

“Be Prepared... the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.”

Robert Baden-Powell

Have a good summer with exciting camps and expeditions; be safe; be happy; make memories.

**Copy date for September Links:  
Thursday 25 August 2016  
There is no edition of Links in August**

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## Links

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July 8-10	Gilwell 24	Gilwell Park
9	SAS BBQ	David and Jean Gould's
11	Safeguarding training	St Saviours Church Hall 8pm
13	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
14	Last Thursday Store for summer	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
16	Last Saturday Store for summer	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
20	Beaver Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
August 6	First Aid Training	8 <sup>th</sup> Morden HQ 9am
9	SAS summer meal	Kingswood Golf Club
Sept 3-4	Scouts' Hot Fuzz experience	
7	Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
13	SAS meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
14	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
15	Store re-opens	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
17-18	Explorers' night hike & water sports	Mercers Park
17	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am

### District Commissioner

District events such as the recent Cubs' centenary camp, the Scouts' Patrol in Camp weekend and the Beavers' 30th birthday outing to Legoland are evidence of how enduring Scouting is. Scouting has changed over the years just as children have changed, but the essence of Scouting remains the same, which is enjoying adventure in the great outdoors be it climbing a mountain or exploring a theme park.

As the rain gets warmer most of us will be thinking of our coming adventures on summer camp. These are the culmination of the Scout year and the chance to see that the young people in our charge have an exciting and memorable time. Whether you are having a sleepover at your HQ or travelling abroad I hope you enjoy it and manage to get at least a few scout free weeks to re-charge your batteries!

Deborah

### The Wandle Fortnight

The Wandle Valley Forum is sponsoring a fortnight of activities to celebrate all things in the Valley.

I would like hold two days of 'Try Scouting' at the DHQ on September 10-11<sup>th</sup>.

The idea is that we put on a number of activities that the public can try. It will raise Scouting presence in the area and also count as part of the community involvement for your Development Plans.

It will only work if I have lots of support, if you can help please let me know.

Alan Green

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Penguins HQ, St John Fisher Church, Cannon Hill Lane. Please be there by 6:45pm so that no one misses the coach. If anyone else wants to go there are still 3 places left on the coach. Please check with Gilwell 1<sup>st</sup> about tickets.

**Kandersteg 2017** – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017: Get signed up with your unit now.

**Evening Hike & Watersports Day** – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Further details to come out shortly.

**Mountain Weekend** – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Further details to come out shortly.

### Scout Active Support – Linda Vaudrey

We all enjoyed an Away Day to Arundel Castle on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. The weather, considering most of us had put heating on the week before, was glorious. After looking around the Castle we visited the gardens which were worth the trip alone. Thanks to Jean and Robert for organising the day out.



We are hoping for the same weather for the BBQ on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 3.00 p.m. at Jean and David's home, 29 Hermitage Road, Kenley. The cost will be £8.00 per head. Please let Jean or David know, as soon as possible, if you can attend. (Telephone No. 3715 4441) or reply to Jean's e-mail.

Don't forget the Summer Meal at Kingswood Golf Club on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August. If you have not already booked, please contact Jean Brumwell (8330 7466) to secure a place.

Reminder that our September meeting will be held at the Morden Hall Park DHQ, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m., on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Finally, we wish Bill and Betty Cronk all the very best for their forthcoming move and Betty's operation. We hope everything goes smoothly and they settle in quickly and easily. We will miss you!

Entries to me by the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Teams consist of a maximum of 6 Scouts but there is no restriction on the number of teams that a troop can enter.

### **Module 38**

Any new Scout Section Leaders who are likely to want a Nights Away Permit are required to have completed training module 38.

This is a County organised course and takes place 8-9<sup>th</sup> October.

Details from Joan Condon

### **Hot Fuzz 3-4<sup>th</sup> September**

We have booked a week end on Hot Fuzz, an 8 metre RIB based on the Hamble.

