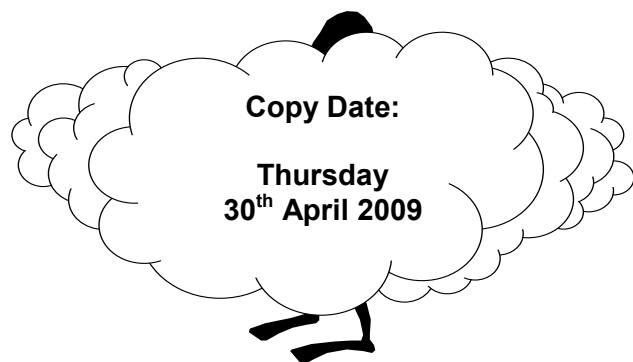


County Directory

There is a new County Directory available. Your ADC should have received a copy via the ACCs/DC but if they haven't forwarded it to you, please contact them or, if all else fails, the County secretary - thebixbys@talktalk.net

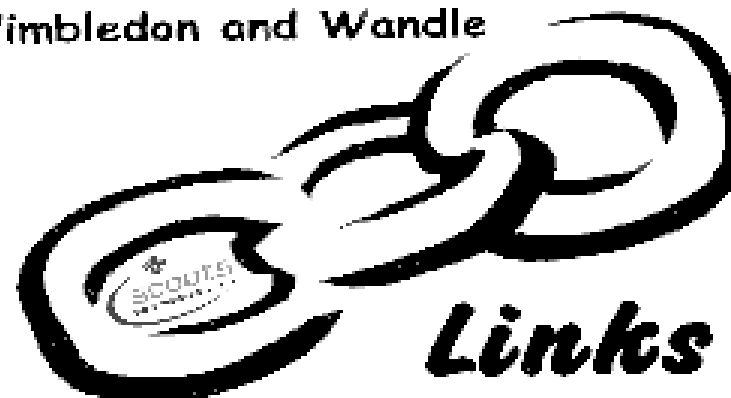
*'God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.'*



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April 15	Fellowship Beetle Drive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
23	District store re-opens after Easter	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45
26	St George's Day Parade and Service	
May 2	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
6	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
10	Fellowship summer stroll	
11	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
13	District AGM	Kenneth Black DHQ
16	Karting	Playscape, Streatham
16	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
17	Cubs' 7-a-side football	Raynes Park High School
20	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
29	No Store - half term	
June 6	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
12	Cubs' athletes badge testing	Raynes Park Playing Fields 6pm
14	Beaver bike ride	Morden Hall DHQ 2pm

Activities for Network members and Leaders

The Brownsea Island Experience - 23 to 25 May. Two nights camp on BP's original campsite. Activities will include a day's sailing in Poole Harbour, archery, conservation, and a BBQ on the Saturday evening. Cost £60 plus share of travel.

Three Peaks Challenge - 26 to 28 June in the Yorkshire Dales. Camping at Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Saturday spent completing the Three Peaks Challenge (23 miles at 3 summits) in 12 hours or less. Sunday morning - caving trip subject to demand. Cost £15 plus share of travel, plus caving if required.

Further information from Chris Dean (Deputy CC, Programme).

Book online at www.glsWSCouts.org.uk

DofE's Gold Award and Queen's Scout Award Expedition

County is again offering opportunities for older Explorers and members of the Scout Network to complete training, practice and qualifying expeditions for Gold DofE and Queen's Scout Awards. There will be an expedition week during August in the Brecon Beacons and expedition training in Derbyshire during the autumn half term.

Further information can be found obtained from Chris Dean

chris.dean@glswscouts.org.uk

District Store

Scout record books £2.00

Scout Badge book £3.00

Scout Skills Cards £2.00

Buy all three supplied in a plastic wallet with the fancy name of 'Scout Membership Pack' for just £5.00.

There are two lockable 4 drawer filing cabinets, with keys, that are no longer required by the Store - free to anyone who would like to collect them. Please see Brian at the Store or ring him on 020 8330 2088.

