

Scout Active Support - Linda Vaudrey

A big thank you to Jean and David again for the BBQ. We were very lucky with the weather and the food and company was excellent.



A reminder that our speaker on Tuesday, 11th September, 7.45 for 8.00 p.m., will be the Doorkeeper from the House of Lords. (Not the Doorman as I said last time!!). It sounds an interesting role. Please let Bill Walden or Jean Brumwell know, by Tuesday 4th September, if you are able to come Bill's number is 0208 643 6699 and Jean's 0208 330 7466.

Morden Hall DHQ

The grounds are looking magnificent at the moment and any section is welcome to use them for an evening/weekend activity - just book with Betty Cronk. Many thanks go to the 8th Morden who have donated 3 altar fires that are suitable for Patrol cooking.

'Be brave enough to live life creatively. The creative place where no-one else has ever been.'

Alan Alda

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Links

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Sept 11	SASU Formal meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
13	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
15	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
19	CSLs' meeting	1 st Lower Morden 8pm
19	BSLs' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
24	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
Oct 3	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
6	Explorer leaders' training day	19 th Wimbledon
6	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
10	Inter-Troop quiz	St John Fisher Church Hall 7.45pm
14	Beaver Activity Day	1 st Lower Morden
14	GLSW all sections meeting	1 st Hook HQ
20	Swimming Gala	Morden Park Baths

District Commissioner

What a remarkable summer (quite apart from being the wettest for a hundred years of course)!

First, the Jubilee; then the Olympics and now the Paralympics have filled the media. Many of us have been lucky enough to have witnessed some of these events live; others have volunteered, but most of us have followed the coverage on the television or in the newspapers. Even the most disinterested of observers could not fail to have been moved by the many stories of dedication; self-sacrifice and commitment. Perhaps, with so many stories, we may even have become inured to the potency of some of them. Nevertheless, as the new Scouting term begins, maybe we can build on the shared memories of the Games as we look to provide programmes that enthuse our scouts to strive to become independent minded and self-sufficient, by giving them the opportunity to learn new skills that allow them to be more adventurous, to push their boundaries, to surprise themselves with what they can achieve. Like the Olympians and Paralympians that they have been watching over the summer, in the words of B-P, we have a great opportunity to show our scouts how to "kick the 'I'm' out of impossible".

For those of us who have a more "back room" role, new guidance has come from HQ regarding the documents that are acceptable when completing CRB applications. If you have not seen the guidance, full information is available on the national scout website. The changes are Government changes designed to tighten up the system and are in no way onerous, so as long as we follow the guidance there should be no problem with CRBs going through as they have been doing so far.

Joe

Chairman's chatter - Andy Edmonds

The main focus of this Report will be about money and our ever changing priorities as new challenges are unearthed!

Sadly, I must report that John Young has resigned as District Treasurer. John has been an invaluable supporter of the District in numerous roles over just so numerous decades! Thanks go to John for all that he has done and we wish him well.

Section Reports

Cub Scouts - Michèle McNamara



CSL Meeting - The next CSLs' meeting, scheduled for 19th September will now be held at 1st Lower Morden, please make a note of this and if you are unable to attend, please let me have your apologies but I would be grateful if each pack could make the effort to send someone along.

Mini Census - I do need cub numbers for the census by the end September, I need to know how many cubs you have in your packs as at 30th September, so please do remember to let me have this information a.s.a.p.

Scouts - Dave Bixby



I hope everyone has a great summer, despite the weather being a fairly mixed bag.

The Scout year traditionally runs from September to August so that Troops can make the most of the year's preparations for their summer activities. Our section meeting on **24 September** is when we will set out the events and dates for 2013, so please bring your diaries and great ideas.

As we contemplate the coming year, we have more Scouts than at any time since the formation of Wimbledon and Wandle. More Scouts mean more Explorers and it is really inspiring to see so many Troops with older scouts moving towards Explorer Units.

Part of our planning is a **Scout Development Project** to help leaders develop their skills and grow in confidence so I hope all Troops will get behind it and encourage the leaders, young and not so young, to be part of it.

