

Respect is a lesson that everyone should learn  
Respect must be given before an expected return  
Respect is something that's given for free  
Respect is about us and never about me

Don Wilson

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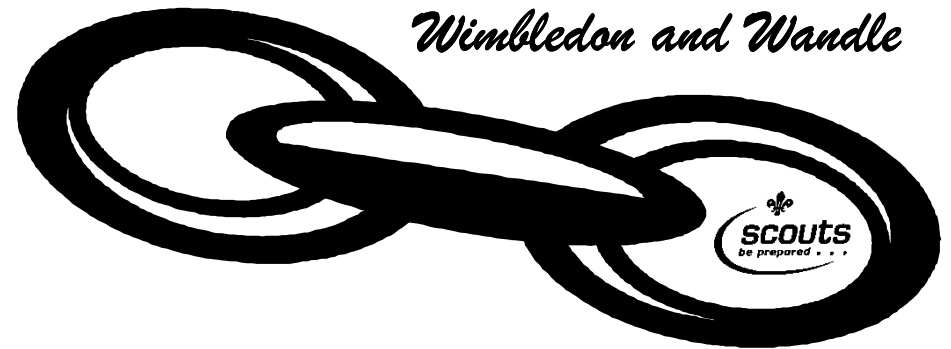
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# Links

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Oct 6	Inter-Troop Quiz	St John Fisher Church Hall 7.30pm
13	District EGM	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
16	District Swimming Gala	Morden Park Baths 5.30pm
25	Key Managers' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
Nov 6	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
7	Scouts' Incident Hike	Bentley Copse
10	CSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
17	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
19	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
20	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
21	Cub Handicraft Competition	
21	Beaver Activity Day	
24	SAS Beetle Drive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
Dec 1	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm

## Chairman's Chatter

May I remind everyone that the Extraordinary General Meeting of the District Scout Council in order to sign off the December 2009 District Accounts, provisionally appoint the new Treasurer and review membership and workings of your Executive Committee will be held at **Morden Hall DHQ 8pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010**. There will also be an opportunity for "Questions and Answers".

In an effort to save printing costs and a few trees, I will ensure that the **Agenda and Accounts are available on the District web site** after they have been agreed by your Executive Committee when it meets on 5<sup>th</sup> October. **So please do take a look and come prepared!**

The meeting will be very short as we are just "mopping up loose ends" from May's AGM.

Part of my role is to represent the District on the County Executive Committee. At its recent meeting the Executive agreed to fund a Workshop to be held in Croydon: **26/27 February 2011**. Cost £25 per head to include an overnight stay or £15 per head for day visitors. Invitations will be extended to either the GSL or Chair from each Group in GLSW, together with a representative from every Section and ESU. The aim of the Workshop is "Helping Others to Help Us" and for you to produce individual plans to improve adult involvement throughout your Group. The new County Chairman Sam Allan, will be attending the EGM.

County Membership Fee remains at **£6.00** and as already announced Headquarters will be raised by 75p to £20.25 with 50p reduction for early payment to **£19.75**. District will be agreeing its levy at our meeting early this month.

If anyone wants to discuss matters individual to their Group and possible funding via the Atlasta Fund, please do come and "bend my ear" after the EGM!

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year a couple of Troops changed their mind about their incident at the last minute and this led to a duplication - BORING!

Christmas Meal: Park Place Monday 13 December  
Please let me know by the end of October if you are going to attend so that I can book sufficient places.

Reminder: the quarterly census is due so could you please let me know the total number of Scouts that you have by 24<sup>th</sup> October. Can I also have copies of your outline programme for the year and weekly programme up to Christmas as soon as possible? Thank you.

Next meeting: Morden Hall DHQ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November - distribution of the Red Book.

## Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey

We spent a very enjoyable day at Bletchley Park covering a lot of mind blowing number crunching and even a wedding! There was certainly a good deal to see - may need a second visit to cover the rest. Thanks to Jean and Rob for organising and an especial thank you to Allan for driving us there.

Thank you also to Bill for organising the speaker for the meeting on Tuesday, 21st September.

Our next event is our Beetle Drive and Fish supper on Wednesday, 24th November - 7.30 p.m. start at the Wandle DHQ. Please let me have your fish order by Friday 19th November (8542 6200).



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Do you really need a paper version of Links? Could you read it on line? We will send you a link to it each month if you let us have your email address. Help save a tree . . .

## Scouts - Dave Bixby



### Survival Skills weekend 2-3 October

I have never seen so many people in camp at

Paches all at the same time in the 50 years I have been using it.

The Survival Skills weekend is one of our premier District Scout section events. We have a tremendous amount of knowledge amongst some of the Scout Leaders in Wimbledon and Wandle. Gary Baker and his team from the 23<sup>rd</sup> really pulled the stops out to give Scouts from 11 Troops a unique experience.

This year there were two very memorable events that will mark the weekend in the minds of the participating Scouts, probably forever.

The first was having what felt like a year's rain fall in 6 hours but far

more significant was the visit of the **Chief Scout, Bear Grylls**.

The Chief arrived by helicopter at a local farm and Alan Green effected a swift transfer to Paches. We had a parachute suspended between trees to form an auditorium and Bear gave a 1 to 1 lesson in skinning rabbits to Gregory Horsford of the 13<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon, in front of all those in camp.

Those of us who are old enough to have been involved in scouting in 1963 remember Surrey's salute to the Chief Scout - yet another wet weekend involving a helicopter! I hope this weekend provides such memories for the current generation of Scouts.

