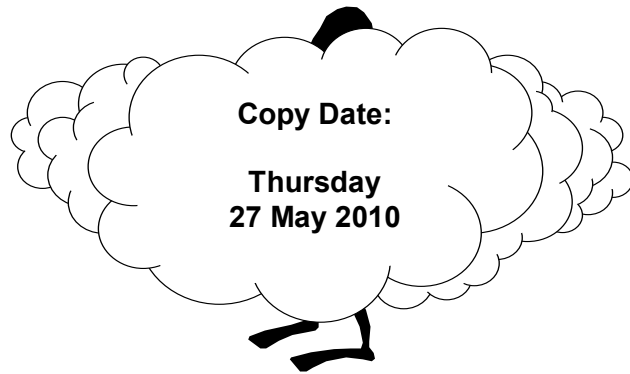


*Age does not diminish the extreme disappointment of having a
scoop of ice cream fall from the cone.*
Jim Fiebig

I wish everyone who is at camp during the half term holiday the very best
of experiences.



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May	4	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
	5	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
	7	Explorer Leaders' meeting	
	8-9	Scouts' canal boat experience	Grand Union Canal
	9	GLSW All Sections meeting	Bow Lane
	12	District AGM	Kenneth Black DHQ
	15	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
	18	Troops Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
	19	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
	23	Cub 7-a-side football	Raynes Park High School
June	3	No Store	
	11	Cub athlete's badge testing	tbc
	13	Active Support's summer lunch	Surrey National Golf Club
	14	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
	19	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
	19-20	Scouts' camping assessment weekend	Park Farm
	26-27	County Camp - Chaos 2010	Tolmers

District Commissioner

First of all, a big thank-you to Paul Atkins, the many people from the 9th Wimbledon, Edge Hill Explorers, the District Team and our very own SAS for organizing and facilitating our St George's Day Parade. It was great to see so many Leaders, Scouts and Guides from throughout the District enjoying the afternoon and the sunshine (eventually). The effect on the local community of seeing the Movement out in public in such numbers cannot be underestimated, which is one of the reasons why it is important that we continue to attend both this parade and Remembrance Sunday parades in large numbers.

As is traditional in Scouting, major awards were given on St George's Day and, as you will be aware from April Links, three of our adult members received awards this year. Congratulations must also go to the 16 Scouts from the Edge Hill Explorer Unit, parading at Windsor this year, who achieved their Queen's Scout Award. Both the parade itself and the get-together afterwards were fitting ways for them and their hard-working Leaders to celebrate their great success.

This month sees the District AGM on May 12th and the formation of a new District Executive. I should like to take this opportunity to thank Eric, Sue and John, who have all decided to stand down after many years dedicated service and I am sure that everyone would wish to do the same, in person, on the night itself. The meeting will be at Kenneth Black Hall, 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

Joe



It is with great sadness that we report the recent deaths of two supporters of Scouting in the Wimbledon Area.

Sylvia Angliss was originally a Cub Scouter and over the years she supported the Movement in many ways, usually as part of the organising team at countless functions and she was always there to assist and support Keith.

Robert (Bob) McLauchlan was a long-time supporter of the old 4th Wimbledon group. He was also very involved with the Red Cross and had not long retired from his job as a printer.

Our thoughts are with their families at this sad time.

GSL

Please note that Ashley Robinson has been appointed as GSL of the 1st Morden and Mike Edwards is now AGSL. Ashley can be contacted on scouts@ashleyr.co.uk

Scout Active Support is a way that adults can provide support to local Scouting.

What does Scout Active Support do?

The answer is anything that supports Scouting. Scout Active Support is a way for adults to volunteer some time to Scouting in a flexible way that suits them. Scout Active Support helps Leaders deliver good quality Scouting at the grassroots.

The ways that Scout Active Support can aid Scouting are many and varied.

Who can join Scout Active Support ?

Scout Active Support welcomes men and women aged 18 and over and of all interests, abilities and backgrounds. There is no requirement to have been involved in Scouting or Guiding before joining.

All that is required is a willingness to volunteer some time to support Scouting.

**Your local active support manager
David Gould
07768381806**

We need your skill, whatever it is

St George's Day Parade

You will see from Joe's report that the St George's Day Parade and Service went really well; so well, in fact, that the 9th Wimbledon have been asked to arrange the service again next year. The date will be published in the next edition of Links. We managed to dodge the showers and there was a good turn out with the majority of Groups represented. Thanks to everybody who made up the large team that arranged & ran the event. The collection raised £252, which will be sent to the Walton Firs Foundation.

