

appreciation of all his work for us over the past years. We look forward to seeing them both at some of our future events.

Reminder that the BBQ is on Saturday 6th July at Jean and David's - please let them know if you are able to come. Cost £7.00 per head (please bring your own liquid refreshment).

Help is needed on Sports Day - 13th July - please let Robert know if you can help on the day.

Please also make a note in your diary for Saturday, 12th October, when we have been asked to assist at the District Swimming Gala.

We hope you all have a good summer - perhaps we may get some sunshine - and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 10th September for our meeting, with speaker.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer - sun; a little gentle rain; exciting activities; happy Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers; good camping; memorable holidays; and a chance to recharge your batteries.
Enjoy!

There is no edition of Links in August so our next copy date is **Thursday 29th August.**

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Links

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July 6	Core skills day	Morden Hall DHQ at 9.30am
6	District store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
6	SAS BBQ	David and Jean Gould's
10	CSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm
12-14	Gilwell 24	
13	District Sports	Wimbledon Park
17	BSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm
18	Explorers' quiz	RPESU HQ
20	Store open	Morden Hall DHQ at 10am
21	Scout Rafting	Ravensbury Park from 12 noon
Aug 11	SAS meal	Kingswood Golf Club
Sept 10	SAS formal meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 7.30pm
12	Store re-opens after holidays	Morden Hall DHQ at 7.45pm
18	BSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm
21	Store open	Morden Hall DHQ at 10am
23	SLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm
27	Explorers' night hike + training	North Downs
28	Explorers' Water sports day	Wimbledon Park

District Commissioner

It has been of passing interest over the last few days to see the reaction to the changes that Girlguiding UK have made to their promise. The debate has been wide and varied; mirroring, no doubt, the kinds of discussions that we have about our own Promise when the subject rears its head, as it does from time to time.

Perhaps it is worthwhile, then, to examine our Promise and discuss it with our scouts once in a while and not just leave it as something that is said on being invested and repeated annually at St George's Day. How often do we take the time, either formally or informally and in a way relevant to the age groups that we lead, to discuss/explain/expand upon the implications of the words that we say? Key words like "honour", "do my best", "duty", "God" and "Queen".

The Promise defines in a clear and unequivocal way the parameters that, in turn, define our Movement. The solemn act of making the Promise has a gravity that is not lost on youth members of all ages and it falls to us as the adults, not only to live that Promise as best we may, but to ensure that all our scouts clearly understand what they are committing to, so that they too can do the same, just as B-P envisaged.

Finally, a big thank-you to Andrew Hayward for his time as ADC Beavers, which comes to an end this summer, and an equally big welcome to John Tweedley who has agreed to take on the role from September (brave man!).

Joe

represented as possible. If you have any suggestions or don't like the current events we run, this is the time to have your say.

Summer Camps / Pack Holidays - I hope that any pack going away has a safe and enjoyable time, don't forget to get your NAN forms in, in good time.

Scout report - Dave Bixby

Pioneering at the sports: If anyone fancies having a try at building a full size pioneering project, we will be putting up a monkey bridge for use during the sports. We will be at the arena about 9.30am to start the build- either give me a ring or just turn up on the day.

Rafting - 21 July: Don't forget to register if your Troop is going to take part in the raft event to guarantee a share of the equipment. This year we are being joined by members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team from Pollards Hill and they fancy getting wet.

Summer Camps: For those running camps and expeditions during the summer holidays, I hope the weather is kind to you and that both you and your scouts have a truly memorable time. PS don't forget the NAN form.

District Quiz - 9 October: I know it's still a long way away but we will be asking for questions so please get your thinking caps on and don't leave it to the same few people. We need, I think, 9 rounds of 10 questions on any subject.

SLs' meeting - 23 September: we will be setting the events diary for 2014 at this meeting so please try to have your Troop represented and bring your diaries. Any items for the Bran Tub will be very welcome.

Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came to the County AGM. Our efforts were appreciated and we received some very nice comments.

As you know Bill Walden has decided to step down as our Treasurer. Recently, a few of us visited him, and Enid, and were able to present him with a 'Thanks Badge' and a bottle of his favourite tippie in



Core Skills Day - Saturday 6 July

Your GSL has further details on this but I can heartily recommend it. Please contact them for further details.

Gilwell Fun Day

A fun day was had by all as 110 of us made it to Gilwell Park for a fun day filled with challenges and fun events. The weather held off mostly and when it didn't we still had fun. There were so many events it wasn't possible to do them all so who knows, maybe a return visit will be made!!

Finally, as this is my last report before I step down, I just wanted to say a big thank you to all of you that I have had the pleasure to meet and to work with. I hope I've represented you as best as I can and fought your corner when necessary. It was a shame that despite my best efforts there were still a number of colonies who have yet to attend a District Beaver Event or meeting. It's a shame as we're putting the events on for YOUR Beavers and it's THEM who are ultimately missing out.

I wish my successor all the best and I am sure that they will be a great success.

Thank you once again.

