

Finally, can I thank those members of the Fellowship who helped recently at the Beaver Bike Ride and the Activity afternoon; your assistance was much appreciated.

Electrician wanted:

Cliff Condon (020 8540 5115) is looking for an Electrician to do some work at the Bow Lane Scout Centre. If you would be interested, please contact him asap.

A big thank you to everyone involved in the recent Swimming Gala, especially Michèle McNamara.
 Congratulations to the 1st Lower Morden who took the Troop, Group and Group Team Trophy and the 22nd Wimbledon who won the Pack trophy.

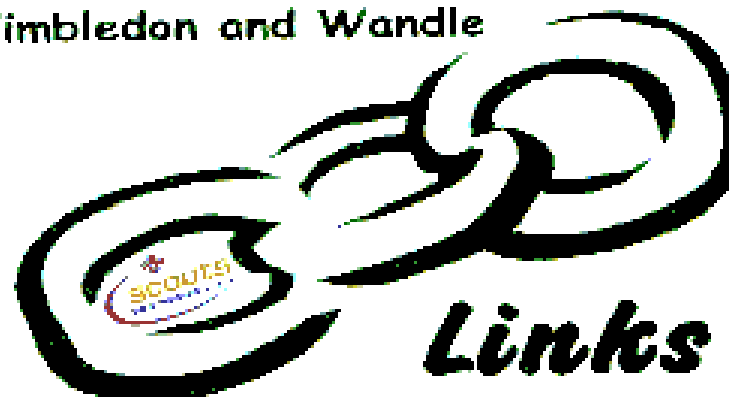
*A Leader Trainer who had instructed for many years was recently counselling a young Scouter.
 'You will discover,' he said, 'that in nearly every Section there is a youngster eager to argue. Your first impulse will be to silence them. I advise you to think carefully. He may be the only one listening.'*



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Wimbledon and Wandle



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Nov	12	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
	15	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
	16	Cub Handicraft competition	22 nd Wimbledon
	19	Fellowship Beetle Drive	Morden Hall DHQ
	23	GLSW C&C Day	Bow Lane 8pm
	24	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
	26	Beaver Leaders meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
Dec	6	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
	11	Store closes for Christmas	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
	13	Choral Society Carol Concert	St John the Devine
Jan	7	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
	9	Cub Scout Leaders' meal	Tbc
	15	Store reopens for New Year	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
	25	Cub Scout Badge day	Bow Lane
	28	All Leaders' meeting	Kenneth Black Hall
Feb	1	Scout Handball	Garden Primary School
	8	County Scout cooking competition	1 st Hook HQ

District Commissioner

Many of you will now have heard that I have informed the County Commissioner that I intend to complete my DC appointment in a year's time. The search for the new DC will begin in March and be managed by a search team. The process for nominations will be explained nearer the time.

The intention is that the new DC will be announced in May at the AGM and there will be 4 month working together period with the formal handover during the District Conference in October

I was at the Jack Petchey Award evening and a tremendous evening it was. Wimbledon and Wandle were first on stage to be presented their individual medallions.

Many congratulations to all the winners and especially the two Leaders who gained the Leader award, David Williams and Peter Hutton. We were well entertained by the cast of Souwest and it really is quite a thrill to see so many from our District in the cast.

Please remind all Leaders and Group Chairman that they are invited to the All Leaders Meeting on Wednesday 28th January at Kenneth Black DHQ 8.00pm start.

The speaker this year is our Regional Commissioner Dean Milton.

Congratulations to the many Leaders gaining their Wood Badges. We are rapidly moving to a point where all Leaders apart from those newly appointed have got their Wood Badges. Much of that is due to the tremendous job being done by our Local Training Manager Alison Edwards.

Bob

Incident Hike - The weather cleared just in time for the incident hike and the ten teams enjoyed some late autumn sunshine. Thanks to Peter Hutton for putting it all together.

1st place 19th Wimbledon 2nd 14th Wimbledon 3rd 1st Lower Morden

Explorer Scouts - Neil McLauchlan

Important Dates for your Diaries:



Remembrance Day Parade: Sunday 9th November

Meet at Belvedere Grove 10.15am. Please do not be late.

Full uniform with shoes etc. Please wear warm clothing under your uniform & ensure that you eat a good breakfast! We will wear outer coats if it is raining.

Explorer Belt Presentation. Thursday 27th November

Mitcham Unit HQ 7.30pm (not uniform).

This evening will give us full information about the County Explorer Belt Expedition to Italy 2009.

County Orienteering Competition. Sunday 30th November

Full details are on the County website (<http://www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/>) 4th item under the 'What's New' heading.

Entries to be in by 22nd November.

Hope to see you all at the above events.

Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey



We all enjoyed our day at Chatham Dock Yard on Saturday 11th October. The weather was kind and company good. A big thank you to Allan Woolsey for providing the transport. We look forward to another day out soon.

Don't forget the Beetle Drive and Fish Supper on Wednesday, 19th November - 7.30 p.m. start. Fish orders to Linda by Monday 17th November at the latest please.

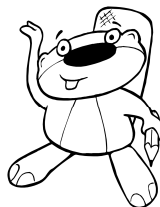
Carol Concert on Saturday 13th December - if you can help please let Brian know on 8330 2088.

Our New Year Meal will be held on Saturday, 10th January 2009 at the Prince of Wales. Names to Dave on 8395 1885. Further details later.

Section Reports

Beaver Scouts - Kevin Quigley

Hopefully the recent Beaver Activity day was a success given it had some excellent weather on the Sunday afternoon. You may recall that I wasn't able to attend as I was at Module 16 - Nights Away. We had the same good weather down at Bears Wood that weekend, and I enjoyed myself immensely, learning a few new things to do as well! Hopefully the Beaver Leaders who also attended did enjoy their time, and can say that they've also learned from the experience.



