

The 3rd Mitcham Go On National TV

When the 3rd Mitcham Beavers, Cubs and Scouts visited the Jamboree in July, they were approached by H.Q. media team. They said that we were just the type of Group that they were looking for to be filmed by the BBC Newsround programme.

When the film crew arrived they asked if they could film the boys and girls trying out some of the different activities and events that were available. They also went on the stage with some of the Scouts staying at the Jamboree and played the drums with them. Several of the Beavers and Cubs were interviewed by one of the presenters of the programme who the young people recognised but the leaders didn't!

The programme was to promote Scouting throughout the UK. Skip then had to telephone all the parents whose children were at the Jamboree to get them to record Newsround so that they would not miss their kids on TV, as we were travelling home when the programme was broadcast.

The programme went out that afternoon but was edited. The BBC are going to send the Group an uncut version of the filmed visit so that we can all see the cut interviews and activities that were not shown.

Everyone who went on the visit had a fantastic time and said that one day was not enough to experience the Jamboree.

3rd Mitcham are going to the Live-07 Festival of Scouting at the O2 Arena so maybe we shall be filmed again - you never know!

Skip (John Tweedley)



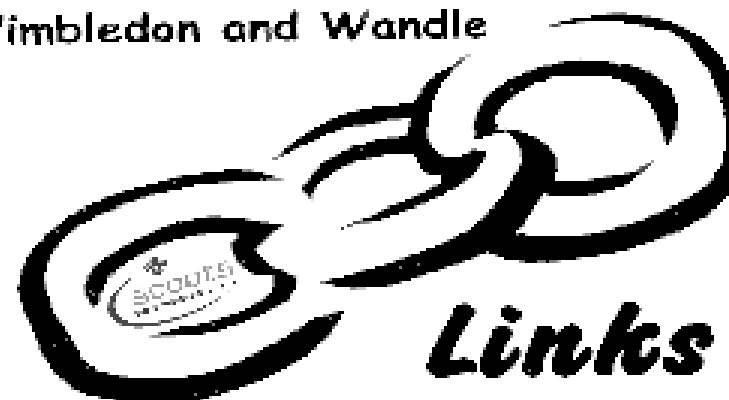
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Wimbledon and Wandle



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Oct 8	GLSW Scout cyclo cross	Postponed
10	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 7.30pm
10	County AGM	Croydon
13	*District Swimming Gala	Morden Park Baths
14	Beaver Activity Day	Bow Lane 1.45pm
23-27	*Gang Show	Secombe Theatre
25	Store closed for half term	
Nov 4	*Scout Incident Hike	Boidierhurst
16	Cub Handicraft competition	22 nd Wimbledon
19	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
21	Troop Scouters' meeting	6/12 th Mitcham 8pm
21	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
24	National Festival of Scouting	O2 Dome
Dec 2	*GLSW Orienteering competition	
3	District Quiz (TBC)	Atlasta Hall

* Details/Links/Entry forms can be found on the District website
www.wimbledonandwandlescouts.org

Training Modules 2007

All modules will be held at the Bow Lane Scout Centre

Mod. 7	Valuing Diversity	03.10.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
19	International	04.10.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
5	Fundamental Value of Scouting	17.10.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
12	Providing balanced programmes	18.10.07 & 15.11.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
8	Skills of Leadership	24.10.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
9	Working with Adults	25.10.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
13/21	Growing the Movement (Leaders and Managers)	28.10.07	10.00 - 12.30pm 2.00 - 4.30pm
14	Young People Today	31.10.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
24	Managing and supporting adults	03.11.07	9.30 - 1.30pm
20	Administration (Managers)	03.11.07	2.30 - 5.00pm
20	Administration (Managers)	04.11.07	9.30 - 12.00
24	Managing and supporting adults	04.11.07	1.00 - 5.00pm
19	International	07.11.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
7	Valuing Diversity	08.11.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
25	Assessing Learning (TAs and Line Man)	10.11.07	9.30 - 5.00pm
22	Section Support (Managers)	17.11.07	10.00 - 12.30pm
23	Safety for Managers & Supporters	17.11.07	2.00 - 4.30pm
23	Safety for Managers & Supporters	25.11.07	10.00 - 12.30pm
22	Section Support (Managers)	25.11.07	2.00 - 4.30pm
9	Working with Adults	21.11.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
8	Skills of Leadership	22.11.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
14	Young People Today	29.11.07	7.45 - 10.00pm
13/21	Growing the Movement (Leaders and Managers)	01.12.07	10.00 - 12.30pm 2.00 - 4.30pm
25	Assessing Learning (TAs and Line Man)	02.12.07	9.30 - 5.00pm

