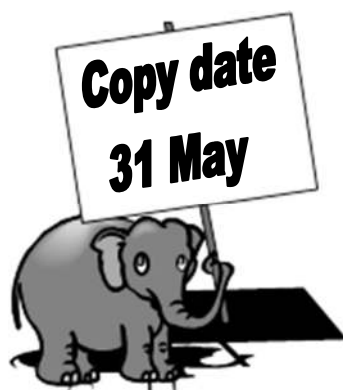


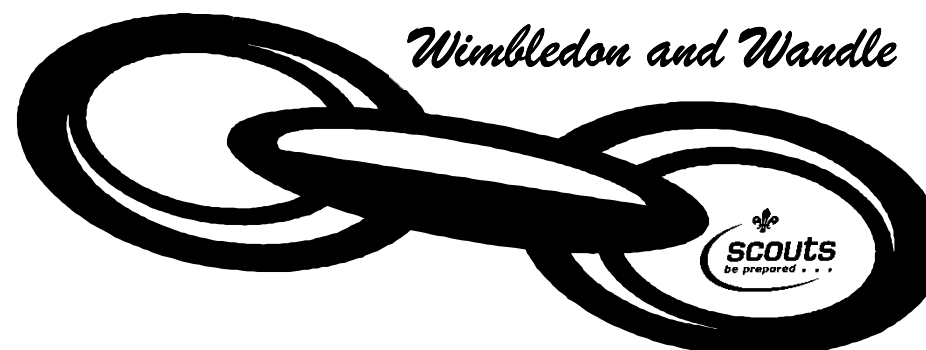
"It always rains on tents. Rainstorms will travel thousands of miles, against prevailing winds for the opportunity to rain on a tent."

~Dave Barry



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## Links

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May 4-7	District Jubilee Camp	Blackland Farm
16	District AGM	1 <sup>st</sup> Lower Morden HQ
19	Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
21	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
23	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	6/12 <sup>th</sup> Mitcham HQ 8pm
23	Beaver Scout Leaders' meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Lower Morden HQ 8pm
26	SASU outing	Portsmouth
27	Cub 7-a-side football	Raynes Park High School
June 2	Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
6	County AGM	St Paul's Church Hall CR2 7HF 8pm
7	Store closed for half term	
16-17	Scouts' camping assessment weekend	Park Farm
23	District Sports	Sutton arena
July 1	Raft Race	
1	SASU Summer meal	Tbc
4	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
11	CSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
21	SASU BBQ	Buckleigh Avenue

### District Commissioner

First of all, a big thank-you to Paul Atkins, the many people from the 9<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon, the District Team, the SAS and, of course, the Band 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 lack of rain at the key times! 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 so important that we continue to parade in large numbers on St George's Day and Remembrance Sunday.

This month sees the Jubilee Camp starting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Preparations are now complete and we are expecting nearly 600 youth members and zillions of adults to descend on Blacklands Farm for the long weekend. In our small way we will be showing our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers that Scouting is a community that goes beyond the confines of their own HQ/church hall. They'll meet people from all over the District, from different walks of life; from different schools and from different backgrounds and what they'll experience is how that common bond of Scouting enables ostensibly disparate groups to enjoy themselves together, to surmount, as one, any challenges that present themselves during the course of the camp; in short, to see Scouting in action.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Joe

### Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey

Thank you to everyone who assisted at St George's Day. Everything seemed to go well and attendance was high.

Congratulations to our members, Jim Anning, David Gould and Peggy Holdstock, who received awards this year. Special congratulations too to Jean Nelson who has gained her 50 year service award.

We hope you enjoyed the Beetle Drive on the 18th. How a simple game can generate so much laughter still amazes me.

Don't forget the Jubilee Camp at the beginning of May - we just hope the weather is kind.

A few places are still available for the Portsmouth Trip on 26th May. Contact Robert on 8330 7466 if you are interested in coming

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### SUTTON LIFE CENTRE CLIMBING WALL

The **only outdoor climbing wall** in Sutton is designed for climbers of all abilities - 20m wide x 10m high with over 35 climbing routes.

