



Wimbledon & Wandle SASU
Present

MAGGIE'S MYSTERY QUIZ

On 7.30 pm 15th November 2014
At Bow Lane Scout HQ



Lower Morden Lane
SM4 4SJ

Tables of 6 max
£4 per head

Bring your own drink

Please let Rob/Jean know if you are coming: 0208 330 7466

Everyone welcome

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Links

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Nov 9	Remembrance Day Parade	Mitcham/Wimbledon
11	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
12	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
15	SASU Quiz Night	1 st Lower Morden 7.30pm
15	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
16	Canoe Club Pool session	Wimbledon College
19	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
19	Safeguarding Training	22 nd Wimbledon 8pm
23	Handicraft Competition	22 nd Wimbledon
26	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
30	Scouts Incident Hike	Bentley Copse
Dec 6	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
11	Last night of District Store	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
13	Morden Park Choral Society Concert	St John the Divine

District Commissioner

The UK Chief Commissioner, Wayne Bulpitt, sent out a letter yesterday informing all members that a 21 year old Scout from South East London had been appointed to the newly created position of UK Youth Commissioner. With her two deputies, her role will be “to work with the senior management of the Association to ensure that Scouting remains youth focussed by raising the profile of youth-led initiatives, including a National Youth Council, to allow young people to have their say about all things Scout-related”.

These appointments come as the national strategy to deliver Vision 2018, the booklet about which you will have seen when it was distributed with Scouting magazine earlier this year, begins to take shape. One element of the Vision is that Scouting becomes “youth shaped in partnership with adults” and these appointments are evidence of that aspiration at national level.

At Section level we should be looking at ways to deliver this Vision too. B-P had the blueprint for such involvement within the Scout Troop with his insistence on the creation of Courts of Honour in every troop. That concept developed over time and for us to deliver youth shaped Scouting at the local level, it is simply a case of ensuring that we institute (or maintain) regular programme focussed Explorer Unit meetings; PLs’ Councils; Sixers’ meetings and Log Chews for Beavers. So what the Movement has as an aspiration for 2018 has always been there. The quality guidance of leaders in such meetings, however, is crucial to their being both meaningful and successful.

With November comes Remembrance Sunday and I trust that every effort will be made to ensure that Scouts of every age have the opportunity to reflect upon the sacrifices that have been made and continue to be made by our soldiers, sailors and airmen. If at all possible, members should attend one of the two available parades (in Mitcham and Wimbledon); details have already been circulated to Key Managers. It is worth remembering, especially on this occasion, that both the standard of our uniform and the standard of our behaviour are tangible demonstrations of our respect for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Joe

If you already run the award in your units or are intending to start then we need your leaders to be able to assess the award hikes, so Sunday is for you. As you should not be assessing your own units we need to have as many leaders as possible qualified to assess to help each other out.

This weekend does clash with the paintball activity with the Scouts, so if we have any leaders that want to attend the DofE day, please find out if other Units have leaders than can help your members get to the paintball day. You may, of course, attend both days!

County Mountain Training Weekends Feb 6th – 8th & May 15th-17th. Full details already circulated and available from me again if required

Scout Active Support – Linda Vaudrey

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Day Parade at Mitcham.

Details from David Gould

Saturday 15th November – our Quiz Night at the 1st Lower Morden HQ, Bow Lane. 7.30 p.m. start, £4 per head. We would love to see all members there. Remember to bring your own drinks. See separate item for further details.



SportsBlast

Free courses for 14-25 year olds and families

The following activities all take place at St Mark's Academy, Acacia Road

BMX : Monday and Friday evenings

Merton BMX track

Adult and youth, 14s and over

Netball : Monday evenings

Women and girls, 16s and over

Gym and fitness : Saturday mornings - Parent and child sessions

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

Adult and youth, 14s and over

Family tennis : weekends starting early 2015

Details : www.merton.gov.uk/sportsblast

Entries must be sent to me along with the entry fee. (no emails, phone calls, texts or other communications concerning entries to other members of the team please as it really confuses the situation).

