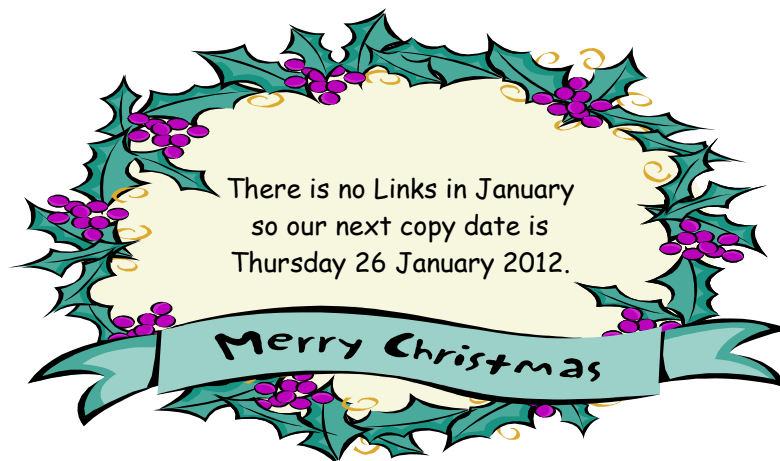


Christmas gift suggestions:

- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, service.
- To all, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.

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Links

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Dec 10	Carol Concert	St John the Divine
12	Troop Scouters' Christmas meal	Park Place 7.30pm
Jan 06	Cub Scouters' New Year meal	TBC
11	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
12	District Store re-opens	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
21	SAS New Year Meal	Ganley's
29	Cub Communicator badge day	1 st Lower Morden HQ
Feb 08	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
20	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
26	Cub chess competition	19 th Wimbledon HQ
26	Scout 5-a-side football	Tooting & Mitcham Football Club

District Camp

General Notes

- We have agreed to abolish the need to pay a deposit in January [unless any Groups still wish to do this]. This is because of all the other jobs required at that time; Membership Fees and Members Lists, accounts etc.
- There will be just the one full payment for members and Leaders by the end of March.

Important Insurance Information

- This information is about extra adults helping at District Camp [Not adults currently on the Census].
- The District pays into the following Insurance Policy: 'Scout Personal Accident and Medical Expenses for Non-Members Helpers and Supporters'. The coverage is along these lines:- Accidental Death - £20,000, Total Disablement, Loss of sight, loss of one or more limbs - £20,000. Hospital Confinement - £10/day, etc.
- We have extended the number of adults covered on the District's policy for the next year. This means that we will cover 2 extra adults per Group at camp.
- Any extra adults over these 2 will need to be covered for insurance by individual Groups.
- As previously discussed all adults will need to be CRB'd & have their clearance forms before camp.
- Further details about this insurance are available from John Young.

Finally

- From the entries sent in there has been an overwhelming majority suggesting the "**Jubilee Camp**". This will be the camp name from now.

Please contact me for any clarification about any aspect of the camp or with any questions.

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I have provisionally booked for 15 people but if you weren't at our last meeting and you would like to come, please let me know by 11 December. See you there at 7.30pm.

Patrol Leaders' Training Course: This is planned for March and will require a great deal of planning so we are holding a meeting on Monday 23 January at the Central Ward Residents Club, Ashridge Way, Morden. Please let me know if you can help either for the whole weekend, as a skills instructor for a few hours or Saturday evening to run a wide game.

Scout Football - 26 February: We have put this date in the diary to take place at the Tooting and Mitcham Football ground (formerly The Hub) in Bishopsford Road. The only downside is that the club are not taking bookings for 2012 until January but please keep the faith, work on that date and get your entries in by 19 February at the latest.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has given their time and energy to make Scouting better in our District during the past year. It has really made a difference! Next year we have a big challenge with the District Camp and hopefully the District Scouts' Street party for the Queen's Jubilee. I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas with a well-earned rest, preparing for the exciting prospect of 2012.

Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey

We had another enjoyable Beetle Drive on Wednesday 23rd November. During the evening the DC came and presented four of our members with various awards: well done to Stan Nelson, Jean Gould, Allen Woolsey and Rob Brumwell.



Carol Concert - help is required at the annual Carol Concert at St John's High Path, on Saturday 10th December. If you can help for a couple of hours during the afternoon, or evening, please let Brian Whalebone know (Tel 020 8330 2088) a.s.a.p.

New Year Meal - Saturday 21st January 2012 at Ganleys in Morden. Please let Jean or David Gould know a.s.a.p. Numbers must be in by 14th January at the latest. (Tel 020 8395 1885).

