

Scout Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey

We are having a fairly quiet time at the moment. Due to difficulties in finding a venue for the summer meal we are changing it a lunchtime event on 6th July. Please let Rob Brumwell or David Gould know whether you are still interested a.s.a.p.

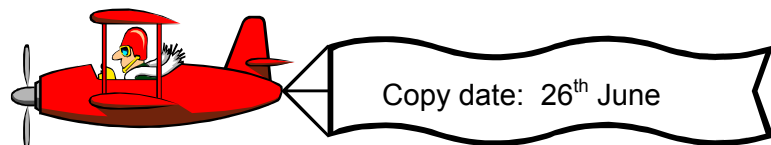


On July 19th we are hoping to hold our annual barbeque. Please let David Gould know if you will be attending.

If you need to contact Rob please telephone 8330 7466 or e-mail brumwells@btinternet.com 8395 1885. David's number is 8395 1885 and email is baldygouldy@hotmail.co.uk.

Good friends are like stars.

You don't always see them, but you always know they are there!



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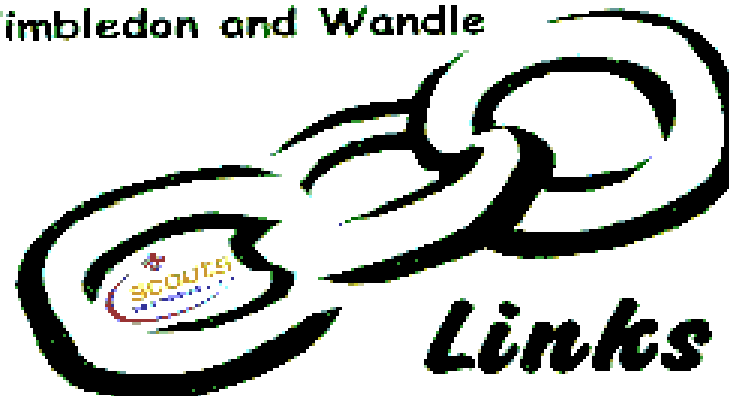
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Wimbledon and Wandle



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June 6	Cub's athlete's badge testing	Raynes Park Playing Fields 6pm
11	County AGM	Kenneth Black DHQ 8pm
16	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
21-22	Camping Assessment weekend	Park Farm
23	GSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
July 6	Fellowship meal	tbc
8	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm
9	CSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 7.30pm
12	District Sports	Wimbledon Park Arena
13	Scouts' Raft Race	Ravensbury Park from 12 noon
16	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
19	Fellowship BBQ	
Sep 10	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
13-14	Survival Skills weekend	Paches

The Annual District Sports Day on July 12 is fast approaching. Hopefully, you have it in your Troop and Pack diaries (sadly, the Beavers will not be taking part this year) and are thinking about your teams. Full details are on the website: click the link from the 'Diary' page.



Even for those who are less sporty, it will be a fun day. Come and have a go on the monkey bridge and take part in the various sideshows. Even bring your own sideshow for others to have a go! If you have spare leaders, or even parents you would like to get involved more, why not volunteer them to help run the event. There are still a few gaps to fill!

Hope to see you all there!
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District AGM

It was good to see such a cross section of the District at the Annual General Meeting last month, though a pity that a few more Scouters did not take the time to attend.

Congratulations to all those who received their long service awards and especially to Dave Christmas who had his Silver Acorn presented.

Certificates were handed out to all the Groups who had increased their numbers at this year's census - well done to the 1st Morden who gained the most members - 28 - during 2007.

The **County AGM** is on 11 June in the Kenneth Black DHQ - let's have a good representation from W&W present!

STOP PRESS

Young Leader Training Module A "Prepare for Takeoff"

Tuesday 24th June
8pm to 9.30pm

Sutton District HQ
72b Woodcote Road
Wallington

Uniform not required

Please respond ASAP to:

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Training Dates 2008

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

Mod. 3	Tools for the Job	08.05.08	7.15 - 10.00pm
7	Valuing Diversity	18.05.08	10am - 11.30am
9	Working with Adults	18.05.08	11.45am - 1pm
17	Activities	18.05.08	2pm - 4.30pm
12	Providing a balanced programme	08.06.08	9.30am - 1pm
18	Practical skills	08.06.08	2pm - 4.30pm
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

Wimbledon Village Police Junior Tug of War

The Wimbledon Village Safer Neighbourhood Team invites young people (11-16 years) from local groups to take up the challenge and enter their Annual Charity Tug of War on Saturday 21 June 2008, 10.30 am-12.30 pm at the Wimbledon Village Fair.

To enter a team contact 020 8721 2457

everyone who took part definitely wanted it repeated. The lady booking people in said that they had never had such a polite or well behaved group of young people at such an event.

I have a hooded top that was left behind - please ask your Scouts if they lost one.

Camping Assessment Weekend - Park Farm, 21-22 June - any late entries please phone as soon as possible.

Survival Skills - Paches 13-14 September. Have you registered your Troop for this great weekend yet?

Holidays: As I shall be away from 23rd June for a week, please contact Tm Kerridge or Dave Hodges if you have any urgent Scout problems.

Explorer Scouts - Neil McLauchlan DESC



The Mitcham and Raynes Park Units spent a long weekend after Easter camping at Dolygaer in South Wales. There they were undertaking Chief Scouts Platinum & Diamond award hikes, with several members also using this towards their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We had three mini busses full of Leaders and hikers. The forecast rain was not too heavy and 'a great weekend was had by all'.

We have purchased copies of some Memory Maps for use on a PC. They have been loaded onto the District Laptop and are available for use by all sections. The maps we have are 1:25,000 of The Lake District, North Wales & South Wales. They are a fantastic resource. The maps can be used on the PC, with the projector or printed out for members to use. Please contact me for further details.

