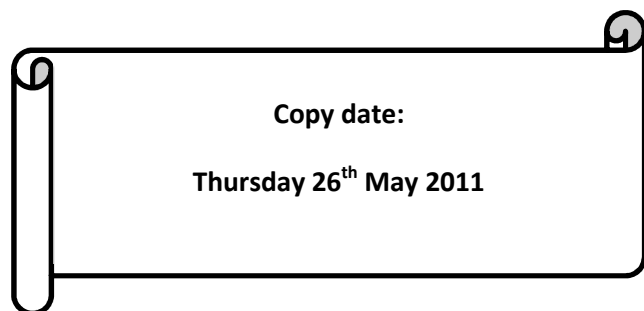


Jamboree Dinner

There may still be a chance of getting tickets to the dinner, which will be held on 20 May at the Antoinette Hotel in Kingston. Email jambodinner@glswscouts.org.uk



We are like tea bags - we don't know our own strength until we're in hot water.

- Sister Busche

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Chairman's Chatter - Andy Edmonds

A short Report this month as April has been a relatively quiet month and May looms with meetings multiplying by the day!

I am very pleased to say that thanks in no small part to Brian Whalebone's efforts, our review of District equipment is now completed. I have a spreadsheet of what we own and where it is stored and its replacement value. Just as important, our insurance is now of the right type and for the right amounts.

Some of you may know that Brian has been in and out of hospital recently and our thoughts are with him. Thanks also to Lesley Bixby for arranging cover for the Scout Store.

I have received expressions of interest from four Groups in the 20th Mitcham's equipment. I have also met with 23rd Mitcham to discuss the future of the 20th's Headquarters. Matters will be discussed in full at the District Executive in early May.

I am sorry to report that Rich Nicol has resigned as District Treasurer due to health and personal reasons. Thanks to Keith Angliss who acted very quickly to rescue the situation just before Easter and we should have some finalised figures available for the AGM. Unfortunately, they will be subject to later independent audit.

Everything is now planned for the AGM and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible: 8.00pm on 11th May at 1st Lower Morden (Bow Lane). Light buffet and drinks will follow the formal meeting.

Andy

Please note that parking is very limited at Bow Lane HQ. If it essential that you park in the car park, please contact Andrew Hayward – otherwise, please park in the Assembly Rooms car park or on local roads.

Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey

Although only small in number, the recent Beetle Drive was again a successful evening. Many thanks to Jean and David.



Sunday 8th May - St George's Day, all members in uniform, to be at Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, Wimbledon for 13.30. Please note parking is limited, therefore, you are advised to arrive early.

Saturday 21st May - Day trip to Brighton Pavilion. The cost of this event is £9.80 per person or £7.80 for over 60s. Please let Jean Gould, know a.s.a.p., whether you are interested in coming. (Tel. 0208 395 1885) Further details re timings etc. will be available at a later date.

Sunday 12th June - Summer Meal - if you would like to attend the lunchtime meal, please let Jean or Rob know, a.s.a.p. It would be a shame if we have to cancel due to lack of interest. (Tel. 0208 330 7466)

Congratulations to Jean Nelson and Tony Webb, who have been recognized in this year's St George's Day awards.

See you all on the 8th May.

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District Store - Brian Whalebone

New 1 litre aluminium water bottle with logo and screw lid karabiner attachment Price £4.00

Hiking Guide to Equipment and Techniques - this book tells how plan and prepare for your first Hike, essential equipment, how to navigate by compass Price £5.00

New catalogues for Beaver, Cub and Outdoor adventure are available at the Store

NB: Until Brian is better and able to drive again, the Store will not open on a Saturday morning.

See you at the AGM - 11th May, 8pm, Bow Lane

Section Reports

Cub report - Michèle McNamara



CSL Meeting - the next meeting is on Wednesday May 18th, we intend to make the draw for the football at this meeting so please make an effort to attend. Reminder also that entry for teams should be made by Monday May 11th.

County Fun Day - I hope to have some further details regarding this event after the county meeting on May 22nd.

Scout Report - Dave Bixby



Canal Boat experience: This year the activity filled up very quickly and I know there were a couple of Troops that missed out. It may be possible to run another weekend later in the year if there are enough takers. We will need to act quickly to source a reasonable booking. If any Troop is interested, please get in touch as soon as possible so we can check if a boat is available.

Camping Assessment Weekend - 11-12 June at Park Farm, Banstead
Closing date for entries 29th May

This is a good tool for improving camping skills within your Troop, good experience for those working towards getting a Nights Away permit and great fun for experienced Leaders acting as assessors. If you think you are ready to be assessed for a permit, please get in touch and we can arrange it for you.

Raft Race - 3 July in Ravensbury Park: Don't forget to register your Troop for the Raft Race by 26 June. This ensures that we save you some equipment. We don't need to know the number of Scouts until the day itself.