Section Reports

Beaver report - Kevin Quigley

Firstly, sorry for missing last month's Links - pressures of work got to me!



As spring has now arrived, hopefully Leaders are thinking out getting their charges out into some fresh air to help 'blow away' the winter cobwebs. If you're out and about, please don't forget the ratio of adults to Beavers and the other points to be remembered if away from your Colony's normal home. And if you're off somewhere special, please let me know - there is even a risk I may try and join you - assuming you would like me to!

Talking of joining, I've been to visit one sleepover and was allowed to help cook the breakfast before being allowed to eat any. A good time was being had by all, I'm aware of a few more sleepovers later in the year - if you're having one, again I'd like to know and would be happy to receive an invite.

We've had our 1st proper Beaver Leaders' meeting of this year, and the minutes have been circulated - please read them to see what we're trying to arrange at District level. Some Colonies weren't represented, so if you weren't able to make the meeting, and for some reason haven't seen the minutes (e-mailed out by our excellent meeting secretary - Linda Vaudrey) please let me or Linda know - contact details in the District Directory.

At our meeting I was pleased to introduce our new ACC - Karl Bromley. He outlined some of the things that County are trying to arrange, such as a possibility of joining the Cubs on a combined Fun Day in 2010. He also highlighted a County Questionnaire that the CC is asking ALL Leaders to complete. County would like to know what you, the Leaders, want in terms of training etc. The A4 form is the last page of the recent Beaver minutes - please take time to think about the questions, then complete and return the form.

Finally some Beaver dates for the diary: -

Bike Ride - Morden DHQ - Sunday 14th June 2009, 2.00 - 4.00pm.

Further details to follow.

The Activity Day will be held on 27th September 2009 - again further details to follow.

St Georges Day Parade - Sunday 26th April 2009 - details on the District Website.

Cub report - Michèle McNamara

Adventure Day - this was held last Sunday and 94 cubs enjoyed themselves on a cold but thankfully not wet day, doing various activities ranging from fire lighting, water rockets which went amazingly far, to an aerial runway and all the others in between. Thanks to all the Leaders who helped put this event on and to the team of Bill, Mia & Martin who organised the whole event. However it would be helpful to me if groups could get their money to me by the deadlines set, I have now had to make 4 trips to the bank.



Football - This event is planned for 17th May, I hope to get all the information out shortly. There will be a deadline and if teams haven't registered **and** paid by then, they will not be able to enter. We do not have a float within the Cub funds and I cannot go bouncing cheques on these organisations. I intend to make the draw for the games at the next CSL meeting which is now May 6th instead of the 13th as this clashed with the District AGM.

Athletes' Badge Testing - This has been booked for Friday June 12th at Raynes Park Playing Fields in Grand Drive, SW20 from 18.00 - 21.00. This is an opportunity for any Pack to bring along, or even send their Cubs, with an adult, to try out for the 2 badges available. If you would be able to help on the night all the better. Cost will be minimal and booking isn't essential, although it would be nice to know if your Pack may be attending. There is parking, albeit somewhat limited.

Scout Report - Dave Bixby

Football: another very successful event despite a slight entry mix up - oops, sorry, I'll try harder next time!

Everyone rallied round and Dave Suckling rose to the occasion to provide a really good tournament. The weather held out almost to the last minute and the 5th Morden came out worthy winners, winning all their games. My congratulations to all concerned.



County Night Exercise: we had 7 teams from the District start in the Night Exercise, on a very pleasant evening compared with last year, when it snowed. Congratulations to the 13th Wimbledon B and the 19th Wimbledon teams who came 1st and 2nd respectively. This is a great event that I can thoroughly recommend to all Troops.

Karting: our Karting event is not until 16 May but places are going fast, so if your Scouts are interested it needs to be booked pretty soon. Do remember that Leaders do not have to give up the afternoon if your Scouts can get there under their own steam - the 118 bus stops right outside the door.

