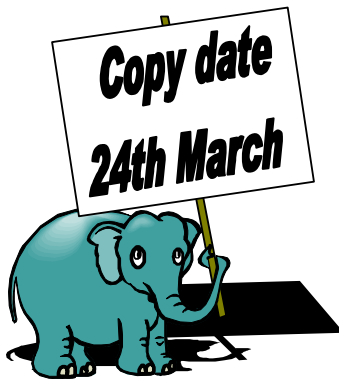




It is with regret we announce the death of Nell (Ellen) Freeman on 26th February 2005. Nell's husband 'Pip' was the founder of the 16th Morden and she ran the Cub Pack for many years. She then continued as an active supporter and fundraiser for many more years after that. She never lost her interest in the Group and will be missed by them all. Nell was some months short of her 90th birthday and our thoughts are with her extended family at this sad time.



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 I want to be fit for myself to know,
 I want to be able as days go by,
 Always to look myself straight in the eye."
 Edgar A Guest



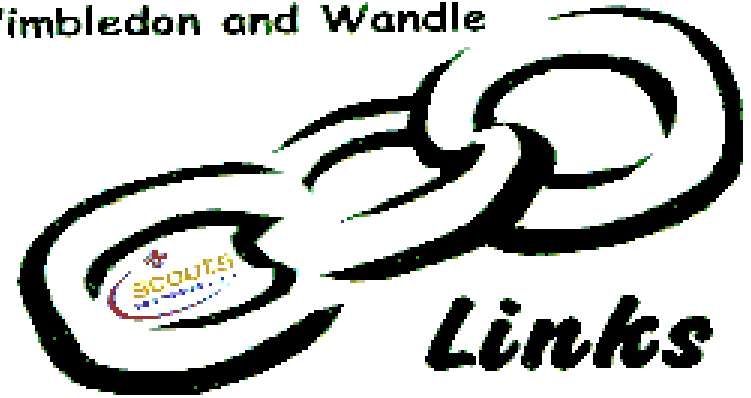
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	12	County Scout Night Exercise	Bentley Copse
	13	Fellowship AGM	Morden Hall DHQ
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	19	Edge Hill ESU Dinner Dance	Upper Parish Hall
	23	Troop Scouters' Meeting	8th Morden HQ
	20	Beaver Activity Afternoon	4 th Morden HQ
	27	QS/DoE Expedition	
April	7	District Team Meeting	Kenneth Black DHQ
	10	Cub Outdoor Activity Day	Frylands Wood
	10	Fellowship spring hike	
	11	GSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
	14	Store re-opens after Easter	Morden Hall DHQ
	16	Edge Hill ESU Prohibition Ball	Upper Parish Hall
	20	Fellowship Beetle Drive	Morden Hall DHQ
	24	St George's Day Event	
	26	District Executive meeting	Morden Hall DHQ

District Commissioner

We are steadily moving towards the camping season again. Can I remind you all that to go on any residential experience: indoors, campsite or green-field you **MUST** have a Nights Away permit holder involved in the planning and the experience itself.

I do not want to be in a position to refuse your camp, but if you do not have a Nights Away permit holder with you I will have to do so.

I would expect that by the end of May all Leaders expecting to be fast tracked for permit would have completed their assessment.

So **Please** get your permit before you start planning any Nights Away experience.

Plans for **St George's Day** are well underway and details can be found on the District website or elsewhere in this newsletter. You are all invited to attend in full and smart Scout uniform.

Please also note the new appointments procedures which is also in this newsletter, must be followed by everyone.

Bob Prescott

Fund Raising

Everyone seems to be after us to raise money at the moment - GIMME5, Red Nose Day, the Big Kick About etc. Headquarters produce excellent resource packs to help you and fund raising can be fun for the young members, but don't forget that it is often their parents who end up putting their hands in their pockets. Could we have an exchange of ideas through these pages of ways to raise money from Joe Public and not from our members' families?

PS - my Scout Group is taking part in Gimme5 outside the Civic Centre in Morden on the morning of 12th March - come and see us!

At the time of writing 2 Troops have responded to my request for thoughts and ideas on a District Older Scouts' event. I would be interested in knowing what the other 18 think before our next Leaders' meeting on the 23rd March. We can then make some decisions on the format and date to allow planning to begin. Please seek the views of your members as well as your leadership team so that we get a good cross-section of ideas.

Please make every effort to ensure that your Troop is represented at our meeting on Wednesday 23rd March at 8pm. The venue is the 8th Morden HQ in Yenston Close off Green Lane where the coffee and biscuits are always of a high quality.

Fellowship from Linda Vaudrey



Recent Events: A very good evening was spent Ten Pin Bowling on Sunday 6th February. Many thanks to David Gould and Bill Cronk for organising.

Forthcoming events: **Sunday, 13th March Fellowship A.G.M.** Please note the date is different to that on our original list. 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. at Wandle DHQ. We look forward to seeing all members there.