Suitable for individuals from beginners upwards, it's also a great venue for Scouts and Guides

**To book call: 0845 363 1177**

For more information, opening times and prices, visit the climbing wall page at [www.suttonlifecentre.org](http://www.suttonlifecentre.org)



## Section reports

### Cubs - Michèle McNamara



#### 7 Aside Football- May 27<sup>th</sup> Raynes Park High School.

Hopefully as soon as I can I will issue all the paperwork re this event, however the format, timings and costs will be as last year. I need to know who is entering and how many teams (maximum 2 per pack) by May 16<sup>th</sup>. The draw will be made for this event at the next CSL meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CSL Meeting - 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - please note the date and that this meeting will be held at the 6/12<sup>th</sup> Mitcham H.Q. as the Morden DHQ is already booked for that night. As I have said above, the football draw will take place that night so if you plan on entering, please try and attend.

### Scout report - Dave Bixby



In the April/May copy of the Scout supplement of Scouting magazine, a pioneering competition with a prize of £1000 was advertised. For details look at [www.scouts.org.uk/discovery](http://www.scouts.org.uk/discovery) - basically you build a project and send pictures in by 29 June. We have plenty of equipment and can offer any advice or help that you need.

### Camping Assessment weekend - 16-17 June at Park Farm

Entries are due in to me by 3 June. If your team needs any help or encouraging advice just give me a call.

**Fire lighting:** We have two large builders bags full of bark chippings after preparing the spars for District camp. If you would like some for firelighting - they are ideal - let me know or see Alan at the Store on a Thursday evening.

Our annual **Rafting event** takes place on Sunday 1 July in Ravensbury Park. All details are in the Red Book but please register your Troop's entry by 24 June to reserve some equipment.

This is a FUN event as long as people don't take it too seriously . . . If you would like to borrow some gear to practise building a raft, just let me know.

**Troop programmes:** just a gentle reminder about submitting this term's programmes - I have only had 5 in so far so don't forget - it forms part of your Group Development Plan.

Our next **Troop Scouters' meeting** takes place on Monday 21 May in Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm - see you there.

## Chairman's Chatter - Andy Edmonds

The recent District Executive continued to focus on resolving long outstanding issues and it is pleasing that two years into my appointment as Chairman, we are now nearing conclusion of our plans to review the resources of the District, to maximise our income potential and ensure that the processes we follow are compliant and up to date.

Indeed, it is not impossible that our potential income next year and in all following years will be double what it would otherwise have been had we not decided to carefully tread through the "minefields" that had remained for a number of years.

Once this work is completed then we should have greater resources to devote towards the Development Plan of the District. To this effect, the DC and I are putting diaries together to visit every Group over the course of the next 12 months in order to discuss Group Development Plans.

Issues at Kenneth Black Hall continue to be progressed and will be brought to a conclusion; hopefully by the end of the summer.

We need (ideally slim) volunteers to help remove rubbish from the side of the garages at Kenneth Black Hall. Not a time consuming job, so any volunteers please to me or Alan Green.

Possible structural issues have been identified at Morden Hall DHQ and we need to find a structural engineer that can give us some professional advice as to the necessary solutions.

Arrangements for the District AGM are well advanced and I hope to see as many Scouters, Supporters and parents there as possible. Our Annual Report and Annual Accounts are already prepared and printed copies will be available at the AGM. If anyone wants to come to the meeting and "Be Prepared", then I will ask Paul Atkins to put the documents up on our web site on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Richard Mainwaring has kindly volunteered to be our representative on the County Executive, but I have nothing to report on finding a long term successor as District Treasurer.

Joan Burgess has given notice of her intention to quit as Warrants Committee Secretary. Joan has done a brilliant job ensuring that CRBs are up to date and reviewing our data bases. Joan has kindly given us two years notice to find an equally able replacement and to allow for an efficient hand over.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible: 8.00pm on 16<sup>th</sup> May at 1st Lower Morden (Bow Lane). Light buffet and drinks will follow the formal meeting. 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.

## Membership fees

There has been a great deal of work done at HQ regarding the payment of membership fees and hopefully some of you replied to their survey to give them your opinion.

It has now been decided that, from 2015, membership fees will be paid by all Youth members and not by Adults in Scouting. The Youth membership fee will rise to ensure that overall income is not compromised.

One of the potential benefits is that we will no longer have concerns about registering adults on financial grounds and with flexible working, where you may have 2 or 3 people doing a job that one did previously, this could have considerable impact. This could also affect the number of Trustees registered and everyone is urged to get all adults working within their Groups on the membership database by 2014.

