



# VICTORY & DISCOVERY GLSW Jamboree Units



BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALONG FOR A  
GUARANTEED EVENING OF FUN!

# QUIZ NIGHT

## SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL

7.30pm for 8pm start  
8<sup>th</sup> Cheam HQ, Springclose Lane, Cheam

TICKETS: £4 Under 14's £2

Teams of up to 6 players

Winning team prize

\*\*\* Raffle \*\*\*

'Nibbles' provided

Please bring your own drink & glasses



**UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?** Please donate them to the Raffle!

Please reserve your tickets in advance by sending this form and cheque payable to  
'GLSW Victory Unit' to Jo Launchbury 77 Bute Road Wallington SM6 8AD

In aid of GLSW 'Victory' and 'Discovery' Jamboree Units - GLSW Registered Charity no. 303884

### VICTORY & DISCOVERY Quiz Night - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2007

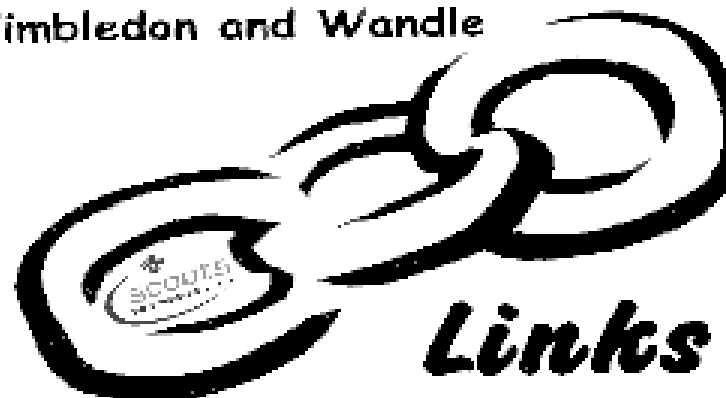
Please reserve the following number of tickets for me: (up to 6 players per team)

X Tickets @ £4     X U14's @ £2    TOTAL £ .....

Your Name: ..... Contact Tel No. ....

Team Name: ..... Please complete form in your best handwriting!

## Wimbledon and Wandle



# Links

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March	3	Edge Hill Explorers present Aladdin	7pm
	4	Edge Hill Explorers present Aladdin	2.30pm
	4	GLSW Gang Show auditions	
	7	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm
	10	GLSW Night Exercise	Boiderhurst
	11	GLSW Gang Show auditions	
	13	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm
	18	Fellowship AGM	Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm
	21	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm
	25	Scout 5-a-side football	Norbury 10am
	25	Beavers' Activity Day	Morden Hall DHQ
	28	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
April	1	Cub Adventure Day	Frylands Wood
	2	GSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm
	21	GLSW Jamboree Units' quiz	8 <sup>th</sup> Cheam
	22	St George's Day Parade & Service	Edge Hill 1pm
	24	District Executive meeting	Morden Hall DHQ at 7.30pm
May	4-7	District Centenary Camp	Blacklands Farm

## District Commissioner

We will have enjoyed our first District Dinner and Dance by the time these notes are published. We will have 115 at the dinner, which is a tremendous response.

In my preparations for the speech I have to make, I came across the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary souvenir handbook produced for the opening of Kenneth Black Memorial Hall. I discovered when I read the report of the DC at the time, Bernard Godwin, "that not only is it the Centenary of Scouting nationally but also locally". This means that we are celebrating our own centenary as well. Bernard Godwin went on to say "for there are Groups who can trace unbroken history from the inception of the Movement"

The 8<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon was registered on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1909 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wimbledon registered on 26<sup>th</sup> February 1909. 1<sup>st</sup> Mitcham was registered in 1908.

The booklet confirms that Mitcham District was formed from the original Wimbledon District in 1925 and then Morden and St Helier in 1932. Here we are in 2007 when all these three Districts came back together in 2004.

I sense a growing anticipation and excitement as our Centenary Camp approaches. I am very keen that all 20 Groups are involved with the camp. I say this because it is such an important event in the development of us as a District and it is also going to be such a great event for our young people and I don't want them to miss out.

So please ensure your Group is coming! If not, what you are doing to ensure the young people in your Group get the opportunity?

One special request to all GSLs: please let me know the number of seats you will take up on District organised transport for the young people. I have received very favourable prices but will not book until I get a response.