Scouts need to bring the permission form on the day.

Group spread sheets and generic camp forms will not be accepted.

Please remember that if you are getting parents to help with transport, that they will be need to help take your Scouts to their start point once they have signed in and had their equipment checked.

Paintball day 24th January 2015

I know it seems a long time until the paintball day but entries need to be with me by 5th December along with a deposit of £10 per person.

There are a limited number of places and, although it's a reasonably large number, we have well over 600 Scouts and Explorers in W & W let alone the Leaders.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Red Book 2015

The Red Book is being printed as I write and should be ready for issue at our next meeting on Tuesday 11th November.

Please try to ensure that your Troop is represented.

If anyone has items for the Bran Tub please let me know.

Explorers – Neil McLauchlan

Many congratulations to the **Empire Unit**, now officially launched. Meeting at the 8th Morden HQ, being run by Rory & Thomas.



District Calendar now emailed and on the Website for the activities planned for 2015.

Accounts for the period Jan – Sept 2014 must be with Neil and Keith by Sun 9th November. If you have your spread sheets ready before then please email them asap so that we can make a start.

DofE weekend on Sat 24th and Sun 25th January, held at the 1st Hampton Hill. Saturday will be an introduction to the DofE award and the Sunday will be for Hike Assessors. Full details from Paul Seward soon.

If you are thinking of starting this award with your Unit, or need a brush up on the workings of the award then the Saturday is for you.

Chairman's Chatter – Andy Edmonds

In my September report, following news of a serious breach in the County, I asked for all Groups to please provide me with copies of their 2013/14 Annual Reports and in particular Annual Accounts.

Whilst I was left wondering if anyone actually reads my Report, the DC did follow this up at last month's Key Managers Meeting. Thanks are due to 22nd Wimbledon, 13th Wimbledon, 14th Wimbledon, 16th Morden, 6/12th Mitcham, 11th Mitcham, 3rd Mitcham and 19th Wimbledon. I also have had conversations with 5th Morden.

That leaves half the Groups in the District apparently in breach of POR? I'm sure this isn't the case, but could all other Groups please attend to this matter straight away, or make contact with me?

The DC will be finishing GDP Reviews and the new DDP will be finalised shortly in conjunction with the County Plan that is due to be signed off by the County Executive at the end of this month. Thanks to Richard Marus who has agreed to job share with me as District Representative on the County Executive. Richard has also kindly agreed to succeed Paul Atkins as St George's Day co-ordinator.

I have volunteered to co-ordinate Group Executive / Trustee training that has been launched by Headquarters. At the moment, I await roll out from County.

KBH continues to keep Rob Brumwell busy and there are some issues that need addressing. In particular, with damp; that may be due to the chimney. We need someone to have a look at the chimney pointing and flashing. So please, if anyone knows any roofers, can they please contact Rob Brumwell or myself? Access is relatively easy, as the chimney adjoins the side of the building.

Finally, I am sad to report that because of increased family and work commitments; our Treasurer Jackie Lyon has decided to stand down. In conjunction with Keith Angliss, Jackie has been instrumental in moving our payments system into the 21st Century and I am sure everyone who has been reimbursed by the District will appreciate the ease and speed with which you receive your money.

Jackie plans to help with the hand over to her successor and details of the position are advertised elsewhere in "Links". This is a key role and one that we may have to consider paying someone an Honorarium to do. This will of course, divert funds that could otherwise be spent on developing Scouting across the District. So please, can I ask everyone to circulate the details as widely as possible?

Awards

Many congratulations to the following who have had their service to the Scout Association acknowledged through these awards – thank you for your time and dedication.

