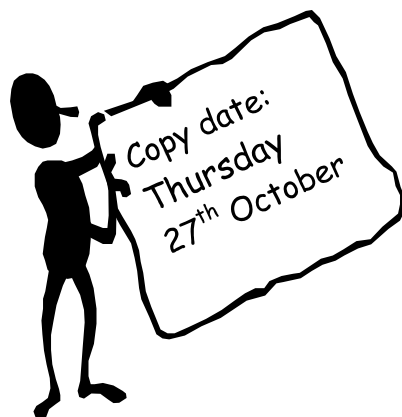


The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour.
Now is the only time you own.
Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time.
For the clock may soon be still.



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Links

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Oct 5	Inter-Troop Quiz	1 st Lower Morden HQ 7.45pm
5	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
15	District Store	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
15	Cub and Scout Swimming Gala	Morden Park Baths 5.30pm
16	County Skills Day	4 th Worcester Park
17	Key Managers Meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
22-23	Scout Canal Boat Experience	Grand Union Canal
27	Store Closed for half term	
Nov 5	District Store open	Morden Hall Park 10am
6	Cub Handicraft Competition	22 nd Wimbledon HQ
9	Cub Scout Leaders' Meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
16	Beaver Scout Leaders' Meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
18	Troop Scouters' Meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
19	District Store	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
20	Scout Incident Hike	Boidier Hurst
30	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm

District Commissioner

This term there are 3 key items that I want to emphasise:

Firstly, thank-you to all those Groups who have provided their **Group Development Plans** to me. Where Groups are still working on this, the deadline is December, so if you need help/support/training to achieve this I need to know now.

Secondly, as I mentioned at the last Key Managers' Meeting, all Section Leaders need to provide a copy of their **programme** both to their GSL and to their sectional ADC.

Thank you to those who have already done so, this is an on-going requirement from now on so please make it part of your regular routine to save your GSL/ADC from having to chase for it. If you have not yet sent in your programme, please do so as soon as possible.

Thirdly, **District Camp** is fast approaching, so I should be grateful if everyone can ensure that the necessary arrangements at Group level are in hand and that everyone is able to volunteer their services to staff the Zones such that we all share the load as widely as possible.

Joe

South West London Gang Show - Souwest 2011

Tuesday 25th October to Saturday 29th October 2011
Secombe Theatre, Sutton

Tickets out now

85 members of Guiding and Scouting are already working hard at rehearsals for the South West London Gang Show - Souwest 2011 - but none of this is worth it without an audience. This year we have £7 tickets across three performances and group rate also exists (buy 10 get one free).

Fiona Auty, Souwest Gang Show

Full details are in the Red Book.

Christmas Meal: Monday 12 December at Park Place - *please note the change of date from that previously published.*

Pioneering store: Those of you who visit the Morden Hall DHQ in daylight may have seen that great progress has been made in creating a pioneer base where Groups will be able to come and build projects or borrow gear. To further this, and to provide for next year's District camp, we will shortly be purchasing a large quantity of rope which will need cutting up and sealing with a sail maker's whipping. If you are interested in helping with this or just want to learn how to whip ropes, give me a call.

Red book 2012: We set the dates at our last meeting and all being well the Red Book for next year will be issued at our next meeting on 18 November, 8pm at Morden Hall DHQ.

Patrol Leaders' Training Course: We are planning to run our next course from 9 to 11 March 2012. Will any Leaders who are interested in helping with this course please let me know.

Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey

We hope everyone has had a good summer. Our social evening on 20th September seemed to be successful; there were only a few of us but it was good to chat and laugh.



We have an outing on Saturday 15th October - a tour around the BBC studios. A few places are available so, if you are interested, please contact David Gould a.s.a.p.

Our usual Beetle Drive and Fish 'n Chip supper is on Wednesday, 23rd November, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Names and fish orders by Monday 21st November to Linda (020 8542 6200).

The New Year Meal will probably be on Saturday, 21st January 2012. The date, place and time will be confirmed at a later date.

Section Reports

Beaver Scouts - Andrew Hayward



Many thanks to those Groups who helped to plan and to those who participated in the first District Beaver Sports Day. A great time was had by all and we were very lucky with the weather! Certificates will follow in due course.

I would be interested to hear any feedback that you may have so if we do another one next year we can make any necessary changes.

What was disappointing was those Groups who didn't bother to reply at all. I knew that some couldn't make it for various reasons and that was fine but it doesn't take 2 minutes to call or email me...