This is aimed as a taster session similar to that we did for the narrow boats. If there is sufficient interest, we will consider arranging others.

There are 4 trips that can take place that can accommodate up to 8 passengers at a time. It is not essential for a troop to fill all the places on a trip if just one or two Leaders want to come and try it as a possible future Troop activity.

Places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

The initial plan for the voyage is to go from the Hamble via Southampton Water to Portsmouth then across to the Isle of Wight and back to the Hamble.

This is of course dependant on the weather and tides.

To promote this activity, my programme development budget will pick up the hire of the boat and the cost of the fuel.

Troops will be responsible for their own transport, food etc.

Anyone interested should register that interest with me and then further details will be sent to them.

Our next **Scout Section meeting** is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 pm in the Morden Hall DHQ.

This is the meeting when we decide on the District events and dates for 2017 so please try and have your Troop represented.

### **Explorers – Neil McLauchlan**

**Monopoly Run** – This was postponed until later in the year.

**Gilwell 24** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Coach is booked and will leave at 7.00pm on the Friday. Pick-up from Flying



### **Chairman's Chatter – Andy Edmonds**

I was delighted to be invited to relive some of my experiences as Scout Leader and District Scout Leader by helping out at the Scout Section Camping Weekend at the end of June. A very full programme, coupled with some basic and traditional Scouting skills led to a very enjoyable weekend, despite the meal time storms!

The District Executive had its first meeting at the end of June with the new District Commissioner and we look forward to working with Deborah, whilst she firms up her ideas. The District Development Plan will be reviewed and please look out for more information in the Autumn.

Please note that the date for the District AGM next year has been set as Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

To more mundane issues, but no less important if we are all to meet the responsibilities expected of us:

On the basis that your Group's Financial year end would commonly have been 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 or 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, every Group should have held their AGM by now or be holding one before the end of September?

I realise attendance by District to AGMs has been a bit disjointed this year due to Joe's departure, but to date I have only received Reports and Accounts for the following:

- 1st Lower Morden
- 13th Wimbledon (Accounts only)
- 22nd Wimbledon
- 23rd Mitcham (Accounts only)

Formal information is overleaf as well as information as to what all Groups should be doing in relation to all members of your Executive Committees after your AGMs this year.

Holding an AGM is not optional.

Neither is registering all appointments to your Executive on Compass, initiation of a Personal Enquiry and the completion of Module One!

Chairman's Chatter continued. . .

#### AGM's, Accounts and copy to District

A Scout Group is led by a Group Scout Leader and managed by a Group Executive Committee. They are accountable to the Group Scout Council for the satisfactory running of the Group. (POR 3.22.c)

The Group Scout Council must hold an Annual General Meeting within six months of the financial year end to receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Executive Committee, including the annual statement of accounts; (POR 3.22.a.iv)

The Executive Committee must also: Present the Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting; file a copy with the District Executive Committee; (POR 3.23.b.ii)

The Group must ensure that signed copies of the annual report and accounts are sent to District within the 14 days following the Group's Annual General Meeting at which the annual report and accounts were received and considered. (POR 3.48.h)

#### Guidance for AGMs:

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/3598/executive-committees?cat=419,55,594>

#### Finance and the Scout Group:

See (POR 3.48)

#### Procedures for Making Appointments: Trustees (POR 4.4.1)

e) Within two weeks of the election or nomination, the applicant must initiate a Personal Enquiry. *Please ensure that the District Secretary is informed.*

#### Compulsory Training Requirements for Executive Members:

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4579/training-for-executive-committee-members?cat=419,55,594&moduleID=10>

Furthermore, as everyone who reads this is a member of the District Scout Council, I am delighted to confirm that all members of the District Executive are now properly registered, vetted and have completed the necessary training!



Morden. My thanks to all the referees, cub leaders and parents for their help and support.

**CSL Meeting** – next meeting is July 13<sup>th</sup> at Wandle DHQ this is the meeting where we plan our calendar for the coming year, so if you want to have any input into this, please make sure someone from your pack represents you.