Scout quiz - Wednesday 10 October - St John Fisher Church Hall Bring as many teams as you like. Maximum of 6 Scouts per team. Any leaders prepared to produce a round of questions please contact Tim Kerridge.

Scout Progressive Training Scheme Review - Thanks to Tim Kerridge and Alan Green for overseeing the review meeting and also to those who took the trouble to turn out and support it. In the past several leaders have complained about not being consulted on programme and age range changes but it is interesting to note that most of those were not represented.

Mini Census - It's that time again! Can you please let me have the total number of Scouts in your Troop by the end of September, at the latest?

Troop Programmes - Joe Rogerson has said that all programmes for this term need to be submitted by the end of September . . . so I wait with bated breath!

Next meeting - 24 September, Morden Hall DHQ 8pm start. Anyone with a positive interest in Scout Scouting is very welcome - bring your diaries and your Troop's views.

Appointments Committee - Joan Burgess

For various reasons reports on the work of the Appointments Advisory Committee have recently been sparse, but information has appeared in the Minutes of the Executive Committee where possible. We give thanks to the following who have offered their services as Leaders and have successfully been interviewed this year.

Rosanna Barrow - ACSL	Hilary Mavin - GSL
Cara Boyle - BSL	Lucy McLauchlan - ESL
Peter Bywater - ACSL	Lloyd Mead - ASL
Helen Campbell - ACSL	Dominic Moore - ABSL
Jean-Claire Flanagan - GSL	Jonathan Nassar - AESL
Mark Gales - ASL	Brenda Phillips - BSL
Andrew Hayward - ADC Beavers	Andrew Pinder - SL
Duncan Hold - ASL	Mark Roberts - ACSL
Judith Horsford - ABSL	Daniel Sanders - BSL
Peter Hull - ACSL	David Suckling - DSL
Andrew Jones - ACSL	Nigel Swain - ASL
Eric La'val - ABSL	Joanna Thomson - AESL
Steve Little - SL	Brian Treadwell - ABSL
Geordie Logan - ACSL	

It is understood that new CRB forms will be introduced in the near future but no further information is available at present. Keep an eye on Scouting Magazine for updates and watch this space next month. There are still Reviews outstanding, so don't forget to check and make sure your Review has been done.

Training - Alison Edwards

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer despite some of the challenges the UK and European weather throws up at us every now and then when camping! For those of you who are doing wood badge training, can I please urge you to get in touch with your training advisers and talk to them. If you thought 'I must get round to booking onto nights away' and you haven't...you are almost certainly too late!! It's full (told you it would be!!) But please could you (or your TA) contact me so I can work out demand for the next one. If you have recently applied to be a leader and you don't know what is going on with your application or your training, again please call or email me because I might be able to assist and if I can't ...I will know a man or woman who can.

You might also have spotted that there are changes to CRB procedures. They only really affect a few people but if you are confused...I am happy to explain them.

And one final thing.. you should all have received a new yellow card with the August Scouting magazine. DON'T THROW IT AWAY!! There have been some changes so read it and keep it - along with a new purple card. BOTH are important.

If you have lost it or need replacements I have several hundred and will give them away freely.

Alison
Local Training Manager, Alison.edwards@local.gov.uk, 020 8646 7927

Training Dates

22 Sep	12	Planning a balanced programme	09.30-13.30	1 st LM
29 Sep	16	Introduction to residential experiences	10.00-13.00	1 st LM
21 Oct	11	Administration	10.00-11.15	1 st LM
21 Oct	19	International	11.30-13.00	1 st LM
21 Oct	17	Activities outdoors	14.00-16.30	1 st LM
17 Nov	15	Challenging Behaviour	10.00-12.00	1 st LM
17 Nov	14	Young people today	12.00-13.00	1 st LM
17 Nov	9	Working with Adults	14.00-15.00	1 st LM
17 Nov	8	Skills of Leadership	15.15-16.30	1 st LM
1 Dec	13	Growing the Movement: Section Leaders	10.00-13.00	1 st LM
1 Dec	21	Growing the Movement: Managers	10.00-16.30	1 st LM