Until a new Training Manager has been appointed, please contact Joan Condon regarding your training needs.

20th Mitcham's Christmas Fair The New Horizons Community Centre South Lodge Avenue, Pollards Hill

17th November
1.30 - 4.00pm

If any Group would like a table to sell their own items, it's only £10. Contact Richard on 020 8241 1128

Halloween Fun at Frylands Wood

3rd-4th November

An event for Explorers, Network and Leaders too.

Events will include

- The Maze: live actors, great effects and smells
 - The Walk: gruesome stories of the campsite's past while you wander along paths that are rarely trod
 - UV rifles
 - Halloween fun in the Medieval fort
- and much, much more. All this for only £15.

Contact Chris Vickers mail@cvickers.com for more information.



Balloon Race

The Sunrise Balloon race was won by Gemma Southwick, a Beaver with 23rd Mitcham Colony. Her balloon reached Steeple Bumpstead, Suffolk.

District Commissioner

One of the really positive things to come out of the centenary camp was the increased popularity of **camping**; a fundamental of the Scout Movement and still the most popular activity for young people.

To encourage this activity, Scouting has made the business of paperwork much simpler and has done away with the Permission to Camp Form.

Everyone knows this has been replaced by the **Nights Away** permit together with a NAN - Nights Away Notification - form.

The procedure is highlighted separately but I have recently stopped a camp from going ahead because of the failure to comply with the rules. That is tragic for the young people involved.

I will take this same action for any camp that does not comply with these basic requirements.

The forms should not be submitted to anyone other than Keith Daly Deputy DC. His telephone number and address are in the directory.

Camp Wardens do not check permits because it is the District Commissioner's responsibility, not theirs. They feel they are there to run camp sites; it is the DC's job to ensure that permit holders reach and remain at the required standard.

I therefore emphasise to all Leaders holding Nights Away activities the importance of complying with POR chapter 9 rules 9.55 to 9.63. Failure to do so will jeopardise activities for the young people and put you the Leader at risk. We want to encourage Nights Away events and the rules to do so are not demanding and very simple, let us resolve to use them so that I do not have to stop you and young people enjoying their Scouting.

are available for £15, and this includes buffet supper, camp-over, and brunch on New Year's Day. Bring your own 'orange juice' !

The first event of 2008 is the Over 18's Volleyball Competition on Friday January 25th in Sutton. Why not make up a Local Network team for this or join forces with other GLSW Scout Network members?

As always keep looking at www.glsWSCOUTS.org.uk/network

Scout Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey



I think we all enjoyed the lighthearted evening we spent at the 'Music Hall', performed by the Croydon Stagers, on Thursday 6th September. Good luck to Wendy and Brian Beckley who have now moved to the coast.

A few of us were able to attend the memorial service for Mary White at St Lawrence's. It was a fitting way to remember such a kind lady who had given so much over the years.

On Tuesday, 18th September we held our formal meeting at the Morden Hall DHQ. It was good to see so many members and friends turn out for the private eye speaker. Thanks to Bill and Enid for arranging such a pleasant evening.

We have a fairly quiet time coming up. If you are interested in a visit to the pantomime please contact Dave Gould on 020 8395 1885.

REMINDER - Wednesday 7th November - Beetle Drive and fish 'n chip supper. 7.30 p.m. start at the Morden Hall DHQ. Please let me know, by Friday 2nd November if you are able to come and give me your fish order. Many thanks (020 8542 6200).

"Nothing is impossible, except putting the toothpaste back in the tube."

