

Motivation is the art of getting people to do what you want them to do because they want to do it.

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Wimbledon and Wandle

Links

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| Mar 3 | Store open | Morden Hall DHQ 10am |
| 8 | Safeguarding training | 22nd Wimbledon HQ 7.30pm |
| 9-11 | PLs' training course | 1 st Lower Morden HQ |
| 14 | Cub Scout Leaders' meeting | Morden Hall DHQ 8pm |
| 17 | Store open | Morden Hall DHQ 10am |
| 20 | Scout Active Support AGM | Morden Hall DHQ 8pm |
| 24 | First Aid Training | 1 st Lower Morden HQ |
| 24 | County Scout Night Exercise | Polyapes |
| 25 | Cub Adventure Day | Frylands Wood |
| 25 | Beaver bike and scooter ride | Morden Hall Park |
| Apr 5 | No Store - school holidays | |
| 12 | No Store - school holidays | |
| 17 | District Executive | Morden Hall DHQ 8pm |
| 19 | Store re-opens | Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm |
| 22 | St George's Day Parade | Wimbledon Common & Sacred Heart |
| May 4-7 | District Jubilee Camp | Blackland Farm |

District Commissioner

Following the fantastic effort that everyone made to get the Census returns in so promptly, the final figures are now in for the District census and they show an overall increase in membership of approaching 8%.

The major "winners" were the Scout section with an increase of just under 10% and the Explorer units with an increase of just under 20%. If we add in the Young Leaders who are working with groups to the overall numbers of Explorers in units, the increase is a massive 48.6%! The number of Young Leaders stands at 64, so, taken together with the many Explorers from units who also fulfil this role, this augurs well for the future.

Particular credit must go to the 1st Merton Park and 8th Wimbledon, whose numbers rose by over 30%, and to the 23rd Mitcham whose numbers increased by nearly 40%. Of our 18 groups, 14 showed increases on last year, which means that we now have over 1350 youth members. Last, but by no means least, a big thank-you to Muriel Treagust for putting the District census together.

I am grateful to everyone who has provided their Programmes and their Group Development Plans. We now have what we need to target the support that we have more accurately over the coming months and years. The District finances look in good shape thanks to the efforts of Keith Angliss, John Young and Andy Edmonds, such that by next year we should be in "surplus" and be able to spend more money in ways that help the leader at the sharp end.

The first of two Jubilee Camp open meetings took place on 23rd February where Neil McLauchlan and Peter Hutton gave an excellent presentation on the organisation of the camp. There are still opportunities for leaders to help within the activity zones, by contacting Peter (peter@brandenergyresearch.com), and any questions or suggestions can be sent to Neil (emailbossman@btinternet.com).

Joe

overall the trend has been consistently skyward bound. As an aside, it was interesting to compare the census with the numbers given to me on the visits I have made to the Troops in the last couple of months and I note a couple of quite reasonable discrepancies. Mmm . . .

Knitting video clips: A few months ago we were approached by a leader from the north of England who had been on a training course and shown the tripod lashing. As is the way of things, he could not quite remember how to do the lashing and felt that books did not help so he asked if we could put a video clip on our website www.pioneeringmadeeasy.co.uk.

We had a quick dabble but did not get very far so I wondered if any Troops would like to have a go at producing clips showing how to tie any of the basic knots and lashings that we could upload for the benefit of the Scouting community around the world. We would be happy to teach any Scouts how to tie the knots and they could produce the video..

There is no pay but I will sort out a prize for the best one and they will be loaded onto the website.

What a way to gain your creative challenge

Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey

We are sorry we had to cancel the Diminishing Whist evening recently but hope to reschedule the event shortly.



All members to attend the AGM on Tuesday, 20th March, please. 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. at the Wandle DHQ. If for any reason you cannot attend, please let me know.

We are planning a visit to Portsmouth on **Saturday 26th May**. Please let David or Robert know, before the AGM, if you are interested in coming along as we need to arrange transport etc.

Before this, though, we have a couple of major District events.

- Firstly, St George's Day - our usual assistance is required - please contact Robert if you are able to help on the day.
- Secondly, our help is needed at the District Camp over the weekend 4-7 May. Names to David or Robert a.s.a.p.

Scooter / Bike Ride - Hopefully you should have had the details for this emailed to you by Linda Vaudrey. If you haven't received the email all the information and the letters can be found on the District Website (Information, Beaver Section). Also on the website are the minutes etc from all last year's meetings.

19th Burlington Colony - a BIG WELL DONE to both Rebecca & Liz at the 19th who restarted the colony at the start of the year at Sacred Heart School. The initial uptake has been very good and long may this continue!

District Camp 2012 - If your colony is attending the camp a NAN form must still be completed. I appreciate that the Beavers will not be sleeping at the camp but the NAN form contains details of your In Touch / Home Contact. I'm sorry but there can be no exceptions.

Please feel free to contact me if you're ever unsure of anything.

Finally a big thank you to Claire, Julia & David who have been fielding phone calls, queries etc while I've not been around since my father's illness. Your support has been invaluable. Thank you!