Section Reports

Beaver Report - Andrew Hayward



Many thanks to those Colonies who came to RAF Hendon last month: a great time was had by all and it was good to see so many Beavers there. Well done all on achieving your Air Activities badge.

Thanks again to those Colonies who attended the last DBSL's meeting. It was good to see some new faces and with what we have planned 2012 looks like being a very busy year.

One final reminder: the next meeting will be the New Year Meal on 18 January - venue to be confirmed but please contact Peter & Sharon Wraight if you would like to attend.

Thanks again for all your support in 2011. Have a great Christmas & New Year.

Scout Report - Dave Bixby



Incident Hike: This year's hike was blessed with fine, if slightly foggy weather - quite a change from the snow on the ground last year. 16 teams hiked their way around the Box Hill/Mickleham area amidst the autumn colours. A couple of the less experienced teams gave us a bit of a challenge during the day but most of them acquitted themselves very well. Top honours went to the 8th Wimbledon B team with the 13th Wimbledon A and 19th Wimbledon C teams tying for 2nd place.

My sincere thanks go to Tim Kerridge, Paul Atkins and Alan Green for all their work both before the event and on the day when they ran the show. Thanks also to all the Leaders and helpers who manned the bases.

Red Books: This year's Event books were issued at the last Troop Scouters' meeting but if your Troop was not represented, your copies can be collected from the Store on Thursdays. There is also an electronic copy on the District website under "Info" and a copy on the notice board at the Morden Hall DHQ for **reference only - please do not remove this** - if you need a copy, give me a call.

Christmas Meal - Park Place, Mitcham: The date of the Christmas meal was changed at the meeting before last to Monday 12 December.

Appointments - Joan Burgess

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have recently received their Warrant:

ASLs:	Tim Bano and Chris Allen	9 th Wimbledon;
	Geoffrey Clement	16 th Morden;
	Mark Elston	22 nd Wimbledon;
	Andrew Bunyan	6/12 th Mitcham
ESLs:	Andrew Nowak	Merton Park Unit;
	Keith Johnston	
GSLs:	Hilary Mavin	5 th Morden;
	David Christmas	3 rd Mitcham
DSL:	Alan Green	

Warrant Reviews There was a brilliant response to the last CRB reminder - thank you for your support. There are still numerous Reviews to come - if you have reviews outstanding please try to complete them by the end of December (i.e. before we start working on 2012).

DofE Training : Expedition Supervisor - Broadstone Warren When : 25 February 2012

The course helps supervisors understand their role and tasks, manage risk and provide best quality expedition experience for all young people.

Broadstone Warren Scout Camp, Lewes Road, Forest Row, East Sussex, RH18 5JS

The course fee is £15, which covers the cost of course materials, refreshments and lunch. To book your place go to www.scouts.org.uk/events, and download the booking form on the DofE Supervisor Course section. For more information e-mail dofe@scouts.org.uk or contact Chris Dean (DCC).

District Camp - 4-7th May 2012. We need as many helpers as possible over this weekend. If you can only spare a morning or afternoon, your help will be much appreciated. Please let Robert Brumwell know, before the end of December, what time you can give. Many thanks, (Tel 020 8330 7466)

Lastly an event for later in the year, but we do need to know whether you would like to attend, **'Beating the Retreat' at Horse Guards Parade**, on Wednesday 13th June. Please let David know a.s.a.p. if you would like to come. Last date for booking with David is 14th January.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

6/12th Mitcham's Quiz Night

The 6/12th Mitcham is running a Race Night on January 28th, which is open to all.

For those who are interested in attending please contact Peter Treagust Tel. 07793552477 or email him at treagustpt@aol.com, he will provide the details.

Hi Viz waistcoats

http://www.greensideonline.com/shop/Childs_Reflective_Waistcoat.html

Children's Hi Viz vests from Greenside from £1.99 each. Phone 0800 644 5200 or order on line.



Chairman's Chatter - Andy Edmonds

Not too much to report this month until after our Executive meeting at the end of November.

I was pleased to learn that one Group in Morden is having fruitful discussions with LB Merton in connection with a Lease extension for their HQ. I don't know the figures, but please remember Headquarters' "Don't Raise our Rents" Campaign.

I have circulated Group Chairs with useful updates as regard Grants available from Headquarters and Tax Status & Gift Aid. Support is out there, so let us make sure that as Trustees we take the time to maximise them!

I was delighted to hear from the County Commissioner that due to the hard work of our Appointments Team and Key Managers that only 8 (of 200 across GLSW) named individuals with potential appointments in W & W may have to be cancelled. Ian has asked that we "Please congratulate your team and GSLs on having so few outstanding CRBs - a brilliant effort."