There is every indication we will be hosting a Unit from Brazil - not Chile as previously thought - prior to the Jamboree. We are looking for 20 families prepared to take 2 unit members from 2.00pm in the afternoon until 10.00pm in the evening to show a little bit of English family life and enjoy an English meal. Please contact Evelyn Steele AGSL 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden if you or someone you know would like to do this.

We are also looking to beg/borrow/steal 40 air beds for the unit to sleep on at Bow Lane. If you think you could provide one or more then again let Evelyn Steele know.

*Bob Prescott*

**includes** dancing to the Bonabrill Band and a buffet supper. There are discounts for parties of four or more - details from the undersigned.

The weekend of May 12/13 sees us return to Brownsea Island for an Investiture ceremony. We shall be camping on BP's site next to the south shore, and enjoying a range of activities in and around Poole Harbour. The cost is £30 plus a share of petrol. Last date for bookings is March 10.

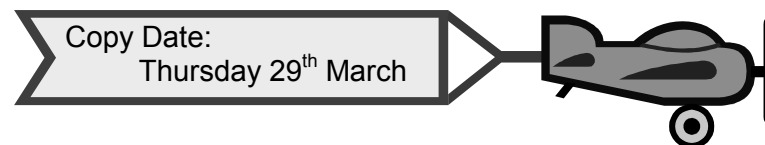
Finally, the Network now has a group contract with Cotswold Camping which gives a 15% discount on all products, from rucksacks to sleeping bags, stoves to tents. Ask me for the contract number !

## Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey

We have had a quiet month but a busier time is coming up. Our first, most important event will be our AGM on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, at the Wandle DHQ. 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. We hope to see all members there. This is your Fellowship and the Committee welcomes your support and ideas. If you are unable to attend please let Betty Cronk know on 020 8393 6233.

Reminders: Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April - St George's Day - help will be needed. Please contact David Gould on 020 8395 1885 if you can help.  
Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April - Beetle Drive and Fish 'n Chip Supper - details to follow.

**WANTED** has anyone a Tilley Lamp they no longer require? If so please contact Jill Hill on 020 8542 2502.



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have a thoroughly good time (I have yet to see a long face from a Scout or a Leader) and those who didn't attend in my opinion missed out. I enjoyed spectating some of the matches and being a linesman for the final. Thanks also go to family and group members present to shout their teams on and we all had a thoroughly enjoyable time!

### **5 - a - side football Competition**

5 - a - side football will take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> March in Norbury, 10am to 2pm details to follow soon.

### **Network - Chris Dean**

## **NETWORK**

In common with most of the other sections, the Scout Network has grown in numbers again this year, albeit fairly modestly. A breakdown of the data is available on request.

Network activities in the centenary year are now in full swing. After a most successful volleyball competition in January several members attended a very enjoyable 'reception' - and a good opportunity for some brown-nosing - at the GLA 'gerkin'. Coming down to earth Network Support Team members took part in this year's Southern 50 Challenge across the Chilterns, finishing a credible 8th in a time of 21 hours 54 minutes. But for the torrential rain, wet conditions under foot caused by melting snow, and a lack of match fitness, the result would have been even better !

At the end of February Saturn Network organised (for the whole of GLSW as their contribution to the centenary) a climbing event at High Sports near Redhill, the objective being for everyone to climb 100 metres on the indoor climbing wall.

In March, Network members will either be competing in or staffing Operation Red Flare, which this year takes place in the Tunbridge Wells area. It is primarily an Explorer event, and to date entries have been received from four of the five Districts in GLSW.

**On April 14 the Network is joining forces with Explorers and Ranger Guides to host a Barn Dance. This takes place in South Croydon, and tickets are now available price £7.50 (£6 for under 14's), which**

### **Census**

It has now been confirmed that the District has grown by 78 to 1415. This is fantastic news and a real endorsement of all the good things happening in Scouting throughout the District. 14 out of our 20 Groups showed increases, with 6/12<sup>th</sup> Mitcham leading the way with 19. Well done to GSL Peter Treagust and his team for their tremendous hard work in a more difficult area of the District.

This result also reflects all the effort put in by Bob and the ADCs - leading a District this size is not an easy task and thanks must go to them for the inspiration and support they offer to the Groups.

The full census results can be found in the centre of this month's Links.

### **St George's Day Parade**

The Police have basically approved the route of the march for St George's Day. Bob will be sending out detailed instructions very shortly once he has had a meeting with the Police and the LBM traffic management dept.



