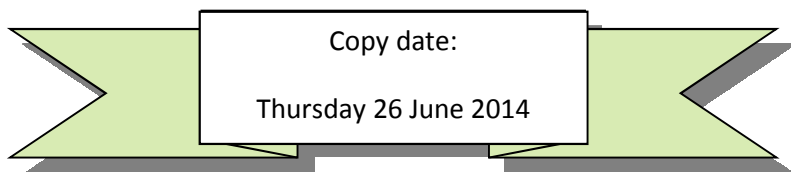


We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline.

- Jesse Owens



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June 7	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
7	Advertising/recruitment event	Wimbledon Piazza
21	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
22	SAS day out	Hughenden Manor
29	Scouts: Rafting	Ravensbury Park
July 5	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
9	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
12	District Sports	Wimbledon Park
16	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
19	Last Store before holidays	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
Aug 10	SASU: Summer Meal	Kingswood Golf Club
Sept 18	Store re-opens	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm

District Commissioner

Following the theme of Scouting's Vision 2018, from the last few Links, this month I would like to focus on Scouting's aspirations that our scouts be active citizens and that we have an impact on the communities within which we operate.

Our local profile is improved by our parades, as mentioned last month, as well as being visible at local events, such as the Wimbledon Village Fair and the Mitcham Carnival, but these aspirations go deeper than that and reflect the duties outlined in the Promise, which includes "helping other people". Although citizenship is wider than just helping others, helping others is a key element of it and one that children of all ages can readily understand.

The societal changes that our country has seen since 1979, where it can be argued that we have moved from a communitarian model to a more individualistic model of society, impel us to seriously consider what we can do to help within our localities. In this way our youth members see that they are part of something bigger than themselves and the people around us see that we are not an insular organisation, but one that wishes its members to be active citizens through practical means for the Common Good. Our members are not, then, just seen as people who, when not on parade, want money for something, be it a trip somewhere or a new roof (laudable as these are).

The list of activities that we may consider is endless, from creating habitats for bees to helping at food banks, from visiting old people's homes to cleaning the river Wandle.

The key is that we *do* something in our neighbourhood, which of itself is consistent with the Scouting Method of learning by doing, and by doing something helpful we improve the quality of life for our members, their families and those around us.

Joe

County Night Exercise

21-22nd March 2015 Bentley Copse Scout Campsite.

and a couple of reminders:

- don't forget to pre-register if your Troop is aiming to enter the **Raft Event** in Ravensbury Park on 29th June.
- also book to give your Scouts a **canal boat** experience. All 4 sessions Saturday morning, afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon are available at the time of writing. A max of 9 including at least one adult in each session. **21-22nd September 2014**. Leaders could come on their own to see if their Scouts would like it.
- **County Leaders' micro-navigation event** 21st September 2014 Boidierhurst Scout Campsite. Details to follow.
- Our next **Scout Section meeting** is on Monday 22nd September 8.00 pm Morden Hall DHQ when we need to plan next year's events.

Explorers – Neil McLauchlan



Please note that the next **Explorer Scout Leaders' meeting** is on Wed 4th June 2014, Morden Hall DHQ 8.00pm.

Please put it in your diaries and ensure that your Unit is represented.

The agenda will be circulated by email.

Scout Active Support – Rob Brumwell



A big 'thank you' to all SASU members who helped at District AGM.

There are still 4 places available for the 'away day' trip to **Hughenden Manor** on Sunday June 22nd. Contact Rob on 020 8330 7466 if you would like to go.

The annual **Summer Meal** will take place at Kingswood Golf Club on Sunday, 10th August. If interested contact Jean on 020 8330 7466.

Jean and Dave Gould have temporarily postponed the July BBQ. Watch this space for new date.

I also have asked many times for colonies to give me a date and time when I can come down and visit your colony, I do not wish to just turn up at a meeting when not expected.

I hope to visit the sports arena where the sports are to be held to see where we can let the parents stand to see the beavers do the races and to see where we can site the events. I hope to do this on the 14th or 21st June at some time in the morning; if any leader would like to make the visit with me please contact me A.S.A.P.

Cubs – Michèle McNamara



Adventure Day – For various reasons as discussed at the last CSL meeting this event planned for June 22nd has been cancelled. We will be running it again next year hopefully nearer to the date on which we traditionally run the event.

Programmes – I now nearly have all the programmes but there are a few notable exceptions, if you haven't let me have your programme yet, please do so or explain why it is not available.

Football – Thank you to those packs who entered a team or teams, there was a very poor response this year. If you didn't enter it would be interesting to find out your reasons, if you don't make it to CSL meetings and a lot of you don't, perhaps you would be kind enough to e-mail me with your reasons.

