to take element, and further information and an application form will be available in the near future.

Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey



Recent Events:

Annual General Meeting, 13th March. For the members who could not make it you will be interested to learn that our new Chairman is Robert (Rob) Brumwell and Stan Nelson is our Vice Chairman. We wish them the best of luck in their new posts. If you know of anyone who would like to join the Fellowship please ask them to contact David Gould on 8395 1885. Any members owing subs, please contact Bill Waldon on 8540 5563. Our thanks to Jean Gould for providing our refreshments on the evening.

Forthcoming Events:

Sunday, 10th April - Spring Hike. This will, hopefully, take the form of an easy, leisurely ramble, to break us in gently! More details from David on 8395 1885.

Wednesday, 20th April - Beetle Drive & Fish 'n Chip Supper - Please let Jean Gould know, on the above number, if you are able to attend, together with your fish order, by Friday 15th April.



St George's Day

The details were published last month. We hope to see the whole of the District at the War Memorial on Wimbledon Common at 10am on Sunday 24th April.





Training

On the previous page you will find the dates for the courses planned throughout this year.

You can obtain the Module syllabus, cost and application forms from your Local Training Manager, except Module 12 for Explorer Leaders which is via Joan Condon. Any queries to Brian Beckley.

First Aid Courses for Leaders - Erica Bishop

"This is just a quick note to remind Scouters that first aid is part of the training programme to keep your warrants up to date, however it is also a reminder that I am not the only trainer around and you should not wait around for my availability.

I am based at a watersports centre and we are just starting on our busiest 6 months of the year. This means that I am unavailable to run either evening or weekend courses until October at the earliest. I also want to remind people that 99% of people say they are unable to do a course during working hours have not asked to see if it is a possibility. This is usually because they fear the worst-case scenario that their boss will let them take it as a holiday day and not as part of their job. In the majority of cases this is not true, employers are keen to have people trained in first aid, and often will pay for you to do it, but you need to ask.

I will still be running a handful of 9.00-5.00p.m. weekday courses during the early part of the summer term if people are available, however if you need to do the course and I am not able to do it, please do not put your warrant on hold, contact another provider. Both the British Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance are regularly running courses, and their numbers are in the local phone books. FAST is also a training organisation who are willing to set up courses for your own groups, their contact number is 0845 644 5154.

I hope this is of some assistance for those leaders still struggling to get themselves qualified."

Iceni Explorer Unit

Please ensure that all correspondence regarding the Iceni Explorer Unit goes to Allen Worley, 64 Tamworth Park, Mitcham CR4 1HY. Thanks go to Justine Bixby who started the Unit at a time when Explorer Scouting was new, but she has now moved on and is working with a Scout Troop near her home. Allen has been running the Unit for some months but still is not receiving correspondence direct!

Section Reports

Cubs - Michèle MacNamara

Adventure Day - April 10th at Frylands Wood open to all cubs over 9 years old. Don't forget money for the day should be with Michèle by April 1st, cheques to be made payable to Wimbledon & Wandle District Cub Account. £11 per cub.

Football - 7-aside football competition has been arranged for May 15th at Raynes Park High School, full details will be issued shortly. However please note that we will need to know who is entering teams by 30th April and all money will have to be paid by May 4th which is the date of the next CSL meeting.

CSL Meeting - Please note this has changed to May 4th from May 11th as it now clashes with the District AGM

Scouts - Paul Atkins



Our March Troop Scouters' Meeting agreed that some sort of event for the older Scouts would be a good idea but would need to be better defined before it could be put to the Scouts to gauge their level of interest. Tim, Andy & myself will put together a proposed programme and will be looking for support from the Troop leaders to run activities across a weekend. An activities weekend was considered preferable to a more formal training event.

A suggestion has been put forward that the Section should have a scheme running each year to recognise the Troop that takes a full & successful part in District & County activities as had been in operation in Wimbledon in the past. There was some support for the idea, a little feeling that we should not do it with the majority not too bothered either way. Dick Hooper & myself will review what was done in the past to identify whether a new scheme could be designed that recognised participation and effort alongside competitive results,

This year's Patrol Camping Weekend will be run with no amendments to the rules and scoring used last year. I will distribute the pack of information shortly so that preparations can begin in the Troops for the event on 11th & 12th June at Bears Wood.

Our next meeting is not until after the camping weekend so please contact me if you have any questions about it.

Explorers - Neil McLauchlin



It is business as usual in the Explorer Section. Several spring activities have been based around fund-raising for several projects from various Units. Preparations are also underway for award hikes after Easter. Service work has also been happening with Units helping Troops and Packs at various camps.