1st LM = 1st Lower Morden HQ, Bow Lane, off Lower Morden Lane, Morden
SM4 4SJ

Application forms for all Modules can be downloaded from the County website www.glsWSCouts.org.uk or contact Joan Condon on 020 8540 5115 or joan.glsWtraining@btinternet.com

Cost for each Training Module £3.00
Cheques made payable to GLSW TRAINING ACCOUNT

Safeguarding training

To attend Safeguarding Training you must apply via Alison Edwards.
Alison.Edwards@local.gov.uk

First Aid training

Please contact Janet Drinkall tel: 020 8660 4774
jdrinkall@sky.com

Swimming Gala - Michèle McNamara

Hopefully, all leaders will have now received the information regarding the swimming gala to be held on 20 October for the Cub and Scout sections. If anyone hasn't received this by the end of September, please contact me by phone or e-mail (details in directory). If there are any leaders who can offer their help at the Gala whom I haven't *persuaded* already please do let me know.

Store - Brian Whalebone

There have been a number of price changes over the summer:

Beaver Log Book	£2.75		
Cub Power & membership Pack	£5.50		
All Certificates per packet of 10	£3.50		
Beaver Polo Shirts	£10	Cub Polo shirt	£11
Scout Polo Shirt	£12	Explorer Polo Shirt	£15
Adult Polo Shirt	£15.		

New Beaver and Cub Allergy Wristbands:

Nuts, Dairy, Penicillin & anaphylaxis Allergy all £1.

Badges - Lesley Bixby

Before the break the badge orders were taken 2-3 weeks to come through from Scout Shops (instead of the normal week). Please bear this in mind when you need badges and place your orders in plenty of time.

Atlasta Hall

We were recently contacted by Stacey Gay, whose family were responsible for building Atlasta Hall in Colliers Wood. With her help, a short history of the hall has been compiled and can be found at

<http://www.wimbledonandwandlescouts.org/atlasta.htm>

It was the sale of the hall and the ground on which it stood that enabled the District to set up the current Atlasta Fund to help Groups across the District to upgrade their headquarters/equipment.

Operation Triangle

This Night Hike for Explorer Scouts is being organised by Peter Smith, DESC East Grinstead. All Units are invited to take part - Paul Henderson and Neil McLachlan have details or they can be obtained direct from Peter EGExplorers@BTInternet.com

Regular readers of my Report over the last two years will know that we have been making extensive and exhaustive efforts to find a replacement for John. The District simply cannot function as a charity without a Treasurer. We are now faced with advertising for paid help, probably of a book-keeper or a semi retired Accountant. Hopefully, someone might agree to take on the responsibilities for a "charitable", rather than "commercial" rate; **so if anyone out there is willing or able to help, please do call me.**

Coupled with the probable expense of a Treasurer, we face a great deal of expense to rectify Morden Hall DHQ. This will lead to a decision of either putting everything right or letting the building rot!

We are grateful to Steven Way BSc MRICS of Collier Stevens surveyors who has provided extensive advice free under the RICS Charity Help Scheme. He has concluded that the building "is remarkable" in that it would "have been constructed as a temporary building with a projected lifespan of 5 -10 years", but now "in the worse-case scenario could be effected beyond economic repair within 24 months".

Alan Green has done a remarkable job over the last year to make the building and land more accessible and we do need to encourage **wider use of this resource**. Alan is putting together a Master Plan and costing the necessary works, but **will need a large team of volunteers to rectify the problems we face.**

We are in the process of getting expert advice on the electrics at KBH flat and necessary repairs for the movement in the kitchen extension at KBH.

The door to Garage number 4 at Kenneth Black will be repaired shortly and available for rental at £100 per month. The Bridge Club aren't interested, so before we make final repairs to the garage, **I need to know of anyone who might want additional storage.**

The October meeting of the Executive will see our Annual Budget Review. We have now done what we can to maximise income and reduce outgoings but need to address the issues above and allow monies for regular maintenance and upkeep of the KBH Flat and Morden Hall DHQ.

The Budget Review will focus on our priorities over the next 3 years and the DC is currently revising the District Development Plan to focus these financial priorities. Any other financial requests should please be made available to me **by the end of September.**

Andy