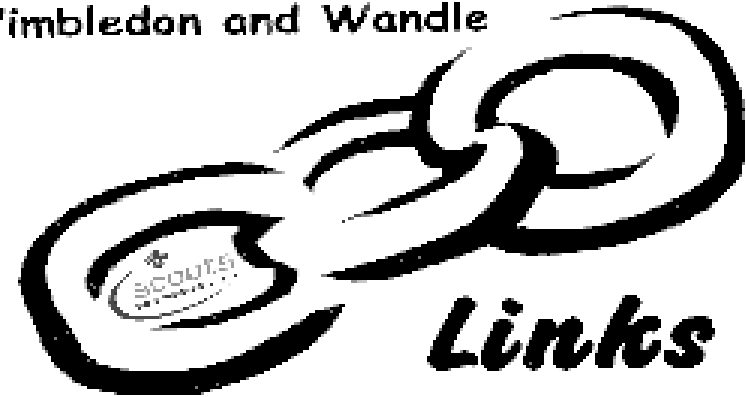


*"Be a good listener.*

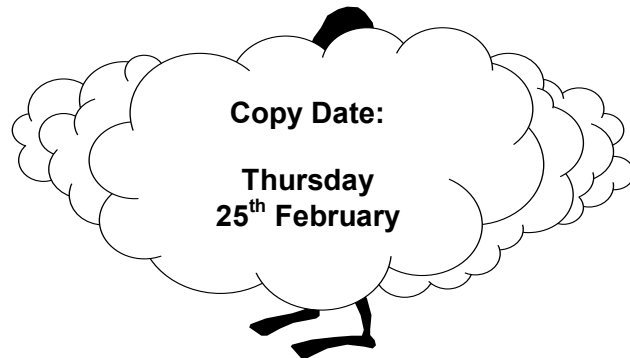
*Unlike your mouth, your ears will never get you into trouble."*

*Frank Tyger*

## Wimbledon and Wandle



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Feb 6	Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
7	GLSW Scout Cooking competition	1 <sup>st</sup> Hook
9	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
10	Cub Quiz	5 <sup>th</sup> Morden 6.45pm
18	Store closed for half term	
Mar 3	Archery evening	1 <sup>st</sup> Lower Morden 8pm
5-7	Patrol Leaders training course	Bow Lane
6	Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
9	Fellowship AGM	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
10	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
13-14	County Scout Night Exercise	Boiderhurst
15	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
17	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
20	Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
21	Scout 5-a-side football	Power League, Norbury
22	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
28	Beaver bike ride	Morden Hall DHQ / Park
28	Cub Adventure Day	Frylands Wood

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## District Commissioner

The new decade began with the unexpected, great news that Michael Orbell KSG of the 9<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon had been awarded the MBE in the New Year Honours List, this for over half a century of exceptional service to Scouting, service that continues unstintingly. Our congratulations go to him and to all those who have supported him over many years.

The importance of civic recognition for our Movement cannot be overstated, since it is a demonstration of the value given by society to the great work that we do for the nation's children and youth. Often, when we're bogged down trying to get the HQ's roof fixed or dealing with a particularly recalcitrant child, we can easily forget the esteem in which Scouting is held by the public. Why else are people so generous when we are out bagpacking or the like? Our challenge, in each and every Group, is to turn that esteem into concrete adult help "on the ground"...

At the recent All Leaders' Meeting we were finally able to make a presentation to Bob for all the sterling work that he had done as DC and it was good to see how fired up he was in his new County role, in which we all wish him good luck (not that he will need it!).

Finally, as Links goes to press, although final figures have yet to be confirmed, we will show another membership increase this year (around 3½%). A testament to quality people delivering quality programmes daily, throughout the District!

*Joe*

## District Store

Morden Hall DHQ

Morden Road, Mitcham CR4 4DD

The Store is open Thursday evenings during term time

7:45 - 9:15pm

and on the following Saturdays between 10am and noon

6th February

6th & 20th March

1st & 15th May

19th June, 3rd & 17th July

18th September, 2nd & 16th October

6th & 20th November

4th December

Leaders can purchase badges from the Badge Secretary  
on Thursday evenings only

Full range of Beaver, Cub and Scout uniform in stock.

Some Explorer and Leader uniforms available - others can  
be ordered with a normal 2 week delivery.