Scouts - Dave Bixby



Football: Despite a last minute change of venue, it was another very successful football tournament. My sincere thanks go to Gary Baker for sorting it all out with his usual flair and to those Leaders who worked tirelessly as referees throughout the afternoon. The shine was taken off a little by a couple of parents making disparaging remarks about an opposing team who were losing - something we need to discourage for the enjoyment of all. Congratulations to the 5th Morden who took top honours, the 13th Wimbledon who came 2nd and the 1st Lower Morden who were 3rd.

Patrol Leaders' Training Course - 9-11 March: Joining instructions and permission to camp forms have been sent out to the Scouts who are registered for the weekend. Please remind them that the forms must be brought with them on the day. No form - no stay . . .

County Night Exercise - 24 March: just quick reminder for those going to the County Night Exercise to make sure that you submit a NAN form if your Scouts are staying at the site overnight or are crashing out at your HQ.

Census numbers: The census figures for this year show another increase in the Wimbledon and Wandle Scout section. My congratulations and thanks to you all. I appreciate that all Troops and Groups have their ups and downs but

Chairman's Chatter - Andy Edmonds

As we move into the Reporting Season, the Camping Season and all those things we in Scouting look forward to, it is pleasing that so many of the jobs that could be done in the dark days of winter are progressing well. As I write this, I am due tonight to meet with the DC to review progress and the next phase of our District Plan. We really are progressing and exciting opportunities for further development should become clearer by the time of our AGM in May.

Alan Green and his team continue to make magnificent strides to make Morden Hall DHQ a more valued resource. All the works identified in the Risk Assessment have been completed. The pioneering equipment is being moved from Kenneth Black Hall and we will now have the resources all in one place.

This will free up space for Brian Whalebone at KBH Store, but this will be utilised temporarily over the next few months whilst major works are undertaken on the flat at KBH. Richard Mainwaring and Peter Treagust continue to put in time with meetings at KBH to ensure that our plans proceed as smoothly as possible.

In due course, it is likely that one of the garages at KBH will become free for rental.

Despite the problems caused by matters outside of our control Muriel Treagust has completed Census without the stress and fuss of last year. So thanks again to all concerned.

We now need all those who report in through the District to please prepare and send in your Annual Reports for 2011. **Please ensure these are sent to Muriel by 14th April.**

Keith Angliss and John Young continue to work on the Accounts and yes they are being delayed by one set of figures, but these are promised by the end of the month. This will ensure audit in time for full presentation at the AGM.

Keith and John have also come up with agreed proposals to rationalise some of the District's bank accounts. Details have been forwarded to ADC's and we now have dual key internet access to process payments on the same day electronically.

We are still looking for a long term Treasurer and representative for the County Executive.

You will have been sent a copy email from the County Commissioner as to future arrangements to ensure CRB's are renewed. We are blessed in W & W that Peter Newman and Joan Burgess run such a brilliant operation, that rarely do we experience such issues.

No news on the new facility at former Rowan School in Mitcham. The Council had mentioned a need for a Business Plan by May 2012, but we still await essential information promised from our last meeting in August 2011. No doubt things have changed!

Anyway, whilst I hope that everyone on the Executive (at least those whose positions aren't a condition of their Appointment!), will continue for another year; the Executive does exist to serve Scouting throughout the Borough. So if there is anyone who wants to join us and stand for election at the AGM in May, **now is the time to let me know.**

Andy

Jack Petchey Award Nominations

Hopefully all GSLs have seen John Young's email regarding the Jack Petchey Awards. Please ensure that:

- You submit a good citation for the young person getting the award
- That you specify how the money will be spent
- That the money is spent on something the nominee really wants

County Queen's Scout Award and Gold DofE Presentation Dinner

This will take place on Friday 20th April at 7.30pm for 8.00 pm sit-down, at the Hotel Antionette, Beaufort Road, Kingston.

Although mainly for those who have recently achieved one or both of these awards - they will be presented with their badge and certificate - any previous award holders are also welcome to join us.

Tickets are £27.50 each and we will allocate 2 tickets to each person (holder plus guest). Places are limited so early application to Chris Dean is strongly recommended. Cheques should be made payable to GLSW County Scout Council and sent to Chris at 13 East Hill Road, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9HZ with the applicant's name and address.

Royal Marsden Charity Walk - Andrew Hayward

I'm taking part in the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity - The Marsden March 2012 on 11/03/2012 to raise money for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity and I'd really appreciate your support.

My Dad, Eric Hayward (former W & W Chairman) was diagnosed just after Christmas with a brain tumour. As you can imagine this was a deeply distressing and difficult time for us all as a family. However the good news was that the tumour was operable and was successfully removed. Dad is now recovering very well and life is slowly getting back to normal - whatever normal is!

Many of you at the time offered support and asked if there was anything you could do. We may not have taken you up on it then but I'd like to now. I'd really value your support and also sponsorship as I attempt to take on the Marsden March next month by walking from the Royal Marsden hospital in Fulham to Royal Marsden in Sutton - a distance of 14 miles.