County Challenge Camp: if work or family commitments are making it difficult to get your Scouts away camping, why not offer them the County Outdoor Challenge camp 17-19 July at Polyapes Camp Site. It will be staffed by experienced Leaders from around the County - details from Nigel.Waine ACC Scouts Nigel.waine@glswscouts.org.uk or give me a call.

Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey

It was good to see so many members at our AGM on 10th March.



REMINDER - Beetle Drive and Fish 'n Chip Supper - Wednesday, 15th April. Numbers by Monday 13th April to me please (8542 6200).

Help will be required for St George's Day, Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, on Sunday 26th April. Please let Rob know on 8330 7466 if you are able to help on the day.

We are hoping to arrange a 'Sunday Stroll', possibly in the Oaks Park area, on Sunday 14th May. Please keep this date free. Further details later.

Our best wishes go to Laurence Barham recovering after his recent operation

St George's Day Parade and Service

Full details of this year's Parade and Service can be found at <http://www.wimbledonandwandlescouts.org/stgdp09.htm>

We will assemble on the Causeway, Wimbledon Common and the Parade will move off, behind the band, at 1.15pm. The route will take us through Wimbledon Village, along Ridgeway and down Edge Hill to Sacred Heart Church for a short service, which should be over by 2.30pm.

If it is wet, there will not be a Parade and Groups should go straight to the Church.



Gang Show

Gang show auditions are coming up at the end of April/beginning of May and new members of the cast are always welcome. If you would like more details, copies of posters or a promotional dvd, please contact fiona.auty@npl.co.uk.

ThamesWatch

ThamesWatch is an activity week for 5 to 11 year olds to encourage them to get out, in a group, to enjoy the river, do some nature study and have a good time. It runs from 27 April to 4 May and full details can be found on www.thameswatch.org or www.riverthames.co.uk/thameswatch web-sites.

To register, please email riverthames@btconnect.com with details of Colony or Pack and the approximate numbers taking part.

The Big Adventure



Have you had an Adventure yet? Easter is a good time to be kick-starting this event and, hopefully, recruiting new adults to help with your Group. Go onto www.Scouts.org.uk and tell them what you have

done and you may win one of 250 GPS Garmin Handheld GPS devices that they are giving away. Winners will be drawn on 30 April.

Training Dates

Module No	Name	Date	Time
13	Growing the Movement (Leaders)	19.04.09	10am-1pm
21	Growing the Movement (Managers)	19.04.09	10am-4.30pm
10	First Aid	02.05.09	9am-5pm
7	Valuing Diversity	17.05.09	10am-11.15am
9	Working with Adults	17.05.09	11.45am-1pm
17	Activities Outdoors	17.05.09	2pm-4.30pm
10	First Aid	06.06.09	9am-5pm
12	Providing a Balanced Programme	07.06.09	9am-1pm
18	Practical skills	07.06.09	2pm-4.30pm
16	Nights away	23.09.09	7.45-10.15pm
11	Administration (Leaders)	27.09.09	10am-11.30am
12	Providing a Balanced Programme	27.09.09	11.45am-4.30pm
16	Nights Away	17/18.10.09	
13	Growing the Movement (Leaders)	25.10.09	10am-1pm
21	Growing the Movement (Managers)	25.10.09	10am-4.30pm
8	Skills of Leadership	21.11.09	9.30am-11.15am
9	Working with Adults	21.11.09	11.30am-1pm
14	Young People Today	21.11.09	2pm-3.15pm
07	Valuing Diversity	06.12.09	10am-11.15am
19	International	06.12.09	11.30am-1pm
17	Activities Outdoors	06.12.09	2pm-4.30pm

Please check the County website www.glsWSCouts.org.uk for the venues and details of Module 10 First Aid and Module 16 Nights Away - these each have their own application forms.

All other courses take place at Bow Lane and the application form can be downloaded from the County website and should be sent to Joan Condon training@glswscouts.org.uk at least a week before the date of the course.