Sunday, 10th April - Spring Hike. If you are interested please contact Dave Gould for details.

Do you have a couple of hours to spare on **Sunday afternoon, 20th March?** If so, and you would like to help at the Beaver Activity afternoon, at Bow Lane, then please contact Andy Elgar on 8287 9234. Many thanks.

Reminder for your diary: **Wednesday 20th April**, Beetle Drive and Fish 'n Chip supper. Further details in the next issue.

District Store

The store will close for Easter on 17 March and re-open on 14 April.

Revised Appointments Procedure

- New applicant identified
 - No access to young people until provisional appointment made
- Completes forms AA; CRB and RF*
- HQ advise AA clear
- Interviewed by DC or ADC
- References received
- Provisional Appointment made
 - Supervised access allowed
- Training Advisor appointed
- Commences modules 1 to 3 of training programme including first aid
- CRB disclosure comes back
- Modules completed
- Interview with Appointments Committee
- Warranted Appointment made (to be within 5 months)
 - Full access to young people
- Warrant presented
- Training on modules for the appointment commences. 3 years to complete

* AA = Adult Appointment
CRB = Criminal Records Bureau
RF = Reference Form

Any queries about this procedure should be made to Joan Burgess on 020 8542 1029 or to Bob Prescott on 020 8641 6112.



6/12th Mitcham Scout Group

invite you to their

QUIZ NIGHT

on Saturday 2nd April 2005
at their HQ, Glebe Court
7.30pm for 8.00pm start.

£2 per person + a raffle
Suggested maximum of 6 people per team.

District AGM

Have you got the date in your diary? Wednesday 11th May at the Wimbledon DHQ.

Morden Hall Park District HQ

There are now regular bookings on Sunday mornings and early Friday evenings in the Morden Hall DHQ but this does not mean that it cannot be used for Scouting purposes at the weekends. If you want to run a sleepover or similar event, please make sure that you give a minimum of a month's notice so that our 'tenants' have time to make alternative arrangements.

The Headquarters can be used by Groups/Sections for evening meetings, day or weekend activities, sleepovers, camp fires or tent pitching practice.

Booking secretary:

Betty Cronk on Tel: 020 8393 6233

Email: betty@bcronk.fsnet.co.uk

Section Reports

Beavers from Andy Elgar



You should now have received the invitations to the **Beaver Activity Afternoon** on Sunday 20th March. Please note that all replies need to be sent to Linda Vaudrey and not myself on this occasion. Also, just to recap, if you don't have any Beaver Scouts either 7 Years or over attending, you & your Leaders/adults could still come and help to assist in running bases etc - if you would like to help, please do let me know.

Welcome to Sue Thornton and Samantha Powell who have offered to become leaders with the 20th Mitcham Colony.

Finally, the next Beaver Leaders meeting will be on 16th March at the Morden Hall DHQ, hope to see you all there.

Cubs from Michèle MacNamara



Outdoor Adventure Day - 10th April Frylands Wood, details will be issued shortly, final figures will be required by 24th March.

7 Aside Football competition - this has been booked at Raynes Park High School for Sunday 15th May, to be discussed more fully at the next CSL meeting but please put this date in your diary now, you will be required to enter by 30th April and make full payment by 11th May.

As we have now been merged for a year, do you have any opinions on how this is working? Are there any events you would like us to put on or drop? Please try and attend the next CSL meeting on 2nd March or advise one of the DCSLs of your opinions. We need your feedback.

Scouts from Paul Atkins



Our **Handball Competition** at the end of March went well and, thanks to Andy's cunning format, the odd number of 11 teams all got to play a good number of games with the general level of skill improved on last year. Congratulations to the 20th Mitcham who took home the trophy for the second year running after beating the 8th Morden in a very close final. Thanks to Andy & Richard for organising the event.

St George's Day



24 April 2005

10.00am The District will assemble at the Wimbledon War Memorial and the parade will form up under the direction of David Gould (ADC General Duties). All Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will march together in Groups, accompanied by their Leaders and led by their GSL. All Explorers will march together behind the Groups.

10.20am The parade will move off, along Southside Common to Kings College School, behind the Wallington Scout Band, combined with our own. This is to be confirmed, subject to police approval.

At the school, entry to the hall will be directed by members of the Network and the Scout Fellowship under the direction of Keith Daly (ADC General Duties).

Flag bearers will form up separately prior to entering the hall during the first song.

11.00am The service will commence.

11.45am After the service, the District will be dismissed from the grounds of the school by the DC.

There will be a collection for a nominated charity. The Mayor of Merton will be in attendance.

We hope to see all members of Wimbledon and Wandle District at this event. Everyone should be in full, smart Scout uniform and awards should be worn.

This information is available on the Wimbledon and Wandle website www.wimbledonandwandlescouts.org

Updates will be posted when confirmation is received from the police.