### **District Store**

All the commemorative items for sale in the catalogue which came with last month's Scouting magazine can be ordered through the Store and will gain your Group commission at the end of the year. Currently available at the Store: survival bags @ £3 each.

### **Badges**

Scouters are reminded that it is not best practice to pay by personal cheque and that Group/Section cheques or cash are preferred. Alternatively, Groups or Sections can open an account. This has the advantage that badges can be ordered and sent by post or collected by other Scouters or parents without worrying about payment. More details from Lesley on 020 8542 2017.

## Websites

The 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden are pleased to announce that their new website is up and running. Their web address is [www.1stlowermorden.org.uk](http://www.1stlowermorden.org.uk). How about other Groups promoting their websites through Links?

## Centenary Camp activities

Peter Hutton is coordinating the activities and emailed a spreadsheet to Leaders regarding the names of participants and friendship groups. This should be returned to him by the end of March once you know who will be attending.

Monies for the camp are also due at the end of March.

Volunteers to help on the various zones are still needed. Please contact Peter or the zone coordinators if you can help.

**WANTED:** New members for the

## WIMBLEDON & WANDLE DISTRICT SCOUT BAND

To add an interesting evening to your programme we can visit your weekly meeting, or, if you prefer, you may bring your Section to one of our open evenings at 8<sup>th</sup> Morden headquarters, Green Lane, on Monday evenings.

Your Cub Scouts, Scouts or Explorer Scouts can find out about the band, try the instruments and hear us play. Hopefully they will have a bit of fun and at the same time we may recruit some new members.

Please contact me for further details.

John Smith (Bandmaster)

020 8395 1850

07703 117663



The competition was exciting and because there were only 6 teams, at Les's suggestion we ran a league, so they all played each other, with the top 4 teams in the semis and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play off running at the same time as the final. As there was no hanging around at all for any of the teams and with the refreshments on site, I was informed that there was no unruliness and no one nipping off down to the shops as had previously occurred!

Thanks also go to the referees: - Roy from the 6/12<sup>th</sup>, Les from the 8<sup>th</sup> Morden and back from retirement Andy Edmonds. Thanks also go to Dave Suckling for holding up the display board for the results and announcing the matches.

It was good to see Joe after being with his Contingent.

## Results

In 6<sup>th</sup> place were the 6/12<sup>th</sup> B team and in 5<sup>th</sup> place were the 6/12<sup>th</sup> A. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play off the 8<sup>th</sup> Morden team lost 1 - 4 to the 11<sup>th</sup> Mitcham.

The final was won by the 23<sup>rd</sup> Mitcham 5 - 1 to a composite team of the 13<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon and 23<sup>rd</sup> Mitcham.

I had to present a Trophy that was nearly as big as me and so heavy I had to use 2 hands; luckily the Scout on the receiving end was twice as big as me!

*Contrary to an email I received suggesting that I should respond negatively to the low turn out, I am not going to berate the Troops who did not attend.*

I have actually stated at a District Troop Leaders meeting in response to the question of low turn out to district events that I do not expect every Troop to turn out to every event as there is a very full calendar of County and Group events and, this year in particular, National events. As long as the Scouts and their Leaders want these events in the calendar and someone is prepared to help me run them and the Scouts who do attend have a good time, these events will continue to be put on.

We have a large number of Troops in the District and events would be difficult to run if everyone turned up every time. We are lucky to have a nucleus of Troops who do attend and we all have fun. All those who come

## Section Reports

### Beaver Scouts - Claire Tweedley

Just a little reminder that the District Activity Day cycle ride, at Morden Hall Park on Sunday 25th March, is only a few weeks away. Clare and I have met the Park Warden to finalise the details.

Please can Linda have all the replies by the 18th March.

Please be prepared to help on the day by cycling, marshalling the route or perhaps running a game after the bike ride. Don't forget your Beaver to Adult ratio and a home contact for the day.

Full uniform should be worn.

#### Reminder:

The next Leaders Meeting has been changed to Wednesday 28th March, so it would be nice to see you, as there will be plenty to talk about. Tea and coffee will be provided.

### Cub Scouts

Details of the District Adventure Day for Cubs aged 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  and over, at Frylands Wood, have been circulated and numbers should be in to Mia by 23 March



### Scouts - Liz Laverick

#### Handball Competition - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

We all had a very enjoyable time thanks to the expert organisation of Gary and Donna Baker and all at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Mitcham, thank you so much.

