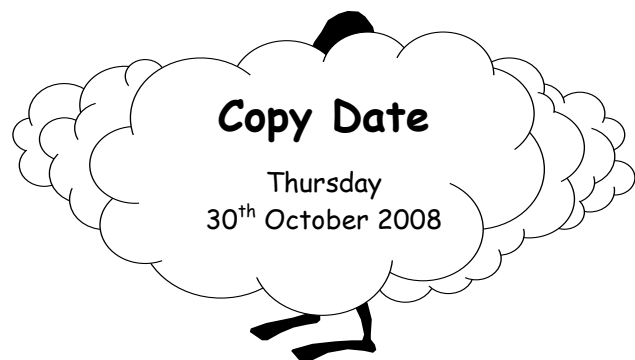


"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Albert Schweitzer

Wimbledon and Wandle



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Oct 3	Inter-Troop Quiz	22 nd Wimbledon HQ 7.30pm
4	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10 -12 noon
7	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 7.30pm
11	Swimming Gala	Morden Baths 6pm
11	Fellowship outing	Chatham Dockyard
18	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10 -12 noon
19	Beaver Activity Day	Bow Lane
27	District Team	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
30	Store closed for half term	
28-31	Souwest '08 Gang Show	Secombe Theatre
Nov 2	Scouts' Incident Hike	Park Farm
12	CSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
16	Cubs' Handicraft competition	22 nd Wimbledon HQ
19	Fellowship Beetle Drive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
23	GLSW C&C Day	Bow Lane 8am
24	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
26	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
Dec 13	Choral Society Carol Concert	

Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey



It was good to see so many members at our meeting on Tuesday 16th September, when we had a very interesting talk by a J.P. Thank you to Bill for arranging and to Enid for feeding us so well!

Sunday, 9th November - we are hoping to go, as a section, to the Remembrance Service in Mitcham. The march takes place from St Mark's Road to Cricket Green. Please let Dave Gould know if you are interested in attending. ☎ 8395 1885

Our very popular Beetle Drive and Fish & Chip Supper will be held on **Wednesday, 19th November**, at the Wandle DHQ, starting at 7.30 p.m. This is always a very enjoyable evening so, if you haven't been before, give it a try. Please let me have your fish orders by Sunday 16th. (Linda 8542 6200). The cost of the evening is normally £2.00 + supper money.

Reminder - **Saturday 13th December** - Christmas Carol Concert 1.45 pm and 7.15 pm. If you can help, please contact Brian on 8330 2088.



i.SCOUT

The latest range of clothing from Scout Shops comes in a variety of colours for casual wear. i.SCOUT is printed on either the front, back or sleeves - a T shirt costs £8, polo shirt £12 and a hoodie just £20. There are also pins, woggles, mugs and pens in the range.

See Brian if you would like to order any but don't forget to let him have the reference number and colour.

Training - Alison Edwards

The training team is being kept very busy at the moment as we have 57 Leaders in the District undergoing some kind of training (whether their initial training or retraining for new appointments) and only 8 active training advisers to work with them. So if you think you might be able to give a little of your wisdom and expertise to help train new Leaders I would be delighted to hear from you. The payrates are the same as for your weekly Leadership roles but the rewards are worth it!

If you are a new Leader and wonder whether you are 'in the system' please feel free to get in touch and I will see if I can help you with your training needs until a training adviser is appointed to you.

I would also like to thank those Leaders who heeded my requests to get your applications in for Nights Away on time. I think we will have 8 people attending the course, which is a good number. I hope you have a good weekend and the weather is kind!

Finally congratulations to those Leaders who have completed their training over the summer (your wood badges have been processed) and to Peter Mead from the 1st Lower Morden on finishing his 'retraining' as a Cub Leader having moved from Beavers to take on the Pack.

Training Dates 2008

All Modules will be held at Bow Lane Scout Centre except Module 16 which will be at Bears Wood.

Mod4/26	County & District Section Leaders	12.10.08	10am - 1pm
22 & 24	Section Support & Managing Adults	12.10.08	2pm - 4.30pm
16	Nights away residential	17-19.10.08	
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

Section Reports

Beavers - Kevin Quigley

Luckily one of the few days of sunshine in the last month (or was it the summer?) fell on Sunday 21st September when some 50 Beavers, accompanied by Leaders, parents and their families attended the Beaver Bike Ride at Morden DHQ. In their colonies and under the watchful eye of the adults supervising, those riding tried to go around the course in as many times as possible in the allotted time. When not riding, the Beavers were entertained with a series of games, which included some 'skiing', which was great fun. My thanks to all of those who helped organize the day, and to those who helped make it a day of 'Fun and Friends'.