There will be a hardship fund set up for any Groups that genuinely struggle to meet increased fees (especially those in poor areas where there is high youth membership but few adults) and a number of issues still need to be finalised, hence the delay to 2015.

## Training

9 May	19	International	19.45-10.15	MH
23 May	9	Working with Adults	19.45-20.30	MH
23 May	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 <sup>st</sup> LM
29 Sep	16	Introduction to residential experiences	10.00-13.00	1 <sup>st</sup> LM
20 Oct	11	Administration	10.00-11.15	1 <sup>st</sup> LM
20 Oct	19	International	11.30-13.00	1 <sup>st</sup> LM
20 Oct	17	Activities outdoors	14.00-16.30	1 <sup>st</sup> LM
17 Nov	15	Challenging Behaviour	10.00-12.00	1 <sup>st</sup> LM
17 Nov	14	Young people today	12.00-13.00	1 <sup>st</sup> LM
17 Nov	9	Working with Adults	14.00-15.00	1 <sup>st</sup> LM
17 Nov	8	Skills of Leadership	15.15-16.30	1 <sup>st</sup> 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

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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](http://www.glsWSCOUTS.org.uk/support) or contact Joan Condon on 020 8540 5115 or [joan.glsWtraining@btinternet.com](mailto: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

### Safeguarding training

To attend Safeguarding Training you must apply via Alison Edwards.

For further dates visit the County website [www.glsWSCOUTS.org.uk/support](http://www.glsWSCOUTS.org.uk/support)

**First Aid training** contact Janet Drinkall tel: 020 8660 4774

13 May 1st Whitton Scout H.Q. Richmond upon Thames District

All Scouters and Supporters are invited  
to the District's

# Annual General Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden Scout HQ, Bow Lane

8pm

16<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Please wear uniform if appropriate

## Awards

### Award for Merit

John Patrick Line, ACSL 5<sup>th</sup> Morden (St John Fisher)

### Chief Scouts' Commendation for Good Service

George Jessel Gallant, ACSL 8<sup>th</sup> Morden

Mrs Fiona Elizabeth Miles, Group Supporter 13<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon (St Saviours Raynes

Malcolm Miles, Group Supporter 13<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon (St Saviours Raynes Park)

Mrs Valerie Ann Watson, ACSL 8<sup>th</sup> Morden

Many congratulations to the above for their well-deserved awards and thank you for the time and dedication you have given to Scouting in Wimbledon and Wandle.

### Store - Brian Whalebone

The first ever Bear Grylls book on Scouting. This full colour book contains the Chief's personal thoughts on some of the big Scouting issues including volunteering, Scouting Values, Jamborees and being a citizen of the world.  
Cost £2.95

Back in Stock at Lancing Badge Blanket

Upgraded to a Heavier Quality Size 200cms x 155cms Weight 1.6kg.approx

One only in stock - wrong size ordered - XL Leader's Fleece

### Badges - Lesley Bixby

I regret to report that all badges have **gone up by 10%**. Although Scout Shops have applied the increase from 1 May, I shall be holding my prices until 1 June due to the number of badges in stock so I recommend that you buy what you need for this term as soon as possible.

From 1 June the prices will be:

Patrol badges and Chief Scout's Awards	66p
Membership badges and Challenge awards	64p
Activity badges and Leadership stripes	54p
Participation awards	41p

### Jubilee Camp

Hi all,

Well it's finally time to go to camp. Many, many thanks to all who have helped, supported etc. If all goes according to plan we should have a great weekend and let's hope that we do not get too much rain.

See you at Blackland Farm. If you are reading this on Saturday then you are late!

Thanks

Neil...

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### Wimbledon Village Fair - 23<sup>rd</sup> June

The organisers of the Wimbledon Village Fair are still looking for volunteers to help with some of the dozens of jobs which arise when undertaking an event like this. While a number of leaders and supporters will be at the District Sports that day, if you are not involved in the sports and would like to help at the Fair, please call the Wimbledon Guild on 020 8946 0735.

### Diamond Jubilee Badge

A limited edition Gold jubilee badge has been issued. They cost £1.25 each and can be ordered through your badge secretary. The design is similar to the one most members now have on their uniforms but they are coloured gold with the words 'limited edition' on them - a must for collectors!