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Steve Jobs



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District Commissioner - Joe Rogerson

Before Christmas came the extremely sad news that Laurence Barham, a lifelong Scout, had died after a long and dignified struggle against cancer. The cold, wintry day of his funeral in late December saw standing room only at St Barnabas' church where heartfelt eulogies, one particularly moving one from our own Dave Christmas, gave a glimpse of the widespread effect that this good man had had on the world around him. This was concrete evidence, if evidence were needed, of what we who follow Laurence must aspire to emulate and inculcate into the youngsters in our charge. The Honour Guard at the funeral, comprising Scouters who knew him, was a fitting farewell to a Scout who will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace.

Arrangements for the Jubilee Camp in May are well underway with many Scouters giving up a Sunday recently to visit the site for a second survey. Below you will see an invitation to an open meeting later this month to go through these arrangements, tie up any loose ends and answer any questions that there still may be. Hopefully, as many people as possible will be able to attend, to ensure that we give our beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers an adventure to remember.

The issue of CRBs has been exercising Headquarters, quite rightly, over the last six months and we appear to be up to speed in that regard, but, with the Jubilee Camp in mind, if parents and other adults are going to help over the weekend it is important that the necessary CRBs are applied for as soon as possible, as we may well be unable to process them in time otherwise.

Joe

There is to be a Patrol Leaders' Training Course over the weekend **9-11 March** at Bow Lane. If you can help at anytime over this period please let David know 8395 1885 (baldygouldy@hotmail.co.uk)

Our AGM will be held at the Wandle DHQ on **Tuesday 20th March**, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. All members will be expected to attend. Many thanks. Don't forget the District Camp **4-7 May** - names to Robert as soon as possible please.

Finally, please remember Kay Barham and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Jubilee Camp 2012

We held a well attended site visit on Sunday 22nd January. We managed to clear up a number of points with the site staff and showed several leaders around the site.

Below are the current milestones coming up:

- February: Organising team to meet
- Early March: Open meeting for everyone to present the camp plans
- By the end of March: Everyone to have paid and submitted names of attendees
- April: Activity groups sorted
- Thurs May 3rd tents-up [if you wish]
- Fri May 4th Camp begins

We will announce the date of the open meeting by email and on the website, together with the venue and time.

Peter Hutton is doing a fine job co-ordinating the bases. May I reiterate my request that every leader volunteers themselves to help on one of the bases. Please see Peter asap if you have not already offered your help. This will share the work load amongst us all.

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

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Cub Adventure Day 25 March Frylands Wood: As usual we will be running an aerial runway for our District Cubs so if anyone, from any Section, would like to come along to gain first-hand experience in operating on these exciting projects, you will be very welcome. The event usually starts at 9.30am and goes on until approx. 4.30pm, but don't feel you necessarily have to stay all day. We build the runway Saturday afternoon from 2pm, test and then re-tension on Sunday morning in time for the off - just give me a call or email on thebixbys@talktalk.net if you would like to be involved.

Troop visits: Just before Christmas and since the start of this term we have been visiting Troops around the District and of those seen so far, all seem to have either increased or maintained their numbers. This is a great start to the year and, whilst I realise that some of these young people are reaching the top of the Scouts age range and will soon be looking towards Explorers, it does show the excellent work going on in Troops on a week to week basis.

My sincere thanks and congratulations to everyone and I can't wait to see everyone at the Jubilee Camp in May - if we have the same percentage turn-out as last time, the numbers should be awesome.

Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey

Welcome to 2012 - it looks as if we are going to be very busy during the year. Please make sure to ring round these dates in your diary.



I am sure everyone who went to the New Year Meal on Saturday 21st January enjoyed themselves. You really needed to be hungry to go there! Thanks to Jean and David for organising.

We are holding a Diminishing Whist evening on **Wednesday 15th February**, 7.30 p.m. at the Wandle DHQ. Nibbles will be provided but please bring your own drink. Contact Jean Gould on 8395 1885 if you would like to come.

A Safe Guarding training evening has been arranged for **Thursday 8th March**, at the 22nd Wimbledon, Arthur Road, Motspur Park, headquarters. We have been asked to assist with the refreshments. If you can help please contact Robert on 8330 7466 (brumwells@btinternet.com)

Chairman's Chatter - Andy Edmonds

2011 reached its conclusion and as 2012 begins and the 50th anniversary of my birth passes, it is with sadness and gratitude for all their good works, that I reflect on the lives of Marjorie Woolmer and Laurence Barham; both of whom I have known through Scouting for over 40 years. Our District and Scouting in general is blessed with many such dedicated people and they were an example to us all.

Once again we have a vacancy for District Treasurer. My efforts over the last 18 months have attracted 5 expressions of interest from outside individuals with varied business experience, but unfortunately none has stood the test of time. It is no surprise to me that it is proving difficult to balance the needs of this vital role with a business and personal life. It really would suit a recently retired professional.

