

Scouting Proverbs

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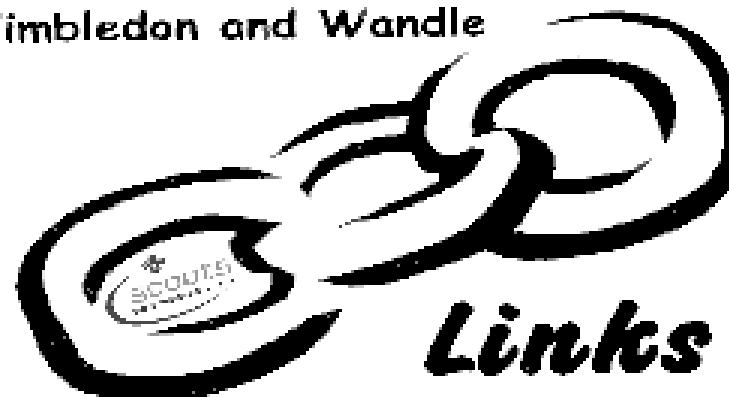
- Look with the eyes of a boy.
- Those who never make mistakes, never make Patrol Leaders.
- A boy's memory is as long as a guinea pig's tail.
- It isn't the problem Scout that produces the problem Troop; it's the problem Scouter.
- If Scouts imitate us, and they do, then some of their faults may be ours as well.
- It is better to blow out the match than to burn down the city.
- Physical toughness is a good servant but a bad master; the thugs and barbarians throughout history have been physically tough.
- Stern words are like coins, the more there are the lower their value.



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Wimbledon and Wandle



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22	Fellowship BBQ	Buckleigh Avenue
Sept 3	Fellowship 10 pin bowling	David Lloyd centre
14	Store re-opens	

District Commissioner

I have sent a note out to GSL's, which contains a number of issues but principally **Monday 22nd January 2007**, which will be a **GSL/Census** evening, when the census returns will be collected and the relevant payment made. The District Treasurer will be on hand to receive payment and issue receipts. Groups who do not hand in their census and payment will subsequently be charged the full rate. HQ has decided to hold its payment figure at **£19.10 less the 50p** discounted figure for prompt payment. The County and District have yet to decide what figure they will be requiring but you will be advised well in advance of 22nd January 07.

Please make note and be aware this gives you 7 months notice.

Thank you to those who put the last detail for St George's Day into action whilst I was away on holiday. It was certainly a different location, where the pre-planning was totally ruined by the late letting of the five a side pitch. That, together with the wet weather, made life at a new location difficult. However the young people seemed to enjoy it and the Band was a real triumph. I have booked Sacred Heart Church for next year and full details will be published by the end of July.

The other important note is that I will definitely produce a detailed programme of all District events for 2007 to be published by the end of July this year. The intention is that all venues will be booked prior to July so details can be published very early. It will also allow Groups to plan their own centenary events with some confidence that there will be no clashes.

It has been good to visit so many Groups in the last month and what is clear to me is that there is some superb Scouting going on right around the District. The number of Groups I attended who had a hall full of parents further encouraged me. I detect an increase in the interest in Scouting from Parents together with increasing numbers of young people. I was really thrilled by what I saw and we have to build on this for the future.

Scout Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey

Unfortunately, our walk in May had to be cancelled due to lack of response. We are hoping for a better response for our forthcoming events.



Reminder: the summer meal is at the White Hart, Hazelwood Lane, Chipstead, 7.30 p.m on 10th June. If you need any further information please contact Betty (8393 62330 or Rob (8330 7466).

Our annual B.B.Q. will again be held at Jean and David Gould's home. This will be on Saturday, 22nd July and we hope to see as many members as possible. If you would like to attend please let Jean or David know on 8395 1885. Further details in the next Links.

If you cannot make the B.B.Q. then please make sure you come to the formal meeting on Tuesday 19th September at the Wandle DHQ. Bill Walden has come up trumps again with his speaker and wonders just how much you know about 'Dactylography' - you will have to come just to find out what the word means and whether I've spelt it correctly!

I have been asked by Mary White to thank you for the cards and good wishes she received during her recent illness. Happily she has now fully recovered.

We also send our best wishes to Jean and John Prior who are in our thoughts at the moment.

Network Badge

There is a new uniform badge available to signify investiture and membership of the Scout Network section.



