

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday, 9th October - an Autumn walk around the Richmond area, with perhaps a visit to Ham House. If you are interested please contact Rob Brumwell on 8330 7466, after 20th September.

Tuesday, 2nd November - Beetle Drive and Fish 'n' Chip supper. Further details later.

Saturday, 19th November - District Swimming Gala.

Best wishes to Bill Walden, recovering after a recent operation, and to June Waro. We hope it is not too long before we see you out and about.

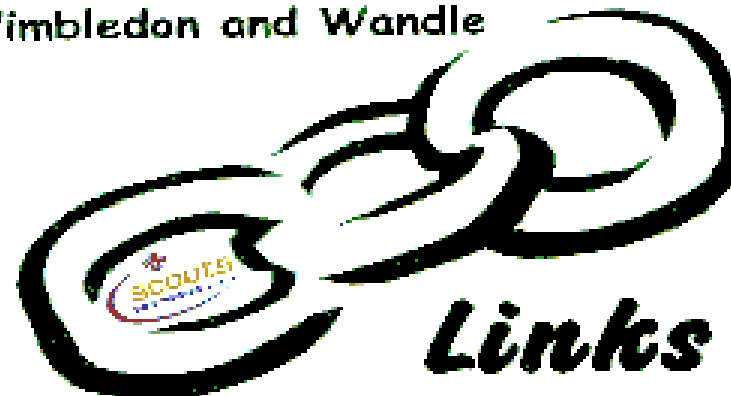
District Store

The Store will re-open on 15th September. By then, Brian hopes to have some new leaflets printed, which he will distribute to all Sections for Leaders to hand out to new parents.

Pay attention to the young, and make them just as good as possible
(Socrates)

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Wimbledon and Wandle



September 2005

Issue 16

Sept 12	Child Protection workshop	Bears Wood
15	Troop Scouters' meeting	7 th Morden HQ
15	District Store re-opens	Morden Hall DHQ
17	Launch of 1 st Lower Morden	
20	Fellowship meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
21	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
27	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
Sept 30 - Oct 2	GLSW Camp - Mission Improbable	Walton Firs
2	Beaver Activity Day	County Base
9	GLSW Cyclo Cross	Frylands Wood
9	Fellowship autumn ramble	
11	Executive meeting	Kenneth Black Hall
12	GSLs' meeting	Morden hall DHQ
25-29	County Gang Show	Secombe Theatre

District Commissioner

I hope every one had a good summer break. Unfortunately life doesn't stop for a DC in August and there has been much for me to do and lots of paperwork to clear from my desk, but I hope you all had a good break. It was a real privilege to visit the 9th Wimbledon Scout Troop in camp in Devon. They were having a great time and it is really good to see happy Scouts in camp, being superbly led by dedicated Leaders who were also having a great time.

I would like to congratulate the Merton Park Unit on another successful trip to Kenya and I would urge you to come along to their report back evening on September 7th

I had a very excited telephone call from Alan Maloney *GSL* 22nd Wimbledon from Eurojam. They had been selected to have a special guest for dinner on the previous evening, yes Peter Duncan the Chief Scout. The Troop was understandably thrilled and had a great opportunity to chat to him. Lots more about Eurojam later in Links.

I am delighted to be able to report the appointment of 3 new *GSL*'s.

Mike Edwards at 1st Morden

Richard Mainwaring at 20th Mitcham

and Andy Hayward will be the first *GSL* of a new Group in the District the 1st Lower Morden.

The 1st Lower Morden has arrived from the merger of the 4th and 7th Morden. This is an exciting time for them and one which presents them with tremendous opportunities, particularly for the young people. David Cooper and Evelyn Steele will be supporting Andy as *AGSL*'s and Sue Willey has agreed to Chair the new Group. I am sure we all wish them every success in the coming months and years ahead.

I would like to thank all the new warrant holders for taking on these new roles and wish them every success.

Bob Prescottt

report-back of the trip on September 13, and all are welcome. Details will appear on the County website.

Shortly after our return home several of us drove down to Broadstairs in Kent to hear the Okee Dokee band play at Bradstow Mill during the annual Folk Week. It was a most enjoyable and entertaining evening with a good cross-section of music, from Sonny Terry and Brownie McGee, Lonnie Donegan, Leonard Cohen, and the inimitable Keith Trussell! Life in the Network is never dull.

Looking ahead, we have a full and varied programme during the coming months. In September we shall be out in force at the Gilwell Reunion, also running 'Moving On' sessions for older Explorers in all Districts, and taking part in Rugby 7's and Volleyball competitions at Twickenham RFC on the 11th of the month. There will also be a recce to Lithuania for the County Explorer Belt expedition next July. The next 'Mystery Investiture' is on November 19, and we can let you into a little secret - we shall be spending the morning at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst to give the 'girlies' a possible glimpse of Prince Harry! The rest of the programme will remain a mystery. Book now on www.glsWSCouts.org.uk.

Neil McLaughlan has asked the County Scout Network to provide help at the Explorer Scout Night Hike on October 16 - all offers to me please as soon as possible. Thanks

Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey



Recent Events:

A big thank you to Jean and Dave Gould for the barbeque. A good evening was had by all who attended.

