

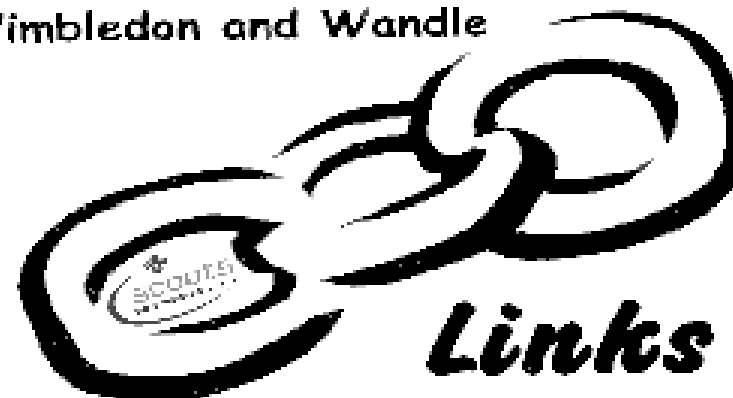
The mediocre teacher tells; the good teacher explains; the superior teacher demonstrates; the great teacher inspires

William Arthur Ward

Perhaps the same applies to Scouters. . .



Wimbledon and Wandle



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March	5	Beaver Activity Day	
	5	Gang Show 2006 auditions	
	8	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
	11	GLSW Night Exercise (Scouts)	Polyapes
	12	Gang Show 2006 auditions	
	15	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
	18	Join the Adventure recruitment day	
	19	Fellowship AGM	Morden Hall DHQ
	22	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
	22	Troop Scouters' meeting	6/12 th Mitcham
April	2	Cub Outdoor Adventure Day	Frylands Wood
	3	GSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
	23	St George's Day Parade and Service	
	26	Fellowship Beetle Drive	Morden Hall DHQ

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District Commissioner's report.

This year's census returns are, as ever, interesting reading. As a District we have gone up by 5: a small rise, but it is a start. More encouraging is that 11 Groups in the District grew, 3 significantly: 13th Wimbledon by 17, 9th Wimbledon by 15 and 1st Lower Morden by 11.

Given that we have lost 3 Groups and gained one, this is a good result.

Well done to you all, I still believe the quality of Scouting we provide in Wimbledon and Wandle is second to none.

A venue for St George's Day is still causing a major headache. I am hoping to finalise the arrangements very soon and will let everyone know where, and at what time, the service will take place.

I am afraid my latest approach for a Treasurer has not succeeded. If you know anyone prepared to take this on, please let Eric Hayward or me know.

My thanks to all those involved with organising the Swimming Gala, especially Michele McNamara. It was a good evening and enjoyed by all the young people.

Bob Prescott

Census:

See Bob's comments above - we hope to be able to publish full details next month.

Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey

February has been a fairly quiet month for the Fellowship. We do however, have our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 19th March, 8.00 p.m. at the Wandle DHQ. This is a very important event in our calendar and we would like all members to attend. We are hoping to invite our new ACC to the meeting and look forward to seeing you all there. Light refreshments will be provided.

Reminder: Sunday 23rd April, St George's Day and Wednesday 26th April - Beetle Drive and Fish 'n' chip supper. Further details about both events later.

Competition Results

County Cooking Competition:

Of the 26 teams who entered the County Cooking competition, 8 came from 5 Troops in Wimbledon and Wandle. Congratulations to the **East Mitcham A team**, who won with 69 points and to the teams from 1st Morden (A and B), 8th Morden (A and B), 19th Wimbledon, 22nd Wimbledon and East Mitcham B who all did extremely well.

District Cub Quiz:

Many thanks to the teams who supported the first District Cub Quiz on Wednesday 8th February - thanks also to Alison and Michèle for keeping the scores and to Mia for sorting out the refreshments. The results of the quiz are:

22 nd Wimbledon	132	points
1 st Lower Morden	107	
11 th Mitcham	101	

Congratulations to them and well done to the two teams from the 5th Morden and those from 6/12th Mitcham, 1st Wimbledon and 13th Wimbledon who also took part.



www.where-wolf.com

Check out the above web site for a grid reference finder. This little card makes pin-pointing map references much easier.

