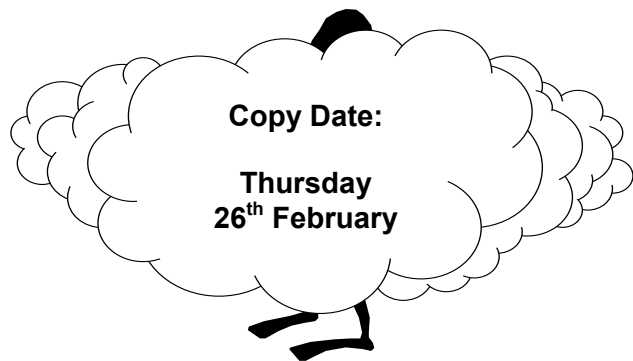


Electrician wanted:

Cliff Condon (020 8540 5115) is looking for an Electrician to do some work at the Bow Lane Scout Centre. If you would be interested, please contact him asap.

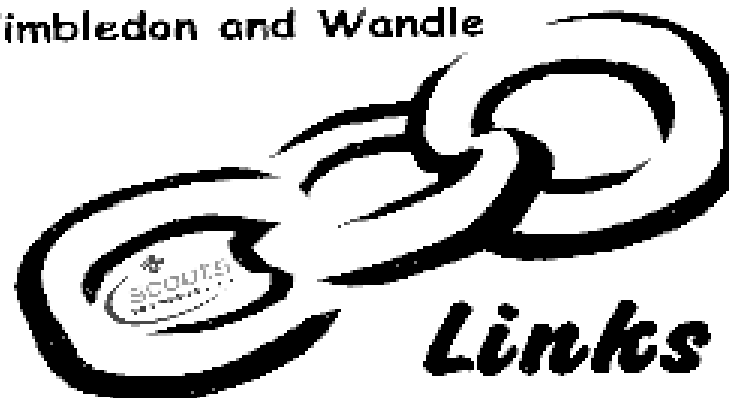


"You will always stay young if you live honestly, eat slowly, sleep sufficiently, work industriously, worship faithfully and lie about your age."

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Feb 1	Scout Handball	Garden Primary School
3	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
7	Saturday opening of Store	10am
8	GLSW Scout Cooking competition	1 st Hook 10.30am
11	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
19	No District Store - half term	
20-22	GLSW Young Leader training	
27- 1 Mar	Patrol leaders' training weekend	1 st Lower Morden HQ
Mar 7	Saturday opening of Store	10am
8	Scout 5-a-side Football	Power League, Turle Rd
11	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
14-15	GLSW Scout Night Exercise	Polyapes
18	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
21	Saturday opening of Store	10am
29	Cub Adventure Day	Frylands Wood
April 26	St George's Day parade and service	

them managed to earn their communicators badge. The video base proved very popular, the highlight of which seemed to be the make up, which some of the Cubs were reluctant to remove! If your Pack didn't attend this year perhaps you can put it in your diaries for next year, it's a good chance for them to meet other Cubs from the District and hopefully earn a badge in a different environment from the usual meeting. I know some Groups didn't even tell their Cubs about it, perhaps they will next year. Next year's badge should be the astronomer's badge.

Adventure Day - This is in the planning stage and will be held at Frylands Wood on 29th March for all Cubs over 9½. We need people to volunteer to run bases and be tutors to accompany groups around the venue. If you can help in any way, please get in touch with Mia Patterson who is in charge of the organisation.

Finally thank you to the 1st Wimbledon Pack for volunteering their Leader Andy Dimon to be the ventriloquist's dummy at the pantomime at Wimbledon Theatre, his excellent performance made the pantomime, especially for all the Cubs there!

Scouts - Dave Bixby



I imagine most Troops are back in the swing of things after the Christmas break and it would be great if we could maintain the momentum of the last two years. If you are experiencing any difficulties, let me know. I can't promise to know all the answers but I will try.