Record Cards, certificates, Log Books and Power Packs etc stocked.  
All other items including camping equipment, souvenirs etc can be ordered

We were asked to supply a team to provide the refreshments for the Jamboree selection day, catering for about 35 Leaders and Explorers/Scouts plus all the parents that were being interviewed. We started with a pre-event leaders' meeting breakfast, then dinner, with the tea coffee and biscuits being supplied all of the time. We also had two members to meet and greet the parents when they came in and two more helping with one of the bases in the afternoon.

This must have been one of the toughest days for the Leaders to pick 10 contingent members from the 16 who attended, so our back up saved them all the hassle of cooking.

My thanks go to the volunteers who helped on the day Jean & Rob - Brian - Carol & Alan - Lesley - Jim & Peggy.

We have a Games/Quiz Evening coming up on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**, at the Wandle DHQ - 7.30 p.m. start. This is a new venture for us and we would love to see all members and friends coming along. Please bring your own liquid refreshment.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** at the Wandle DHQ. All members to attend please, as this may well be our last AGM in this format.

As you know, on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May** we are planning a visit to Bletchley Park. This will be an all-day event and, providing we take at least 20 members, we can have, included in the package, our transport costs, coffee on arrival, a buffet lunch, afternoon tea and the services of a guide. The cost of the day will be around £30 a head, subject to confirmation. Please let Rob Brumwell know, as soon as possible, whether you will be coming. Tel No 020 8330 7466 or e-mail [brumwells@btinternet.com](mailto:brumwells@btinternet.com).

From the AGM our name will be Scout Active Support Unit. So keep an eye out as one may be coming near you, for more information about this please contact David Gould.

### **Jamboree selection**

The Scout and Explorer Scout candidates from across the District gathered at Bow Lane on 23 January, all hoping to be one of the 10 to be chosen to take part in the next Jamboree in Sweden.

After getting-to-know you games, they undertook a series of activities, which included making furniture out of cardboard boxes; building and racing chariots; lighting candles from the opposite end of the hall and presentations given in pairs. Their every move was marked by a team of Leaders against a list of desirable attributes and all candidates were interviewed, with their parents, to ensure that they realized what the commitment to Jamboree meant.

The Leader team had a very difficult job deciding who should be selected as part of the Greater London South West contingent and congratulations must go to the following:

Sally Milner	Raynes Park ESU
Alex Watson	Morden ESU
Lucy Lee	Mitcham ESU
Tom Conlon	Mitcham ESU
Eleanor Conradie	Raynes Park ESU
Kieran Eales	Cannon Hill ESU
Adelaide Fisher	Raynes Park ESU
Beatrice Trevor	Raynes Park ESU
Sean Connolly	Mitcham ESU
Geordie Logan	Morden ESU

Thanks to all the Leaders who took part in the process and to the Fellowship for feeding everyone throughout the day.

## District Headquarters Bookings

**ALL** bookings for the DHQ must be made through Betty Cronk, either by telephone 0208 393 6233 or e-mail [bettycronk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bettycronk@tiscali.co.uk).

They will be taken on a first come first served basis, so if you wish to use the DHQ for meetings or activities you **must** contact Betty as soon as you have a proposed date.

## All Leaders' Meeting

There was a reasonable turn-out for the All Leaders' meeting on 26 January. Congratulations to those who received their Wood badges and Long Service Decorations - especially David Gould, Dave Bixby and Mike Mayhew who have all completed 40 years adult service. Thanks to Neil Griffin for his report on the Wimbledon Unit's trip to Ethiopia and to Bob Prescott who talked about Scout Network.

## Chaos 2010 - 25-27 June 2010 at Tolmers Camp Site

Have you signed up for Chaos 2010? Although the closing date for registering for a place has passed it may be worth asking Nigel Waine (ACC Scouts) if there are any spaces left, but hurry - you'll miss your chance if you leave it much longer!

## Scout Information Centre

The Info Centre at Scout HQ has extended its hours. It is now open from 8am to 7pm weekdays and 9am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

If you have a problem you can contact them by phone 0845 300 1818; fax 020 8433 7103; email [info.centre@scout.org.uk](mailto:info.centre@scout.org.uk) or post

Scout Information Centre, Gilwell Park, Bury Road,  
Chingford, London. E4 7QW

## David Gentleman

We are very sorry to report the death of David Gentleman in January. David held various positions in the 8<sup>th</sup> Morden for many years and was a dedicated and inspirational Scouter. Our thoughts are with his family,

16<sup>th</sup> Morden 3<sup>rd</sup>. The competition was followed by an exciting game between the 23<sup>rd</sup> Mitcham and 6/12<sup>th</sup> Mitcham's Explorers, with the 23<sup>rd</sup> taking the honours 3-1.