Also thanks to all who helped at the District Sports Day.

Forthcoming Events:

Sunday, 4th September: Ten Pin Bowling cancelled due to lack of support.
Tuesday, 20th September at the Wandle DHQ, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m., a talk on 'Weather Lore'. We hope to see as many members, and friends, as possible. Light refreshments will be available.

on 6th November and the Troop Quiz on 16th November. An Agenda will be circulated shortly.

This meeting will mark the handover of the ADC (Scouts) role to Liz and I wish her every success with the section.

I have enjoyed my seven years as ADC(S) and would like to record thanks for the support shown by all Troop Leaders during that time. In particular I will be sorry to break up the partnership with Andy Edmonds as DSL who has been the energy behind most of the section activities and will also be standing down from those responsibilities.

Network - Chris Dean

NETWORK

At the beginning of July we made our usual weekend trip to North Wales and the County Mountaineering Base at Bethesda. After a day walking in the Carneddws our main objective was to complete the MS Challenge and raise badly-needed funds for the Sutton & Croydon MS Therapy Centre. The 'Challenge' involves carrying someone with multiple sclerosis in a wheelchair around a 10 Km course through forestry plantation and peat bog, up and over rocky ground, and finishing with two river crossings, one chest-deep. The event, which attracts 60 teams from all over the UK, demands teamwork, stamina and a sense of humour in equal measure.

On 14 July 23 Network members, including some from Greater London South County, spent the day stewarding at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. They had a fantastic time meeting the public, getting to go behind the scenes, and eating in the 'staff' restaurant. Many thanks to Hannah Watts, our new CSNL, for overseeing the arrangements and more importantly taking on responsibility for our growing involvement in State Duties.

The highlight of the year for 26 Network members was undoubtedly the expedition to Sweden towards the end of July. This started with a 4-day log-rafting adventure in Varmland followed by staffing at Edda, an International Camp for 3,200 Scouts further south in Skane. The team was involved in the programme for the various sections, from Minior Scouts (Cubs) right up to Seniors, and everyone was worked pretty hard throughout the pre-Camp as well as the camp itself. We are organising a

District Team

There have been a number of changes to the District Team as follows:-

ADC Cub Scouts	Michele McNamara
ADC Scouts	Liz Laverick
ADC General Duties	Paul Atkins
ADC Fellowship	Dave Gould
ADC Band	John Smith

District Leader - 2007 co-ordinator	Allan Woolsey
District Leader - Store Manager	Brian Whalebone

The following remain

ADC General Duties	Keith Daly
ADC Beaver Scouts	Andy Elgar
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Neil McLauchlan

Andy Hayward will be standing down as District Cub Scout Leader.

Andy Edmonds has indicated that he will also be standing down as District Scout Leader by Christmas.

Further appointments of additional sectional District Leaders will follow.

The new District Chairman and Treasurer will be announced in the coming few weeks.

Thanks to everyone who has taken on a new role and to all ADCs and District Leaders who work so hard to make Wimbledon and Wandle a success.

Wanted

Wanted for Bentley Copse - one convex mirror for the entrance to Bentley, to prevent accidents when leaving the site. If you happen to have a spare, please notify the Warden.

Copy Date

Thursday, 29 September 2005, please.

LEADER TRAINING

The following training is available during the next few months.
Any one can do the modules and all are welcome.

Application forms are available from the Local Training Manager (Brian Beckley) or County Training Administrator. (Joan Condon.) (Except Module 10 where you need to contact the Course provider.)

The Application Form will need to be signed by

- a) Your Training Adviser or Local Training Manager if you are working towards your Leaders or Commissioners Woodbadge.
- b) Your Line Manager if you hold a Woodbadge and just wish to revisit this module of training. (Counts as ongoing training.)

Module 10 First Response/First Aid Certificate

- o Sat 15th October at Wimbledon Park. Contact Erica Bishop for places.
- o Various Sundays during September, October, November. Contact Warden at Frylands Wood for places.

Child Protection Workshop September 12th Bears Wood Campsite.

Module 12 Providing a Balanced Programme

Module 17 Activities Outdoors

Both on September 25 at County Base, Bow Lane

Module 19 International

Module 7 Valuing Diversity

Both on October 16 at County Base, Bow Lane

Module 20 Administration (Managers)

Module 21 Growing the Movement (Managers)

Module 22 Section Support

Module 23 Safety for Managers & Supporters

Module 24 Managing Adults

Module 26 Supporting Adults

Being run at various times and dates

November 5 & 6, 19 & 20, 26 & 27 at County Base, Bow Lane

Module 25 Assessing Learning (Management.)

December 4 at County Base, Bow Lane

The all new 1st Lower Morden Scout Group present...

The Big Quiz Night!

Saturday 22 October 2005

At the 1st Lower Morden Scout HQ, Bow Lane, Morden
(off Lower Morden Lane).

(also known as the County Base and the former 4th Morden Group HQ)

7.45pm for an 8pm Start

Teams of 4-6

£2 a head

Tea and coffee will be provided but feel free to bring your own!

To book a team, contact Andrew Hayward (GSL)

See You There!