Pedal Car Olympics: it was good to see 2 Troops entered in this excellent event at Thriftwood. I can thoroughly recommend it but you need to book early - the details are already on their site for next year.

Patrol Leaders' Training course at Bow Lane - 27th February to 1 March: Details as circulated and booking to me by 1st February, please.

5-a-side Football at Power League, Norbury - 8 March: entries to me by 1st March, please. Gary has booked extra pitches this year to ensure everyone plays several games. Rules and entry forms in the Red Book.

County Night Exercise at Polyapes - 14/15 March: This is a great event with 200 Scouts taking part. Details are on the County website or a link on ours.

Training Dates for 2009

Module No	Name	Date	Time
14	Young People Today	01.02.09	10am-11am
15	Challenging Behaviour	01.02.09	11.15am-1pm
11	Administration (Section Leaders)	01.02.09	2pm-4.30pm
7	Valuing Diversity	04.02.09	7.45pm-10.15pm
8	Skills of Leadership	11.02.09	7.45pm-10.15pm
19	International	11.02.09	7.45pm-10.15pm
10	First Aid - Kerswell Hall, Twickenham	15.02.09	9am - 5pm
20	Administration (Managers)	04.03.09	7.45pm-10.15pm
12	Providing a Balanced Programme	07.03.09	2pm - 5pm
24	Managing Adults	11.03.09	7.45pm-10.15pm
26	Supporting Adults	11.03.09	7.45pm-10.15pm
16	Nights Away	18.03.09	7.45pm-10.15pm
23	Safety for Managers and Supporters	25.03.09	7.45pm-10.15pm
05	Fundamental Values of Scouting	25.03.09	7.45pm-10.15pm
06	Changes in Scouting	25.03.09	7.45pm-10.15pm
16	Nights Away	28/29.03.09	From 8.30am
10	First Aid - Richmond	29.03.09	9am-5pm
10	First Aid - Pinewood, Croydon	02.05.09	9am-5pm

Courses are all at Bow Lane except for First Aid and the Nights Away weekend and they cost £5 for a single module, £10 for an all-day module and £65.00 for a residential module.

If you would like to attend any of the modular training courses, please send a completed [GLSW training application form](#) (download from County website) to the GLSW County Training Administrator: Mrs Joan Condon, 34 Arundel Avenue, Morden, Surrey SM4 4DX, phone 020 8540 5115, e-mail training@glswscouts.org.uk.

Closing date is 7 days prior to each course.

District Headquarters

Tidiness: Can everyone who uses the DHQ in Morden Hall Park please ensure that the tables and chairs are put away before you leave? It is unfair to expect Brian and Lesley to clear up after you in order that they can open the Store on a Thursday evening.

Keys: Please note that if you hold a set of keys for the DHQ they are for your use only and should not be lent to anyone else.

Bookings: Bookings for the DHQ are taken on a first come first served basis so please contact Betty Cronk, our bookings secretary, to ensure that it is free before publishing any dates.

If you are not a key holder, you should contact Cliff Condon about two weeks before your booking to arrange access.

And please, leave the hall and grounds as you would expect to find them.

District Store

New products:

The Scout Handbook Price £8.

With 300 pages of practical skills, advice and ideas for adventure.

With tips on getting all nine challenge badges, together with diagrams and full colour photographs.

Young Leaders Essentials Price £8

This resource is for all Leaders who come in contact with Young Leaders.

The Scout Shops' supplier of flags has gone into voluntary liquidation, which will affect the supply of flags that require lettering, flag mounts and poles.

Trophies

Have you got a shield or trophy that needs updating?
Please get it to Cliff as soon as possible.



If anyone has problems accessing the internet and would like a hard copy of the details of any event, just give me a call on 020 8542 2017 or 07889 598 960 and I will let you have one.

I have recently received a number of **warrants** to present so I will be contacting Troops to arrange a suitable time. If you have an activity planned that will take you away from your normal meeting place during the coming few weeks, I would be grateful if you would let me know.