Andrew

Cub report - Michele McNamara



Athlete's Badge Testing - Thank you to all the leaders who turned up to help in any way and to the cubs who turned up, all 143 of them. We have never had such a big turn-out, in fact we ran out of badges and had to get in reinforcements. I think the lovely weather may have played a big part in the success of the evening, let's hope the cubs all enjoyed the experience. The David Weir Centre were eventually very helpful but I could have done without being given just 18 hours' notice to produce a risk assessment to cover all the events. However it's done now, so I have it for the future.

Cub Scout Leaders Meeting - The next meeting is July 10th at Morden Hall DHQ at 20.00 hrs. We are due to plan the next year's programme of district events, so it would be very helpful to have as many packs

Chairman's Chatter

There is no chatter from our Chairman this month as he has nothing to report until after the next Executive meeting.

Training dates

Date	Module	Title	Time
21 Sep	12	Providing a Balanced Programme	9.30-13.30
28 Sep	16	Residential experiences	10.00-13.00
19 Oct	11	Administration (Leaders)	10.00-11.30
19 Oct	19	International	11.45-13.00
19 Oct	17	Activities Outdoors	14.00-16.30
16 Nov	15	Challenging Behaviour	10.00-12.00
16 Nov	14	Young People today	12.00-13.00
16 Nov	9	Working with Adults	14.00-15.00
16 Nov	8	Skills of Leadership	15.15-16.30
7 Dec	13	Growing the Section	10.00-13.00
7 Dec	21	Growing the Movement	10.00-16.30

All Modules are at the 1st Lower Morden HQ, Bow Lane, off Lower Morden Lane, Morden SM4 4SJ

Each training module costs £3.

Applications forms for the main modules and first aid can be downloaded from the County website www.glsWSCOUTS.org.uk or contact

Mrs Joan Condon, 34 Arundel Avenue, Morden, SM4 4DX

tel: 020 8540 5115 - e mail: joan.glsWtraining@btinternet.com

Modules 20-26 for Line Managers and Commissioners will be run as required. Contact Joan Condon for more information.

For details of First Aid courses contact Janet Drinkall jdrinkall@sky.com

For details of Safeguarding courses contact Alison Edwards
Alison.Edwards@local.gov.uk

Project Compass

Project Compass has been initiated to replace the existing Membership Database accessed through scouts.org.uk which is known to have many deficiencies and is now considered not fit for purpose. The new database to be available in 2014 will provide enhanced security and reliability as well as new features.

The GLSW County project co-ordinator, Ian Mellor, has asked all Groups & Units in Wimbledon & Wandle to check the records of your adult & youth members (if you have used the system to record youth members) on the current database, update them where necessary and then confirm that this has been done so that redundant data is not moved across to the new system.

All GSLs & ESLs were advised of this requirement in mid-June with a target completion of the end of the month.

If you have not already checked your data and advised Paul Atkins that it has been done, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks.

Lightweight Camping and Navigation Weekend

Following the success of last year's event we are arranging another Lightweight Camping and Navigation weekend in the New Forest for adults in GLSW - Leaders, Occasional Helpers, Sectional Assistants, and Scout Network members. Details are as follows: -

Date Friday 27 September until Sunday 29 September, 2013
Location Harry's Island Camp Site, near Burley (Ringwood)
Cost £12.50 (excluding travel, food and bike hire)
Catering Self-cater (solo or in small groups)
Travel Car-sharing may be possible
Programme Practice navigation skills, off-road biking (optional)

Contact Chris Dean on 01883 723081 for further information.

District Store

The Store will be closed throughout the summer holidays, re-opening on 12 September at 7.45pm.

Section Reports

Beavers - Andrew Hayward



Sports Day: As promised here are the details for Sports Day. As you are aware the Beaver Section is joining in with the District at Wimbledon Park Arena (Home Park Road, London, SW19 7HX) on Saturday 13 July.

The Beaver Sports (which are all FUN events) will take place in the centre of the track once the Cub Novelty events have taken place. The Beavers will be split into 10 groups and will rotate round each base during the course of the afternoon. Parents and supporters are welcome to attend but they must be seated in the grandstand and NOT around the track or the field as there is simply not enough room.

The Beaver Sports will run from 2pm-4pm but the Beavers will need to meet in the Marshalling Area (which will be obvious on arrival) at 1.30. The bases can be set up from 12.30.

The bases confirmed so far are:

Obstacle course	1 st Morden	Egg and spoon	3 rd Mitcham
3-legged	TBC	Sack race	5 th Morden
Javelin/Wellies	13 th Wimbledon	Hula hoops	14 th Wimbledon
Dressing up race	23 rd Mitcham	Skis	TBC
Water Base	1 st Lower Morden	Flower pot building race	2 nd Morden

If you and your colony are attending then it would be great if you could run a base. The District can help with equipment if needed. Please ask if necessary.

Uniform is not required but please can the Beavers wear their Group scarf.

Please can you confirm definite numbers asap so I can try to award each child a certificate.

I think everything is covered but please do not hesitate to contact me if you're unsure of anything.