You should have all had by now the details for the District Outing to RAF Hendon. If not, please let me know. The final cut off for numbers is Saturday 15 October. I will not accept any figures after that date as I will then make final payment for the coaches.

Please note that the next District Leader's Meeting will be at the 1st Lower Morden HQ, Bow Lane - 8pm start. Please ensure that your Group is represented.

Cub Scouts - Michèle McNamara



Next CSL meeting is November 9th please try and attend if possible. Following district and county meetings there is a lot of information to pass on.

I have been trying to obtain from each pack details of cub numbers and programmes for this term at the behest of county and district. This proves very time consuming as only a few packs respond promptly. I should be very grateful if in future you could treat these requests as promptly as possible, thank you.

Handicraft Competition - November 6th at 22nd Wimbledon H.Q. I shall be sending out full details shortly but I do need to know by at least 21st October, if not earlier, if your pack intends entering. Teams of 4 - entry cost per pack £12.

Scouts - Dave Bixby



Incident Hike - Boidier Hurst 20th November

Don't forget that entries for this year's Incident Hike need to be with me by 13th November at the latest, together with your £5 deposit per team. The total cost per team is £12.

Each Troop entering has to provide at least one adult to help on a base but additional adults and Young Leaders are always welcome.

Chairman's Chatter - Andy Edmonds

Thank you to those who popped into Morden Hall DHQ to formally sign off our 2010 Accounts. The Accounts and Annual Report have now been formally lodged with County and the Charities Commission.

Thanks to offers of support from outside Scouting, we plan to establish a "Fantastic Four" Committee that will be looking into ways that the District's accounting procedures and bank accounts can be rationalised. This will aim to make greater use of computer programming and ultimately will mean information will be available at "the push of a button" and greater use will be made of electronic and plastic banking methods. Anyway, we wish the "Fantastic Four" well and the Executive hopes to receive their initial findings in time to rationalise the District's procedures from the New Year. Thereafter, I expect a two year roll out across others that feed information into the District's Annual Accounting Exercise.

The closure of the 23rd Mitcham Group and its merger with 20th Mitcham has now been formally approved by Scout Association. The now renamed 23rd Mitcham Group has been registered with the Charities Commission.

London Borough of Merton is supporting the building of a "Scout Hall" at the former Rowan School site. The Hall will be self-contained, with storage, secure parking, toilets and kitchen and will have its own Lease. Adjoining "Community Rooms" will be run separately. The revised application from the developers goes before the Planning Committee soon and a great deal of detail is still to be discussed and agreed. Whilst there will be restrictions on use, this presents us with a great opportunity to start a new Scout Group in Longthornton Ward; where we currently have none.

We have received our first application for a buildings Loan via the Atlasta Fund and the DC and I will be meeting with another Group this month for a "Workshop"; whatever that involves?

This Report comes a week before the first District Executive since July and I will have a lot more to report after our meeting next week, when a great deal is on the Agenda and some new faces will be joining us. All the hard work of the last 18 months is starting to "bear fruit" and I hope to be able to formally update the District at our **AGM scheduled for 16th May 2012 at 1st Lower Morden**, so make a note in your diaries please.

Andy

Training - Alison Edwards

Safeguarding Awareness Training

As you all get back to your Scouting this term, can I put in a 'promo' for the next safeguarding awareness course. 23 November at Bow Lane, 7.30pm for 8pm start. Free to attend and you get free tea/coffee and biscuits! The course lasts about 90 minutes and is a requirement of all adult appointments. So in the life of an appointment you must have done safeguarding training. I would like to particularly encourage new Leaders to attend. There is plenty of space on the course so please book with me asap.

Some groups have already sent all their Leaders so thanks to them. If you can't do 23rd November other options are available - you could come to Richmond on 12 November or Wallington on 5 December. All welcome.

Leaders, Section Assistants, Occasional Helpers, Group Supporters, Executive members and SAS all welcomed!

You know it makes sense!

You can email me on alison.edwards@local.gov.uk

Aside of safeguarding can I also remind all Leaders who are doing wood badge training that **DOING** your training is part of your appointment. You agreed that you would undertake appropriate training when you got your appointments and well let's just say, some are not as diligent as they should be!!

I have spoken to ADCs and GSLs about this so your managers are aware of this requirement. Also if you 'faff about' with your training, you actually stop others from working with training advisers as a result. We do not have enough TAs to go round, and if they are tied up trying to get people to do modules or complete projects then they can't be helping someone else. So your help would be much appreciated.

