

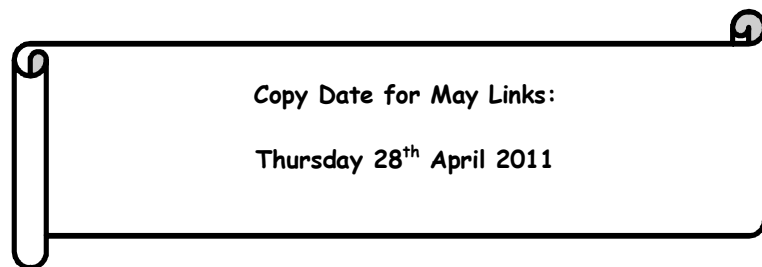
some of our newer members too. Perhaps you will be able to join us on some of the following events.

On **Wednesday, 13th April** we shall be holding a Beetle Drive/Fish Supper - names to Jean Gould (020 8395 1885) please by Monday 11th April.

Help will be required from all members for St George's Day on **Sunday 8th May**. Further details later.

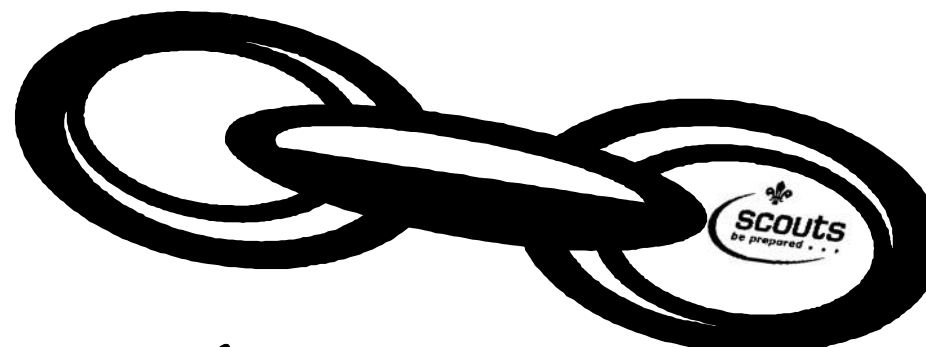
We are planning an awayday to Brighton on **Saturday, 21st May**. Please let Rob know, (020 8330 7466) a.s.a.p. if you would like to join us.

"It's my life . . . waking up in the place of my dreams then going in search of more new places, new sensations"



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## Wimbledon and Wandle



## Links

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Apr 13	SAS Beetle Drive	Morden Hall DHQ 7.30pm
14	District store closed	
21	District store closed	
27	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
May 4	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
7	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
8	St George's Day Parade and Service	Wimbledon
8	Gang Show Auditions	
11	District AGM	Bow Lane 8pm
14-15	Scouts' Canal Boat experience	Grand Union Canal
15	Gang Show auditions	
17	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
18	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Bow Lane 8pm
18	CSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
21	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
21	SAS outing - Brighton	
22	Cub 7-a-side football	

## St George's Day Awards

Many congratulations to the following who have received awards in the St George's Day honours list:

Tony Webb	Silver Wolf
Jean Nelson	Bar to the Silver Acorn
Peter Treagust	Silver Acorn

With nearly 140 years of service between them, the awards are all very well deserved.

## Chairman's Chatter - Andy Edmonds

As ever matters continue to move on at a pace!

This is now your **last chance to self-nominate for election to serve on the District Executive after our AGM**; set for next month.

I also **continue to look for a Vice Chair**, (as advertised last month); in particular to help with managing the District's assets and property.

Racking has now been purchased for Kenneth Black Hall and Brian Whalebone and I have installed it. Brian will now be ensuring that the District's equipment is stored either at KBH or Morden Hall and **requests for use should be routed through Brian**. This is with the exception of the pioneering equipment for which requests should be routed through Dave Bixby.

