

Easter Greetings

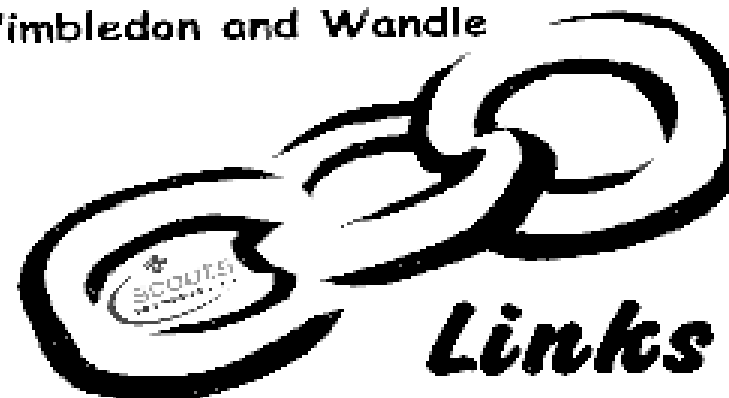
The schools have already broken up and, for many of you, the first camp of the year is imminent. After such a cold winter, I hope the weather is kind to you and you have a great time.



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Wimbledon and Wandle



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May 10	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
14	Fellowship ramble	
14	Cub 7-a-side Football competition	Raynes Park High School
17	District AGM	Kenneth Black Hall
tba	Beaver Leaders' meeting	

District Commissioner - Bob Prescott

When you read these notes I shall be in the South Island of New Zealand touring some spectacular scenery. Rest assured I will be back and in time for St George's Day. Just!

I wanted to ensure that I was able to congratulate all those who appear in the St George's Day awards list

These awards represent almost 300 years of service to Scouting. It is difficult to measure the contribution this has made to the lives of countless young people. I am sure we all wish them an enjoyable day at Windsor. The awards will be formally presented at the District AGM on the 17th May.

St George's Day

This will be on Sunday 23rd April at Tooting and Mitcham football ground. The service will be at 13.00hrs. Final details of the march and assembly will depend upon Police involvement and will be advised as soon as possible. The day will conclude at the stadium at 13.30 hrs

Jamboree

A selection day for the 12 applicants to attend the 21st World Scout Jamboree was held on 12th March. The District has been allocated 11 places so a very difficult decision had to be made. The following young people secured a place and will have the honour of representing the District in the two County Contingents. **

22 nd Wimbledon	Aiden O'Neil Daniel Fellowes James Brevitt
19 th Wimbledon Mitcham ESU	Alex Whiting Michael Rogerson Ryan Watson Michael Johnstone
1 st Lower Morden	Marc Thornton Paul Knight James Eaton Bradley Roberts

Scouting Plus

This is the new visually arresting weekly e-newsletter from The Scout Association. It will contain updates, features and recent additions to www.scouts.org.uk to ensure you are kept up-to-date with changes in the world of Scouting.

Scouting Plus will eventually replace the updates emails you are currently receiving from the Marketing and Communications Team. To receive Scouting Plus you need to be signed up to the membership database and check that they have the correct email address for you.

Visit www.scouts.org.uk and click sign-up. To allow everyone ample time to sign up to the membership database, they will send out both update emails for the next few months.

District Headquarters

Morden Hall Park
020 8687 0428

The District Headquarters can be used by Groups/Sections for evening meetings, day or weekend activities:
a sleepover, camp fire or just tent pitching practice.
It is also available for Group Executive meetings and all District meetings.

If you wish to use the HQ, contact
Betty Cronk on Tel: 020 8393 6233 Email: betty@bcronk.fsnet.co.uk

The hall is not free on Thursdays during term time.

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

George Patton

If your Explorer Scout Unit or Scout Group would like to know more about the Scout Network please contact Chris Griffin and Chris Vickers, your Local SNet Co-ordinators, or myself.

Scout Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey



Recent Events:

Sunday, 19th March - Fellowship A.G.M. Quite a low turnout this year but it was nice to see everyone who came. Thanks to Jean Gould for providing the refreshments. If you have not yet paid your membership fee please contact Bill Walden on 8540 5563.

