



**Wimbledon and Wandle**

# **Links**

**July/August 2017**

**Issue 134**

July 7-9	Gilwell 24	Gilwell Park
8	SAS BBQ	John and Deidre's
9	Scout rafting	Ravensbury Park
12	Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Lower Morden 8pm
12	District Executive	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
13	Last Thursday Store of summer term	
15	Last Saturday Store of summer term	
Aug 5-13	Explorer expedition to Kandersteg	
6	SASU Summer Meal	Kingswood Golf Club
Sept 11	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
13	SASU meeting	Morden Hall DHQ
14	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm

16 District Store open

Morden Hall DHQ 10am

17 Map reading & Navigation Day

Broadstone Warren

## **District Commissioner**

Where does the time go? It's already July!

I've spent much of the last month out visiting and attending Group AGMs. The sheer variety of activities, outings and camps on offer across the District is truly amazing. Within our District we are clearly very fortunate to have so many dedicated and imaginative leaders who not only think up great ideas but put them into practise.

I hope that after such a busy, eventful and successful last twelve months that everyone has the chance to enjoy the Summer to re-charge the batteries ready for next term!

If you are going on camp, be it a sleepover at HQ or travelling abroad I hope you build many happy memories.

**Deborah**

## **Jamboree 2019**

Details have been circulated to all Scout and Explorer Scout Leaders. Please get them out to your Scouts/Explorers as soon as possible. Anyone born between 22 July 2001 and 21 July 2005 is eligible to apply.

The application form must be returned by **10 September**, together with two passport sized photos. It is not a particularly easy form to complete and will need some thought so please ensure your young people have the opportunity to consider it during the summer.

The County has two Units, each of 36 young people and 4 Leaders and we are delighted that one of the Units will be led by Eric de Regnacourt (19<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon) assisted by Ollie Foster (22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon).

The cost of the Jamboree is not yet known but the County Commissioner has said that she does not want cost to be an issue. There will be support from the County and many fund raising opportunities for the participants which the District will be involved in.

## **District Directory**

With the change of District Executive members advised at the AGM, a new edition of the Directory will be issued shortly.

If you have any changes for your group that you haven't already told us about, please email them before 7<sup>th</sup> July to [directory@wimbledonandwandlescots.org](mailto:directory@wimbledonandwandlescots.org)

## **Rob's Ramblings**

Hi Everybody,

For those who don't know me, I am Robert Brumwell who, after a being a Scout with the 17<sup>th</sup> Croydon many, many years ago, came back late into Scouting as a member of SASU and also serving on the District Executive as a member of the Appointments Committee and the Kenneth Black Hall Coordinator.

My two grandchildren are in scouts and cubs respectively within the district I would like to thank the previous incumbent of the 'Chair' Andy for all his and the committee's hard work over the last seven years resulting in the District being in a very strong position I would also like to thank him for agreeing to operate the 'Robert Brumwell helpline' during these first few weeks (months?).

I note from Andy's first 'Chatter' in Links that during his first month he spent a lot of time firefighting. Thanks to his efforts I don't have that problem, so far.

Whilst at the time of writing this, we have not had our first District Executive meeting, the make up of the 'new' committee looks exciting and I am sure that this will enable us to carry out our duties as both the District Executive Committee and also as Charity Trustees of the District.

Thank you to both the members of the committee who are continuing and the new members who have agreed to serve on the committee.

Following Richard Marus' retirement as District Treasurer, we have a new Treasurer in David Coggins. Richard has kindly agreed to a lengthy hand over period for which I thank him and also for his work over the last few years.

Therefore, to save confusion could all emails to the Treasurer be addressed to [treasurer@wimbledonandwandlescouts.org](mailto:treasurer@wimbledonandwandlescouts.org)

I am pleased to advise that following departure back to France of our previous tenants at the KBH flat, due to personal reasons, (not Brexit) we have been able to re-let the flat at a slightly increased rental. In this respect thanks to Andy for his negotiation skills and to Dave Christmas and Alan Green for their furniture handling skills.

Before everybody settles down for their well- deserved summer breaks could I remind all groups who have not yet done so, that, after your AGM, you should send me a copy of your Annual Report and Income and Expenditure statements (email – PDF format preferred). This is a requirement of POR and the Charities Commission. Thank you.

