

Congratulations

To Peter Treagust and Florence Miles who won awards at the first Merton Borough Civic Awards ceremony at the end of April.



"The only difference between try and triumph is a little umph."

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Links

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May 8	District AGM	1 st Lower Morden HQ
11	SAS Outing	Waddesdon Manor
13	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
14	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
15	CSLs' meeting	6/12 th Mitcham HQ 8pm
15	BSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
18	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
19	Cub Football	Raynes Park High School
22	Key Manager's meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
30	No store - half term	
June 8-9	Scouts Canal Boat Experience	Grand Union Canal
12	County AGM	22 nd Wimbledon HQ
15	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
13	SAS Outing - Windsor Tattoo	Windsor
21	Cub Athlete's badge testing	Sutton Arena

District Commissioner

First of all, a big thank-you to Paul Atkins, the many people from the 5th Morden, the 9th Wimbledon, the District Team, the SAS and, of course, the Band for organising 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 sun. 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.

The short story that Conor of the Flying Penguins ESU chose to read on the day was particularly relevant as it was all about "making a difference" and if scouts do not make a difference, then what is the point of Scouting? The difference we make can take many forms; it can be the difference that we, as leaders, make by the way that we enthuse the scouts in our sections, giving them the opportunity to grow in self-belief, to experience adventure, to become fully rounded individuals who will have a beneficial effect on our society in years to come; it can be the small projects that we can undertake in our own neighbourhoods to make life more bearable for others; it can simply be the example that we scouts set by being seen to keep to our Promise each day.

When putting Programmes together, planning camps or planning activities, we could do worse than remember Conor's invitation to us all to make a difference!

Joe

If you would like to borrow equipment for a practice or need a little help showing your Scouts how it's done, just give me a call.

Our next Scout Section meeting is on Tuesday 14 May at 8pm at Morden Hall DHQ. If you have anything for the Bran Tub, please bring it along.

Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey



A big thank you to everyone who turned out for St George's Day. We certainly had a lovely day for it.

Thanks to Jean Gould for organising our ever popular Beetle Drive on Wednesday 24th April. We had a good number attending and everyone enjoyed their evening.

Coming up we have the District AGM on Wednesday, 8th May at the 1st Lower Morden HQ. We would like everyone to attend in order to raise the profile of SASU.

If anyone else would like to attend **our Away Day** to Waddesdon Manor on Saturday 11th May, please contact Rob Brumwell for information a.s.a.p.

We have been invited to the County AGM, to be held on Wednesday, 12th June at the 22nd Wimbledon HQ. As many members as possible to attend please.

Our summer meal this year will be held on Sunday 11th August. Please let Jean or Rob know if you would like to attend a.s.a.p. The venue will either be Silvermere or Kingswood Golf Club. The cost is roughly the same - about £26 a head.

Other forthcoming events, which you may like to make a note of, are our annual BBQ on Saturday, 6th July; the District Sports Day, for which we will need help, on Saturday 13th July and our meeting on Tuesday, 10th September when our speaker will give a talk entitled 'A Butcher's tale of wool'.

Section reports

Beavers - Andrew Hayward



Gilwell Funday - Many thanks to the Groups who have replied. The coaches have been booked and I am now awaiting final confirmation from Gilwell. As soon as this arrives I will of course forward it on. Please ensure that you settle the invoices I gave to you asap.

Sports Day - I've not heard of any concerns so it's full steam ahead for July. We will be discussing possible events at our next meeting so I can then contact Peter and work them into the programme.

St George's Day - Good to catch up with you on such a nice day and nice to see so many colonies on parade.

District Meetings - Thanks as always to those Groups who do attend or at least send a representative and or their programme. To those Groups that don't please can you at least try to send a representative. These are for EVERYONE and it would be nice to see as many Groups there as possible.

Programmes - Many thanks to those Groups who have sent their programmes in for this term. If you haven't sent me a copy please can you do so either direct to me or via your GSL.

Scouts - Dave Bixby



There are just a few places available for the **canal boat experience** on Sunday afternoon (9 June) and possibly a couple on Saturday morning. The rest is fully booked. Maybe any leaders not sure about this activity could come along and have a try for themselves.

Don't forget that the date of the **raft event** in Ravensbury Park has changed from that shown in the Red Book, to accommodate the District Sports. It is now Sunday 21 July.