As to the future, there is the Beaver Activity day for 7 year olds Beavers at Bow Lane on 19th October 2008. Details and forms have been circulated, so please complete and return them as soon as possible. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend - I'm on a Module 16 'Nights Away' course that weekend - so I hope you and your Beavers enjoy the day.

Finally, please remember that I'll be after a head count of your Beavers as at 31st October some time in early November in order to pass the numbers up to County as requested. They're not after age or any other split - just the number of Beavers in your Colony, and on your waiting list if you have one.

Cub Scouts - Michèle McNamara

Next CSL meeting is on Wednesday November 12th at the Morden Hall DHQ please try and attend if possible.

Handicraft competition - This will be held on November 16th at 22nd Wimbledon HQ, for teams of 4 cubs. Full details will be sent out shortly please make sure you let us have your team entry by the cut off date, to enable us to source the correct amount of materials. The theme this year is Local History.



Scouts - Dave Bixby

Survival skills weekend: It was a pleasure to see Scouts once again using Paches for a real backwoods experience. My sincere thanks go to all the Leaders who worked so hard to create a great weekend. The weather, of course, helped and meant that the bivouacs were not tested as much as they might have!

Any Group who may be interested in using Paches and would like a guided visit, just call me.

Scout Quiz: this year we are holding the Quiz on a Friday, in response to requests about Scout night activities. See you all there on 3 October, 22nd Wimbledon HQ, Arthur Road, Motspur Park.

Incident Hike: Entries need to be with Peter Hutton as soon as possible. The hike is based around Park Farm, Banstead. Full details are in the activities handbook. If you think that your team may need help on the day, please tell Peter when you book and we will try and find a Leader or Explorer to walk with them, to see that they don't get too lost.

Troop numbers: If you have not done so already, could you let me have the total number of Scouts and the number of adults working your Troop as soon as possible. These are required for the County's quarterly submission to our Scout Region. Thanks.

The **Scout Section dates** for 2009 were set at our recent meeting and we will produce the activities handbook for next year as soon as all venues etc are confirmed, hopefully at the next Troop Scouters' meeting on Monday 24 November.

Explorer Scouts - Neil McLauchlan

Hi all,
Entries are now (over) due for the County **Explorer Scout Night Hike**. Saturday 11 to Sunday 12 October. Please contact Derek Chaplin (derekchaplin@talktalk.net) directly to book your place.



I trust that all ESLs have now contacted their local troops for any new members? Also, will any SLs please let me know if they have any older members ready to come up into the Explorer Scout section?

District Directory

The latest edition of the directory went out back in June and we are aware that there are already a number of amendments.

Please keep Sue Southwood or Joan Burgess up to date when personnel change or when Leaders move house or get new phone numbers etc.

Eventually it is hoped that everyone listed in the directory will be able to request an emailed copy through the website.

The latest County directory was sent out a couple of weeks ago through the DC, DDCs and ADCs with a request that they pass it on to all Leaders.

If you have not seen a copy and would like one, please contact your ADC.

Gang Show

The 2008 SOUTHWEST Gang Show will run from Tuesday 28th October to Saturday 1st November 2008 at the Secombe Theatre in Sutton. This is an ideal Pack or Troop night activity - to book, contact the box office on 020 8770 6990.

Swimming Gala

The Gala will take place on Saturday 11 October at Morden Park Baths.



Just a reminder that **NO FOOD** may be taken on to the side of the bath, only plastic bottles of water. A slight change in the rules has been circulated but if in doubt, please

contact Michele McNamara who will be pleased to advise you.

Home Contacts

The Scout Association is conducting a complete review of the Home Contact system with a view to allowing more flexibility. The advent of mobile phones and the ease of communications nowadays means that a third party contact may not always be the most appropriate means of communication, though for many nights away experiences it will still be the most efficient. Comments are welcome to the Activities Team by 31st October via <http://q.scouts.org.uk/s/NCnaQaakxslps2t>

Scarefest



1st November

Frylands Wood

Scouts, Explorers,

Network and

Leaders £15 each

including fees, festivities and fireworks

For full details contact info@scarefest.org

Wimbledon and Wandle District Store

Morden Hall DHQ

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm term time only

Saturdays 10.00 - 12.00 (1st & 3rd Saturday of the month)

Badges available Thursday evenings only