Bar to the Award for Merit

Betty Cronk	District Scout Active Support Member
Andrew Dimon	Group Scout Leader
Andrew Hayward	Group Scout Leader
Alan Maloney	Group Scout Leader
Michael Shade	Group Scout Leader

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Jean Brumwell	District Scout Active Support Member
Valerie Busby	Group Scout Leader
Adrian Chapman	Group Treasurer
Madeline Corrigan	Assistant Cub Scout Leader
Richard Frewin	District Scout Leader
Steven Little	Scout Leader
Denise Rowden	Assistant Cub Scout Leader
Richard Starke	Assistant Scout Leader

Compass

Compass is still undergoing some fixes and no date has yet been given for Compass to go live to the District.

The old AA and OH forms are no longer available for use. Please use the Adult Information Form for all new applicants. (This is the only form to use). This can be found in Members Resources (www.scouts.org.uk) under Appointments.

Gala

A big thank you to Michèle and her team for another successful Gala and congratulations to 22nd Wimbledon - full results are on the website.

in the region of £6.00 each for the coach, but this will change dependant on how many Beavers / Leaders we have going and the cost of the coaches.

Please talk to your leaders and parents and let me know your provisional numbers by January 16th as the tickets are on a first come first get offer.

Lastly there are a few colonies that have not sent their programmes in to me, please let me have them soon.

Cubs – Michèle McNamara



CSL Meeting – The next meeting is 12th November, please make an effort to attend, we have been getting fewer and fewer packs represented, so if you want to have any input into the district events planned, you need to send someone from your pack along.

Handicraft competition – November 23rd at 22nd Wimbledon H.Q. - Full details regarding this competition will be sent out shortly, format same as previous years, if you know you will be entering a team of 4 cubs, please let me know a.s.a.p.

Pack Programmes – There are still 7 packs for whom I have no information! Presumably you are still meeting each week, so you must have some kind of plan, if you have given this to your GSL and they haven't passed it on, please speak to them, it's now more than half way through this term and I should have something.

Scouts – Dave Bixby



Scout Quiz

Another very successful event: we had teams from 9 Troops including a couple of new entrants.

My sincere thanks go to Tim Kerridge for putting the evening together, Richard Frewin and David Williams for actually running the event and the 5th Morden for their hospitality.

Congratulations go to the 23rd Wimbledon for a clear win, 19th Wimbledon B for coming 2nd and to the 14th Wimbledon for 3rd Place.

Incident Hike 30th November Bentley Copse

Closing date for entries is 16th November.

Training

16 Nov	15	Challenging behaviour	10.00 – 12.30
16 Nov	17	Activities outdoors	13.00 – 16.30
30 Nov	13	Growing the Movement (Leaders)	10.00 – 13.00
30 Nov	21	Growing the Movement (Managers)	10.00 – 16.30

All Modules will be at the 1st Lower Morden Scout Headquarters cost £4.00

Application forms from

Mrs J Condon 34 Arundel Avenue, Morden SM4 4DX

e.mail joan.glswtraining@btinternet.com or download from the County web site www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/applicationforms.

First Aid	16 th November	22 nd Wimbledon
	7 th December	1 st Wallington

Application forms can be downloaded from County web site or contact Mrs Janet Drinkall 020 8669 4774 email jdrinkall@sky.com

Safeguarding contact Alison Edwards alison.edwards@local.gov.uk

Section Reports

Beavers – John Tweedley



Just to remind you that Jane Ginty is going to organize a Beaver Leaders Christmas Dinner (in January) instead of the usual Beaver Leaders' meeting. I did mention this in the last report, and as of now only one colony has replied.

If you and your leaders would like to attend the meal instead of the meeting please contact her A.S.A.P. her e-mail address is jginty@hotmail.com

An update on the District sports day next year, the new date that has been booked is Saturday 13th June 2015. It would be nice to see more colonies represented at this event.