The Executive and Brian as District Quartermaster are now looking to review the 20<sup>th</sup> Mitcham's extensive equipment and camping store, **so please contact me if you want to register an interest in any of the 20<sup>th</sup> Group's equipment**. You will need to make yourself available when the store is reviewed and cleared!

The Cabinet Member for Planning from LB Merton has now contacted me regarding the ex 36<sup>th</sup> Mitcham / Rowan School site. A date for a meeting is to be arranged by his support team.

We now have our Lease for Morden Hall DHQ and I will be following up with LB Merton approval for our storage unit, although have been told this is still unlikely!

I will now seek approval for overnight stays at DHQ with National Trust locally.

Our Committee dealing with issues at Kenneth Black Hall has been extremely busy over the last month and matters as regards the flat are hopefully moving towards a conclusion.

Recent increases in Retail Prices Index have worked to our benefit in that under the terms of their Lease, rent charged to the Wimbledon Bridge Club has now increased by RPI over the last 5 years.

## Scout Report - Dave Bixby

**County Night Exercise:** Our District was again well represented with 6 teams from various Groups and congratulations go to the 13<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon for taking 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.



**5-a-side football:** We were forced to find a new venue this year due to the closure of Power League but we had one of our best entries ever. The change of time also helped and it was interesting to see some of the Leaders who had got very little sleep due to the County Night Exercise the night before, struggling to stay awake. The Scouts didn't seem too worried.

Top honours went to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon, who retained their title with the 6/12<sup>th</sup> Mitcham 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thanks go to the Leader team from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Mitcham for organising the event and all those Leaders that helped as referees.

**Canal Boat experience:** This is now fully booked but it may be possible to run another weekend later in the year if there are enough takers. Let me know as soon as possible so that I can investigate available dates.

**Camping Assessment Weekend - 11-12 June at Park Farm:** entries must be to me by 29 May, please.

This is a great tool for raising camping standards within your Troop. For Leaders new to Troop Scouting or from any Section working towards gaining a nights away permit, it is a great way of gaining experience and good fun. Any one, from any Section, who would like to be assessed for a permit, can arrange for it to be done during the weekend.

Any Troop seeking advice or in need of help preparing for this event should give me a ring. If you are having trouble finding time to arrange camps, why not bring some of your Scouts along or send them on their own if you can't make it. It is not all work - we also run some good activities during the weekend.

**Mini census:** This year the powers that be have reduced the number of times the mini census is required. The mini census is also very helpful to the Scout Section team as it allows us to spot any Troop that may potentially have trouble brewing so we can help out before it is too late.

The next census is for Scout numbers as on 30 April so please let me have them by Sunday 8 May (St George's Day parade). Email, text, letter or phone call - anything will do.

## Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey

It was nice to see so many members at our annual review meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March. We would have liked to have seen



### District Commissioner

Congratulations to Tony Webb (President 1<sup>st</sup> Morden) on his Silver Wolf; Peter Treagust (GSL 6<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Mitcham) on gaining his Silver Acorn and to Jane Ginty (16<sup>th</sup> Morden), Kath Di Franco, Andrew and Marilyn Grimme (1<sup>st</sup> Merton Park) who all receive Awards of Merit this year.

These are a reminder, if one were needed, of the commitment to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts that so many adults give week in, week out; month in, month out and year after year. The Movement has its "honours" system to enable us all to recognise that commitment, to allow us to say a formal thank-you, and it is important that we all make use of it.

The forms and guidance notes are available on the national Scout website and anyone in Scouting can put a Member forward for an award by filling in a form. Once the form is filled in it must be sent directly to me so that I can sign it off before it is submitted to County. So if there's someone that you think should receive this kind of formal thank-you, fill in a form today!