Initially by special order only, until we know how many people want them. 44p each.

Scouts - Liz Laverick

I forwarded information from Mark Patrick, ACC Scouts, by email to all Groups about the Centenary Patrol Leaders' Camp 26 to 28th July 2007. I need names of nominees by the 6th June 2006 (forms to be completed) to pass onto Mark for the County AGM on the 7th June. The whole County only have 2/3 places, as this Camp is open across the country so the names are to be drawn out of a hat at the AGM.



The next County event is Mission Improbable a weekend camp at Walton Firs in September; Scouts can attend without their Leaders (though Leaders can volunteer to help with activities). **This is an excellent way for Scouts to gain experience of camping if their Leaders have not gained their Nights Away Permit and for new Leaders to observe good camping and outdoor activities in action.**

Forms can be found in the County Year Book and the closing date is in June. This is very popular and places fill very quickly, so get those forms in!

Our next Troop Leaders Meeting will be **Tuesday 20th June 2006** at 8pm, our host will be Dave Bixby at the 1st Morden HQ, Central Road (iron gates near the chicane) - football does not seem to be a factor! Please send apologies and agenda items ASAP.

Explorer Scouts - Neil McLauchlan

We held an extremely successful District Explorer Scout Sports night & BBQ on Thursday 18th May at the Old Wimbledonians. All five units were represented and took part in an evening of sports and silly games. Many thanks to Neil Griffin and the Wimbledon Unit for hosting the evening, organising the games and Neil spending all evening behind the BBQ churning out great burgers.



DC continued . . .

Planning on the Centenary District camp is proceeding well. We have definite number returns from 13 Groups and I am hoping the other 7 will join us. We already have 500/600 campers and 200 Beavers visiting. There are some good ideas being looked at but if you have a good idea or comment then get these in as soon as possible. Please contact Neil McLauchlan who is chair of the camp committee.

2007 Update

There are several new HQ events planned for 2007, briefly they are:-

- National Mega Gig for Scouts and Explorers Sat 23rd June Manchester Stadium
- National Beaver and Cub fun days at Gilwell Park 16/17th June
- National Festival of Scouting at Millennium Dome Sat 24th Nov
- National winter camp at Gilwell for Explorers 5/7th Jan

Gilwell have also announced that there will be week-by-week centenary programmes available to every Leader for the whole of the year. This sounds like a really useful resource and one worth using.

Congratulations to Martin Whiting ex DC of Wimbledon and Merton who has been appointed ACC General Duties as has Janet Drinkall. Janet takes over Joan Uridge's responsibilities, particularly County Commissioners Standard. Joan has decided to stand down.

There will be an evening for all Chairpersons, Treasurers and Secretaries on Monday 11th September at Kenneth Black DHQ commencing at 8.00 pm. I will send out details once the hall booking has been confirmed.

Bob Prescott

Camp Name Logo

We are running a competition for the following:

- Camp Name
- Camp Logo

This is open to all members, Leaders and Adult helpers etc. The logo will be made into a badge.

Entries by the end of July 2006 to Neil McLauchlan. Please mark your entries with your full name, Group, Section or contact details.

Keep up to Date about District Camp

There is a button on the web site Home Page linking to information about the District Camp. Please access this for the latest camp information:

<http://www.wimbledonandwandlescouts.org>

District Store

The store will close after business on Thursday 20 July until 14th September, for the summer break.

If you need anything urgently, please contact Brian.

New items: leather woggles for Cubs in six colours £1.35
 Beaver birthday T-shirts for adults £9.50

Both items special order only.

Centenary Scarves and Badges

You probably saw the advert for the new centenary scarves and badges in the current issue of Scouting.

They will be available through the Store and Badge Secretaries, special order only. My sources suggest that Bob has a few ideas regarding the scarf - watch this space . . .

You may order sets of the badges now for delivery in September, but the individual badges will not be available until November. They will cost £1 each (£4 for the set of 4).

Section Reports

Beaver Scouts - Andy Elgar



Have you given me all your numbers for Beaver Scouts and Adults attending the County Joint Birthday Celebration Event at Walton Firs? If not, or if you know of Leaders from other Sections who would like to help on the day with our bases, please contact me as soon as possible.