Forthcoming Events:

Sunday, 23rd April - St George's Day Parade. Help is required for stewarding duties. The event this year will be held at the Tooting and Mitcham Football Ground in Bishopford Road. There is ample parking at the venue. If you can help you will need to be at the ground by 12 noon. Please let Dave Gould on 8395 1885 a.s.a.p. if you are available on the day.

Wednesday, 26th April - Beetle Drive & Fish 'n Chip supper - to be held at the Wandle DHQ, 7.30 p.m. start. We shall be charging £1.00 per head plus cost of the supper. Please let me know on 8542 6200 (a) whether you will be coming and (b) let me have your fish order by Friday, 21st April. Many thanks.

Dates for your Diary:

Please note that the ramble, to be held on Sunday 14th May, will be around the Twickenham area, meeting at Marble Hill, at around 10.30 a.m. Full details from Rob Brumwell on 8330 7466.

Mary White has asked me to pass on her thanks for all the cards and good wishes she has received from Fellowship members, over the past few months. She sounds now as if she is well on her way to a full recovery.

Our best wishes also go to June Waro.

Many congratulations to the 9th Wimbledon who celebrate their 75th Anniversary at a dinner on the 1st April. I am sure it will be a very special and successful evening for them.

The 1st Morden also celebrate their 75th on St George's Day

I am delighted that Anna Hurst has agreed to become GSL of 11th Mitcham and we look forward to her getting into the challenges facing her Group.

My thanks to the Leaders involved in the Recruitment Day. We didn't get many leads but we did generate quite a bit of interest and we learnt much from the experience. We intend to repeat the day several times this year at different locations during the summer.

**** Since Bob wrote his report a 12th place has been allocated to the District so all our applicants can go to the Jamboree.**

Awards

Many congratulations to the following :

Silver Wolf;

for services of the most exceptional nature
Keith Angliss District President

Bar to Silver Acorn;

for further Especially Distinguished Service
Tony Webb Chair of Media Committee

Silver Acorn;

for Especially Distinguished Service
Paul Atkins Deputy District Commissioner
Brian Beckley Local Training Manager
Peter Dobson Former SL of 5th Morden and County Shooting Instructor
David Gould ADC Fellowship and County Band Advisor
Alan Green CSL 1st Morden
John Smith ADC Band



Appointments Sub-Committee - Joan Burgess

Thank you to the following who have had their appointments confirmed during the past three months. Your commitment is recognized and appreciated:

Lisa Eales	B.S.L.	4 th Morden
Christina Kolthammer	A.B.S.L.	4th Morden
Brenda Inwood	A.C.S.L.	6/12 Mitcham
Michelle O'Shea	A.S.L.	6/12 Mitcham
Peter Treagust	GSL	6/12 Mitcham
Gary Baker	S.L.	23rd Mitcham
Christine Brett	A.C.S.L.	23rd Mitcham
Laura Hold	C.S.L.	23rd Mitcham

The new appointment system has now started and the first provisional certificate was issued this week.

Training Advisers - still a problem but the training team are working to improve this.

CRB FORMS: Mr Robert Brumwell will be processing all CRB forms with immediate effect. Forms will be available from Robert and should be returned to him on completion.

Details: **ROBERT BRUMWELL**

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Tel: 8330 7466 Mobile: 07802 222845

E-mail: brumwells@btopenworld.com

Adult Warrant Application Forms are available from Joan Burgess.

PLEASE NOTE: Only the new Application Forms are now being accepted. Old forms should be destroyed immediately.

St. George's Day Parade is on Sunday 23rd April. I am sure that full details are elsewhere in this newsletter & have been emailed to all Unit contacts. Please ensure that all Explorers are in the correct colour scarf for the parade. (Scarves (adult length) @ £4.00 each from me). I hope for a very strong Leaders & members turnout.

