

# Wimbledon and Wandale



## Links

November 2017

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Nov	4	District Store Open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
	12	Remembrance Day Parade	Mitcham – St Mark's School 9.30am
	12	Remembrance Day Parade	Wimbledon – Belvedere Grove 10am
	12	Explorers' Dodgeball	RPESU HQ
	14	Troop Scouters' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
	15	Beaver Leaders' meeting	Morden Hall DHQ 8pm
	18	District Store Open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
	19	Scouts' Incident Hike	Wimbledon Windmill
	28	SAS Quiz Night	Morden Hall DHQ 7.30pm
Dec	2	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
	7	Last Thursday night store before Christmas	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
Jan	11	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 7.45pm
	20	District Store open	Morden Hall DHQ 10am
	20	Paintball Day	Campaign

## **District Commissioner**

In the last few weeks I have learnt about two very special young scouts in our District.

Both were at home when their Mum began to choke on a piece of food. The elder (a Cub aged 9) did her best to reassure her mum and try to keep her calm and help her with her breathing. Meanwhile the younger girl, a 6 year old Beaver, called 999 and was able to give all the necessary information to the emergency operator to get the ambulance there.

Both had been doing the Emergency Aid badge earlier in the summer and their swift actions possibly helped save their mum's life.

We should be rightly proud of their actions but also of the leaders at the 16<sup>th</sup> Morden who not only taught them the necessary skills to help but endowed them with the confidence to put them into practise.

This coming month of November brings with it Remembrance Day and I hope that every effort will be made to ensure that Scouts of all ages have the chance to reflect upon the sacrifices that have been made by our servicemen and women.

This year, Beavers upwards are welcome to join either of the two parades in Mitcham and Wimbledon.

It is worth remembering that on such occasions as this that the standard of our uniform and behaviour serve as tangible demonstrations of our respect for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Deborah

## **Appointments – Muriel Treagust**

These following appointments were approved at the September/October meetings:

Joshua Carter	District	Scout Network Commissioner
Sean Maher	GSL	9th Wimbledon
Anthony Chilcott	ASL	13th Wimbledon
Sam Root	ABSL	9th Wimbledon
Paul Chequer	ABSL	1st Merton Park
Sarah Moore	ASL	16th Morden
Chris Walden	ASL	16th Morden

Thank you to them all for supporting our District.

## **Rob's ramblings**

On the 14th October the County Conference GLSW Summit 17 was held, which unfortunately was not very well attended.

Whilst initially I had my doubts before attending, I found that the workshops, which were carried out during the morning, appeared very popular and the session I attended covering Executive Committees both at Group and District level was very instructive and would have served both old hands and newbies, like myself, to Executive Committees very well.

There was also assistance for dealing with the dreaded Compass during the conference.

It is a shame that these aspects of the Conference were not apparently well publicised as I consider there would have been a larger attendance had people known that there was this knowledge to gain.

If it is useful I will send out to GSLs and Group Executive Committees a synopsis of the Workshop Covering the Executive Committee.

Rob Brumwell

**Gang Show:** want to be part of it? Visit [www.souwest.net](http://www.souwest.net)

## **Training – Alison Edwards**

### **Safety training**

Due to the lack of numbers last month's safety training on 3<sup>rd</sup> October was cancelled. There is however another session arranged for 15 November at 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon, Arthur Rd Motspur Park.

Please could people book in advance. Simply by emailing me on [Alison.edwards@local.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.edwards@local.gov.uk)

### **First Aid Training**

Due to lack of numbers the first aid training on 22<sup>nd</sup> October was cancelled. The course on 26 November is full. I will be arranging dates for early 2018 shortly.

All GSLs have been emailed regarding the ongoing training situation in each Group. So now you know who needs to do what. There are approximately 30 people in the district whose first aid has expired or it will shortly do so. This does not include Young Leaders needing to do training or those adults IN training.

Therefore, it seems a particular shame that only 3 people signed up for the course in October. . . I would like to know WHY.

## Mountain Leadership first aid training

We are looking at the possibility of arranging a more advanced course for leaders who wish to complete or renew their mountain leadership training.

In order to make the training viable to run we would need to have enough 'takers'. If you are someone who will either need to renew your existing qualification or wish to complete it for adventurous activity purposes please can you email me by 12 November? [Alison.edwards@local.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.edwards@local.gov.uk)

## Safeguarding training

There will be two training sessions running this term in Kingston (30 November – Southwood) and Croydon (23<sup>rd</sup> November- Bears Wood) respectively. If you need to do or redo your training please contact me and I will provide further details.

## County Training Dates

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)

## Remembrance Day Parades

Details of the Parades in Mitcham and Wimbledon have been circulated and are available on the website.

Please note the DC's comment that Beavers and Cubs are now welcome to attend the Wimbledon Parade – they have been part of the Mitcham Parade for many years and always behave impeccably.

## Roverway

**Participants needed: please circulate to Explorers and Network members!**

GLSW have been allocated a patrol (6-8 people) for the 2018 contingent to Roverway in the Netherlands next year and currently only have 3 people signed up to take part. Participants for Roverway must be aged between 16 and 22 at the time of the event – this means that those born from 3 August 1995 and 23 July 2002.

If you are interested get in touch with Claire and Dave (ACCs International) asap to book a place [acci@glswscouts.org.uk](mailto:acci@glswscouts.org.uk)

## Section Reports

### Beavers – John Tweedley



An update on the District Beaver Fun day held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October: all the Beavers seemed to have a fantastic day and only a few who said they were coming did not turn up due to the weather being unsettled.

Again, my thanks to all those leaders who came down to help.

