

topic this year is 'A Day in the life of a J.P.' Please let Bill know on 8643 6699 if you can attend as light refreshment will be provided.

We are visiting Chatham Dock Yard on Saturday, 11th October. If you haven't already booked your place, contact Rob on 020 8330 7466; please note places are limited. Cost for the day, including transport and entrance is £25 per head.

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, a.s.a.p., (before 16th September), if you will be attending.

Saturday 13th December 1.45. and 7.15pm - Christmas carol concert. Brian will be looking for helpers as usual.

Finally, 'Best wishes to Bill Cronk, recovering after his recent operation.

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Two Scout Leaders, who are both outdoor enthusiasts and have many years experience in outdoor retailing, run this company. They will come to your Section meetings and give talks about the planning and equipment needed for expeditions. All they ask is that you invite the parents down to be able to see and purchase the equipment they will bring along. Contact them through adventurehere1@aol.com.

Chairs and benches

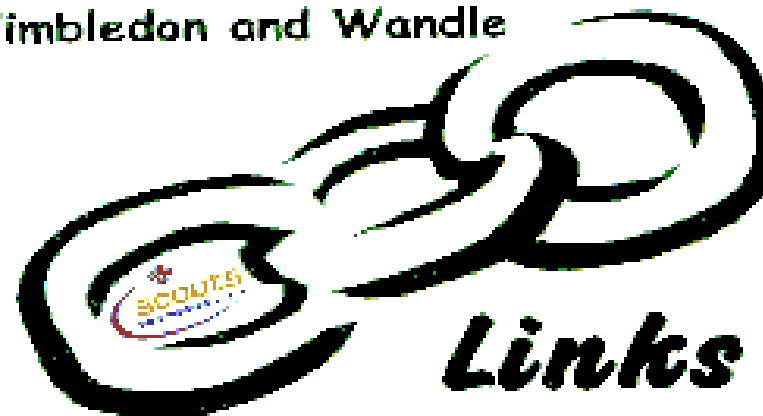
Cliff has some folding chairs, suitable for use at camp, and some school benches. If they are any use to you, please give him a ring - 020 8540 5115.

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Sept 10	District team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
11	District Store re-opens	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
13-14	Survival skills weekend	Paches
16	Fellowship meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
17	CSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
20	District store Saturday opening	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
21	Beavers' scooter/bike ride	Morden Hall Park
24	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
29	GSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
Oct 3	Scouts' inter-Troop quiz	22 nd Wimbledon 7.30pm
4	District store Saturday opening	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
7	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 7.30pm
11	Swimming Gala	Morden Baths 6pm
11	Fellowship outing	Chatham Dockyard
18	District store Saturday opening	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
19	Beaver Activity Day	Bow Lane
27	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
Nov 2	Scouts' incident hike	Park Farm

District Directory

The District Directory can now be requested through the District website. Click on Info, navigate to 'Other Information', where you can request a copy of the Directory.

This Directory is dated June 2008. An updated electronic version will be available later this term. If you know of any amendments, please contact Sue Southwood, District Secretary.

Swimming Gala



I have now issued all the information regarding the gala including entry forms to each Cub and Scout Leader.

Please note that the final date for entry is Thursday October 2nd. You can confirm your entry, by post, telephone, e-mail or by handing the form into Morden Hall HQ on October 2nd, when I shall collect them. If you have any queries regarding this event please contact Michèle McNamara.

Mini Census

The County have recently finished collating the first mini-census which is now required by Region.

The next figures will be needed by 31st October 2008 and thereafter on the following dates:

- 31st January National census
- 30th April
- 31st July
- 31st October

The Sectional ADCs will be collecting your figures - all that is needed is a total headcount of members - and the DC/DDCs will collect the numbers for Leaders, Commissioners, Fellowship & 'Others'. Please answer promptly when your ADC contacts you for your numbers.

Badges

A number of people ordered badges during the last few weeks before we broke for the summer holidays, but did not collect them. Please ensure that you pick them up at the beginning of September or they will be returned to stock and we may not have them by the time you want them.

Explorers - Neil McLauchlan



Hi all, it's time for us all to brush up on our outdoor skills and give all the new Scout recruits a real taste of Explorer Scouting:

- 1) **Remote Hill Walking Camp.**
Pre-meet 29 September - Weekend 3 to 5 October
- 2) **County Explorer Scout Night Hike.**
Saturday 11 to Sunday 12 October
- 3) **Explorer Hill Walking Weekend.**
Pre-meet 19 October - Weekend 31 October to 2 November
- 4) **County Orienteering Competition.** Sunday 30 November

I have full details of all of the above if required.

I also have details of how you can take part in St. George's Day Parade at Windsor next year. This is for Explorer or Network Scouts who are well on their way to completing their Queen Scouts Award or have completed their award and have already been to the Windsor Parade. Please contact me asap for further details.

Will all ESL's please contact their local troops for any new members? Also, will any SL's please let me know if they have any older members ready to come up into the Explorer Scout section? Thanks.

Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey



Welcome back. We hope you have enjoyed your summer, even though it has been a little wet we hope you managed to find some sun.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel a few of our events during the summer but we did manage to have our annual BBQ, which is always a great favourite, thanks to Jean and David, and a good number also enjoyed the 'Old Time Music Hall' at the beginning of September.

Coming up we have our formal meeting on Tuesday 16th September, when Bill Walden always manages to arrange an interesting speaker. If you haven't had a chance to come before try and make it this year as our

District Store

Store opens on Thursday 11 September.