Fridge

If you are planning on changing your fridge but your old one still has some life left in it, the Bow Lane Scout Centre is looking for a standard size fridge to fit under a work surface. Please ring Cliff Condon on 020 8540 5115 if you can help.

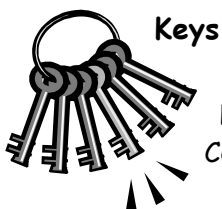
Joan Condon

It's good to see Joan out and about again. She sends the following message:

"Through the pages of Links, may I say Thank You to all who sent cards and best wishes during my recent illness. I am now on the road back to good health."

Mary White

I am also pleased to say that Mary White is recovering well and back home in Morden. For the time being, however, Lesley Bixby will continue to sell the badges at the District Store on Thursday evenings.



Have you lost a bunch of keys. They were found at Bow Lane Scout Centre but do not fit the locks there. Contact Cliff Condon if you think they may be yours.

Boat

The 1st Morden have the hull of a 15' speedboat for sale. It has been re-sprayed recently. There is no trailer but they will deliver it. Ring 020 8542 2017 to discuss details.

Section Reports



Cubs - Michèle McNamara

On Sunday 22nd January 116 Cubs attended the badge day at Bow Lane HQ where they all earned their communicator badge by taking part in many different activities. Thank you to all the Leaders and helpers who gave up their Sunday to make it a success.

On February 8th we held a District Cub quiz. This was requested by the Packs that formally belonged to Wimbledon District, once again, however this was poorly attended by the Wimbledon side of the District. In fact only 7 Packs entered in all.

If we are running the wrong kind of activities or too many, you can let us know at the CSLs' meetings but, if you don't attend anything, we can only assume that everything is all right. The DCSLs' and I are trying to visit each Pack but this is a big job on top of all the other things we are responsible for; our numbers are in the directory, so please do contact us if you have any problems, queries or ideas. I have also asked each Pack to let me have a short report for the minutes, even if you are unable to attend the meetings; at the last count only 7 packs had bothered to send a report.

Explorer Scouts - Neil McLauchlan

Five leaders and myself attended an Explorer Training Day run by Graham Haddock the National Commissioner for Explorer Scouts and four of his team. It was an honour to have them in our County as they travelled from all around the country to run the day. We had an interesting time and have several ideas to discuss at our next District meeting.



P.S. I have a few fabric-covered airbeds available for the first caller (1 double & 3 singles). I believe that at least one of the singles has a puncture that deflates overnight. Anybody is welcome to these for free. I am unable to test them, as I do not have a pump! Please call me 8542 6850.

Network – Chris Dean

Two Network teams from GLSW took part in this year's Southern 50 Challenge Hike. Out of a field of 20 teams in the 'blue riband' 50 mile event, they were placed 4th and 6th respectively. 'The Walking Blues' even managed to win the 'Sharon Blower' trophy as the highest placed 'mixed team'. The next long distance hiking event is the '4 Inns Walk' in April, and plans are afoot to enter an experienced team.

The annual Mountaineering weekend in February was well supported and much enjoyed despite the minibus breaking down on the way to North Wales. A full day's hill walking and scrambling was undertaken on the Saturday, followed by some indoor climbing arranged for us by Bob Lewis on the Sunday morning at the Joint Forces Mountain Training Centre.



On April 22 we are holding a 'St George's Day' celebration Barn Dance, and tickets are now available from myself, price £6 or 4 for £20. There will be a 'live' band and some delicious food, but 'byob' ! A week on, and we shall be taking the field at the Richmond Athletic Ground in the preliminary rounds of this year's Middlesex Sevens. Network members should contact me immediately if they wish to play as training sessions are being arranged.

