

meeting in the car park, behind the Merton Civic Centre, at 8.30 a.m. on the day.

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### Copy Date

There will not be an issue of Links in August as everyone will be busy with their summer camps and holidays. I wish you all a very happy and safe time, especially with your camps. Whether you are staying on a site down the road, a farm many miles away or venturing abroad, it will all be an adventure to your members and, hopefully, there will be many of those magic moments which will stay in their memories for years to come.



Enjoy!

The next issue of Links will go out on 11<sup>th</sup> September and copy date will be **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

*Faith makes  
The up-look good  
The outlook bright,  
The in-look favourable,  
And the future glorious.*

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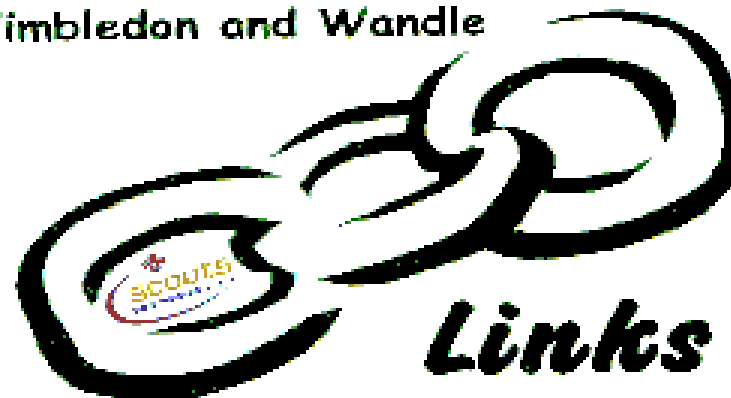
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## Wimbledon and Wandle



# Links

July/August 2008

Issue 45

July 5	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
8	District Executive meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 7.30pm
9	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
12	District Sports	Wimbledon Park Arena 10am
13	Scouts' raft race	Ravensbury Park 12 noon
16	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
19	Fellowship BBQ	Dave Gould's
19	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
24	Last night of District Store	
Sept 10	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
11	District Store re-opens	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
13-14	Scouts' Survival Skills	Paches
16	Fellowship meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
17	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
20	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
21	Beavers' bike/scooter ride	
23	Jack Petchey Award Winners presentation	
24	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
29	GSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm

## District Commissioner

I have initiated some changes to the District Team and we welcome Kevin Quigley who will be our new ADC Beavers; Neil McLauchlan will become our third Deputy District Commissioner.

The 3 DDC's will have clear responsibilities

Paul Atkins will have overall responsibility for the 6 to 14 provision and

Kevin Quigley	ADC Beavers
Michele McNamara	ADC Cubs
Dave Bixby	ADC Scouts

will all be reporting to him.

Neil McLauchlan will have overall responsibility for the 14 to 25 provision.

District Explorer Scout Commissioner	TBA
ADC Gen Duties Young Leaders	Liz Laverick
District Network Leader	TBA

will all report to him.

Keith Daly will continue to administer Nights Away permits and notifications and Activity permits and will also have a responsibility for Fellowship and Band. Reporting to him will be

ADC Fellowship	Dave Gould
ADC Band	John Smith.

Alison Edwards is District Training Manager reporting to Roger Hurrion and with a link into myself.

We all wish Kevin and Neil the very best in their new roles and know that they bring a wealth of experience with them.

I visited the very successful Scout camping weekend with lots of boys and girls having a good time and Leaders through their nights away assessments. It was the first time I have been to Park Farm campsite and was very impressed with the place. Well done Dave Bixby and his team.

## Raft Race Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 12 - 4pm Ravensbury Park

Several Troops have said that they expect to be there but only one has given me some indication as to numbers. This does make for a bit of a challenge regards the amount of equipment required. I'll just take what I can and we will all have to muck in - after all, this is very much a fun event. We are using the stretch of the Wandle nearest to the Wandle Road gate in Ravensbury Park, close to the bridge.

## Survival Skills Weekend 13-14 September

We had a very useful meeting to get our ideas together and full details will be sent out shortly. The numbers taking part will be limited to protect the local habitat so get in quick!

Training will be incorporated in the weekend and all Scouts taking part should come away with their Survival Skills activity badge.

## Scout Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey



We have quite a busy time coming up starting with our annual BBQ, to be held at David and Jean's on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 p.m. The cost will be £7.50 per head; please bring your own liquid refreshment. Because of lack of space, numbers will be limited, so please let David know by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July if you are attending.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September we will be attending the 'Old Tyme Music Hall' and fish and chip supper at the Stanley Halls, South Norwood. Please let me know if you would like to attend so that I can obtain the tickets. Cost is usually around £10-£12 per head. A bar is usually available. I shall need to know by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. (020 8542 6200).

Don't forget to keep Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September free for our formal meeting at Wandle DHQ when Bill Walden always manages to get an interesting speaker.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October is our trip to Chatham Dock Yard. A number of members showed an interest in this visit at our AGM, but please confirm that you want to attend by letting David know, a.s.a.p. The cost of the trip, including transport and entrance, is £25 per head. We shall be

## Section reports

### Cubs - Michèle McNamara



Thanks to all the Leaders who turned up at Raynes Park Playing fields to ensure that, despite the appalling weather, 97 Cubs managed to gain their athlete or athlete's plus badge. Unfortunately, as I learned on the night, it is unlikely that this venue will be available to us again since Wimbledon Tennis club are proposing to sell it.