Fortunately for the 11 teams who did enter we were blessed with beautiful weather and thanks to everyone who helped in anyway whatsoever, it was much appreciated. I have to say I was more than a little annoyed to find that the "Little Kickers" were once again in residence on the pitches upon my arrival despite assurances from the school that this wouldn't happen again. Congratulations to the 1st Lower Morden for winning the event and the 1st Wimbledon for coming 2nd, third place went jointly to the 11th Mitcham & 5th Morden. The games were played in a good manner for which I am very grateful and I hope a pleasant day was had by all involved.

Scouts – Dave Bixby



Just a couple of dates for your diary -

County Cooking Competition :

1st or 8th Feb 2015 (exact date TBC) 1st Hook HQ.

Chairman's Chatter

Thank you to everyone who attended the District AGM or sent apologies. The Annual Report and Accounts are being made available via the District web site.

I was very pleased to accept the DC's nomination to serve a fifth year as Chairman and was delighted also that the team we have now established on the Executive Committee all agreed to stand again. Our numbers are strengthened by Richard Marus who has previously served as Chairman of 5th Morden and has held other Scouting appointments.

I look forward this year to be able to give more time to support the DC in reviewing our next District Development Plan; as my new company will allow me more flexibility and less evening and Saturday working.

A reminder that the County AGM is on 11th June in Wallington and apologies that I can't be there as I will be attending work Induction in Swindon for the week. We still need a volunteer to serve as District Representative on the County Executive, if you can spare 5 evenings a year, please give me a call.

Appointments Advisory Committee – Muriel Treagust

Appointments agreed at meeting held on Tuesday, 29th April, 2014

Susan Davies	2 nd Morden	ACSL
Michelle Baker	6/12 th Mitcham	ABSL
Leo Leclercq	9 th Wimbledon	ASL
Jake Ardley	16 th Morden	ASL

Paul Henderson has resigned as DESC and is now District Explorer Scout Leader

Occasional Helpers recorded

Gary Turrell	1 st Morden
Jenny Tew	19 th Wimbledon
Symeon Ang	Raynes Park (Network)
Timothy Guy	22 nd Wimbledon
Louise Drummond	22 nd Wimbledon

Badges – Lesley Bixby

Unfortunately, but not unexpectedly, Scout Shops sold their entire stock of the new badges in the first week. I am sorry that some of you, especially Beaver Leaders, are still waiting for your badges but they are all ordered and I will let you know once they have arrived.

Please note that badge prices have increased to 70p for challenges and 59p for activity badges.

District Store – Brian Whalebone

Uniform prices have increased and are now as follows:

Beaver polo shirts	£10.50
Beaver sweatshirts	£12.00
Cub polo shirts	£11.50
Cub sweatshirts	£12.50
Scout shirts/blouses	£17.00
Uniform leather belt	£13.00
Leather woggles	£1.25

Activity trousers prices remain the same Youth £16 and Adult £27.00

Long sleeve shirts for Explorers, Sea Scouts and Leaders now £21.00

Short sleeve shirts for Explorers and Leaders £20.00

Adult polo shirt	£16
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Scarves

Plain	Youth £2.20	Adult £4.00
Diagonal	Youth £3.20	Adult £4.25
Bordered	Youth £4.25	Adult £5.30

The Store will close for the summer on 17 July (Thursday) and 19th July (Saturday) and re-open on 18 September at 7.45pm.

Jack Petchey Awards

Thank you to everyone who got their Jack Petchey nominations in by the deadline – I am pleased to say that we filled our entire quota. You have probably received your cheques by now but please ensure that you spend the money on what your nominee requested and keep the receipts in case the Foundation do a spot check.

The next set of nominations will be due in February 2015.

Training Dates

Date	Module	Title	Time
7 June	13	Growing the Movement (Leaders)	10.00 – 13.00
7 June	21	Growing the Movement (Managers)	10.00 - 16.30
21 Sept	16	Introduction to residential experiences	10.00 – 13.00
21 Sept	38A	Skills for residential experiences	14.00 – 17.00
11/12 Oct	38B	Skills for residential experiences weekend camp	tbc
26 Oct	12	Providing a balanced programme	09.30 – 13.30
26 Oct	19	International	14.30 – 16.00
16 Nov	15	Challenging behaviour	10.00 – 12.30
16 Nov	17	Activities outdoors	13.00 – 16.30
30 Nov	13	Growing the Movement (Leaders)	10.00 – 13.00
30 Nov	21	Growing the Movement (Managers)	10.00 – 16.30

All Modules will be at the 1st Lower Morden Scout Headquarters unless stated
Cost per Module is £4.00

Application forms from

Mrs J Condon 34 Arundel Avenue, Morden SM4 4DX

e.mail joan.glswtraining@btinternet.com or download from the County web site
www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/applicationforms.

First Aid Dates

Contact Mrs Janet Drinkall 020 8669 4774 e.mail jdrinkall@sky.com

Section Reports

Beavers – John Tweedley

We have the District sports day coming up quite soon and I hope your colony will attend this event. If your colony is coming you are expected to put on an event for the other Beavers to compete in.

It seems that only half the colonies send in their programmes to me so can we have 100% please.