District Store

As well as the jubilee uniform badge, there are a number of other celebratory items available through either the Store or the Badge Secretary:

Pin Badge 23mm	£1.00
Brooch	£1.50
Blanket Badge woven 14x8cm and Key ring 2.00	

Also World Scout products are now available:

World Scout buckle bronze	£8.75
World Scout buckle silver	£8.75

World Scout Tie: smart two tone tie available in three colours with the world logo woven into the design £17

Training Dates

15/16 Oct	Residential	38	Nights Away Residential "B" (must attend A) Bears Wood
23 Oct	10.00-11.15	08	Skills of Leadership
23 Oct	11.30-12.30	09	Working with Adults
23 Oct	1.30-2.30	14	Young People today
23 Oct	2.45-4.30	15	Challenging Behaviour
20 Nov	10am-12	19	International
20 Nov	1pm-4pm	17	Activities outdoors
26 Nov	10am-1pm	13	Growing the Movement (Section Leaders)
26 Nov	10am-4.30	21	Growing the Movement (Managers)

Unless it states otherwise in the Training Dates, the training modules are held at Morden Hall DHQ and are limited to 20 participants.

Contact Alison Edwards or Joan Condon for more information.

First Aid courses are booked through Janet Drinkall, telephone 020 8669 4774, email janet.drinkall@glswscouts.org.uk.

Paches - firelighting

If you plan to use Paches to do fire lighting, please let Gary Baker know at least 7 days before the event.

Gary will notify the duty Rangers so that they are aware that Scouts are on site and therefore won't call out the fire brigade if smoke is reported to them.

Gary Baker - SL 23rd Mitcham 07850 512215; gb.skip23@gmail.com

District Camp 2012 - Friday 4th to Monday 7th May 2012.

Blacklands Farm, East Grinstead.

Camp Leader: Neil McLauchlan

Leaders

I have a plea to all Leaders and helpers about the District Camp next year. During the day we will need to staff the eight activity bases with Leaders from all sections in the District. We will have approx 70-80 Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts at each base at any one time. We therefore need adults to help run the activities, look after the members etc. We will only be able to do this efficiently and safely if everyone helps. On Sunday we will also have 20-30 Beavers joining in with four of the bases, again the Beaver Leaders and helpers will need to assist with the running and handling of these bases.

Several groups have already put themselves forward to run and assist on various bases. Shortly we will let you all know what the bases are going to be and also who has already put their names forward. We would like everyone else to volunteer to help on one of these bases.

If everyone helps then the camp will be a success! This is surely what we do at camp anyway!

We have less than 10 'District' Leaders who do not have a sectional role, most already have a camp job to do. The SAS are also helping over the weekend with several different tasks.

Let's all get involved.

Thanks - Neil

Neil McLauchlan: 020 8542 6850
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There is now a dedicated section of the District website which will give you all the information that you need about the camp - follow the link on the Home page.



Costs

We would like every member to come and join the fun. We are endeavoring to organise a memorable experience for everyone. We have a small team concentrating on the activity bases headed up by Peter Hutton. We have been working on the budget for the camp for some time and have calculated the following costs:

Camping member: [Cub, Scout & Explorer Scout] £35.00

Camping Leader: One Leader free for every 6 members

Extra Camping Leaders/CRB'd Adult: £5.00 per day

Day visiting Beaver £15.00 [including transport]

Day visiting Beaver Leader: One Leader free for every 6 members [including transport]

Extra day visiting Beaver Leaders/CRB'd Adult: £10.00 including transport

The above will cover the costs for site fees and site activities. It includes the hiring of a large marquee and associated items, extra pioneering equipment and the cost of running the 8 bases. The Beavers fee includes the cost of coach travel to and from the site on the Sunday. These will be payable direct to the District from each Group.

Groups will need to add the cost of their food, gas and travel to and from the site. Each Group will then be able to decide on the charge to their members.

Notes:

The Explorer Scouts will be asked to lead the groups to and from the activity sites and will then take a full part in the activities with the other members. Each group will initially be accompanied by an adult whilst in transit.

For speed and safety, it is suggested that Groups cook on stoves as opposed to wood fires.

It is suggested that Groups encourage non-Leaders to come to camp and help with the cooking. This would be an ideal time to involve the Executive Committee or parents. Obviously everyone involved will need to be CRB'd.

Please contact Neil if you have any questions or suggestions