Plans are well advanced for the usual variety of summer expeditions. The Iceni Unit are off to Kandersteg. The Mitcham Unit are going to either the Lake District or Broadstone Warren. The Merton Park Unit are off to Kenya to continue their superb work to bring water to a Clinic and Maternity complex built on previous trips. The Raynes Park Unit are going to the New Forest and the Wimbledon (Edge Hill) Unit are going to Poole Harbour.

Several other District activities are being discussed for later in the year.

Network

NETWORK

The Census produced an increase in Network membership for the second consecutive year, this time by over 7%, and fairly evenly distributed across the County. However, there remain a significant number of individuals who, for one reason or another, have not registered or renewed their membership. In effect this means that Scout membership has lapsed, and can only be reinstated by payment of the annual subscription (£22).

During February and March Network members donned walking boots for the Southern 50 Challenge, Operation Red Flare, and a weekend experiencing snow and ice conditions in North Wales. Such activities provide good practice for Queen's Scout and Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions, and it is timely that 2 groups will be undertaking 50-mile hikes in the Yorkshire Dales at Easter. We are offering a further Award opportunity in the Lake District at the end of August, and details plus online booking form can be found on the County website.

Looking ahead the Network Conference will be held at Wilberforce Scout Centre near Biggin Hill on 9 April, and everyone in the section is encouraged to attend. On May 7/8 we are organising another 'Mystery Investiture' while two weeks later we shall be at Staines Rugby Club for the Network Sevens. On July 14 we have been asked to steward the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, and volunteers who must be over 18, should contact me quickly if they wish to be considered.

Training Dates

Date	Module	Module name	Venue
10 April		Nights Away Advisors	1 st Old Malden HQ 10am - 4.30pm
18/19 & 25/27 April	12	Providing a Balanced Programme for Explorer Scout Leaders	Morden Hall DHQ Times to be advised
22 May	25	Training Advisors Kingston	1 st Old Malden HQ 10am - 4.30pm
12 June	5	Fundamental Values of Scouting	Bow Lane Scout Centre 10am to 4.30pm
	11	Administration (Section Leaders)	
	14	Young People today	
17/19 June + 1 day (tba)	16	Nights Away	Bears Wood Camp Site, Croydon
23 June	15	Challenging Behaviour	Bow Lane Scout Centre 7.30 - 10pm
3 July	8	Skills of Leaders	Bow Lane Scout Centre
	9	Working with Adults	10am to 4.30pm
	13	Growing the Movement (Section Leaders)	
25 Sept	12	Providing a Balanced Programme	Bow Lane Scout Centre 10am to 4.30pm
	17	Activities Outdoors	
16 October	19	International	Bow Lane Scout Centre
	7	Valuing Diversity	10am to 4.30pm
5/6, 19/20, 26/27 Nov	20	Administration (Managers)	Bow Lane Scout Centre
	21	Growing the Movement (Managers)	10am to 5pm
	22	Section Support	
	23	Safety for Managers & Supporters	
	24	Managing Adults	
	26	Supporting Adults (Exc. Module 25)	
4 December	25	Assessing Learning (Management)	Bow Lane Scout Centre 10am to 4.30pm

ICENI EXPLORER SCOUTS & LE CHOCOLATIER

Chocolate Appreciation Experience

Saturday 14th May 2005 at 1st Morden Scout Hall in Central Road

Chocolate Appreciation Evening!

The evening is run by Le Chocolatier, they are based near Chester and has been operating since 1990.

Chocolate Appreciation Evenings are not only educational but are entertaining too, entailing a detailed history of chocolate from the cocoa pod to the taste buds!

In addition to this, participants will have the opportunity to indulge themselves with copious samples of chocolate as well, everyone will also have the opportunity to take away some samples!

To buy tickets or ask questions please contact Diana Cook, the details are below. Tickets are £20 per person.

No young children please.

The evening lasts 3 hours and starts at 7pm. We will provide light refreshments through out the evening.

Iceni Explorer Scouts & Le Chocolatier

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Email: DianaCook@iceniexplorers.co.uk

Web: www.iceniexplorers.co.uk

This is a fund raising event, all proceeds go to the Iceni Explorer Unit.



You are invited to the
Wimbledon and Wandle District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

to be held on

Wednesday 11th May 2005

*In the Kenneth Black Memorial Hall,
Worple Road,
Wimbledon.*

7.45 for 8.00pm start

Uniform to be worn if appropriate

*We hope that you can join us
for this very important occasion.*