You are welcome to bring your own gear with you provided it does not include actual parts of boats! Please remember this is a FUN event!

Our next **Scout Section Leaders' meeting** is on Tuesday 17th May at 8pm, Morden Hall DHQ, Morden Road, Mitcham. Anyone with an interest in making Scout Scouting better in W&W is welcome.

Training - Alison Edwards

Safeguarding awareness: Reminder for your diaries: 16 June Bow Lane-opportunity to do the mandatory safeguarding awareness training. Since the beginning of last year it is now a requirement of all appointments that safeguarding awareness training is done within the life of a Scouting appointment. If you haven't done your training, why not come to Bow Lane at 8pm on 16 June? It is free and you might get tea and a bikkie or two!! It lasts about 90 minutes and covers you for up to 5 years.

Contact Alison Edwards on alison.edwards@local.gov.uk or 0208 646 7927 before 14 June (need to know how many tea bags !!)

Training: Leaders are reminded that it is a requirement of becoming a trained and skilled Leader that you do your wood badge training!! Things have got a bit sloppy recently and if you have been asked by your TA or by me to book on modules, now would be a really good time to do it. GSLs are reminded that they should be encouraging, supporting and if needs be applying boots to backsides to get Leaders in their Groups to do their training, and some of you are better than others at this.

So please make an effort to do the training you need to do before your LTM gets stroppy! Many thanks!!

District Directory

A new edition of the directory will be published at the end of May incorporating all of the changes advised since Christmas. If there are any more amendments you wish to be included please email them to directory@wimbledonandwandlescouts.org by mid-May.

District Equipment

These items are available for use by Groups:

Mess Tent, Gazebo, Manikin (Resuci Anne), Lap top, Projector, 5 Walkie Talkie Radios - please contact Brian.

Pioneering equipment can be borrowed from Dave Bixby.

Appointments - Joan Burgess

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have recently received a new or transferred Warrant:

2nd Morden:	Joan Condon - GSL	Sue Pritty - ACSL
	Raff Tulino - ASL	Sarina Tulino - ABSL
9th Wimbledon	Charlie Reed - ASL	
22nd Wimbledon	Aidan O'Neill - ASL:	
8th Wimbledon	Joe Stevens - BSL	
1st Wimbledon	Caroline Dimon - ASL	
6/12th Mitcham	Andrew Bunyan - ASL	
16th Morden	Andrew Sloan - SL	

Mr Robert Brumwell has kindly agreed to take on the task of informing all Groups of Reviews now due and CRB renewals. Information should be issued by the end of May. You will be sent an update of the records for your Group and I would be grateful if you would check the details against your records and the District Directory and contact either Robert or myself if they are incorrect.

Jean Gould is now working on updating the Gilwell Database in an effort to dispense with our local District database. If you know of any amendments to be made, your help would be much appreciated.

I would like to record my thanks to both Robert and Jean for the onerous tasks they have taken on which will benefit the District immensely.

Quarterly Census

The quarterly census figures should have gone to your ADCs by the time you read this newsletter. They just need a total figure for the number of members you have - please don't make it difficult for them as they have only requested them because they are required by Region. If you haven't given in your Section's numbers yet, please pick up the phone or ping off an email immediately.

Training Dates

07 May	9am-5pm	10	First Aid - 1 st Lower Morden
10 May	7.45-10.15	08	Skills of Leadership
25 May	7.45-10.15	09	Working with Adults
28 May	9am-5pm	10	First Aid - venue tbc
08 Jun	7.45-10.15	11	Administration (Section Leaders)
15 Jun	7.45-10.15	15	Challenging Behaviour
22 Jun	7.45-10.15	17	Activities outdoors
05 Jul	7.45-10.15	16	Nights Away
12 Jul	7.45-10.15	19	International
24 Sep	9.30-1.30	12	Providing a Balanced Programme - Bow Lane
01 Oct	10am-1pm	16	Nights Away - Bow Lane
01 Oct	2pm-4.30	38	Nights Away Residential "A" (must attend "B") Bow Lane
15/16 Oct	Residential	38	Nights Away Residential "B" (must attend A) Bears Wood
23 Oct	10.00-11.15	08	Skills of Leadership
23 Oct	11.30-12.30	09	Working with Adults
23 Oct	1.30-2.30	14	Young People today
23 Oct	2.45-4.30	15	Challenging Behaviour
20 Nov	10am-12	19	International
20 Nov	1pm-4pm	17	Activities outdoors
26 Nov	10am-1pm	13	Growing the Movement (Section Leaders)
26 Nov	10am-4.30	21	Growing the Movement (Managers)

Unless it states otherwise in the Training Dates, the training modules are held at Morden Hall DHQ and are limited to 20 participants.

Contact Alison Edwards or Joan Condon for more information.

First Aid courses are booked through Janet Drinkall, telephone 020 8669 4774, email janet.drinkall@glswscouts.org.uk.