## Patrol Leaders' Training Course: 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March at Bow Lane

Don't forget that names and details of Scouts wanting to attend the PLTC should have been sent to me, together with a £5 per head deposit by 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## GLSW Night Exercise: 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March at Boiderhurst Camp Site

Entries for this need to be with Nigel Waine by 19<sup>th</sup> February. There are links to the details on our District website.

## 5-a-side Football: 21<sup>st</sup> March Norbury Power League

Closing date for entries to me by 14<sup>th</sup> March please.

## Join the Runway Team

We have again been asked to provide an aerial runway for the District Cub Activity Day at Frylands Wood on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. We will be building the runway on Saturday morning to allow a company of Guides to test it during the afternoon, ready for the Cubs on Sunday. If you're interested in coming along to gain experience or just for the buzz, give me a call.

## Canal Boating: 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May Grand Union canal

Don't forget to book the places you need on the canal experience weekend, details in the Red Book. Places are only secured once paid for: £12 per person per half day. We can take a maximum of 9 passengers for each of the 4 sessions during the weekend.

The next Troop Scouters' meeting is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm at Morden Hall DHQ - all are welcome. I hope to see you there.

## Scout Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey/David Gould



Well, we hope you have all been managing with the proper wintry weather. On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 16 hardy, or should that be foolhardy, members ventured out for our New Year's Meal: a very enjoyable evening, once again. Good food and even better company. Thanks to Jean and David for organizing.

## Cub Report - Michèle McNamara

**Astronomers Badge Day** - On the 31<sup>st</sup> January 150 Cubs enjoyed 3 hours learning about astronomy in order to gain their astronomers badge. Many thanks to all the Leaders who gave up their Sunday to run the event.

**District Quiz** - County has instigated this event and we need to supply 3 teams for a County quiz to take place in March. You are invited therefore to attend the District event on Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> at the 5<sup>th</sup> Morden HQ, Cannon Hill Lane, Morden. You may bring up to 2 teams of 6 Cubs (all must be regular members of your pack) and an adult scribe for each team. Scribes will not work with their own teams. Please try and take part in this event. There is no cost for the District or County quiz. Uniform should be worn.

**Adventure Day** - This is due to take place on Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>, we need to start getting volunteers to run bases or be tutors, we need to have this all decided prior to our next CSL meeting, so if you are able to help in any way please let Mia, Martin, Bill or myself know as soon as possible.

## Scout Report - Dave Bixby

Hopefully all Troops are back up and running after the Christmas break and busy planning all those great activities and camps for the rest of the year.



Just a little reminder about **NAN forms**: Troops have been a lot better in getting these submitted before camps and sleep overs but you need to remember that if you are planning an overseas expedition, the International PC Form is designed to sit along side the usual Nights Away permit scheme. This means that a Nights Away Permit holder must be in attendance and a NAN form still needs to be submitted in the normal way.

**Handball Competition**: A small but select number of Troops entered the handball competition and it was great to see the 1<sup>st</sup> Merton Park taking part. My thanks go to Gary and all at the 23<sup>rd</sup> for organising the day and to Richard Frewin and David Anthony for refereeing. Winners for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running were the 6/12<sup>th</sup> Mitcham, with the 13<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon 2<sup>nd</sup> and

## Training - Alison Edwards

2010 has got off to a flying start training wise. We have approximately 65 people undergoing either wood badge or other 'appointment' training and have awarded 5 wood badges since 1 January. We also have a national first! We have awarded the first ever wood badge for a District Scout Active Support Manager: David Gould has the privilege of being the holder!!

Congratulations to Brenda Phillips and Gill Edwards of 1st Morden in completing their wood badges shortly before Christmas (but after the deadline for Links) and bringing our total for 2009 to 35. That, added to the total for 2008, makes a wonderful 69 awards in 2 years.

Heading up the list in 2010 are Tim Starke, James Leclercq and Tom Causton of 9th Wimbledon and Lucy McLauchlan of RPESU as well as David Gould!

A number of you are due to do first aid this weekend and I'm hoping for a good attendance at nights away in March. The District has many good Leaders, and it has been my pleasure to work with some of them during their training, so we should be proud of their achievements and our progress.

Here's to an even more successful 2010.