St George's Day Rugby Match

This event at Twickenham was obviously THE place to be on the day before our own St George's Day celebrations. Over 700 members of the Movement, many of them from Wimbledon and Wandle, paraded round the pitch before the game and renewed their promise in front of the crowd. In addition to the Scout Parade the crowd welcomed back troops from various regiments that had recently returned from Afghanistan, watched abseilers from the Royal Marines and dancers from around the country, sang along to Land of Hope and Glory and were entertained by Alexandra Burke - oh! and there was a rugby match as well. If you want your Group to be part of it next year, register will ben.smiley@wasps.co.uk.



Changes to Nights Away training

As part of the review of adult training, from the end of 2010, there will be changes in the Nights Away residential module. The training will be split into theory and practice. All Leaders in training will have to undertake the theory training to complete their wood badge, but the 'ability to camp in practice' will now be something required for undertaking a Nights Away permit as opposed to the completion of a wood badge. It will be decided, at District and County level, how to implement this fairly for all trainee Leaders, both those currently in the scheme and those about to commence it. However if you are a Leader in training who already has a Nights Away permit, you will be able to satisfy both aspects of this training as is the case at present.

CRBs and Appointments

From the end of July all new volunteers will have to be registered on the Vetting and Barring Scheme. As part of this, an electronic application process for CRB checking will be introduced and the information required will be collected on the new application forms which will be available from mid-June. The old-style CRBs cannot be used from the beginning of July, so do not stockpile your forms because shortly they will be unusable!

Safeguarding Awareness

As part of the appointment review process, everyone will have to undertake safeguarding awareness training within the life of an appointment. The County is still working out details as to how this will be done and the timescales for implementing it but safeguarding awareness training will need to be renewed regularly, like the current first aid training requirement. Alison Edwards is one of the County's Safeguarding Awareness coordinators and will no doubt chase everyone to ensure that they do the requisite courses. Any queries to Alison, please.

District Store

The following new publications can be ordered through Brian:

- Nights Away Updated Version Size A4 £8.50
- Programme Plus Volume 2 for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers £5 each
- Games for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts £6 each
- The Complete Guide to Knots £8.50

If you purchase either an Icelandic 1 or 2 or a Stormhaven tent before the end of June you will get a free heavy duty groundsheet with it.

County AGM

All members of the County Scout Council are cordially invited to the County Annual General meeting on 9 June at 8pm. The venue is the 1st Hook HQ, Verona Drive, Surbiton, KT6 7SU.

Troops use ideas that the rest of the world has been searching for, so come and share them!

Young Leaders working with Troops could find the day very useful and it would enable them to get more fulfillment working with Scouts.

Summer Camps

With the rain getting decidedly warmer, Scout Leaders' thoughts turn naturally to camping (I hope) and summer camp preparations should be well advanced by now. Any Leader wanting to give their Scouts a camp but struggling because of lack of numbers, Leaders, equipment etc, please get in touch and we will try and find a solution to your problems.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 18 May at Morden Hall DHQ

Scout Active Support Unit - Linda Vaudrey

Thank you very much to all the members who turned out for the St George's Day Parade on 25th April. It all seemed to go smoothly.



I shall not say too much about the Beetle Drive, except to thank Jean, for organizing. The least said about the supper the better!!!

We were sorry that we had to cancel the trip to Bletchley Park on Saturday, 8th May. Hopefully we will be able to take this trip later in the year.

Remember the District A.G.M. is on Wednesday, 12th May at the Kenneth Black Hall, Worple Road. Hope to see as many members as possible please.

Don't forget to let Jean or Rob know if you would like to go, for Sunday lunch, to the Surrey National Golf Club, Chaldon, on Sunday 13th June. Names by Friday, 21st May at the latest please. (020 8330 7466).

Future events: Saturday, 24th July - BBQ/Horse racing

Tuesday 21st September, our formal meeting with speaker.

You are cordially invited
to the
Annual General Meeting
of the
Wimbledon and Wandle District Scout Council

in the Kenneth Black Hall
56a Worple Road, Wimbledon SW19 4EY

on Wednesday 12 May 2010.

Please take your seats by 7.50pm
ready for a prompt start at 8pm.