To the next month, please remember that there is the County All Leaders day at Bow Lane on Sunday 23 November and a Beaver Leader's Meeting at Morden DHQ at 8.00pm on Wednesday 26 November. As usual, see LINKS for the details It would be great if at least one Leader per colony could come, but this is not a maximum number! Please come along and tell us what's happening in your colonies in the run up to Christmas!"

Scouts - Dave Bixby

District Quiz - held on a Friday night in response to requests from some Troops, this was a very successful evening. An interesting point is that some of those Troops that wanted it moved from mid-week to Friday still didn't enter. We need to decide which night of the week to hold next year's event so preferences to me by **Thursday 15th November**, please, after which we will go with the majority view.

My thanks to all involved in this year's quiz, especially the 22nd Wimbledon for their hospitality.

Results: 1st 22nd Wimbledon; 2nd 8th Wimbledon; 3rd 19th Wimbledon

Event Handbook 2009 - This will be issued at our next Leaders meeting.

Camping Assessment weekend - After the success of this weekend this year, we will be repeating a similar formula in 2009, so anyone who would like experience of Scout Patrol camping and be assessed for a Nights Away Permit, the date for your diary is 20/21 June at Park Farm, Banstead. Leaders, Assistants and helpers from any Section are welcome. Book early to avoid disappointment!



Mary White Memorial

When our Badge Secretary, Mary White, died last year, her family asked for donations to the District in lieu of flowers. This memorial fund now amounts to £825. The District Executive has agreed to use this money to provide a rock garden and lighting to either side of the footpath entrance to Morden Hall DHQ. We are indebted to Jack Atkins one of our Vice Presidents for this suggestion, which has been approved by Mary's family. Everyone agreed that during the dark winter nights it will provide a welcome sight, and make our lives a lot easier when visiting the DHQ, and I am certain it would be very much supported by Mary.

Nights Away Permits

Will all Leaders who hold Night Away permits please check that they are still current? If your permit is out of date, or if you have not notified your Nights Away event, and there is a problem, the Scout Association may not stand by you and support you. The procedure is simple but must be adhered to.

Keith Daly is the man to contact, both to notify your events and to renew your permits: 01903 850441, keith.daly2@btinternet.com.

Directory

The District Directory is being updated regularly and is automatically circulated to officials and members of the District Team and Group Scout Leaders. It is not being made generally available but a copy will be sent to any member of the District who requests one - look on the Wimbledon and Wandle website under Info and provide the details requested.

Freebies!

The 8th Wimbledon have had a clear out as they have lost some of their storage facilities. The items they don't need are down at Morden Hall DHQ and include Cub puzzle books, books of campfire skits/jokes/songs and programme ideas, posters. Please help yourself. What is not taken will be thrown away at the end of the month.

Jack Petchey Awards

Many congratulations to all members of the District who received their certificates at the recent Awards ceremony:

Young People Awards £300

Timmy Packham	Cameron Archer
Matthias Edwards	Andrew Dobson
Cameron Barnes	Paula Brotherton
Ben Edwards	Josh Clinkscapes
James Frost	Martin Ashley Bell
Conor Johnson	Lara-Jayne Sharp
Ben Stainer	James Wyatt
Ben Steptoe	Ciara Sauvage
Ryan Gosnell	Cameron Moore
Andrew Kannan	Dominique McLaughlan

Leader Awards £1,000

Peter Hutton	David Williams
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Appointments - Joan Burgess

We are fast approaching the end of the year and I am trying to finalise Warrant Reviews and CRB's up to 2008 before we have to think about 2009. This also applies to Group Supporters and Group Executives. Thank you to the Groups who have responded - it would be great to hear from the rest!!!

CRB's - this is an extract from a letter from Gilwell which should also be given some consideration:

"....following changes to the arrangements for Disclosure Checks, please ensure that all adults with an active appointment in the District have completed a Scouting disclosure check by 31 December 2008...."

This now applies to ALL Warranted Leaders and also if the disclosure is more than 5 years old and therefore a replacement is required.

This is another good reason for every Group to respond to the information sent regarding reviews.

Training - Alison Edwards

Congratulations to the 11 members of the District who attended the nights away course in the middle of October. Of the 27 on the course 11 came from Wimbledon and Wandle, which is a pretty impressive number! However there are still many Leaders who have not signed up to do this course, which an important part of leadership training, so please make an effort to do so next year.

Training Dates 2008: All Modules will be held at Bow Lane

Nov	8	Skills of Leadership	22.11.08	9.30am - 11.15pm
	9	Working with Adults	22.11.08	11.30am - 1pm
	14	Young People Today	22.11.08	2pm - 3.15pm
	15	Challenging Behaviour	22.11.08	3.30pm - 5pm
	13/21	Growing the Movement (Leaders + Managers)	30.11.08	10am - 1pm 2pm - 4.30pm
	7	Valuing Diversity	07.12.08	10am - 11.15am
	19	International	07.12.08	11.30am - 1pm
	17	Activities Outdoors	07.12.08	2pm - 4.30pm

First Aid training dates are now on GLSW website.

District Store

The last night of the District Store before the Christmas break will be Thursday 11th December. It will re-open on 15th January at 7.45pm.

Grassroot Grants

The Grassroots Grants programme, funded by the Office of the Third Sector, is a key element of the Government's strategy to build stronger and more active communities by increasing small grant funding to community groups and making them more sustainable.

They specifically mention the voluntary uniformed organisation in their criteria for eligibility and give grants between £250 and £5000.

Have a look on www.thamescommunityfoundation.org.uk for details.