Rob

## County Training Courses

Date	No	Module name	Time	Venue
30 Sept	12	Delivering and Planning a Programme	09.45-16.30	1 <sup>st</sup> Hook
8 Oct	16	Introduction to Residential Experiences	09.45-13.00	LoMo
8 Oct	38a	Skills for Residential Experiences	13.45-16.30	LoMo
21-22 Oct	38b	Skills for Residential Experiences	weekend	Croydon
4 Nov	19	International	10.00-12.30	LoMo
4 Nov	17	Running Safe Activities	13.00-16.30	LoMo
19 Nov	12	Delivering and Planning a Programme	09.45-16.30	Coulsdon
3 Dec	15	Promoting Positive Behaviour	10.00-13.00	5 Sutton
3 Dec	13	Growing the Section	13.45-16.30	5 Sutton

For more information regarding venues and to book, please visit the GLSW website [http://www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/spage-adult\\_training-training\\_diary](http://www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/spage-adult_training-training_diary)

## Skills day

Wimbledon and Wandle and Sutton Districts are holding a skills day on 7 October 2017. The day is aimed at anyone and everyone:

- Leaders in training are encouraged to come and try out some new skills and complete Module 18 of the Adult Training Scheme in the process.
- Those of you who have been around a little longer, come and take part and refresh your knowledge.
- Young Leaders come and try some new things and take them back to your section.

It is free to attend and you don't have to come for the full time. So why not drop in and see what there is?

Please could anyone wanting more information contact Alison Edwards.

Bookings for the day can be made via the Eventbrite link below.

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/practical-skills-day-module-18-tickets-32006577535](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/practical-skills-day-module-18-tickets-32006577535)

## District Store

The store will be open on 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July then will close for the summer but if you have any urgent needs please do not hesitate to contact Brian or Lesley.

If your Scouts gained lots of badges at summer camp, please order them by email [thebixbys@talktalk.net](mailto:thebixbys@talktalk.net) so they are available when term starts.

We will re-open on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm.

## Appointments – Muriel Treagust

These following appointments were approved at the June meeting:

Irena Jarocka	ABSL	5 <sup>th</sup> Morden
Alice Cerilla	ASL	5 <sup>th</sup> Morden
Elaine O’Keeffe	ASL	5 <sup>th</sup> Morden
Magdalena Sidoruk	ABSL	5 <sup>th</sup> Morden

Our thanks to them for taking on these roles.

Warrant reviews noted and approved:

Alison Edwards	ACSL	22nd Wimbledon
Elizabeth Maloney	ABSL	22nd Wimbledon
Dominic Moore	ABSL	22nd Wimbledon

We thank the above for their support for our district.

I received completed warrant reviews at the District AGM and they will be actioned at our next appointments' meeting.

### NAN Forms

As we reach peak Nights Away season, you should ensure that your NAN form is submitted at least 14 days before you go.

Forms are being sent in in later & later so please complete the NAN as part of your other event planning activities.

## Oak Processionary Moth

The Conservators on Wimbledon Common have asked us to draw your attention to the presence of the Oak Processionary Moth on the Common. OPM caterpillars produce silken nests on the trunks and branches of affected oak trees which, if touched, can result in skin rashes and less commonly sore throats. If you see anything that concerns you please email the Conservation Officer, Peter Haldane on [peter@wpcc.org.uk](mailto:peter@wpcc.org.uk).

## Section Reports

### Beavers – John Tweedley

Some 66 Beavers and 20 Leaders / Helpers went to the Beaver & Cub Fun Day at Gilwell Park on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. I think all the Beavers had a great time there. It would be nice to get some form of feedback from the colonies who went.



I hope to do another District Fun day on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden H.Q. I will be e-mailing leaders for their ideas on what we should put on. Although I wish to make it a fun day with inflatables I would like the Beavers to do some sort of

Scouting events as well, so please send me your thoughts before the September meeting.

I hope you all have a well earned rest over the Summer holidays, and if you are traveling away some where nice enjoy yourselves.

See you all on the 20<sup>th</sup> September at our Leaders Meeting.

### **Cubs – Michèle McNamara**



**Football:** A very poor turnout for this event with only four packs entering 7 teams! If you don't want to take part in the events organised please make sure you come to the CSL meetings and let us have your ideas and opinions before we waste time and money organising events which clearly are not popular with your packs. The date for this event was set last July so planning something with your pack on the same weekend is not helpful. We cannot justify spending the money on hiring venues if so few cubs are actually going to participate.

Having said that the event was enjoyed by those who did attend and well done to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon winning and the 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden for being runners up, the 5<sup>th</sup> Morden teams came both 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the leaders who came along to help and all the adults who took on the onerous job of refereeing the matches.