Tickets for The Gilwell Cub and Beaver Fun Day on the 20th June 2015, are now available at £15.00 per Beaver /£4.00 per Leader and I think it would be

DISTRICT TREASURER Wimbledon & Wandle Scout District (London Borough of Merton)

Scouting is one of the greatest movements the world has ever known; Scouts have walked on the moon, rowed across oceans and scaled the highest mountains. They have been Prime Ministers and Oscar winners, authors and inventors, World Cup heroes and scientists. Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our 2014-18 strategy 'Scouting for All' reinforces our commitment to ensuring that Scouting continues to grow, is inclusive, is shaped by young people and makes a positive impact in our communities. Our District has the financial resources to direct support where it is needed.

To help us achieve our vision we are now looking for a new Treasurer to help us deliver our ambitions. Working closely with the District Commissioner and District Chairman, you will provide strong financial leadership to the Board of Trustees and ensure we continue to move at pace. You will guide us in agreeing and monitoring Budgets and ensuring the completion of the District Annual accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Commission and/or Scout Association for accrual accounting. Receiving all monies on behalf of the District, keeping account of all funds and paying out on authorisation from the District Executive Committee.

To be successful, you will be an excellent administrator looking to enhance your people, team and management skills. The position would also suit someone retired or semi-retired with computerised book keeping experience.

DBS check provided free by the Scout Association. The role includes Trustee status.

Meetings (every 2 months, usually on a Wednesday evening), held at Morden Hall Park HQ, Morden Road, Mitcham CR4 4DD

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For further information please contact:

Andy Edmonds (Chairman of Trustees):

07817 672125 or andrwedmnd@googlemail.com

Appointments Advisory Committee – Muriel Treagust

Appointments agreed at meetings held in October 2014:

Appointments approved

Tom Hold	AESL	Merton Park Unit
Imogen Marty	change of Role from OH to AESL	Wimbledon Edge Hill Unit
Ray Donovan-Hill	change of Role from BSL to GSL	1 st Merton Park

Appointment Review

Richard Drummond Group Sectional Assistant 22nd Wimbledon

The Committee agreed and recommended renewal of Richard's appointments for a further 5 years

Our thanks are extended to them all for their support.

Programme Review/Badges – Lesley Bixby

The details of the Programme Review have been finalised and are about to be issued.

There will, as always, be an overlap of the old and the new systems, but once my stock of current challenge badges is gone, I will only be ordering those that I am sure of selling, so please let me know about 10 days before you hope to give them out what your needs are. Contact me on thebixbys@talktalk.net

Several Leaders have been ordering badges then not collecting them for some weeks – I appreciate anyone can forget, but I cannot save badges for you for more than 3 weeks – after that time they will go into stock and may get sold before you come to get them.

District Store

The last night of the Store before Christmas will be Thursday 11 December and it will re-open on 15 January 2015.

The Store will be open on Saturday 17th January at 10am.

Maddie Thompson

The Leaders of the 16th Morden would like to thank members of the District who have passed on their condolences on the sudden death of one of our Cubs, Maddie Thompson.

Maddie was a terrific Cub full of enthusiasm and fun. She will be sadly missed by us all.

Help Needed

Brian Whalebone is looking for two volunteers to help on Saturday 13th December at 7.30 pm to do the refreshments for the Morden Park Choral Society's Carol Concert. Please contact him at b.whalebone@btopenworld.com if you can help him out.

Looking for Trustees or Interested in becoming one?

On Thursday 13th November, MVSC will be hosting an informal networking evening to give anyone interested in becoming a trustee the chance to meet and talk to local voluntary organisations over a glass of wine and pizza.

If you are seeking trustees, or someone potentially interested in being a trustee and would like to take part in the event, please email sarah@mvsc.co.uk

Climbing in Sutton

Sutton Life Centre is home to the only outdoor climbing wall in Sutton, boasting a 10 metre high wall with over 35 climbing routes that are designed for climbers of all abilities. They are currently offering a **20% discount** on the cost of all bookings for uniformed groups during November.

They can host a climbing wall session during weekday evenings up until 8pm.

Contact them on 020 8296 1288, www.suttonlifecentre.org