We look forward to seeing Leaders, Executive members
and supporters from
all our Groups
at the meeting.

Section reports

Beaver Scouts - Kevin Quigley

We seem to be well into the light evenings and even some late sunshine now, so hopefully the Colonies are 'out and about' doing some fun things in different places. If you're off to somewhere different, please let me know and I'll do my best to join you.



I had forgotten last month to report back on this year's Cycle (and Scooter!) ride, which did take place on 28th March. The format was as recent years, but we had an increase in numbers. 60 plus Beavers, accompanied by Leaders, parents and their families attended Morden Hall DHQ. In their Colonies, and under the watchful eye of Leaders and marshals, those riding tried to go around the course in Morden Hall Park as many times as possible in the allotted time. When not riding, the Beavers were entertained with a series of games. Our DC was able to attend towards the end of the day.

I was pleased to see a number of Beavers at the St George's Day Parade - well done to everyone for their efforts on the day.

We have the next Beaver Leaders' Meeting coming up on Wednesday 19th May 2010 at 8.00pm at Morden DHQ. It would be nice if a representative of each Colony could attend.

Finally, whilst I have received some copies of Colony Programmes, I'm still short of a number. If you haven't done so, please could Beaver Leaders send me a copy of your latest programme. My details are in the District Directory.

And please remember our District AGM on 12th May at Kenneth Black DHQ at 8.00pm.

Happy Beaverering!

Cub Report - Michèle McNamara

I hope that all the Packs that managed to get away over the Easter period had a good time. Don't forget if you are planning your summer camps to submit your NAN forms in good time.



Football - I have sent out details to each Pack, if you haven't received these please let me know immediately, the deadline for entering a team is **3rd May** and entries after this date will not be accepted. The draw will be made at the CSL meeting on 5th May.

CSL Meeting - As I have said this will be on 5th May, a week earlier than usual due to the District AGM, Please try and attend or send someone from your pack to represent you.

Scout Report - Dave Bixby



Camping Assessment Weekend 19-20 June, Park Farm, Banstead

Don't forget to get your entries in for this great weekend. The closing date is **Sunday 6 June** but if you can give us notice of an intention to enter before that, it will help with the planning of the activities. We welcome entries from less experienced teams but please let me know beforehand so that we can arrange adequate support for them. If any Leaders, from any Section, would like to be assessed for a Nights Away permit, or brush up on the practical side of camping, you will be very welcome to join us.

County Camp at Tolmers

The last I heard, Nigel Waine (ACC Scouts) was still offering places at the County camp, so if your Scouts are interested, get in touch with him nigel_j_waine@hotmail.com

Scouting Skills Day 12 September Morden Hall DHQ

I hope you are all sorting out those great ideas that you use in your Troop's programmes to share with the rest of the District on 12 September. I was very interested in an idea I saw being used to teach setting a map at the 11th Mitcham. It was very effective. I'm sure lots of

Training - Alison Edwards

There are going to be a number of changes to policy and procedure coming in over the next few months. A brief outline of the changes is available in this Links and I will have some more detailed information at the AGM, but there are basically 3 areas of change

- CRBs and appointments
- Safeguarding awareness
- Nights Away training.

If you have any questions in the meantime please feel free to contact me on alison.edwards@lacors.gov.uk or 020 8646 7927.

I have been working directly with a number of you on your training recently. I have asked some of you for a copy of your programme for the term and details of your Group Development plans...these are being used to validate some of your modules!! Please let me have them as soon as possible.

Training dates

5 May	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 07 - Valuing Diversity</u>
7 May - 9 May		<u>Mountain Skills Weekend</u>
12 May	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 08 - Skills of Leadership</u>
19 May	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 15 - Challenging Behaviour</u>
22 May	9:00am - 5:00pm	<u>Module 10 - First Aid</u> Wimbledon College - Wimbledon & Wandle
13 Jun	9:00am - 5:00pm	<u>Module 10 - First Aid</u> 7th Malden HQ - Royal Kingston
16 Jun	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 14 - Young People Today</u> <u>Module 19 - International</u>
9 Jul	7:45pm - 10:15pm	<u>Module 11 - Administration (Section Leaders)</u> <u>Module 17 - Activities Outdoors</u>
14 Jul	7:30pm - 10:00pm	<u>First Aid Refresher Course</u>

Further details on the GLSW website.