On the subject of County, I have found it necessary to tender my resignation from the County Executive. This leaves a vacancy for someone to represent the interests of Wimbledon and Wandle District. Meetings are 8pm on a Wednesday evening at 1st Hook, five times a year. A valid CRB will be required. If this is something that might interest you, please get in touch with me.

Muriel Treagust has contacted all Key Managers about the forthcoming Census. I know as a former Scout Troop Leader how much of a "pain" this exercise can be! However that "pain" is nothing in comparison to what Muriel and Peter endured earlier this year. So we have asked for your co-operation to ensure a less onerous task and I would plead again for everyone's co-operation and support please, even if it is Christmas!

I wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to working with you all to build on the platforms developed over 2011 and to make 2012 a year that Scouting in Wimbledon and Wandle will look back on with pride.

Andy

District Commissioner

Thank-you again to all those who have already forwarded to me their Group Development Plans which are due in this month. An enormous amount of effort has clearly gone in across the District, the benefit of which we will see over the months and years to come.

You will read in the Section reports below about the Incident Hike, the Handicraft Competition and the Beavers' Activity Day, thanks again to Dave, Michèle, Andrew and the legion of Scouters who made these quality events so worthwhile for so many Scouts.

Similarly, although it already seems a long time ago, a big thank-you to the many adults from our District who put so much time and effort into ensuring that Souwest 2011 was such a success.

Remembrance Sunday saw over 400 Scouts and Scouters taking part in both major borough events (in Wimbledon and Mitcham) as well as at other services in their own communities. Our involvement in these activities has increased markedly in recent years and this is to be applauded. I am extremely grateful to the many Scouters who enabled their Scouts to contribute to and to benefit from this important experience, as I am for the quite outstanding contribution that our Band made on the day.

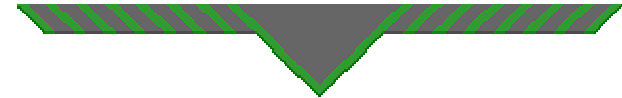
Finally, congratulations to all the winners of the Jack Petchey award who received medals or certificates at the presentation event in Sutton recently. Everyone present had a great night and all our Scouts were a credit to themselves, to their Groups and to their Leaders.

May I take this opportunity, early as it is, to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Joe



3rd Mitcham Scout Group



have the following

VACANCIES

CUB SCOUT LEADER [CSL] and an **ASSISTANT CUB SCOUT LEADER**
to join an existing ACSL and two volunteers to run the Pack.

Is it time to spread your wings?
Do you feel ready to run your own Pack?

We may be the Group for you, come and join the team
of Scouters at the 3rd.

If you fancy the challenge or know of someone who would
or if you would like further information,
please contact Dave Christmas, Group Scout Leader [BULLDOG]

Home :- 020 8641 2145 Mobile 07969369819
E-Mail davegsl@hotmail.co.uk

District Store

The last night of the store before Christmas is 8 December and it will re-open on Thursday 12 January at 7.45pm.

HQ Grants

Joe recently circulated an email regarding a factsheet about the funds and grants that Scout Headquarters have available to support local Scouting.

It is Factsheet number 103964 and can be downloaded from

www.Scouts.org.uk and it is also worth looking at

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/471/development-grants-board>

First Aid courses 2012:

22nd January 2012	1st Hook - Royal Kingston
25th February 2012	1st Coulsdon - Croydon (Purley)
24th March 2012	1st Lower Morden - Wimbledon & Wandle
13th May 2012	1st Whitton - Richmond upon Thames (Twickenham)

Application Forms for Module 10 First Aid can be downloaded from the County web site

www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/Support/AdultSupport/ApplicationForms

or contact Janet Drinkall tel: 020 8669 4774

email janet.drinkall@glswscouts.org.uk

Cost for Module 10: **£15.00**

Cheques to be made payable to: **GLSW Training Account**

The rest of the training dates will be published on the County website in the near future - www.glsWSCouts.org.uk - and can be found under Support/Adult support/Training diary.

Climbing Permits - Dave Christmas

Leaders - do you hold, or have you held a Climbing Permit that includes Walls and Towers? If so, and if you are available for District Camp, please let me know.

If yes - do you have your own helmet and harness etc.?

Scout Groups - do you have any Climbing equipment, helmets, harnesses etc.? If so, and if we could use them at District Camp, please contact me. I will need to check equipment you hold.

Many thanks

Dave Christmas

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In return we ask that you commit to 4/5 days per year for each of the next 3 years

to help the team run courses for our County.

The training course will be held at Gilwell Park, Chingford on 14th - 17th May 2012

Please contact Roger Hurrion Roger.Hurrion@btinternet.com or 020 8654 3576 for more information