Network - Chris Dean

NETWORK

Congratulations to Andrew Florence, our County Scout Network Administrator, on the award of the Medal of Merit - richly deserved. Andrew has been responsible for building and maintaining our Network database, which among other things allows us to analyse Census data from a wide range of perspectives. This year total recorded Network membership increased from 125 to 141, and we are taking steps to ensure that, going forward, all Explorers have the opportunity to join the section as soon as it is time for them to 'move on'.

Network members who have not yet renewed their membership this year and wish to do so should send their details and a cheque for £25 made payable to 'GLSW Scout Network' to the undersigned at 13 East Hill Road, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9HZ. Only membership entitles participation in Scouting activities, and for the Network that means the following events over the coming months :

Middlesex Rugby 7's on April 30;

Visit to Godstone Mines on May 30;

Evening Sail at Wimbledon Park Lake in June;

County Scout Network Conference and

3-Peaks Challenge in July.

Over the Summer holiday Network members will be venturing to some far-flung places, more especially Lithuania (County Explorer Belt Expedition) and The Seychelles; and there will be time to catch up on these and other activities when we congregate at the Gilwell Reunion in September.

Scouts - Liz Laverick



See the County Website for the full results of the County Orienteering Competition held on Sunday 27th November 2005. There were 5 age categories. Out of the 50 pairs entered W & W had 2 adult pairs, 13 Scout pairs and 4 ES pairs. At the 14th Wimbledon AGM on 6th March 2006, Ron Wellbrook presented trophies for 3rd place in the U14's, 1st place in the U16's, 3rd place in the U18's and 2nd place in the over 18's. Well done to all teams taking part.

Also see the County Website for the full results of the Cooking Competition held on the 5th February 2005. We had 8 teams out of the 26 entered. A combined team from the 23rd and 20th Mitcham came 1st and had the trophy presented on the day by the County Commissioner. The 22nd Wimbledon narrowly missed out of the trophies coming 4th.

Finally see the County Website for full results of the Night Exercise held on the 11th/12th March 2006. We had 7 teams entered out of 38 teams. The highest placed teams were 13th Wimbledon A and the 14th Wimbledon A in joint 4th place.

The Swimming Gala was enjoyed by all the Scouts and their Leaders and look forward to attending the next on the 14th October 2006. Thanks go to Michèle and her helpers for making it such a success.

The District Jamboree selection day on the 12th March 2006 was very successful. We have had 12 young people selected to attend.

There was a District Troop Leaders Meeting on the 29th March held at the 6th/12th HQ, the next one will be on Tuesday 20th June 8pm at the 1st Morden HQ (if the football doesn't get in the way! We can change it if it's a problem.)

Explorer Scouts - Neil McLauchlan

We have our next leaders' meeting on Monday 10th April at 8.00pm at the Merton Park HQ, St Mary's Church, Church Path, Merton Park. Will all leaders, assistants & helpers try & make this meeting?



St George's Day celebrations

This year's celebration will take place on 23rd April at the Tooting and Mitcham Football Ground in Bishopsford Road, SM4 6BF.

Group should assemble at 12.30pm and will line up in rows of three in numerical, alphabetical order.

The service will start at 1.00pm and should be over by 1.30pm.

Full details are available on the website

<http://www.wimbledonandwandlescouts.org/stgdp06.htm> or can be obtained from your ADC.



Group AGMs

Can all GSLs ensure that they have notified Eric Hayward of the date, place and time of their AGM? Thank you.

Haywarderic@yahoo.co.uk

District Secretary

John Young has asked me to remind everyone again that all post should be sent to 14 Wandle Bank, Wimbledon, SW19 1DW

Tel: 0208 540 1790 Mobile: 07955 778620

Membership fees



Has your Group paid its membership fee? 3 Groups and one Unit are still outstanding. Please get your cheque to John Young as soon as possible.

First Aid

The next County First Aid course will be held in Sutton's DHQ, Woodcote Road, Wallington on 7th May. Cost: £15.