Saturday opening: 20 September, 4th and 18th October.

A variety of new products are available including several fun badges:

Welcome to Beavers; Beavers moving on; Cubs Well Done - all £1.

Gilwell Woodbadge badge £1.25

Cubs 8th, 9th, 10th Birthday Cards - packets of 6 at £3.75.

Jack Petchey Awards

This awards scheme has been very successful and has just celebrated giving £50,000,000 to promote work with Young People. However the Trustees have taken the decision to close the Foundation to new applications for sponsorship and project grants until new guidelines are published in November. The Achievement Award Scheme will continue to operate as normal and is open for applications.

Fund Raising

Wimbledon Park Golf Club has made a one-time offer to support a Group's fund raising by supplying a voucher worth £240 for 4 people to play a game at the club. If your Group is planning a raffle or other fund raising activity in the near future and could use an additional prize then please contact Paul Atkins.



Walton Firs

The site has been purchased by the Walton Firs Foundation and is now known as the 'Walton Firs Activity Centre'. This is the only change, however, as the Wardens, Dave and Sue McIntosh are remaining and both are retaining their connection with Scouting through County appointments that they hold with Surrey Scouts. The site will still offer the same facilities - camping, archery, climbing, abseiling etc. and it is hoped that the service team members will stay on as, without them, the site could not operate in the way that it does.

Section Reports

Beavers - Kevin Quigley

As the new ADC, I would like to say hello to all of you who work so tirelessly in the Beaver Section. During my time as a GSL, I had the wonderful opportunity to run one of my Group's colonies for several school terms, and I was amazed at the effort that goes into keeping our youngest (and in my opinion most valuable) members of the Movement 'entertained'.



It will take me some time to get to know you all, and there are several areas of Beavers that need some attention as voiced by people attending the recent Beaver Leaders meetings in July and earlier this month, and I will do my best to make some positive progress on these issues. On this point, the next meeting is set for Wednesday 26th November 2008 - venue Morden Hall DHQ at 8.00pm. Please come and air your views! The dates for next year will appear in the Diary section of Links and on the web-site as time progresses.

As to the future, you will know that the Bike and Scooter ride is planned to take place on Sunday, 21st September at the Morden Hall DHQ/ Morden Hall Park (National Trust). Please see the separate letter regarding this event that is being sent out to Colonies. In addition, there will be an Activity Day open to all 7-8 year old Beavers to be held at Bow Lane on Sunday 19th October 2008. Again, details will be circulated. I look forward to seeing Leaders, helpers, parents and of course the Beavers at these events.

In addition, I seem to have acquired a number of envelopes with contents from Headquarters for various leaders and assistants. I will be in touch (via GSLs of course!) to arrange to visit Colonies and 'deliver' the envelopes.

Finally, if you want to talk to me about anything, please feel free to contact me - my details are in the recent edition of the District Directory.

Cubs - Michèle McNamara

I hope that you all had a good summer and that those of you who went on camp had good ones.

The next CSL meeting is September 17th, please try and attend. I need to have your feedback on the new resources to take back to County so if you have any comments please do let me know.

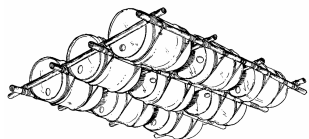
All the diary dates for cub events are now on the district website, please check there for details.



Scouts - Dave Bixby

I hope you had a great summer in spite of the weather and, if you ran a summer camp, I hope it went really well.

The raft race seemed to be very successful. We had ten teams on (or in!) the water at some time or another during the afternoon. The prize for the best Scouting spirit went to the 11th Mitcham who arrived after attending the Gilwell 24 Challenge and after most of the equipment had been acquired by the other teams, still determined to enjoy themselves. I was impressed by all the efforts that teams put in on what was, for many, their first attempt at raft building. Well done to all.



A new team, which will take a little time to bed in, is running the 1st Morden Troop, so in the mean time all correspondence should go to Mike Edwards, GSL.

The next Troop Scouters meeting is on Wednesday 24th September at the Morden Hall DHQ at 8pm. The main item on the agenda is next year's dates and events. Please try to have your Troop represented or email your comments to me so that we can take account of your views.

Paches: We now have our own padlock on the gate to Paches. This means we can have vehicle access to the site for unloading equipment and in an emergency. No vehicle may remain on the track or be parked on site once it has been unloaded and there is no overnight parking. For the loan of the key and further details, contact Dave Bixby.

Atlasta Hall

There will be a 'Clear-out' at Atlasta Hall on Sunday 28th September, 10.00am till 1.00pm. The sort of things available are Tables, Chairs, filing Cabinets, Crockery, Knives and Forks, Cooking equipment, Microwave, Cooker, Freezer etc. Please come along with your transport to help yourselves.

Training - Alison Edwards

Training has been carrying on over the summer holidays and thank you all those Leaders who have helped me by responding to my emails and calls. Just a reminder that the deadline for applying for the next Nights Away course is 17 Sept and so applications received after this will not be accepted. So if you know you ought to go, get those applications in!! I look forward to being able to report on the awarding of more wood badges to Leaders before Christmas but well done to David Suckling of the 23rd Mitcham on completing his training this summer.

Training Dates 2008

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

Mod 12	Providing a balanced programme	21.09.08	9.30am - 1pm
11	Administration	21.09.08	2pm - 4.30pm
4/26	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	
	Closing date for applications	17.09.08	
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