It so very nearly didn't come together though! Gary and Donna had their home broken into on the day before and were boarding up the front door at 1am! So a very big thank you to them (and Duncan).

The 23<sup>rd</sup> brought a garage tent (as those attending previously know that, apart from the competing teams, the rest of us are outside) and it did rain. Not to dampen the spirits we had hot drinks, bacon sandwiches and hot dogs so those not attending missed a really good 4hrs!



## County Training for 2007

4 <sup>th</sup> March	Module 8	Skills of Leadership
	Module 9	Working with Adults
	Module 13	Growing the Movement
27 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> April	Module 16	Nights Away
	All at Bow Lane	

20-26 March 31/1<sup>st</sup> April. Modules for Managers (Excl. module 25.)  
Venue to be advised

21<sup>st</sup> April Orienteering Bentley Copse  
Contact Christine Robinson 020 8255 7176

11<sup>th</sup> March First Aid Training  
Ring Janet Drinkall 020 8669 4774 for information.

To apply :

- If you are revisiting the Module as 'ongoing learning'. Apply via GSL to Joan Condon.
- If you already have a 'Training Adviser' please go via that Adviser to the Local Training Manager.

If you have any questions or queries or need application forms please contact either Joan Condon or Brian Beckley, Local Training Manager.

**Please note that, as it is a very busy year for Scouting, there are NO modules planned from April to September 2007.**

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Jumble Sale: I am frequently asked if the Scouts are having jumble sales - if anyone has one planned could they let me know so I can pass the information on to those with the jumble - Lesley 020 8542 2017.

## Census 2007

Groups	Beavers		Cubs		Scouts		Total Young People		Leaders inc GSLs		Assistants		Fellowship & Other Adults		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
1 Lower Morden	16	6	20	7	18	3	69	70	12	13	1	1	0	0	82	84
1 Merton Park	20	0	17	0	16	2	66	55	8	8	1	1	3	3	78	67
1 Morden	8	3	5	2	8	5	37	31	4	5	4	3	0	0	45	39
1 Wimbledon	21	0	16	0	0	0	34	37	2	2	4	4	0	0	40	43
2 Morden	9	2	15	3	0	0	24	29	2	3	1	3	0	0	27	35
3 Mitcham	4	8	14	3	7	1	30	37	9	10	0	0	0	0	39	47
5 Mitcham	12	4	15	0	0	0	24	31	4	4	0	0	0	0	28	35
5 Morden	22	0	32	0	0	0	50	54	8	7	2	0	0	0	60	61
6/12 Mitcham	10	9	16	7	9	3	36	54	10	10	0	1	0	0	46	65
8 Morden	12	0	20	0	12	0	40	44	11	11	1	1	0	0	52	56
8 Wimbledon	9	0	19	0	17	0	45	45	4	4	0	3	0	0	49	52
9 Wimbledon	17	0	18	0	62	0	99	97	11	5	9	12	0	0	119	114
11 Mitcham	17	0	16	0	13	2	46	48	3	4	2	0	0	0	51	52
13 Wimbledon	17	0	17	0	20	2	52	56	3	4	5	5	0	0	60	65
14 Wimbledon	12	0	16	0	24	0	57	52	11	15	0	0	0	1	68	68
16 Morden	12	13	10	4	11	5	48	55	5	7	4	3	0	0	57	65
19 Wimbledon	29	4	45	2	18	0	87	98	15	16	4	2	4	2	110	118
20 Mitcham	5	3	8	1	3	2	29	22	8	7	2	1	0	0	39	30
22 Wimbledon	15	0	39	0	12	0	79	66	12	12	0	2	0	0	91	80
23 Mitcham	6	9	16	8	9	2	41	50	3	4	3	6	0	0	47	60
Totals	273	61	374	37	259	27	993	1031	145	151	43	48	7	6	1188	1236

Explorers	Total Members		Leaders			
	Male	Female	2006	2007	2006	2007
Cannon Hill	10	0		10		1
Edge Hill	39	26		65		9
Iceni	4	2		6		2
Merton Park	10	4		14		3
Mitcham	11	4		15		3
Raynes Park	6	4		10		2
Totals	80	40	105	120	16	20

District	2006	2007
Administrators		1
Office		3
Fellowship		7
Others		16
Scouters		4
Commissioners		8
Totals	29	39

**Grand Total**  
 2006 2007  
 1338 1415