As we come to the end of Lent may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you at the St George's Day Parade on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Joe

### Jack Petchey's Young People's Awards

JP have introduced a new award called an Individual Grant for Volunteering for young people aged 11-25. It must be applied for by the young person themselves and is nothing to do with the Group or District. Flyers have been emailed to Dave Bixby, Paul Henderson and Neil McLauchlan with a request that they be forwarded to Section Leaders. Will you please ensure that your Scouts/Explorers/Young Leaders know about this? The onus is on them to make the application but they can only do so if you have provided them with the information.

### DHQ Users

**Please** put the tables and chairs back after meetings or training sessions in the DHQ, so that we don't have to spend every Thursday evening moving furniture before we can start serving customers at the Store. Thank you.

### London marathon

Melissa Adlam, ASL 8<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon, is running this year's London Marathon for a charity named Addaction, which rebuilds lives (especially those of young people) damaged by drink or drugs. If you're able to support her by sponsoring, even a small amount, that would be much appreciated.

Her sponsorship page is <http://www.justgiving.com/TomandMelissa>.

### Badge Sale

The 1st Dersingham Scouts are organising a sale of badges from Scouts and Guides to raise some money to send over to the New Zealand Scouts, who are fundraising for the Christchurch earthquake relief fund. If you have any old badges that you no longer need, can you let Lesley have them and she will send them off.

### Safe Swimming

New rules regarding the supervision of swimming activities have just been published

- Paddling has been clarified and requires no qualification by leaders
- No further qualifications are required in instances where a lifeguard is provided (including swimming pools and beaches)
- Swimming in pools and Class C waters are now managed in line with other Class C water activities. No qualifications are required by leaders.
- Swimming in all other open waters (B1 and higher) has been simplified and safety cover can be provided by either:
  - a water activities permit holder (when following the guidelines outlined in the swimming factsheet)
  - someone who holds the Royal Life Saving Society Water Safety Management Programme (WSMP) or any equivalent or higher award.



Full guidance is available in the **swimming factsheet**.

### Store

Beaver 25th anniversary PVC Woggle by order only £2.00

Beaver 25th anniversary Pin Badge £1.00

New: Jamboree Base Shelter - It has a wide base and detachable sides and you can stand up in it - only £175.00

Big Adventure T shirt: 100% cotton unisex - Purple - sizes S to XXL Large fits 42/44 Chest

## Section Reports

### Beaver report - Andrew Hayward

Many thanks to those who were able to attend my first District BSLs' meeting in March. It was so good to meet with so many positive Leaders who simply want to do the best for their section. I'm working my way through my 'to do list' so we can start to plan our forthcoming District events for 2011 and early 2012. Thanks also to Joe for going through the DDP with us and also for my new badge!



The next DBSL's meeting on 18 May will be at the 1st Lower Morden HQ in Bow Lane (off Lower Morden Lane). As well as conducting the normal meeting we will be having a games exchange night so please come prepared to share a game or two and to also join in some! Maybe on the future we could do a craft exchange?

Big thank you to those colonies who have given me a copy of their programmes too. If you haven't sent me one yet please could you either email or post one over or bring to the next meeting.

As before, if you have any questions, queries or problems please don't hesitate to get in touch. See you all on May 18<sup>th</sup>

### Cub Report - Michèle McNamara

Adventure Day - Last Sunday 62 Cubs took part in this event at Frylands Wood, thankfully the weather was very pleasant.

They participated in 9 different activities all of which seemed to be very popular. Losing an hour's sleep thanks to BST didn't seem to bother the Cubs; not so sure about the Leaders. Thanks to Mia, Martin & Bill for organising this event, to all Leaders and helpers who either acted as tutors or ran bases and the ADCs Beavers & Scouts who ran bases for us as well.

7 Aside Football Competition - This is due to take place at Raynes Park High School on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is for squads of 9 and one or two teams may enter for each Pack. Full details will be sent out shortly. The draw will take place at the next CSL meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please note all entries and payments should be with me by May 11<sup>th</sup>, no exceptions. Cheques should be made payable to "Wimbledon & Wandle District Cub Account". We shall need some referees for this event so can you start looking now.