I hope those of you going on summer camps have a happy and safe time.

#### **Scouts – Dave Bixby**

##### **Patrol in Camp week-end**

We had a great week end at Park Farm in spite of the spot of rain at Saturday lunch time. My sincere thanks go to all the Leaders who gave up their time to assist with this event.

Initial feedback that I have received from some Scouts that took part has all been very positive.

They seemed to take a great interest in the specialist instruction given by Tracey Drinkwater, a chef and Mark Warden, an industrial butcher.

This event was supported by our District Executive through the ADCs programme development budget.

Aiming to deliver high quality training where it does most good.

##### **Rafting**

This was another very successful event – 80 or so Scouts getting wet in the sun. A big thank you to Richard, Andy and Ollie who spent the afternoon in the river and everyone who helped to make the event happen.

##### **Monopoly Challenge 23-24 September**

This event is based at the Morden Hall DHQ with the briefing on Friday evening ready for the Challenge on Saturday.

Teams can camp either one or two nights in the grounds but are responsible for submitting a NAN form in the usual way and their own catering.

Entries to Richard Frewin by 13 August - [richard.frewin@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:richard.frewin@blueyonder.co.uk).

We need at least 8 teams for this to take place.

##### **Scout Quiz Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

This year the quiz will be held at the headquarters of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden, Bow Lane, Morden.

## Section Reports

### Beavers – John Tweedley

Nothing much to report this month, but by the time you read this we would have taken some of the District Beavers to Legoland and at the time of writing the weather looks better than the rest of June.



Our next Leaders meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July and it would be nice to hear comments about the Legoland trip good or bad. It would be nice to see as many Leaders who attended the last meeting attend this one on the 20<sup>th</sup>. It was discussed at the last Beaver meeting and is in the minutes that it would be nice to finish off the 30 years of Beavers with a fun day / party at a venue within the district, I would like your thoughts on this as we will have to discuss this in detail on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Those leaders who I spoke to about using their hall as a venue for the fun day / party could you please let me know what your G.S.L's response was.

As of yet I have not heard from County about their 50<sup>th</sup> firework event, so I cannot update you on this.

See you all on the 20<sup>th</sup>!!

### Cubs – Michèle McNamara

**District Camp** – Some 115 cubs camped at Walton Firs for the weekend to celebrate 100 years of scouting. Thanks to all the leaders who looked after them, fed them and entertained them, you were all marvellous and I appreciate all you did. It's just a shame the weather didn't co-operate as well, hope everyone eventually managed to dry out their camping equipment.



**Football** – Competition held July 3<sup>rd</sup>. After being told that Raynes Park High School, wasn't going to be able to accommodate us for the football at the last moment, due to problems with the norovirus, we decamped to Goals at Beverley Way, who kindly agreed to hire us 2 pitches at a very reasonable rate. Thanks to Andrew Hayward for contacting them on the Friday evening on our behalf. We were very lucky with the weather and the cubs seemed to adapt to the new playing areas very well. After a lot of matches the final was between the 1<sup>st</sup> Wimbledon & 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon with the 1<sup>st</sup> Wimbledon coming out as winners. The third places went to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mitcham & 5<sup>th</sup>

## Appointments – Muriel Treagust

The following are Appointments agreed during June

Alex Whiting	AESL	Merton Park,
Jack Sheffield	ABSL	22nd Wimbledon
Josh Churchill	ABSL	8th Morden
Shakeel Khan	ABSL	13th Wimbledon
Jenny Tew	ABSL	19th Wimbledon

We thank them for their support and wish them well with their Unit and Beaver Colonies.

Also a thank you to Mrs. Rhona Edmonds for coming along and assisting the members of the Appointments Advisory Committee.

The next scheduled meeting is in August.

## Awards

The Scout Association has made the following awards to members of our District. Congratulations and thanks to them all.