In the meantime, John Young and Keith Angliss continue to fulfil the role and also to review our current procedures. Yes, this will mean streamlining bank accounts, but by using modern banking methods will speed up reimbursements. Without a Treasurer the District cannot exist as a Charity and the administration side of the District is in such a good place otherwise.

In light of the first application for a loan via the "Atlasta Fund", the Executive has agreed minor revisions to the procedures. These are available now via the website.

There remains a vacancy for someone to represent the interests of Wimbledon and Wandle District on the County Executive. 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.

Anyway, a shorter Report than in the past (long may it continue!) and having just looked through my Report from this time last year, it's pleasing that all the issues then highlighted have been dealt with or are only being delayed by outside parties. Maybe the basis to reflect on a successful 2011 and to thank everyone on the Executive for your invaluable advice and support!

'Want to Join' contact

The District is looking for a new 'Want to Join' contact for receiving initial enquiries from parents looking for a local scout group for their child to join. The job entails identifying the most suitable Groups based on the home address and forwarding the details to the relevant GSLs & ESLs. These enquiries are received by email & by phone and the District has an 0845 Linkline number as well as a dedicated email address so that the person acting as WTJ contact does not have to give out their own details. This is an important role as the public face of the District providing a first point of contact and has been very successful in the past at bringing new members into Wimbledon & Wandle.

If you think that you may be interested in taking on this job, please contact Paul Atkins who can describe what is involved and provide the necessary tools & support.

Funding Opportunities

If you are looking for grant aid - and we all need help to keep Scouting going - have a look at <http://www.mertonconnected.com/funding-1-12>.

District Store - Brian Whalebone

Saturday opening: the store will be open on the following Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon -

4 February	3 & 17 March	19 May	2 & 16 June
7 & 21 July	15 September	6 & 20 October	
17 November	1 December		

New: The Founder - A short history of the important facts in the life of Lord Baden-Powell. It includes many facts that can be incorporated into a quiz. Price £1.50

Cub woggles are now available in **orange** and **purple**.

Price changes: Cub woggles are going up to 20p each from the beginning of March; leather woggles are now £1.10 and belts are now £12.

Section reports

Cub report - Michèle McNamara

Hopefully those that made it to the Christmas/New Year Meal enjoyed themselves, even if the music was a bit overpowering.

Badge Day - 149 Cubs attended this event at which they could earn their communicator badge and were able to choose from 14 bases. Thanks to all the leaders who made this event possible, working really hard and special thanks to leaders from other sections that also came along to help swell the ranks. Hopefully the Cubs enjoyed the day, it was a little frenetic at times but the Cubs managed at least 9 bases in the allotted time.

Chess Competition - This has been arranged for Sunday 26th February. To be held at 19th Wimbledon (Oakwood) H.Q. from 14.00 - 16.30. Cost per team of 4, £2.00. Maximum of 3 teams from each pack. Revised rules were issued recently if you didn't receive these by e-mail please let me know. Need to notify Mark Steed at the 19th **by 11th February** if you are entering. He needs to know the number of teams entering by that date to arrange the order of play.

Scout report - Dave Bixby

Scout Football - 26 February: As I write this the new managers are busy resurfacing the ground formerly known as "The Hub". They are not taking bookings until it is finished but Gary Baker is looking at an alternative venue for the same date so please bear with us.

Patrol Leaders Training Course 9-11 March

1st Lower Morden HQ, Bow Lane: Applications for places need to be with me, together with a deposit of £5 a head, by **26 February** at the latest. Late applications will not be accepted, even if we have not reached minimum numbers required for the course to run. Sorry about this but it is due to problems caused by some Troops last time around.

County Night Exercise 24 March Polyapes: Details have been circulated and places on this go very quickly, so don't delay with your entries to avoid disappointing your Scouts.

You have been warned . . .





Marjorie Woolmer

We are sorry to report that Marjorie Woolmer passed away peacefully on Monday 5th December just a week after her 86th birthday.

Marjorie played an important part in the 20th Mitcham Scout Group from the early 1960's until she retired in 1990, as Akela of Waingunga Cub Pack, then Group Scout Leader and Vice-President; she was affectionately known as Akela Cook. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.



Laurence Barham 18.12.1951 - 20.12.2011

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Laurence Barham just before Christmas. A dedicated and well-loved Scouter, a member of the 3rd Mitcham and

Wandle District DC, the respect of his colleagues and friends was reflected in the magnificent turn out at his funeral.

Dave Christmas, who was a very close friend and gave a moving tribute at the funeral says . . .

"Dear all,

It has been nearly a month since Laurence Barham's funeral and I would like to offer my personal thanks to everyone who attended.

A special mention must go to all the Scouters who stood in the guard of honour in such poor weather twice.

I have lost a very good friend and colleague and Scouting has lost, if I may say so, a 'one off'. May he rest in peace.