Finally, just a reminder, that the next Beaver Scout Leaders' meeting will be Wednesday 19th July at DHQ Morden for 8pm - please do feel free to invite your Assistant Leaders to these meetings, it is a good way for them to meet the Beaver Scout Leaders from other Groups within the District and provides a discussion forum for all items Beaver Scout related.

Cub Scouts - Michèle McNamara



7 Aside Football competition: this took place at Raynes Park High School on May 14th and the weather remained kind to us. 15 teams of 9 took part and in a remarkably good-natured competition, the results were as follows: -

Winners:	8 th Morden,	Runners up:	13 th Wimbledon,
3 rd	5 th Morden	4 th	11 th Mitcham.

I do have 2 items of lost property from this event, one water bottle and one Adidas top size 34/36 mainly dark blue with yellow, red and white pattern, if no one claims these items within the next 4 weeks I shall dispose of them.

Our thanks go to all those who volunteered their help before or on the day to get this competition up and running, especially the referees.

District Camp: please remember that we must have all medical forms before the camp. We have approximately 170 cubs attending this camp and I'm sure we are all hoping for good weather that weekend.

County Fun Day: the coaches have now been booked and the transport cost for Leaders will be notified shortly.

County Training for 2006 – 2007 – Brian Beckley

2006

11 th June	Module 12 Module 18	Providing a Balanced Programme Practical Skills
2 nd July	Module 19 Module 15	International Challenging Behaviour
24 th September	Module 11 Module 5 Module 6	Administration Fundamental Values of Scouting Changes in Scouting
15 th October	Module 15 Module 14	Challenging Behaviour Young People Today
26 th November	Module 13 Module 8 Module 9	Growing the Movement Skills of Leadership Working with Adults
10 th December	Module 7 Module 17	Valuing Diversity Activities Outdoors

2007

21 st January	Module 12 Module 18	Providing a Balanced Programme Practical Skills
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All at **Bow Lane Centre**, Bow Lane, Morden.

First Module on date is am. Last Module on date pm. Please check middle Modules with your Local training Manager.

First Aid Training - ring Janet Drinkall 020 8669 4774 for information.

Gilwell Park are running various training events. Full information from www.scouts.org.uk/adulttraining.

More Modules will be added during the year and all will be advertised here in 'LINKS'.

Anybody can do or revisit any module and is welcome to apply.

Module 16 and all the Commissioner Modules are about to be added but dates and venues are being finalized. Another workshop for 'part trained' leaders is also being planned.

Books

The District has a large stock of books left over from past book sales. If any Group would like them, please contact Cliff Condon on 020 8540 5115.



If there are any left over after your event, they can be recycled at the Morden Hall DHQ.

Warden

Bentley Copse has new wardens:

Graham and Julie Anker 01483 202424

warden@bentleycopse.fsnet.co.uk

Our thoughts have been with Jean and John Prior after their son died recently. They have asked me to publish the following:

“Jean and John Prior would like to thank all their Scouting friends for their kind thoughts, prayers and support on the sudden death of Kevin.”

District Secretary

Our new District Secretary, Sue Southwood, can be contacted by email on suewimble@aol.com.



Cubs 90th
and Beavers 20th
birthday celebrations
at the County Cub and Beaver
Funday at Walton Firs Campsite
on
1 July 2006



This will be an unforgettable fun packed day of adventure, celebration and thrilling events. Come and try exciting activities and skills including bows and arrows (Beavers) archery (Cubs), the maze, camp cookery, arts and crafts, amateur radio, Scouting skills, puzzles and games, skittle alley and circus skills (Abseiling and climbing for Cubs)



These are only a few of the things on offer so don't miss out...



If you haven't already confirmed that your Cub or Beaver Section(s) will be attending please contact:

Beaver Scouts:

Andy Elgar: andy.elgar@merton.gov.uk

Cub Scouts:

Michèle McNamara: Michmac@blueyonder.co.uk

The 1st Lower Morden Scout Group present...

The Big Quiz Night!

Saturday 1 July 2006

(Well AFTER a possible England Quarter Final!)

At the Bow Lane Scout Centre / 1st Lower Morden Scout HQ,
Bow Lane, Morden.
(off Lower Morden Lane).

7.45pm for an 8pm start

Teams of 4-6 £2 a head

Tea and coffee will be provided but feel free to bring your own!

To book a team contact Andrew Hayward (GSL) on
020 8542 4829 or 0797 129 8686

See You There!

