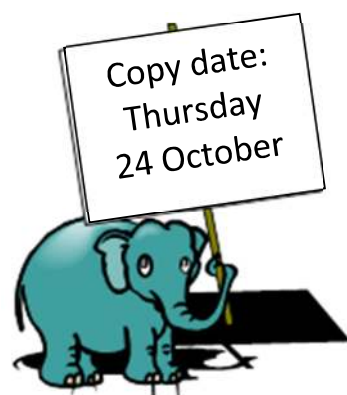


"Walk with the dreamers, the believers, the courageous, the cheerful, the planners, the doers, the successful people with their heads in the clouds and their feet on the ground. Let their spirit ignite a fire within."



Links

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Oct 2	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
5	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
7	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
9	Scout Quiz	St John Fisher 7.45pm
9	Safeguarding	1 st Lower Morden HQ
12	District Swimming Gala	Morden Park Baths
14	Key Managers' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
19	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
20	Explorers Mountain w/e pre-meeting	11 th Mitcham HQ 11am
26-30	Explorers Introduction to Wild Country Expeditions	Peak District
Nov 1-3	Mountain weekend	Bethesda
10	Remembrance Day Parade	Mitcham/Wimbledon
11	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
13	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	6/12 th Mitcham HQ 8pm
13	SAS Beetle Drive and Fish 'n' chips	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
20	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
23	Beaver outing to RAF Hendon	
24	Scout Incident Hike	Polyapes
24	Cub Handicraft competition	22 nd Wimbledon

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District Commissioner

Over the past year or so there have been a number of articles in Links that have dealt with Safety and Safeguarding, as the Association has tried to raise the profile of both through Scouting magazine, online and by changes to the training programme for leaders. This month I should like to give a brief update on developments in Training, and specifically Safety training, in our District.

The management of training generally has been devolved to Districts, the key training modules being delivered at District level, whilst other, more specialised modules, continue to be delivered by County. Our training, from last month onwards, is headed up by our latest ADC, Alison Edwards (whom some of you may perhaps already know!).

Safety training, which is now mandatory for all adult Members within the period of an appointment, is to be delivered at District level. Following discussion in a variety of fora, the model that we have chosen for delivery will allow Groups to be trained as an entity, with the training team coming to you on a date that is convenient for the maximum number of your adults. The training will take about an hour and a half; the first two training sessions will have been delivered by Christmas. Every Group in the District will have had access to the training by the end of 2016. Clearly, we will evaluate as we go to ensure that everyone receives quality training delivered efficiently and effectively.

That said, whenever one discusses safety, it is important to re-iterate that our aim is to ensure that activities are carried out as safely as reasonably practicable, but we must not be, and must never become, risk averse.

Joe

a good time. We were pleased to see Margaret Pooley getting around again.

Our next meeting is a Beetle Drive/Fish 'n Chip supper on Wednesday, 13th November at Morden Hall Park H.Q. 7.30 p.m. start. Please let Jean or David Gould have your name and fish order by Monday, 11th November please. (Tel No 020 8395 1885 or baldygouldy@hotmail.co.uk)

Two forthcoming events that need our help are firstly the District Swimming Gala on Saturday 12th October and secondly the Scout Incident Hike, Sunday 24th November at Polyapes. Again please let David Gould know if you can assist at either of these events.

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Safeguarding

9 October	1 st Lower Morden
7 November	Bears Wood
18 November	Southwood
20 November	Sutton - venue to be confirmed

Please book your Safeguarding course through Alison Edwards
Alison.Edwards@local.gov.uk

Mini Census

If you have not yet passed on your numbers for September to your GSL/ADC please do so as soon as possible.

Vision 2018 Workshop

GSLs and Team members who have been invited to this event to shape the development of the County in line with the Association's Vision 2018 are asked to reply to Jackie Paddon paddon1@sky.com as soon as possible.

Section Reports

Cubs - Michèle McNamara



CSL Meeting - 13th November, the venue for this meeting has had to be changed to the 6/12th Mitcham H.Q. as the Morden Hall H.Q. is already in use, please make a note of this in your diaries.

Handicraft Competition - November 24th at 22nd Wimbledon H.Q. final details for this will be discussed at the above meeting, so please make an effort to attend.

Autumn Term Programmes - I still haven't received programmes for a number of packs, if you haven't passed these to your GSL's or myself yet, can you please do so a.s.a.p. - Thank you

Scouts - Dave Bixby



2014 Activities At our recent meeting we set our District activities for the next year including a couple of new events. The new Red Book should be available at our 11 November meeting do please make sure that someone from your Troop comes along to pick it up.