Troops only have to register the fact that they intend entering to ensure that they are allocated equipment. You can bring your own equipment but the raft must be built on site on the day.

Chairman's Chatter

There are detailed updates and appeals in my AGM Report and I look forward to seeing as many Leaders, supporters, parents and Executive Members as possible on 8th May.

Andy

Wanted - Appointments Secretary

We are looking for someone very special to become Wimbledon and Wandle's new Appointments Secretary!

The Appointments Advisory Committee's main function is to assist with the process of appointing adults in Scouting by advising on their suitability.

The Appointments Secretary holds a key role in this process: he or she must be computer literate and meticulous with record keeping. They will be responsible for receiving and checking application forms, entering details on the HQ database, setting up interviews with prospective leaders, taking up references and processing the paperwork. They also deal with all warrant reviews, sending information to Line Managers and ensuring that reviews are conducted.

Training will be given.

If you would like more information please contact the outgoing secretary, Joan Burgess on scouts@joanburgess.me.uk or Chairman of the Appointments Advisory sub-committee, Peter Newman on pandhnewman@aol.com

Badges - Lesley Bixby

I'm sorry to report that badges are going up again.

From the beginning of June Membership and Challenge badges will cost 67p, activity badges 57p and Chief Scouts Awards 69p.

For serious collectors, the Scout Association has brought out a series of Heritage badges. Each set consists of 2 badges "On the Road", "On the Tracks", "In the Air" and "Out at Sea" and costs £5. There is also a non-uniform badge marking Scouting since 1907 available for £1.15. These can be ordered through me or purchased direct from Scout Shops.

District Store - Brian Whalebone

The Ghillie Kettle Adventurer: the largest of the Range, weight 900g, Capacity 1.42 litres, enough for 5 Mugs. Comes in a carry bag. £45.99

The Ghillie Kettle Maverick: smallest of the range, Weight 500g, Capacity 0.5 litres. Boils enough water for 2 Mugs. £37.99

Cubjam 2013 - Graham Fairclough

The 22nd Wimbledon Cubs are taking a contingent of 17 Cubs to 'Cubjam 2013', a jamboree experience for around 1500 Cubs from all across the UK which is held at Gilwell every 4 years (although the next one is in 2016 to coincide with 100 years of Cub Scouts!) We have our own contingent badge for the event priced at a very reasonable £1.50 - if you would like one for your camp blanket / collection to support our fundraising efforts, then please let me know



Safety Training

The Scout Association now requires all leaders to undertake Safety training before an appointment can be reviewed.

Wimbledon and Wandle are looking for a **Training Officer** to deliver this training to members of the District.

Could you do this?

If this is something that interests you please contact Joe as soon as possible: joergsrn@aol.com

Training dates

Date	Module	Title	Time
18 May	15	Challenging behaviour	10.00-12.00
18 May	14	Young People today	12.00-13.00
18 May	9	Working with Adults	14.00-15.00
18 May	8	Skills of Leadership	15.15-16.30
21 Sep	12	Providing a Balanced Programme	9.30-13.30
28 Sep	16	Residential experiences	10.00-13.00
19 Oct	11	Administration (Leaders)	10.00-11.30
19 Oct	19	International	11.45-13.00
19 Oct	17	Activities Outdoors	14.00-16.30
16 Nov	15	Challenging Behaviour	10.00-12.00
16 Nov	14	Young People today	12.00-13.00
16 Nov	9	Working with Adults	14.00-15.00
16 Nov	8	Skills of Leadership	15.15-16.30
7 Dec	13	Growing the Section	10.00-13.00
7 Dec	21	Growing the Movement	10.00-16.30

All Modules are at the 1st Lower Morden HQ, Bow Lane, off Lower Morden Lane, Morden SM4 4SJ except **Module 38** which will be held at Bears Wood Campsite, Forestdale, New Addington, Croydon CR0 9JH
Each training module costs £3 except Module 38 which is £40.

Applications forms for the main modules and first aid can be downloaded from the County website www.glsWSCouts.org.uk or contact Mrs Joan Condon, 34 Arundel Avenue, Morden, SM4 4DX
tel: 020 8540 5115 - e mail: joan.glsWtraining@btinternet.com

Modules 20-26 for Line Managers and Commissioners will be run as required. Contact Joan Condon for more information.