I'm also doing this in memory of Laurence Barham (former Wandle DC) who passed away in December. A good man, taken too early and missed by many.

Any amount that you feel you can give is appreciated and most welcome.

It's easy to donate online with a credit or debit card - just go to my JustGiving page: <http://www.justgiving.com/Andrew-Hayward>

JustGiving sends your donation straight to The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you're a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. I hope you'll join me in supporting The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.

If you are not able to sponsor me online then I'm more than happy to accept cold hard cash or a cheque (payable to The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity). My contact details and address can be found in the District Directory.

Thank you. Andrew

Section Reports

Beavers - Andrew Hayward

Programmes - As you are all aware it is now a mandatory requirement for your GSL and also your sectional ADC to have a copy of your programme. So far this term I've had 4.

I will be contacting both you and also your GSL in the near future as a final reminder requesting them. However please feel free to let me have a copy before then. Email or post is fine!



Store

Brian will be distributing the new Beaver and Cub catalogues shortly.

If you would like some more fliers to hand out to your parents, please email him on b.whalebone@btinternet.com. Don't forget that your Group shares a proportion of the profits of the Store based on how much you spend there.

Jubilee Camp

We had a very productive site visit in January. This enabled several other leaders to see the site and we discussed various points about the activities with the site staff.

Since then we have had another planning team meeting and have held the Open Meeting for all leaders to be updated with the plans, ask questions etc.

The next important thing to do is each Group and Unit to get their lists of campers in to Peter Hutton by the end of March, together with payment. Cheques payable to Wimbledon & Wandle District Scouts.

We are asking if anyone or any section wishes to take part in the evening entertainment. We will be having a 'Wimbledon & Wandle's Got Talent' option for everyone. Please let me know if you have any songs, dances or jokes etc that you wish to perform at camp. These will need to be pre-prepared, rehearsed, polished and ready for the stage. Please register your acts with me and discuss equipment etc.

As always please contact me with any questions etc.

Thanks

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Deep Clean 2012 - 9th-13th March

Charity Thames21 is looking for volunteers to take part in its Deep Clean 2012 springtime events taking place across London from 9-13 March. Their aim is to clean some of London's dirtiest riverside areas, helping to improve the local environment.

The series of events coincide with the lowest low tides of the year meaning litter that is usually covered by the tide can be tackled. The idea is to bring together hundreds of volunteers to help clean up areas of the Thames foreshore which are covered with rubbish. The events are totally free to attend, all equipment will be provided by Thames21 and they welcome groups of any size. Further details and other dates can be found on the website: <http://www.thames21.org.uk/events/>

Training

3 Mar	16	Introduction to residential experiences	10.00-13.00	1 st LM
3 Mar	38A	Skills for residential experiences	14.00-16.30	1 st LM
11 Mar	13	Growing the Movement: Section Leaders	10.00-13.00	MH
11 Mar	21	Growing the Movement: Managers	10.00-16.30	MH
17/18	38B	Skills for residential experiences	tba	BW
25 Mar		Camp Fire Leaders	14.00-22.00	S
9 May	19	International	19.45-10.15	MH
23May	9	Working with Adults	19.45-20.30	MH
23May	14	Young people today	20.30-22.15	MH
6 Jun	17	Activities outdoors	19.45-22.15	MH
20 Jun	15	Challenging behaviour	19.45-22.15	MH
22 Sep	12	Planning a balanced programme	09.30-13.30	1 st LM
29 Sep	16	Introduction to residential experiences	10.00-13.00	1 st LM
20 Oct	11	Administration	10.00-11.15	1 st LM
20 Oct	19	International	11.30-13.00	1 st LM
20 Oct	17	Activities outdoors	14.00-16.30	1 st LM
17 Nov	15	Challenging Behaviour	10.00-12.00	1 st LM
17 Nov	14	Young people today	12.00-13.00	1 st LM
17 Nov	9	Working with Adults	14.00-15.00	1 st LM
17 Nov	8	Skills of Leadership	15.15-16.30	1 st LM
24 Nov	13	Growing the Movement: Section Leaders	10.00-13.00	MH
24 Nov	21	Growing the Movement: Managers	10.00-16.30	MH

1st LM 1st Lower Morden HQ, Bow Lane, off Lower Morden Lane, Morden SM4 4SJ

MH Wimbledon and Wandle District HQ, Morden Road, Mitcham CR4 4DD

BW Bears Wood Campsite, Forestdale, New Addington, Croydon CR0 9JH

S Southwood Activity Centre, Elm Close, Tolworth, KT5 9NA

Application forms for all Modules can be downloaded from the County website www.glswscouts.org.uk/support or contact Joan Condon on 020 8540 5115 or joan.glswtraining@btinternet.com

Cost for each Training Module £3.00

Cost for Module 38 - Skills for Residential Experiences £40.00

Cost for Camp Fire Leaders Course £15.00

Cheques made payable to GLSW TRAINING ACCOUNT

See February Links for details of Safeguarding and First Aid Training.