BP in a letter to his daughter

4) **County Orienteering Competition** - Banstead Woods

Sunday 2nd December

Details from me or Ron Welbrook - tel. No. 020 8668 7965; 07776 180174

e-mail: ronwellbrook@hotmail.com

I hope to see you at these events.

Network - Chris Dean

NETWORK

Firstly, congratulations to Lucy McLauchlan who has been awarded her Explorer Belt following a successful expedition by cycle in The Netherlands during September.

Unfortunately, we were unable to field a crew in the National Dragonboat Races, but our rowers completed the Great River Race from Richmond to Greenwich for the second consecutive year in 'Dorney' finishing 241st out of a field of almost 300. Rowing seems to have caught on this summer with several evening sessions on the Thames thanks to Petersham & Ham Scout Group. I feel the formation of a Water Activities Specialist Scout Network cannot be far away!

There was a good Scout Network turnout from GLSW at the Gilwell Reunion, which again benefited from warm dry days and cool dry nights, and a good supply of 'orange juice' in the marquee. I hope this tradition of attending will continue well into the future as it provides a good opportunity for building Network camaraderie across the County, and there are some great activities and workshops too.

We have had to postpone the Network 7's until March 16th, and hope this time of year will be easier for Networks to select teams and arrange some practice.

As we head towards the end of our Centenary Year there are a number of events of note. We are seeking at least 2 more Queen's Scouts for the Remembrance Parade at the Cenotaph on November 11th. If you would like to be considered, please contact Hannah Gordon on huggyhannah@hotmail.com.

The Greater London Network Ball takes place at BP House on December 15th, and our New Year's Eve 'Bash' is at Walton Firs. Tickets for this

I attended the **National Scout AGM** at BP House and a very interesting meeting it was too. More important was that the County Young person rep. was Rory from the Wimbledon Edge Hill Unit. Rory took a keen interest in the proceedings and was a great ambassador for the District and County.

A long distant reminder: the **All Leaders meeting** will be on Wednesday 30th January. I am hoping to have a really inspiring speaker talking about the young people of today, so get it in your diaries now.

The **County Development Conference** is to be held next year 9th/10th February for GSL's and an appropriate member of the Group Executive committee. It will be at the Hilton Hotel in Croydon including an overnight stop. I am proposing that the District will carry the cost, but this has yet to be decided. There will be places for four or five of the District Team. Please note in your diaries.

Bob

Appointments - Joan Burgess

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have now had their full warrants approved:

Andrew Hayward	GSL	1 st Lower Morden;
Christopher Hobbs	GSL	8 th Morden;
Andrew Dunfield-Prayero	ESL	Cannon Hill Lane Unit.

7 Provisional Certificates have been issued and 7 Worker Certificates.

Three warrants have been cancelled- thanks to these Leaders for their work with the Movement.

Nights Away Procedures

To hold a nights away activity you MUST have

1. An appropriate Nights Away Permit Holder at the camp.
 - a. The permit must be current;
 - b. The permit holder must hold a first aid certificate;
 - c. The permit must be at the appropriate level: green field, site only etc.
2. The Permit Holder must complete and submit a Nights Away Notification (NAN) form preferably 14 days prior to the event. All forms must be submitted to Keith Daly. Keith can be contacted on keith.daly2@btinternet.com
3. Home Contacts must
 - a. be contactable day and night;
 - b. **not be related to or emotionally involved with any member of the party;** (this causes the most problems!)
 - c. be in possession of the names and addresses of the next of kin of each member of the party and how to contact them;
 - d. know how to contact the party and home Scout authorities;
 - e. be aware of the outline plans for the activity.

Further details are contained in the factsheet [FS120078 Home Contact](#) available from the Scout Information Centre.

4. Although not strictly required, you should inform your *GSL*.

There have now been changes to the scheme which are summarised here

1. It is now a national requirement to hold a first aid qualification, as your warrant requires;
2. A photo on the permit is not required;
3. A fourth category has been introduced: Lightweight Expedition;
4. The Nights Away permit is not the same as Module 16. There is no requirement to have done Module 16 to get a Nights Away permit neither does validating Module 16 automatically gain you a Nights Away permit.

cost but, please, let me know by 11 November if you will be there, for catering purposes.