After the Chief's departure, unfortunately the weather deteriorated dramatically so we decamped to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon's HQ. The Leader team of the 22<sup>nd</sup> really rose to the occasion, providing a warm dry floor and hot soup.

We completed the event under the 22<sup>nd</sup>'s hospitality so that all the Scouts gained the Survival Skills activity badge.

My sincere thanks to all involved in making this truly a weekend to remember.

**Dates:** Most of the dates agreed at our last meeting for 2011 events have been confirmed - the only change so far is our September meeting which will be on 28<sup>th</sup> September, as the DHQ was already booked for the original date we wanted.

**Incident Hike:** Bentley Cope, Sunday 7 November

Entries must be in by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please let Tim Kerridge know what incident you will be running or whether you need us to supply one. Last

## Appointments - Joan Burgess

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have now received full Leader Warrants:

Martin Neal	DCSL	
Nick Bano	ASL	9 <sup>th</sup> Wimbledon
Jonathan Moss	ACSL	13 <sup>th</sup> Wimbledon
Simon Sykes	ASL	14 <sup>th</sup> Wimbledon
Scott Duncan	ACSL	16 <sup>th</sup> Morden
Angela Stiore	ABSL	19 <sup>th</sup> Wimbledon
John Brevitt	ASL	22 <sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon
Sonia Lozano	ASL	22 <sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon

Don't forget Reviews should all be in by end of December.

GSLs - **ALL** members in your Group should now have a current CRB or should have submitted a form for renewal.

I have heard that some Leaders are still unsure about Application and CRB forms. I now have stocks of all forms (ALL OLD FORMS SHOULD BE DESTROYED - THEY ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED). Completed Application and CRB forms should be sent direct to me.

## Morden Hall DHQ Garden

This time last year the District spent the money donated in memory of Mary White on installing a garden with lighting alongside the entrance path to the District Headquarters.

The lighting has made a tremendous difference but the garden needs to be cared for. We are looking for someone who likes gardening and would be prepared to 'put it to bed for the winter' and then spend an hour or two a month, on a regular basis, from next spring to keep it looking good. It was planned to be minimum maintenance but the weeds still need to be kept at bay. Please email the Links editor on [thebixbys@talktalk.net](mailto:thebixbys@talktalk.net) if you could help.



## District Store - Brian Whalebone

The Store will be closed on **Saturday 16th October** as I am on a course that weekend.

### Price Reductions:

Old style trousers sizes 26" & 28"      £14.40  
Old style trousers sizes 30" - 44"      £20.80  
Ladies £20.80                                  YOUTHS £12.40

### New Products:

iEAT iSLEEP iSCOUT T-shirt colour charcoal  
sizes S 34-36, M 38-40, L 42-44, XL 46-48, XXL50-52  
£8.75

## Training Dates

10 Oct	10:00am - 1:00pm	Module 20 - Administration (Managers)
	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Module 23 - Safety for Managers and Supporters
16 Oct - 17 Oct		Module 16 - Nights Away (Bears Wood)
16 Oct	9:00am - 5:00pm	Module 10 - First Aid 1 <sup>st</sup> Coulsdon HQ
20 Oct	7.30pm - 10pm	First Aid refresher course Morden Hall DHQ
31 Oct	10:00am - 1:00pm	Module 13 - Growing the Movement (Section Leaders)
	10:00am - 4:30pm	Module 21 - Growing the Movement (Managers)
6 Nov	10:00am - 1:00pm	Module 22 - Section Support
	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Module 24 - Managing Adults Module 26 - Supporting Adults
14 Nov	10:00am - 11:30am	Module 07 - Valuing Diversity
	11:45am - 1:30pm	Module 19 - International
	2:30pm - 4:30pm	Module 17 - Activities Outdoors
21 Nov	9:00am - 5:00pm	Module 10 - First Aid 1 <sup>st</sup> Whitton HQ - Richmond

## Swimming Gala - Michèle McNamara

Don't forget to let me know by the **7<sup>th</sup> October** at the latest if your Pack or Troop intend entering the gala.

Similarly I need completed team entry form e-mailed to me by **October 15<sup>th</sup>** so that we can prepare the gala paperwork.

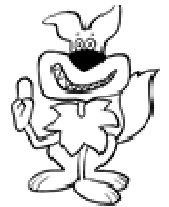
The Manager at the baths has insisted that all spectators (including children) will be charged. We have come to an arrangement with them over this but if anyone of your spectators is a member of Merton Leisure, it would be helpful if they could bring their membership card with them as they will have free admittance.

I could still do with some more volunteers to help on the night; if you are free could you please contact me, ([michmc@sky.co](mailto:michmc@sky.co)) Thank you.

## Section Reports

### Cub Scouts - Michèle McNamara

Don't forget that the next meeting is **8<sup>th</sup> November**. Unfortunately I shall not be at this meeting as I am holiday so Mia Patterson will be chairing the meeting & Graham Fairclough taking the minutes. Final details for the handicraft competition will have to be discussed. If anyone has any items suitable for the junk modelling part of this competition, could they please bring them along on the night and hand them to Graham who has agreed to store them until later.



Christmas Meal, we haven't discussed this as yet but if anyone has any ideas as to a venue or date can they please let the DCSLs know at the meeting.

Finally, thank you to those Packs that have already let me have copies of their programmes and estimates for the census of Cub numbers at the **31<sup>st</sup> October**, if you are one of the Packs who has so far failed to let me have this information, could you please do so a.s.a.p.