**Programmes:** We are now at the end of term and I still haven't had programmes from some packs!

**CSL Meeting – The next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> July; Please note it will take place at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden H.Q. as there is a district meeting on the same night at Morden Hall DHQ.**

Traditionally at this meeting we plan our calendar for the coming year so if you want to have any input into the planning please make sure you attend.

As I have said re the football, there is no point in organising events to which hardly any packs come, it's up to you as leaders to advise us on what you want to see on the calendar for the coming year, if you don't attend you can't complain that it doesn't reflect your choices!

### **Scouts – Dave Bixby**



**Paddleboards:** use is beginning to be made of the paddleboards which is great. The Flying Penguins and 11th Mitcham Troop both used them for their section meeting recently.

Having bought them second hand at a good price they look good on the rack at KBH but they really do need to be used. We can arrange for your Section to have a practice on the River Wandle in Ravensbury Park or you can borrow them for summer camps provided that you follow the water activities rules.

Just get in touch for details.

**Incident Hike Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November:** I know it's a long way away but I thought I would just remind everyone that we would really like to get every Troop in the District represented on this to celebrate 110 years of Scouting.

There are certain troops that always use the excuse of “it crept up on me” when they don’t offer District activities to their Scouts.

Based around the Wimbledon Windmill, the format will be a little different this year to account for the slightly smaller area. Combined teams from different troops are fine.

We have a few members of the SASU coming along to provide a BBQ after the event for all participants.

**Summer Camps and Expeditions:** If your troop is planning a summer camp/expedition or some special activities during the summer, I wish you well and hope they are all successful and that they give your scouts the opportunity to put in to practice all the skills that have learnt during the rest of the year. I trust that any required NAN forms are in hand, if not already submitted and would just add a little reminder that the District requires 14 days’ notice before a nights away event. Some Troops have been getting very slack in recent times at doing this very important task on time.

Our next Scout section meeting is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 8.00 pm at Morden Hall DHQ when we will be deciding on the District Scout activities for 2018, assuming Troops want them.

Please try to have your Troop represented, or at least send through your thoughts before the meeting, so that we can stand a better chance of providing the support that you would like.

### **Explorer Report – Neil McLauchlan**

EXPLORERS 

**Gilwell 24:** This is Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> July this year. Bookings should have been made by now.

These are the details of the journeys:

**Journey 1 - Collection:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 from St John Fisher Church, Cannon Hill Lane, Raynes Park, at 7.00pm. We will be meeting at 6:40pm.

**Journey 2 - Collection:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017 from Gilwell Park Scout Campsite, Chingford E4 7QW, at 10.00am.

Destination: St John Fisher Church, Cannon Hill Lane, Raynes Park at noon - 1pm approx depending on traffic etc.

**Kandersteg:** Summer Expedition to Switzerland. This will be the highlight of the year for all those taking part.

The next meeting for all participants is on Thursday evening 6<sup>th</sup> July at the West Barnes ESU HQ at 7:30pm.

**Leaders Meeting:** The next all leaders, assistants & helpers meeting is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at DHQ, Morden Park.

Please put this in your diary now and ensure that your unit is represented with as many leaders as possible as we will be sorting next year’s calendar and budget requirements.



## Scout Active Support – Linda Vaudrey



Thank you to everyone who turned out for the District AGM and especially to Jean and David who provided the refreshments.

Don't forget if you would like to go to our Summer BBQ, to be held at John and Deidre's on Saturday 8th July, from 2 p.m., please contact David Gould to let him know, email [baldygouldy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:baldygouldy@hotmail.co.uk)

Our summer meal has already been booked for Sunday 6th August at the Kingswood Golf Club, further information from Jean Brumwell. ([brumwells@btinternet.com](mailto:brumwells@btinternet.com))

Reminder that we have our social evening, at Morden Hall H.Q. on Wednesday 13th September, from 7.30 p.m. We hope to see as many members as possible on this evening. Please let Jean or Robert know if you will be able to attend.

Fleeces/t-shirt. If your SAS T-shirt is looking a bit tired, new ones can be obtained, via David, along with some very smart SAS fleeces. E-mail as above.

We hope you all have a very pleasant summer and look forward to seeing you at all our forthcoming events.



“Do your little bit of good where you are. It is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

Desmond Tutu

There is no issue of Links during August so the next copy date is  
**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August.** Have a good summer!

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