Dave Christmas

Back in December, Laurence was awarded the **Bar to the Silver Acorn** by the Chief Scout. Sadly he died before the award for his distinguished commitment to Scouting over many years could be presented.

Laurence's wife, Kay, will be accepting the award at the **3rd Mitcham HQ** on **Wednesday 22nd February at 8:30pm** and all friends are welcome to come along and join this thoroughly well-earned tribute.

Badges - Lesley Bixby

The cost of Challenge badges has increased to 58p from the start of 2012 - all other badge prices have remained the same.

Explorer/Network 10th Anniversary Badge - this new badge can be worn on uniforms until the end of 2012 and costs £1 each. I will not be keeping a stock but will be happy to order them. Please email your requirements to thebixbys@talktalk.net.

Don't forget your Jubilee badges - they are £1 each and also special order only.

There are two new activity badges - Scout Athletics Plus and Explorer Basic Nautical Skills - and Scout and Explorer Canoeist badges are now called Paddlesports.

NAN Forms

With better weather on its way (we hope), Leaders' thoughts should be turning to nights away experiences. Please remember that you can submit your NAN form as soon as you have made the initial arrangements for your camp or Pack holiday - that way it is far less likely to get forgotten.

No NAN form - no support if something goes wrong.

3rd Mitcham Scout Group

are looking for a Cub Scout Leader and Assistant
to join an existing ACSL and two helpers
to run their Pack

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 07969 369 819

E-Mail daveqsl@hotmail.co.uk

Training

5 Feb	12	Planning a balanced programme	09.30-13.30	1 st LM
5 Feb	11	Administration	14.30-16.30	1 st LM
19 Feb	8	Leadership skills	10.00-11.15	1 st LM
19 Feb	9	Working with Adults	11.30-12.30	1 st LM
19 Feb	14	Young people today	13.30-14.30	1 st LM
19 Feb	15	Challenging behaviour	14.45-16.30	1 st LM
3 Mar	16	Introduction to residential experiences	10.00-13.00	1 st LM
3 Mar	38A	Skills for residential experiences	14.00-16.30	1 st LM
11 Mar	13	Growing the Movement: Section Leaders	10.00-13.00	MH
11 Mar	21	Growing the Movement: Managers	10.00-16.30	MH
17/18	38B	Skills for residential experiences	tba	BW
25 Mar		Camp Fire Leaders	14.00-22.00	S
9 May	19	International	19.45-20.15	MH
23 May	9	Working with Adults	19.45-20.30	MH
23 May	14	Young people today	20.30-22.15	MH
6 Jun	17	Activities outdoors	19.45-22.15	MH
20 Jun	15	Challenging behaviour	19.45-22.15	MH
22 Sep	12	Planning a balanced programme	09.30-13.30	1 st LM
29 Sep	16	Introduction to residential experiences	10.00-13.00	1 st LM
20 Oct	11	Administration	10.00-11.15	1 st LM
20 Oct	19	International	11.30-13.00	1 st LM
20 Oct	17	Activities outdoors	14.00-16.30	1 st LM
17 Nov	15	Challenging Behaviour	10.00-12.00	1 st LM
17 Nov	14	Young people today	12.00-13.00	1 st LM
17 Nov	9	Working with Adults	14.00-15.00	1 st LM
17 Nov	8	Skills of Leadership	15.15-16.30	1 st LM
24 Nov	13	Growing the Movement: Section Leaders	10.00-13.00	MH
24 Nov	21	Growing the Movement: Managers	10.00-16.30	MH

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BW Bears Wood Campsite, Forestdale, New Addington, Croydon CR0 9JH

S Southwood Activity Centre, Elm Close, Tolworth, KT5 9NA

Application forms for all Modules can be downloaded from the County website www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/support or contact Joan Condon on 020 8540 5115 or joan.glsWtraining@btinternet.com

Cost for each Training Module £3.00

Cost for Module 38 - Skills for Residential Experiences £40.00

Cost for Camp Fire Leaders Course £15.00

Cheques made payable to GLSW TRAINING ACCOUNT

Safeguarding training

21 February Southwood Activity Centre Royal Kingston District

8 March 22nd Wimbledon HQ

17 March Walton Firs (Skills Day) Richmond upon Thames District

22 March venue to be advised Croydon District

28 April venue to be advised Sutton District

To attend Safeguarding Training you must apply via your Local Training Manager.

For further dates visit the County website www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/support

First Aid training

22 January 1st Hook Scout H.Q. Royal Kingston District

25 February 1st Coulsdon Scout H.Q. Croydon District

24 March 1st Lower Morden H.Q. Wimbledon & Wandle District

13 May 1st Whitton Scout H.Q. Richmond upon Thames District

Application Forms for Module 10 First Aid can be downloaded from the County web site www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/support

or

contact Janet Drinkall tel: 020 8660 4774

e mail janet.drinkall@glswscouts.org.uk

Cost for Module 10 £15.00

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