The next **District Troop Scouters' meeting** is at DHQ on 11 February.

I am on holiday from 1-8 February so if you have any queries or problems in that week please contact Tim Kerridge or Paul Atkins.

Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey

We all enjoyed our New Year Meal at the Prince of Wales again. Thank you, Dave for organising.



You will all have received your letters re the capitation fees. Please ensure you reply to Rob as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Please remember our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th March 2009, at the Morden Hall DHQ 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. We look forward to seeing all members at this important meeting.

On a sad note we were sorry to hear that Florrie Smith had passed away recently. Florrie was a great Scouter and was, when her health ermitted, a loyal supporter of the Fellowship. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this time.

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Mary White's memorial

As we reported in the November issue of Links, the money donated in memory of Mary White will be used to create a garden alongside the path to the DHQ. The final design has yet to be agreed but one of the possibilities is a rockery. If you have any materials that could help form this, please contact Cliff Condon.



We were sorry to hear of the death of **Florrie Smith** a few days before Christmas. Florrie was a devoted & committed Cub Scouter with the 11th Mitcham and actively involved in Mitcham District for 40 years. After she retired from working with the pack in 1992 Florrie was invited to become President of the 11th Mitcham and proudly held that position until her death. Florrie's life revolved around her husband Harry, family, church & Scouting and a good representation of people from all of these aspects of her life were at her requiem service on 13th January.

In recognition of Florrie's dedication to Scouting, her family requested that any donations made in her memory should be to a charity of the District's choosing. It has been decided to send such donations to the Woodlarks Camp Site Trust, which provides camping experiences for disabled people and has been supported by Wimbledon & Wandle in recent years' St George's Day collections.

Donations made out to Woodlarks Camp Site Trust can be sent to Paul Atkins at 10 Saunders Copse, Mayford, Woking, Surrey, GU22 0NS and he will forward them all on together at the end of February.

National Pedal Car Olympics

The 1st Morden and 11th Mitcham Scouts and the Mitcham Unit all took part in the Pedal Car Olympics at the beginning of January. They wallowed in mud last year but this year it was freezing cold, which set a different type of challenge.

They did extremely well - Ben Yelf of the 1st gained a gold medal and the Mitcham Unit came out overall winners of the senior age group. They also won the relay and Alex Watson was champion sprinter with Ryan Watson winning the Endurance event. Well done to all.

Section Reports

Beaver Scouts - Kevin Quigley

I hope everybody had a joyous and peaceful Christmas, but as I write these few words, it now seems a long time ago.



With the New Year comes the usual new challenges and I hope to get around to see more Colonies in the coming months. To that end, I would like to see your colony programmes, if you have one that can be electronically sent (kjgstormont@aol.com) and if you have something special you might like to invite me to, please let me know, and I will do my best to make it!

The first Beaver Leaders meeting of the year was held the other day, and was a social event. Unfortunately few colonies were represented. The next meeting is on 18th March 2009 - please can we have a representative from each colony (more than one if you want!).

On a small matter of housekeeping, Linda Vaudrey, who is kind enough to act as minutes secretary to our meetings, has asked if everyone who thinks they should receive a copy of the minutes, actually does so. If not could they please e-mail their address to Linda (William.Vaudrey@btinternet.com), and if they do not have e-mail, please let her have a supply of large stamped addressed envelopes. Linda's address is in the District Directory, which I believe is being updated at this time. Therefore please let your GSL or Joan Burgess, our District Appointments Secretary, know your details. Conversely, if somebody is no longer helping, their details should be removed to prevent unwanted information being sent.

Finally a happy New Year to you, your families and to your Beavers!

Cub Report - Michèle McNamara

I hope that all the Leaders who attended the Christmas meal in January enjoyed it; perhaps now is the time to get our thinking caps on for next year and maybe we can find a place where we can all be seated more or less together.



Badge Day - Thanks to all the Leaders who helped at badge day in any capacity, I hope all the Cubs enjoyed it and 119 of