Our next CSLs' meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> July. I intend to set the diary for the following year at this meeting so if you have any ideas regarding events or dates, please make sure that you either attend or let me have your suggestions before the meeting. It is important Leaders come to this meeting so that we can ensure that the events we propose to organise are what is actually required.

Remember if you are planning to go away to camp during the summer holidays NAN forms should be sent to Keith Daly in plenty of time.

### Scouts - Dave Bixby



**Camping Assessment weekend:** What a great weekend! Even the weather played its part, giving a damp challenge to setting up and a fine Sunday so that the tents all came home dry.

There was a very social atmosphere amongst the Leader team, who all worked exceptionally hard, and good interaction between the Scouts of the 8 teams that took part.

Every team achieved at least the bronze standard and 5 Leaders came away with Nights Away permits.

Special thanks must go to Paul Atkins for organising the camping standard assessments and to Jai Bixby (ASL 2<sup>nd</sup> Carshalton) for coming to run archery during the weekend.

The highest standard achieved by a Scout team in cooking and camping went to the 14<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon Lions and the team of Young Leaders from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Mitcham really showed what standards could be achieved with experience.

### DC - continued

The summer camp season is almost upon us and I wish you all a happy and successful time especially to the Explorers of the Wimbledon Unit on their challenging expedition to Ethiopia.

I have visited about 13 AGMs to date and have been greatly encouraged by the organisation and attendance. This is by far the best year for the number of people offering to take positions on Executives and to help generally that I can ever remember and numbers continue to rise.

*Bob*

### Appointments - Joan Burgess

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have now had their full warrants approved:

Susan Jacobs (ACSL)	1 <sup>st</sup> Lower Morden;
Ray Donovan-Hill (ABSL)	1 <sup>st</sup> Merton Park;
Gregory Milburn (ASL)	1 <sup>st</sup> Morden;
Alistair Parker (ACSL)	5 <sup>th</sup> Morden;

22 Worker Certificates have been Issued and 7 Cancellations.

I apologise to all new Leaders for the delay in issuing their Certificates. There has been a problem at Gilwell but hopefully this will soon be resolved.

### District Store

The last night of the District Store before the Summer break will be Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July and it will re-open on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Don't forget to tell your members about Saturday opening on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and 12 noon.

New catalogues will be out soon - if you are ordering anything other than uniform, please let Brian have the page and catalogue number.

## Training Dates 2008

All Modules will be held at Bow Lane Scout Centre  
except Module 16 which will be at Bears Wood.

Mod 12	Providing a balanced programme	21.09.08	9.30am - 1pm
11	Administration	21.09.08	2pm - 4.30pm
4/26	County & District Section Leaders	12.10.08	10am - 1pm
22 & 24	Section Support & Managing Adults	12.10.08	2pm - 4.30pm
16	Nights away residential	17-19.10.08	
	Closing date for applications 17.09.08		
8	Skills of Leadership	22.11.08	9.30am - 11.15pm
9	Working with Adults	22.11.08	11.30am - 1pm
14	Young People Today	22.11.08	2pm - 3.15pm
15	Challenging Behaviour	22.11.08	3.30pm - 5pm
13/21	Growing the Movement (Leaders + Managers)	30.11.08	10am - 1pm 2pm - 4.30pm
7	Valuing Diversity	07.12.08	10am - 11.15am
19	International	07.12.08	11.30am - 1pm
17	Activities Outdoors	07.12.08	2pm - 4.30pm

## Training

Congratulations to the following who have recently been successfully assessed for their Nights Away permits:

Diane Munday	ASL	6/12 Mitcham
Anthony Hildreth	SL	11th Mitcham
Deborah Carter	SL	5th Morden
Peter Weekes	ASL	22th Wimbledon
Denise Wilkins	ACSL	19th Wimbledon

and to Denise Wilkins of the 19th Wimbledon, Ian Honor and Peter Weekes of the 22nd Wimbledon who have now completed their woodbadges.



## Scouts of the World Award - Chris Dean Deputy CC (Programme)

The Scout Association is trialling a new award for members of the Scout Network called the 'Scouts of the World Award'. The background to this can be found on the WOSM website - [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org).

The award comprises a SW Discovery lasting 4 or 5 days at a SW Base and a SW Community Service (14 days) with a six month 'Reflection' in between.

The first SW Discovery is being held at Youlbury Scout Camp from July 31 until August 3 and the theme is 'Environment & Sustainability'. The partner organisation is The Woodland Trust, and the staff will include two French Scouters who have operated SW Award for Scouts et Guides de France since 2004.

A second SW Discovery is being held over two weekends in January 2009 and Severn Trent will be partners along with one of the major NGO's operating in the field of clean water and sustainable energy in developing countries.

Details of the second SW Discovery and how to register for the award will be posted on National and County websites in the near future. Numbers on each SW Discovery are limited to a maximum of 25 so early application is advised.



## 36<sup>th</sup> Mitcham Headquarters

The 36<sup>th</sup> Mitcham Group closed some time ago and the HQ is on the site of the Rowan development. We have now been given a date when the lease will cease to be the responsibility of the District. There are still some items in the HQ which may be of use to other Groups and if you would like to chance to have a look to see if you want anything that is there, please contact Cliff Condon on 020 8540 5115. There is no electricity in the building so it helps if you visit during the day time.