Contact: Mrs Janet Drinkall Tel: 020 8669 4774

e-mail: jdrinkall@tiscali.co.uk

2007 Camp – Neil McLauchlan

The committee has begun to make plans for the camp next year. We have outline plans for the camping aspect as well as for the programme & infrastructure for the weekend.

We still have not had questionnaires back from 7 Groups and I request you to do this as a matter of urgency. We need a reasonable idea of numbers to ensure that the programme can cater for all. Please complete this and return to me asap. It is essential for us to have the numbers info, as well as all the other details for us to proceed with all Groups ideas represented.

Please contact me with any questions about the camp as required.

Badges

A reminder to those Groups who have not yet ordered the **Centenary Badges** - these are compulsory badges and must be worn by everyone.

Also available are the special '20 years of Beaver Scouts' and '90 years of Cub Scouts'.

These badges cost £1 each and are not generally stock items, so you must place a special order with your badge secretary. Samples are available at the District Store if you wish to look before you buy.

District Store

The store will be closed for the two weeks of the Easter holidays and will re-open on Thursday 20th April.

If you need anything urgently, contact the Store Manager, Brian Whalebone on 020 8330 2088, 07775 654164 or b.whalebone@btopenworld.com



Section reports

Beavers – Andy Elgar

Thank you to all those who helped with preparation and the running of the Beaver Activity Afternoon at the beginning of March, the feedback I've had to date is that it was a very successful event for all involved.

The County organised Birthday Celebrations being held at Walton Firs Camp Site has had a change of date !! This is now Saturday 1st July. Though more details will be issued shortly, the entrance costs will be £7 per head not including transport - if you know your Colony would be interested in attending please let me know.

Adult ratios for Beaver Scout outings have now changed, as issued by HQ - these are now a ratio of 1 Adult for every 6 Beaver Scouts + 1. However, if you would prefer, and would feel happier, to continue using the previous ratio of 1:4 + 1 please do so. Do remember that an outing is classed as any activity held away from your normal meeting place !

Cubs – Michèle McNamara

By the time you get this edition of Links hopefully we will have held our Adventure Day at Frylands. Whilst it was great to have so many wanting to go, leaders not meeting deadlines has made organising the event much more complicated than it should be. Please read carefully all items sent out in future and note the deadlines and addresses for numbers and payments.

District Camp - Please note, therefore, that we have already received deposits for 95 places at District camp and this only leaves another 35 so if you want your Cubs to attend please get monies in to me as soon as possible.

7 Aside Football - This has been booked for May 14th at Raynes Park High School, full details will be sent out to Packs shortly, please note however that the last date for entering a team will be **FRIDAY MAY 5TH**.

County Fun Day July 1st - Don't forget to put this date in your diary and that we have been asked to run 5 bases all day and we will need volunteers to cover these. Details in CSL minutes.



Training

5 th /6 th /7 th May	Module 16	Nights Away Camping at Bears Wood campsite. (Residential.)
21 st May	Module 7 Module 17	Valuing Diversity Activities Outdoors
11 th June	Module 12 Module 18	Providing a Balanced Programme Practical Skills
2 nd July	Module 19 Module 15	International Challenging Behaviour
24 th September	Module 11 Module 5 Module 6	Administration Fundamental Values of Scouting Changes in Scouting
15 th October	Module 15 Module 14	Challenging Behaviour Young People Today
26 th November	Module 13 Module 8 Module 9	Growing the Movement Skills of Leadership Working with Adults
10 th December	Module 7 Module 17	Valuing Diversity Activities Outdoors
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21 st January	Module 12 Module 18	Providing a Balanced Programme Practical Skills

All at **Bow Lane Centre**, Bow Lane, Morden.

First Module on date is am. Last Module on date pm. Please check middle Modules with your Local training Manager.

Gilwell Park are running various training events. Full information from ww.scouts.org.uk/adulttraining.

More Modules will be added during the year and all will be advertised here in 'LINKS'.

Anybody can do or revisit any module and is welcome to apply.

You are invited to the
Wimbledon and Wandle District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

to be held on

Wednesday 17th May 2006

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.*

