

The Fellowship has been asked to assist at the conference to be held on Saturday, 10th October, at the Antoinette Hotel in Wimbledon. It is hoped to organize a rota, so please let Rob know on 020 8330 7466 a.s.a.p. if you can help out for a couple of hours or so on the day.

Reminder that for all of you going to the Music Hall, at the Stanley Halls, on Wednesday 9th September, the doors open at 7pm and the performance starts at 7.30 pm.

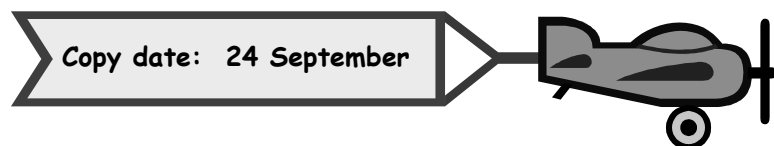
Wimbledon Guild Big Sleep Out - 19 September

Sleep out in Wimbledon on your own, with friends or as part of a larger team. It's a fun evening, with family style entertainment and surprise guests on the Saturday night and being a sponsored sleeper is a great way of offering community service. There's all-night refreshments and hot breakfast the following morning. Get more details by logging on to www.wimbledonguild.co.uk/big_sleep_out.html

Trophies

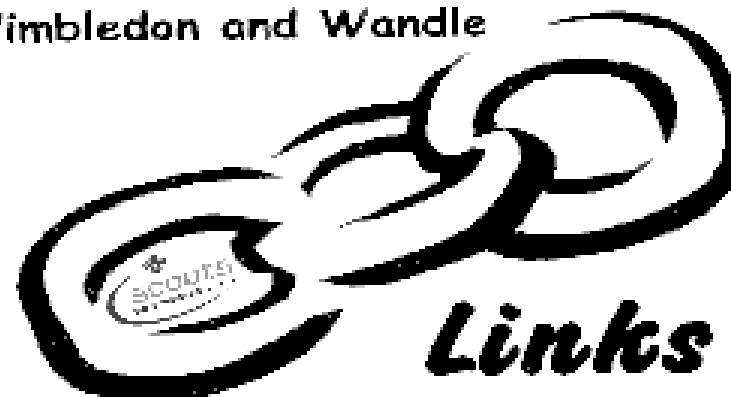
Can you please get any trophies that need updating to Cliff Condon as soon as possible? Thank you.

'Pay attention to the young and make them just as good as possible'
Socrates



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Wimbledon and Wandle



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Sept 10	District Store opens	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
14	Troop Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
16	Beaver Scout Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
16	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	1 st Lower Morden 8pm
19	District store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10m
22	Fellowship meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
Oct 3	District store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
6	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ
9	Troop Quiz night	22 nd Wimbledon HQ 7.30pm
10	District conference	Antoinette Hotel
17	Swimming Gala	Morden Baths 5.30pm
26	District Team meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm

I hope your summer camps and holidays went well; that you caught the sunny bits of August, that there were no dramas and everyone had fun. The new Scout year is a time for rethinking our programmes and planning to do 'the same old things' in a way that makes it as challenging and exciting for the Leaders as it is for our members. Get your thinking caps on and good Scouting.

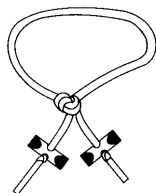
Training - Alison Edwards

I hope you all enjoyed your summer break. The training of Leaders has carried on over the summer months and it has proved a good opportunity for people to catch up on the validation of modules etc. We await dates for some of the modules for next year, including nights away. The module that runs in September and October this year was oversubscribed with several Leaders 'missing the boat' for getting their applications in. Can I just encourage those of you who are still undertaking your training to apply promptly for courses and to ensure that, having 'booked in', you turn up!!

It is looking likely that we will be well into the twenties when it comes to people obtaining their wood badges this year, which when added to the 36 from last year makes an amazing total for the District.