It was great to see the D.C there. The D.C. had a surprise in her handbag as she had two awards to give out.

I would like some feedback from the colonies who attended the Fun Day to see the comments from their Beavers, and to see if we should do this again next year.

We have a Beaver Leaders' meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, please can leaders from all colonies attend or send a representative as we have a lot of events to go through and your comments are most welcome.

For leaders on their training you have to attend at least one District meeting so come along and get your trainer to sign it off.

I have started a new round of visits so I will be coming along to see you on your Beaver meeting nights. This is just to meet you all, see the beavers in action, and for them to know who I am when they see me at district events, and to introduce myself to any new Leaders / young leaders you may have working with your Colony.

### Cubs – Michèle McNamara



**Next CSL Meeting** – November 8<sup>th</sup> please try and make sure that someone from your pack attends.

**Scooterthon**:- This is due to take place on November 18<sup>th</sup>, details have been sent out by Graham Fairclough, if you haven't received them please let me know. Entries to be with Graham by November 10<sup>th</sup>. Fees £5 per team, this can be paid on the day. You can enter more than one team if we have insufficient take up from the rest of the district.

### Scouts – Dave Bixby



**Scout quiz**: thanks go to Tim Kerridge and David Williams for organising and fronting another very successful quiz. Thanks also to George Brown for helping with the marking of answer sheets and to the 5<sup>th</sup> Morden for allowing us to disrupt their Troop meeting.

It was a very well attended event with several new teams entered and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Congratulations to the 5<sup>th</sup> Morden for taking top honours with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Morden in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the 13<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon A in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Nights Away:** I'm pleased to announce that Gary Baker SL 23<sup>rd</sup> Mitcham has agreed to join the team as a Nights Away Adviser (NAA). Please feel free to contact Gary, Tim Kerridge or myself if you have any queries or problems related to nights away events. ***Requests for permit assessments should still be addressed to the relevant Section ADC in the first instance.***

A couple of things that came up during the Nights Away workshop at the recent County Conference:

- 1) Anyone looking to use a chemical toilet when at a campsite, be it a camp or just a fun day, will require a "greenfield restricted to campsites only" restriction on their permit even if they don't do greenfield camping. The same would apply if using them as additional toilets at Morden Hall DHQ. This is because of the handling of human waste.
- 2) The "in touch" system should be in use for outings, activities and even normal section meetings, not just for nights away events.

**Incident Hike 19<sup>th</sup> November:** Don't forget that any Troop aiming to take part in the Incident Hike must get their entries to me by 5<sup>th</sup> November at the latest and I will need numbers of Scouts and Leaders attending for catering purposes at the BBQ afterwards.

It would be great to see every Troop represented to some degree to celebrate 110 years of Scouting.

The DC is trying to organise some special publicity to mark the event.

**Powerboat Course:** I'm trying to organise a RYA Level 2 powerboat course for early next year which will take place over a week end and be based in Whitstable, Kent. If you're interested please get in touch with me asap.

**County Pioneering Course:** The county is planning to run a one day pioneering course at Morden Hall DHQ.

The date for your diary is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Details to follow later.

Our next scout Section Leaders meeting is on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** 8.00pm at Morden Hall DHQ when, all being well, we will be issuing the Red Books for 2018 amongst other things.

**Explorer Scouts – Neil McLauchlan**

EXPLORERS 

Here are details of the next few events for Explorer Scouts and all leaders:

**Remembrance Day Parades:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Wimbledon & Mitcham venues as usual. Details have already been circulated and are available on the website.

The parade will be followed by the **District Dodgeball Competition** at the Raynes Park ESU HQ (19th Wimbledon).

We will be supplying a hot lunch for everyone who attends after the parade and then after a suitable time we will have our Dodgeball Competition. I expect to meet at Raynes Park from @ 12:30pm and finish by 5pm.

Please let me have your unit numbers of members and leaders asap.

**Christmas Meal:** Friday 12th January. This is a meal for all Explorer leaders, assistants and helpers. We will be choosing a venue and details for this by email soon. Please save the date now!

**2018:** Details have already been circulated but a reminder of the dates are:

Paintball: Saturday 20th January.

Red Flare: Saturday 3rd - Sunday 4th March.

Other events to be circulated by email soon.

### **Scout Active Support – Linda Vaudrey**

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed our last couple of events i.e. the social evening held in September and the Beetle Drive held in October. We also had a busy afternoon at the Beaver Fun Day.

We are now in the process of finalising our diary for 2018. Further details to come.

Don't forget our Quiz, devised again by Maggie Pooley, on **Tuesday 28th November** at 7.30 p.m. The cost of the evening is £2.50 per head; 6 players per team; nibbles will be provided but please bring your own drinks.

Please let Robert know by Friday 24th November, if you would like to attend (Tel. No. 07802 222845 or 020 8330 7466).

**6/12TH MITCHAM SCOUT  
CHARITY RACE NIGHT  
Saturday 25th November**

**Doors open 6.30pm**

**First race starts at 7pm**

**Entry fee £1.00 per adult**

**Will be held at 6/12th scout hall**

**We will be holding a raffle on the night**

**All money raised will be split between  
the 6/12th Scout Group,**

**Cancer Research and Macmillian Support**

**Winter camps** – have you booked your winter camp yet? Gilwell, Paccar, Thriftwood, Bentley Copse and many more sites put on exciting activity weekends in January.

*Life doesn't demand that we be the best,  
Only that we try our best.*

H Jackson Brown Jnr.



Copy date for December/January Links  
is **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

Please remember that there is no newsletter in January.

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