Our summer plans are now well advanced. Several members are going to the Seychelles, and a larger group to Lithuania for the County Explorer Belt expedition. The base camp team includes Catherine Golden and Alex Minajew.

Several Network members are about to 'tie the knot', and a special badge has been produced to recognise their achievement !

Details of the forthcoming spring/summer programme will be published in the next issue of 'Links', but a rolling list of events can be viewed on www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/network

NETWORK

Appointments Sub Committee - Joan Burgess

Warrants agreed:	Gillian Blackhall - ABSL Joe Rogerson - ESL	8 th Wimbledon Mitcham ESU
'Working with Group'	Helen Mavin Christopher Vickers Jonathan Lyle Catherine Thomas	5 th Morden 16 th Morden 22 nd Wimbledon 22 nd Wimbledon
Warrants cancelled	Karen Paxton	36 th Mitcham

CRB forms: The CRB have issued revised instructions and help sheets to assist in the accurate completion of the forms. All G.S.L's have been sent full details, which should be available for all Leaders. The CRB Form is at the moment being revised reducing the paragraphs to be completed. These are scheduled to be available in April. All CRB forms should be returned to **Robert Brumwell** together with a signed covering note. Additional forms are also available from him.

Reviews: G.S.Ls are now responsible for all Warrant Reviews. Details, and a copy of the Review Form, have been sent to G.S.Ls. Completed reviews should be returned to Joan Burgess.

Links

Don't forget, for those of you with Internet access, you can also read Links on the web site in glorious colour at www.wimbledonandwandlescouts.org/linksnews .

If you would like to join the people reminded by email when each new edition is published, just send an email to links@wimbledonandwandlescouts.org to be added to the list.

District Store

Just a reminder that the Store will be closed on the first two Thursdays in April for the Easter holidays. It will re-open on 20th April.

Swimming Gala

Despite the bug creeping round the schools that reduced the number of entrants, the combined Cub & Scout Swimming Gala proved to be an enjoyable evening that suggests that the event should remain in the Sections' calendar.



Thanks go to the crack team of Gala Operatives, led by Michèle McNamara, for their efforts in providing the event.

Congratulations to the 1st Lower Morden who won the Group & Cub trophies and to the 22nd Wimbledon who took the Scout honours.

The full team results are available on the web site or on request from Paul Atkins. The Top 3 for each competition were.

	Group Trophy	Cub Section	Scout Section
1st Place	1 st Lower Morden	1 st Lower Morden	22 nd Wimbledon
2nd Place	22 nd Wimbledon	5 th Morden	23 rd Mitcham
3rd Place	11 th Mitcham	11 th Mitcham	13 th Wimbledon

Please provide feedback from leaders & young members on the Gala at the Sectional or GSLs' meeting.

Lost property: 2 items of lost property, left after the Gala: a lady's scarf (red) and a water bottle (England). Michèle McNamara has both of these so please contact her if you think they are yours.

Ist Lower Morden Scout Group

Jumble Sale

Saturday 4th March at 10.00 am
at Bow Lane Scout Centre
Entry 30p

Training

12 th March	Module 8 Module 9 Module 13	Skills of Leadership Working with Adults Growing the Movement
5 th /6 th /7 th May	Module 16 Camping at Bears Wood campsite. (Residential.)	Nights Away
21 st May	Module 7 Module 17	Valuing Diversity Activities Outdoors
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
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21 st January	Module 12 Module 18	Providing a Balanced Programme Practical Skills

In addition the following modules are being held at Gilwell Park

22/23 July	Covers Modules 17, 18, 19 Cost £115 residential, £60 camping.
24-28 July	Covers Modules 5-9, 11-15, 19. Cost £325 residential, £200 camping.
20-25 August	Covers Modules 5-9, 11-19 Cost £394 residential, £200 camping.
22-27 October	Covers Module 5-9, 19-23, 24 or 26 (Depending on manager's role.) Cost £394 residential