Michael Orbell MBE

Congratulations to Mike, Chairman of the 9th Wimbledon, who was awarded an MBE for Services to Scouting in Wimbledon & Merton in the New Year Honours List.

## Training dates

7 Feb	10:00am - 11:15am	<u>Module 11 - Administration (Section Leaders)</u>
	11:30am - 1:00pm	<u>Module 08 - Skills of Leadership</u>
	2:00pm - 3:15pm	<u>Module 09 - Working with Adults</u>
	3:30pm - 4:30pm	<u>Module 14 - Young People Today</u>
13 Feb	9:00am - 5:00pm	<u>Module 10 - First Aid</u> 1st Coulsdon HQ - Croydon
	10:00am - 4:30pm	<u>Module 25 - Assessing Learning</u>
19 Feb 2010 - 21 Feb		<u>Mountain Skills Weekend</u>
24 Feb	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 22 - Section Support</u>
27 Feb	10:00am - 1:00pm	<u>Module 20 - Administration (Managers)</u>
	2:00pm - 4:30pm	<u>Module 23 - Safety for Managers and Supporters</u>
28 Feb	9:00am - 1:00pm	<u>Module 12 - Providing a Balanced Programme</u>
	2:00pm - 4:30pm	<u>Module 18 - Practical Skills</u>
10 Mar	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 16 - Nights Away</u>
13 Mar	10:00am - 11:15am	<u>Module 07 - Valuing Diversity</u>
	11:30am - 1:00pm	<u>Module 15 - Challenging Behaviour</u>
	2:00pm - 4:30pm	<u>Module 17 - Activities Outdoors</u>
21 Mar	9:00am - 5:00pm	<u>Module 10 - First Aid</u> 1st Whitton HQ - Richmond
27 Mar - 28 Mar		<u>Module 16 - Nights Away</u>
21 Apr	7:30pm - 10:00pm	<u>First Aid Refresher Course</u>
5 May	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 07 - Valuing Diversity</u>
7 May - 9 May		<u>Mountain Skills Weekend</u>
12 May	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 08 - Skills of Leadership</u>
19 May	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 15 - Challenging Behaviour</u>
22 May	9:00am - 5:00pm	<u>Module 10 - First Aid</u> Wimbledon College - Wimbledon & Wandle
13 Jun	9:00am - 5:00pm	<u>Module 10 - First Aid</u> 7th Malden HQ - Royal Kingston

16 Jun	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 14 - Young People Today</u>
		<u>Module 19 - International</u>
9 Jul	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 11 - Administration (Section Leaders)</u>
		<u>Module 17 - Activities Outdoors</u>
14 Jul	7:30pm - 10:00pm	<u>First Aid Refresher Course</u>
18 Sep	9:00am - 5:00pm	<u>Module 10 - First Aid</u> 3rd Beddington HQ - Sutton
19 Sep	10:00am - 4:30pm	<u>Module 25 - Assessing Learning</u>
25 Sep	9:00am - 1:00pm	<u>Module 12 - Providing a Balanced Programme</u>
	2:00pm - 4:30pm	<u>Module 18 - Practical Skills</u>
29 Sep	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 16 - Nights Away</u>
10 Oct	10:00am - 1:00pm	<u>Module 20 - Administration (Managers)</u>
	2:00pm - 4:30pm	<u>Module 23 - Safety for Managers and Supporters</u>
16 Oct - 17 Oct		<u>Module 16 - Nights Away</u>
16 Oct	9:00am - 5:00pm	<u>Module 10 - First Aid</u> Bow Lane - Morden
31 Oct	10:00am - 1:00pm	<u>Module 13 - Growing the Movement (Section Leaders)</u>
	10:00am - 4:30pm	<u>Module 21 - Growing the Movement (Managers)</u>
6 Nov	10:00am - 1:00pm	<u>Module 22 - Section Support</u>
	2:00pm - 4:30pm	<u>Module 24 - Managing Adults</u> <u>Module 26 - Supporting Adults</u>
14 Nov	10:00am - 11:30am	<u>Module 07 - Valuing Diversity</u>
	11:45am - 1:30pm	<u>Module 19 - International</u>
	2:30pm - 4:30pm	<u>Module 17 - Activities Outdoors</u>
21 Nov	9:00am - 5:00pm	<u>Module 10 - First Aid</u> 1st Whitton HQ - Richmond

Further information can be found on the GLSW website  
<http://www.glsWSCOUTS.org.uk/adult-training/>.