The County will be running another module 25 for training advisers in October so if you fancy joining the 'crew' please do get in touch with me and I'll give you some details.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the District Conference where I will be more than happy to talk to you about any training issues you have, either individually or within your Groups/Units. *GSLs* and *ESLs*: I will be contacting you shortly about any queries I have on training but feel free to email me! If you have Leaders who don't seem to be doing training - please check that we actually know about them. I'm still working on my psychic powers!



Congratulations also to John Culley and Tracey Galonis of the 1st Wimbledon, Carol Martin and Andrew Grimme of 1st Merton Park, David Woolsey of 1st Lower Morden and Mark Selfe of 23rd Mitcham who have all gained their wood badges since my last report.

has been a fair bit of inter-Troop cooperation right across the District recently and the answer to some of your problems may be closer than you think.

Firelighting: preparing spars involves de-barking and with the number being done we are generating a large quantity of bark scrapings which are excellent for starting fires. If any Troop is doing fire lighting shortly and would like some bark, please give me a call.

Age range: Just a gentle reminder that the new defined age limit of 14 for Scouts, with an absolute upper limit of 14 years 6 months came into force on 1 September. Whilst some Leaders are prepared to take the risk, their members will not be covered by Scout insurance either.

Explorer Scouts - Neil McLauchlan



Hi all, I trust that you all had a great summer. Please let me have any summer camp reports, stories etc.

Unit numbers are now due for the County as per my email. Please email me have these numbers now.

Please note that the Linking Day going Zorbing with the Troops has been moved to the spring next year. This will give us more time get as many Troops and Units as possible involved in the day.

Please also let me know if any Units are having an *AGM* soon as I would like to attend.

Fellowship - Linda Vaudrey



We hope you all had an enjoyable summer.

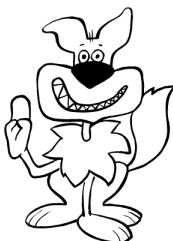
Thank you to David and Jean for hosting the BBQ again this year; I was unable to attend but I know that everyone had a good evening.

It will be nice to see you all on Tuesday, 22nd September, 7.45 pm. at the Wandle DHQ, for our general meeting. Bill Walden has again organized our speaker and we look forward to finding out all about the tricks of smuggling! Bill and Enid will be arranging light refreshments for after the meeting and would appreciate it if you would let them know that you will be coming Tel. 020 8643 6699.

Section reports

Cub Scouts - Michèle McNamara

PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT CSL MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH AT THE 1ST LOWER MORDEN H.Q.



Due to an unexpected holiday on my part, I have had to change the date of the next meeting. Please see my note re the swimming gala; we need Leaders who are intending to enter their Packs in this event, to come along to the meeting, to discuss final details.

I hope those of you who went away to camp all had a good time and that the weather was kind to you. Dates for forthcoming events have now been posted on the District website, I would suggest everyone who is able takes a look and makes a note of them.

Scouts - Dave Bixby

Summer camps: I hope all your camps and activities were successful and that you managed to get your Scouts 'out and about' to enjoy a slightly better summer than last year.



Raft Race: a great afternoon with approx 70 Scouts plus some Cubs, Leaders and parents all enjoying a few sunny hours relaxing by the river. The 3rd Mitcham Beaver Colony dropped in as part of their afternoon out, to see what was going on and I understand one or two can't wait to become Scouts on the strength of what they saw. This is a real Scouting event with low stress and a great advert amongst the local community, using a much under-used facility within the borough.

Red Book 2010: Please bring your diaries to the Troop Scouters' meeting on 14 September at Morden Hall DHQ, so that we can set the dates for the coming year. The aim is to issue the booklet at the November meeting. I have sent out some discussion notes on activities held over the last 2 years, so please look at them and let me have your comments, either at the meeting or beforehand if you can't attend. This meeting is open to anyone working with the Scout section at Group or District level as long as they have a positive attitude. We have a really good atmosphere at all District Scout events/meetings, which we want to continue to build on. Don't feel you have to struggle on your own as there