### Bar to the Award for Merit

Jane Ginty	BSL	16 <sup>th</sup> Morden
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### Award for Merit

Jean Gould	Appointments Chair, SAS	
Francis Corrigan	GSL	9 <sup>th</sup> Wimbledon
Anita Meah-Wilson	CSL	14 <sup>th</sup> Wimbledon

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Dan Fellowes	ESL	West Barnes ESU
Richard Marus	District Treasurer	
Gillian Blackhall	BSL	8th Wimbledon
Ann Fellowes	Group Exec	22nd Wimbledon (Holy Cross)
Mark Roberts	CSL	3rd Mitcham
Ian Tanner	CSL/ASL	1st Merton Park
Sally-Ann Tomlin	Treasurer	1st Wimbledon

## Mini census

Thank you to everyone who completed their mini census and got the figures in on time. Our youth membership is showing a slight increase – well done.

## Morden Hall DHQ bookings

After many, many years of taking care of the DHQ bookings, Betty Cronk is moving away and has handed over the diary to Muriel Treagust. Please contact Muriel on [wwappointsec@aol.com](mailto:wwappointsec@aol.com). She will also hold the spare keys for those who need them.

A very big thank you to Betty and best wishes to her and Bill.

## Checking your records – Alison Edwards

Following my plea in previous versions of Links I know a number of you have checked your records on compass.

However, there is still a bit of a muddle with some records for leaders so can I please encourage you to look at your own records and tell me if something is wrong. In theory, even if you don't know how to access compass your GSL/DESC should be able to do this. That way we can ensure that I don't ask you to do things twice.

## Frylands Wood

Frylands Wood is offering you a chance to "Adopt a site". They ask that you visit your site at least twice a year to keep it clear of brambles, nettles etc. In return you get first refusal of camping on your adopted site when staying at Frylands and your cubs and scouts can work towards a variety of challenges and activity badges whilst helping to improve the environment.

Twice a year the site holds a Dig and Eat event where groups working on their sites can join together for a lunchtime barbecue. The next such event is on 1 October.

If you care interested, please contact Frylands Wood: [enquiries@frylandswood.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@frylandswood.co.uk) or phone 020 8657 1154.

## Training diary

24 Sept	16	Introduction to residential experiences	09.45-13.00	1LM
24 Sept	38a	Skills for residential experiences	14.00-17.00	1LM
8/9 Oct	38b	Weekend camp skills - residential		WF
23 Oct	12a/b	Planning quality programmes	09.45-17.00	4WP
27 Nov	17	International	09.45-12.30	Le
27 Nov	19	Running safe activities	13.30-17.00	Le
4 Dec	15	Promoting positive behaviour	09.45-12.30	1LM
4 Dec	12	Growing the section	13.30-16.30	1LM

Le Leander Sea Scout HQ, Kingston  
1LM 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden, Bow Lane, Morden  
WF Walton Firs, Cobham  
4WP 4<sup>th</sup> Worcester Park

Application forms from

Mrs J Condon, 34 Arundel Avenue Email [joan.glswtraining@btinternet.com](mailto:joan.glswtraining@btinternet.com) or download from the County web site [www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/applicationform](http://www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/applicationform)

**First Aid:** details from Janet Drinkall ([jdrinkall@sky.com](mailto:jdrinkall@sky.com)).

**Safety/Safeguarding:** details from Alison Edwards  
[Alison.Edwards@local.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.Edwards@local.gov.uk)

## Safeguarding Training – Alison Edwards

There is a training on 11 July at St Saviours church hall Grand Drive (Raynes Park) at 8pm

For leaders, supporters, YLs.

This is for any new leaders who haven't done it at all, anyone who last did it in 2010 or 2011. And more importantly you have to have a valid safeguarding training if you need your nights away permit redoing soon. No training= no permit. So if in doubt...book on!!

It lasts about 90 minutes. Please provide names in advance ( I need to know how many tea bags to bring!!)