Quiz Don't forget the Scout Quiz at St John Fisher Church Hall (home of the 5th Morden) on 9 October. Please don't arrive before 7.45pm to allow the Cubs to disperse. No limit on the number of teams. Entry fee £3 per team.

Incident Hike Polyapes 24 November with entries to me by 17 November. Full details in the Red Book.

New Year's Meal This is booked for Thursday 2 January 7.30pm at Park Place. Anyone connected with the Scout Section is very welcome. Please let me know by 15 December if you are coming.

Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey



I think everyone who came to our meeting on Tuesday 10th September had a really good, entertaining evening. The butcher was an excellent, comical speaker. Those of you who couldn't make it missed

Chairman's Chatter - Andy Edmonds

I have nothing to report this month as the District Executive does not meet until early October.

However I'm delighted to update everyone on the progress of Richard Mainwaring. He has been in rehabilitation at St George's and has been making "great strides", literally! He is now able to stand for himself without the help of a hoist and is managing to get around with a zimmer. He is laughing and joking again and able to make a cup of tea. Last week Richard himself posted on his Facebook support page that he's: "Feeling a lot better. Can't get used to the internet, will have to learn again. Thank you for all your kind thoughts, I hope to be home in four weeks about the 15th of October. You can all visit and bring a cake".

Andy

Training

19 Oct	11	Administration (Leaders)	10.00-11.30
19 Oct	19	International	11.45-13.00
19 Oct	17	Activities Outdoors	14.00-16.30
16 Nov	15	Challenging Behaviour	10.00-12.00
16 Nov	14	Young People today	12.00-13.00
16 Nov	9	Working with Adults	14.00-15.00
16 Nov	8	Skills of Leadership	15.15-16.30
7 Dec	13	Growing the Section	10.00-13.00
7 Dec	21	Growing the Movement	10.00-16.30

All Modules are at the 1st Lower Morden HQ, Bow Lane, off Lower Morden Lane, Morden SM4 4SJ

Each training module costs £4 (wef 1 September).

Contact Mrs Joan Condon, 34 Arundel Avenue, Morden, SM4 4DX
tel: 020 8540 5115 - e mail: joan.glswtraining@btinternet.com

For details of First Aid courses contact Janet Drinkall jdrinkall@sky.com

District Store

The District Store in Morden Hall DHQ is open during term time every Thursday 7.45 - 9.15pm and on the first and third Saturday each month from 10am to 12 noon. Actual dates can be confirmed in Links or on the website.

If you have had an influx of new members and are sending a large number of parents to the Store for their uniforms, please notify the Store Manager on b.whalebone@btinternet.com if possible, so he can order extra stock.

Items ordered through the Store are normally available within a week.

Please encourage your Group's parents and supporters to use the Store as the profit will come back to you. Brian can let you have a supply of leaflets to hand out.

NB: **we cannot take card payments**

Payment must be made by cash or cheque

Beaver uniform

Sweatshirts and polo shirts	sizes 24" - 36" chest	
Sweatshirts	£11.50	
Polo shirts	£10.00	

Cub uniform

Sweatshirts and polo shirts	sizes 24" - 36" chest	
Sweatshirts	£12.00	
Polo shirts	£11.00	

Scout uniform

Shirts	sizes XXS - XL	£16.50
Polo shirts	sizes 32" - 40" chest	£12

Explorer uniform

Shirts - long sleeved	sizes XS - XXL	£20
Shirts - short sleeved	sizes XS - XL	£19.50
Blouses	sizes XS - XL	£20
Polo shirts	34" - 44"	£15

Network and Leader uniform

Shirts - long sleeved	S - XXXXL	£20
Shirts - short sleeved	S - XXXXL	£19.50
Blouses - long sleeved	S - XXXL	£20
Blouses - short sleeved	S - XXXL	£19.50
Polo shirts	XS - XXXXL	£15

Activity trousers

Children	5-6yrs, 7-8yrs, 9-10yrs, 11-12yrs, 13yrs	
Cost	£16.50	
Adult	28" - 60" (larger sizes must be ordered)	
Cost	£27	

Smart trousers

Ladies'	sizes 10 - 26	£19.95
Men's	sizes 28" - 46"	£27.50

Trousers are on special offer until end October 2013 with a discount of 25%

Belts

Sizes	S-M (24" - 30"), M-L (30"-34"), L-XL (34"-44")
Cost	£12
Size	XL-XXL (44"-59")
Cost	£15.30

Woggles

Leather	£1.10 (plain embossed) £1.30 (gold embossed)
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