Don't forget to check with Andy Ellam (8th Wimbledon) if your Scouts would like to take part in the watersports weekend.

I have had some interest shown in the Canal Boat experience - if you would like to be involved give me a call and we will put it together.

Don't forget if you would like someone to help with a session on Scouting skills to let Tim, Dave H or myself know.

Explorer Scouts - Neil McLauchlan



Welcome to another exciting term of Explorer Scouting.

Please invite one of our team to your next meeting. There will be a District meeting in the very near future.

Until then details of events as listed below:

- 1) **County Explorer Scout Night Hike 2007**
This event is still on. We have confirmation from Defra that we are OK to use footpaths & bridleways in the chosen area. Please get your entries into me now!

Sat 13th - Sun 14th October

First group check in @ 7.00pm

Teams of 4-6 Explorer Scouts hiking between checkpoints

- 2) **County Explorer Scouts mountaineering weekend - 2007**

Sunday 21st October (pre-meet 2.30pm to 5.00pm)

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th October

This is an activity weekend held in the North Wales mountains open to all Explorer Scouts, staying at the County Activity Base at Bethesda in North Wales. The weekend's programme will include hill walking, rock climbing, abseiling and various instructional sessions.

- 3) The Scout Section needs our help at their **Incident Hike**. We need Explorer Scouts to walk with the Scout teams to assist (if required) with map work.

This will be based around Boidierhurst, Box Hill, on Sunday 4th November. Please contact Dave Bixby now if you are able to help.

Section Reports

Beavers - Julia Doolan

Just a reminder that the Activity Day on Sunday 14th October is only two weeks away. Please can all colonies phone or e-mail Linda Vaudrey with confirmation of their numbers by **Tuesday 2nd October**.

Any extra Adult help would be welcomed.

Don't forget to bring your cardboard tube kitchen rolls. Thank you.

The next meeting is on the 21st November 2007 at Morden Hall, DHQ at 8pm.

It would be nice if at least one member from each Colony could be represented at the meeting. **Thank you.**



Cubs - Michèle McNamara

Handicraft competition - 18th November at 22nd

Wimbledon HQ. Details re costs and materials required will be issued shortly. All entries for this competition must be received by 2nd

November. If anyone has any junk modeling items they can donate for this event, can they please bring them to the next CSL Meeting.

It is proposed that the District hold an event to cover the cyclists badge in the New Year. We need to know roughly how many Cubs would be interested and a memo regarding this event will be issued shortly. Please do reply to this, as Merton Council need to know estimated numbers to enable them to plan the event and make sure they have enough personnel available on the day.



Scouts - Dave Bixby

It was great to see so many Troops represented at the recent meeting. I think we managed to make real progress with the diary for next year.



Our next meeting is on 21st November at the 6/12th Mitcham, Glebe Court and includes a Christmas curry. This has been sponsored so there is no

Nights Away continued . . .

Clarification - the permit holder needs to be on site, as a minimum, during the time that provision is made for young people to be sleeping overnight. The permit holder remains responsible for the event at all times.

Mary White

It was good to see so many people at the memorial service for Mary, though a shame more could not join the family afterwards at Bow Lane. Thanks to Angela (9th Wimbledon) for the refreshments and to the members of the 1st Lower Morden who set up, served drinks, washed up and tidied up all afternoon.

If anyone else would like to send in donations to John Young it is not too late and he would like to thank everyone through these pages for their generosity. The Executive, in conjunction with Mary's family, will decide what is the best memorial to her.

District Store

The Store will be closed for half term on 25th October.

There are currently some Centenary scarves in stock and most of the Centenary memorabilia should be available until the end of the year (or until stocks run out).

Appointment Cards

The new appointment cards are being issued with this month's Scouting. Credit card sized, they are replacing the existing Warrant card and everyone who has a role in Scouting will get one.

Live 07 - 24th November

Are you going to Live 07 at the O2 Dome? There are still some tickets left for both the afternoon and evening shows, so it is not too late to book.