Mini Census - Details of the total no. of Cubs in your packs as at 30<sup>th</sup> April are required by 1<sup>st</sup> May so that I may send these to County. Just totals, no breakdowns required, please make sure you send these to me.

Programmes - as soon as you have these planned for the summer term, please let me have copies. Thanks



We continue to look for extra help gardening at Morden Hall. **Any offers (one hour a week)?**

We are contributing honestly to the County's consultations on future funding options for Jamborees after 2011.

Thanks to those Group Chairs who have been in touch following my recent emails. It is good to open up another means of communication and I will continue in the same vein! I have been wondering: **might it be useful to set up a meeting for the District Commissioner to explain the District Development Plan to non-uniformed members of Group Executives**, who may have not have seen Joe's presentations at recent District meetings for uniformed "Woggle Wearers"? **Please email me if you think this would be a good idea.**

For those contributing to the District Annual Report, which will be presented at our AGM, please remember to get your **contributions to Muriel by 15<sup>th</sup> April**. Our Treasurer, Rich Nicol continues to work on the District Accounts and I hope to have the Report and Audited Accounts on the web site before the **District AGM at 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden (Bow Lane), 8pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

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### St George's Day Parade and Service - 8<sup>th</sup> May

We look forward to seeing everyone alongside The Causeway on Wimbledon Common at 1:30pm. The parade will move off at 1:50pm, led by the band, over the usual route through Wimbledon Village and along The Ridgway for a service in Sacred Heart Church commencing at 2:30pm. The District will be dismissed from the Wimbledon College playing field next to the church at approximately 3:15pm.



Full details are on the website but please direct any queries to Paul Atkins.

### Photo Display

At this year's St George's Day Service we will again be displaying a slideshow of photos from Group events and activities to reflect the great range of Scouting provided to our members. It would be good to have as many Groups as possible represented in the photos so if you have any that you would like included, please email them to [photos@wimbledonandwandlescouts.org](mailto:photos@wimbledonandwandlescouts.org) as soon as possible.

### Training Dates

07 May	9am-5pm	10	First Aid - 1 <sup>st</sup> Lower Morden
10 May	7.45-10.15	08	Skills of Leadership
25 May	7.45-10.15	09	Working with Adults
28 May	9am-5pm	10	First Aid - venue tbc
08 Jun	7.45-10.15	11	Administration (Section Leaders)
15 Jun	7.45-10.15	15	Challenging Behaviour
22 Jun	7.45-10.15	17	Activities outdoors
05 Jul	7.45-10.15	16	Nights Away
12 Jul	7.45-10.15	19	International
24 Sep	9.30-1.30	12	Providing a Balanced Programme - Bow Lane
01 Oct	10am-1pm	16	Nights Away - Bow Lane
01 Oct	2pm-4.30	38	Nights Away Residential "A" (must attend "B") Bow Lane
15/16 Oct	Residential	38	Nights Away Residential "B" (must attend A) Bears Wood
23 Oct	10.00-11.15	08	Skills of Leadership
23 Oct	11.30-12.30	09	Working with Adults
23 Oct	1.30-2.30	14	Young People today
23 Oct	2.45-4.30	15	Challenging Behaviour
20 Nov	10am-12	19	International
20 Nov	1pm-4pm	17	Activities outdoors
26 Nov	10am-1pm	13	Growing the Movement (Section Leaders)
26 Nov	10am-4.30	21	Growing the Movement (Managers)

Unless it states otherwise in the Training Dates, the training modules are held at Morden Hall DHQ and are limited to 20 participants.

Contact Alison Edwards or Joan Condon for more information.

First Aid courses are booked through Janet Drinkall, telephone 020 8669 4774, email [janet.drinkall@glswscouts.org.uk](mailto:janet.drinkall@glswscouts.org.uk).

You are cordially invited to

## Wimbledon and Wandle District's

# Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011

1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden HQ,  
Bow Lane  
8pm start