Training dates

Module No	Name	Date	Time
	First Aid	19.09.09	
16	Nights away	23.09.09	7.45-10.15pm
11	Administration (Leaders)	27.09.09	10am-11.30am
12	Providing a Balanced Programme	27.09.09	11.45am-4.30pm
16	Nights Away	17-18.10.09	
	First Aid	18.10.09	
13	Growing the Movement (Leaders)	25.10.09	10am-1pm
21	Growing the Movement (Managers)	25.10.09	10am-4.30pm
22	Section Support	01.11.09	10am - 1pm
24	Managing Adults	01.11.09	2pm - 4.30pm
26	Supporting Adults	01.11.09	2pm - 4.30pm
	Cam,p Fire Leaders' course	01.11.09	2pm - 10pm
	First Aid refresher	11.11.09	7.30pm - 10pm
	First Aid	14.11.09	
8	Skills of Leadership	21.11.09	9.30am-11.15am
9	Working with Adults	21.11.09	11.30am-1pm
14	Young People Today	21.11.09	2pm-3.15pm
15	Challenging Behaviour	21.11.09	3.30pm-5pm
07	Valuing Diversity	06.12.09	10am-11.15am
19	International	06.12.09	11.30am-1pm
17	Activities Outdoors	06.12.09	2pm-4.30pm

Please check the County website www.glsWSCOUTS.org.uk for more details.

Surplus to requirements

Cliff has got some timber and some toilet fittings that are no longer required. Contact him if your Group could use them.

District Sports

This was again organised by Peter Hutton and thanks must go to him and the team of helpers who made it such a pleasant and successful day.

Well done to the 5th Morden for winning the Cub trophy and Cub tug-of-war, the 13th Wimbledon for winning the Scout and Group trophies and the 23rd Mitcham for winning the Scout tug-of-war. Full results are below:



	Cubs (7)
5th Morden	74
13th Wimbledon	69
22nd Wimbledon	67
6/12th Mitcham	40
2nd Morden	36
20th Mitcham	34
23rd Mitcham	25

	Scouts (7)
13th Wimbledon	52
22nd Wimbledon	46
8th Morden	44
6/12th Mitcham	43
5th Morden	38
23rd Mitcham	36
2nd Morden	14

	GroupTotal (8)
13th Wimbledon	122
5th Morden	119
22nd Wimbledon	118
6/12th Mitcham	84
23rd Mitcham	62
2nd Morden	55
8th Morden	44
20th Mitcham	34

Camp Fire leaders' Course

1st November 2pm to 10pm at Bears Wood

Cost: £15 which includes an evening meal, refreshments, training handouts, a special camp fire leaders' blanket badge and the running costs of the course. Anyone who would like to improve their standard of camp fire leadership skills is welcome. Contact Margaret Pooley for an application form or see your ADC.

Pioneer Store - Dave Bixby

I am putting together a collection of pioneering equipment that can be used by anyone in the District.

The District Scouts now have approx 120 25 litre polythene drums, 240 polypropylene 3metre long ropes and 60 staves that are used just once a year at the raft race. There are also a reasonable number of longer spars supplied by Andrew Pinder, CSL 13th Wimbledon, which are being prepared for use - thank you Andy.



If any Group has any items of pioneering equipment eg stakes or blocks etc that are no longer used and would be prepared to add them to the general store, please let me know.

Any of this equipment can be borrowed at any time - just contact me on 020 8542 2017, 07889 598 960 or thebixbys@talktalk.net

World Record Attempt

Are you prepared to donate one of your Group scarves to Eastbourne District in East Sussex? The Electra and Spiro ESUs are trying to beat the world record for the biggest scarf, currently held by CampDowne 2008 and consisting of 549 scarves, as part of their District centenary celebrations next year. If you can help, please contact sachatith@aol.com for more details.

District Store

Sale offer to clear: old style Beaver polo shirts just £5
1 x 28", several 30", 2 x 32" and 34"

New items available to order:

i.Scout T shirt in fuchsia pink £7.83.
i.Scout Hoody Printed Pink £19.57
i.Scout woman's fit T shirt pink £10
i.Scout woman's fit polo £11.74

CAMP FIRE Fun Badge Shaped as an arrow to point the way to go £1.25
SCOUT FLEECE new Men's and Women's slim look now £25, DOWN £10 in price.