Wimbledon and Wandle Network - Neil McLauchlan



Bouldering weekend in Fontainebleau, France. Thurs 3rd - Sun 6th April. 10 Network Scouts and a few Leaders travelled to Fontainebleau forest (60km South West of Paris) where they camped for 3 nights and took in 2 full days bouldering in the hot French sun.

The group were varied in climbing skills, but the area had a great range of problems from the reasonably easy to "Spiderman only".

The trip was an amazing success with all participants vowing to come back at the earliest possible opportunity and the previously inexperienced among the group discussing local climbing wall membership and investing in a pair of their own climbing shoes.

The group recommend Fontainebleau bouldering to any older Explorer or Network group as it's difficult to not have the best time there.

There are a number of pictures on the Wimbledon and Wandle website.

Explorer Belt

Lucy McLauchlan gave her illustrated presentation about her Explorer Belt Expedition to Holland to a mixed audience in Wallington at their Groups 100 year celebration & open day. She had successfully passed the award and was then presented with her belt by Ian Newbury.

We have had several meetings with ex-Explorer Scouts and we hope to recruit more members over the coming months to our growing list of Network members.

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Expeditions - Chris Dean DCC(Programme)

County is providing another expedition opportunity - unaccompanied practice or qualifying - on Dartmoor this coming August, and there a few places still available.

Further information and an online booking form are posted on the GLSW website.

We have also arranged an expedition training course for Gold Award and Queen's Scout Award participants from October 28 to November 2 in the Derbyshire Peak District. Again go to the County website for full details.

It is anticipated that there will be practice/qualifying expeditions in both April and August 2009.



Training - Alison Edwards



May has been another productive month training-wise. We have achieved 7 more wood badges, so well done to the 19th Wimbledon, Cannon Hill Explorer Unit, 6/12th Mitcham and to Michele McNamara on gaining her ADC wood badge.

I would however like to issue a plea to all Leaders. If you have access to 'Backpack', the Scout Association membership database, could all Leaders please check their records. We are discovering errors and inconsistencies between what we think people are doing leader-wise and what the records say. Also could you check that your appointment is correct and your names correctly spelt! This might seem obvious but there have been problems and as a result things are coming back wrong. The most common thing is where people have applied to work with one section, then swap . . and we don't know . . nor does Gilwell!

Any errors please let me know. Email is best. alison.edwards@lacors.gov.uk

Store

There are a variety of special promotions in the new edition of Scouting Magazine that can be obtained through the Store. It would be a great help if you could let Brian have the necessary code numbers when placing your orders.

NB: Several Groups/Sections have placed orders during the last few months then not come to collect their items, despite being notified that they are available. This ties up capital in stock that the Store cannot afford (and storage is really tight, too). For ease of accounting we have always asked for payment to be made when the goods are collected, but Groups that persistently order stuff then don't pick it up promptly may be asked to pay in advance in future - 3 dozen Group scarves are expensive and cannot be sold on to anyone else!

Safety Advisory Notice: Pierceable Gas Cartridges

Over the last few years, there have been a number of serious incidents involving the use of gas cookers and lanterns which employ pierceable cartridges.

The old type of cartridge was, as its name suggests, pierced by a spike in the appliance. Once pierced, the canister could not safely be removed until empty.

In all these cases, leaking gas can be the result and, due the lack of a valve, the leak cannot be stopped.

For these reasons, The Scout Association is taking the unusual step in strongly advising Groups to cease using equipment which employs pierceable cartridges.

It is accepted that equipment cannot be replaced overnight and that some of this type may have to be used in the short term. Where this cannot be avoided, Leaders are advised to check, carefully, to ensure that seals are in good condition and should record the inspection. In addition, use of such equipment should be closely supervised and, above all, cartridge changes and assembly should only be undertaken by adults, in the open and away from sources of ignition.

Groups are recommended to cease using such equipment and to implement a policy of replacement within twelve months at the latest.

Section Reports

Beavers - Clare Tweedley DBSL



Sports day update: At the Beaver Leaders meeting last week it was decided that the Beavers would not be attending the Cub and Scout District sports on 12th July. The full details will be included in the minutes from the meeting.

The **Beaver Bike/Scooter** ride, which had to be postponed in April due to the unusual weather conditions, has been rescheduled for 21st September. Letters will be sent out to Colonies before the summer holidays.

It was great to see more groups represented at the Leaders meeting, the next meeting is on **Wednesday 16th July** DHQ at 8pm.

Cubs - Michèle McNamara ADC(CS)



Athletes Badge Testing - Don't forget this is being held on Friday evening June 6th between 18.00 - 21.00 at Raynes Park Playing Fields, Grand Drive, SW20. Cubs just need to turn up in appropriate clothing and try to obtain the required number of points to achieve either the athletes or athletes plus badge. Parents are welcome to stay with their children if they want. As soon as Cubs have achieved the required number of points they may leave. The cost is £2 per Cub. ***Remember, however, in the event of wet weather the event will be cancelled for safety reasons; please make parents aware of this.***

7 aside Football competition - Well done to all 15 teams who took part for making this one of the most pleasant football competitions we have had for some time and playing in such a sportsmanlike manner. Thanks also to all the Leaders and parents who helped. Well done to the winners 5th Morden, 22nd Wimbledon who came 2nd and the 11th Mitcham & 1st Lower Morden who came 3rd.

Scouts - Dave Bixby ADC(S)



Karting event: What a great time we had at the Playscape Kart raceway in Streatham! It was a pity that we had to offer the activity outside our District to fill some of the empty places, but