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DC's Message

Chief Scouts' Awards at St George's Day Service

If you have any young people who have gained their sectional Chief Scouts' Award please bring it along to the Service with a badge, certificate and a brief outline of the work that the youngsters have done. This is the highest Award for our young charges and it is quite right that it should be presented at such a prestigious occasion !

Waterman Award Nominations

My apologies for the late notice, but as is tradition, the Waterman Award is usually presented during our annual Service. Therefore, nominations are sought for a member(s) in the District, adult or youngster, who has provided "exceptional service in the true meaning of Scouting during the past year". I would be grateful to receive nominations by Wednesday, 19th April.

County Health Check Workshop Day

For those who attended this event at Puddletown on March 12th, I hope you found it useful in working with the new programmes and sharing ideas with other Leaders. Attendance will count as part of your "on-going training" which is now a mandatory requirement of 5 hours each year.

This was also the event at which the County Training Manager reminded Leaders in the old training scheme who have not completed, or attempted to complete, their training by December this year will be required to resign their Warrants. If your Training Adviser has not contacted you direct, please let me know as soon as possible.

Next District Leaders Meeting

A reminder that this is to be held on Monday, 8th May at 7.30 pm at District HQ, Little Britain, Dorchester. Please ensure that a member from each Section of each Group is in attendance.

Final Message from the Diddy DC ???

My final thanks go to members and supporters of all ages in Dorchester District for all their hard work in the name of Scouting during my time as DC. May I wish you all, and my successor, continuing fun and friendship in Scouting.

Debbie Thomas (Diddy DC)

St George's Day

A reminder from Pam [REDACTED] (ADC (PR)) that the Parade this year will start from the Market Car Park, Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester at approximately 2.15 pm on Sunday, 23rd April. Leaders, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers will all parade in their Groups.

The parade, led by Dorchester Carnival Band, will turn left from the Market Car Park into Weymouth Avenue, up Trinity Street, right into High West Street, then right again along South Street and so to the United Church. The Service will start at 3 pm.

If a Leader cannot attend the Parade please ensure that your young people and their parents know about the event and that another Leader from your Group is expecting them.

Pam asks for one Leader for each Section to be nominated as a safety marshal, to wear a "Scout Safety" vest and parade alongside the Section. Vests will be handed out on the day.

Don't forget to invite parents. Fellowship members are welcome. Pam looks forward to seeing you all on the day.

District Dinner

Members and their partners were invited to "Diddy DC's Retiring Dinner 2006" to join Debbie for "some natter and nosh" and some 50 of us enjoyed a most convivial evening at the Dorchester Conservative Club on 25th March. On behalf of the District the Chairman, Mike Marsh, unveiled a framed colourful "portrait" of Debbie as a memento of her six-year term as our District Commissioner. Mike thanked her for the unstinting service she had so willingly given to Scouting in the District, steering us through a period of unprecedented change in the Association's organisation. Debbie responded with thanks for all the support she had received from members. Barry received a bouquet from Mike in recognition of the part he has played.

Debbie was also presented with a framed display of a variety of knots made for her by John [REDACTED], a District Executive and Fellowship member.

Morris and Ruby [REDACTED] were taken by surprise when presented with a large cake in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on that very day. Congratulations.

Fellowship Events

The District Fellowship's Newsletter recently circulated to its members sets out a programme of on-going monthly social events for the summer. Following the AGM on 21st April, they include a rural walk at Piddletrenthide hosted by Beth [REDACTED] in May, a theatre visit to Yeovil in June, and a barbecue at Charminster in July. Members continue to support the District in various helpful ways.

More New Leaders

At its meeting in March the District Appointments Sub-Committee was pleased to approve the issue of Leader Warrants for three more volunteers, subject to completion of initial mandatory training.

Edward [REDACTED] has offered to assist Jim [REDACTED] and Chris [REDACTED] with the Scout Troop in Milborne St Andrew. **Mark** [REDACTED], with an impressive background in the Services, is to be an Assistant Cub Scout Leader to help Eileen [REDACTED] run 1st Dorchester's Snowden Cub Pack, taking the place of Roy [REDACTED] who has left to concentrate on his studies. **Melissa** [REDACTED] is following husband David into uniform to become Assistant Cub Scout Leader to help Linda [REDACTED] in Central Dorchester Sawmills Cub Pack. All much needed support – thank you and welcome.

Cub Scouts Scrapheap Challenge

Eight teams comprised of 48 Cubs from Packs in the District filled the Hall at Sawmills on 4th March and were then challenged to make a model based on a "Fun Park". The DC reports that the standard of teamwork and of the finished models was exceptional. There were merry-go-rounds, slides, towers, bumper cars, and even sweet stalls. All were winners on the day, but only one could go forward to represent the District at the County event and the team from Maiden Newton Cub Pack was presented with the shield.

On 25th March Broadmayne Cubs hosted the County Scrapheap Challenge after winning at Butchers Coppice last year. Val [REDACTED] (ADC(CS)) reports that representatives of eight out of the ten Districts met in the First School and spent 1 hours creating models on the theme of the "Winter Olympics". The judges had a hard time making a decision on toboggan runs, giant ski runs, ski lifts, ice rink, you name it, it was there. On top of it all, in the last 10 minutes they were allowed to put "real pretend snow" on to their models. 8th Christchurch (Burton) were the overall winners with their ice stadium; they will host the event next year.

District Cub Camp

Five Packs are attending this Camp at Osmington from 2nd to 4th June for a weekend of fun and games. Val [REDACTED] (ADC) hopes that the **whole** District will celebrate the centenary with the same event at the same time next year, so please note this in your diary.

District Diary

APRIL	
3 – 17	<i>Easter Holidays</i>
18	Young Leaders Training – Modules D & F
21	Dorchester District Fellowship AGM, Colliton Club, Dorchester, 7.30 pm
23	St George's Day Parade, Dorchester Market Car Park (2.15 pm) & Service, United Church, South Street (3 pm).
26	District Meeting of Group Administrators, Colliton Club, Dorchester, 7.30 pm
29 – 1 May	County Explorers Activity Camp, Buddens
30	Dorchester Lions Club Fun Run, am
MAY	
2	Young Leaders Training – Modules C & E
6	District Bingo, Magistrates Room, Corn Exchange, Dorchester, 2.45 pm
8	District Leaders Meeting, Little Britain, Dorchester, 7.30 pm
tba	District Executive Committee Meeting
29 – 2 Jun	<i>Half-term Holiday</i>
JUNE	
2 - 4	District Cub Scout 90 th Birthday Camp, 3D Centre, Osmington
3	District Bingo, Magistrates Room, Corn Exchange, Dorchester, 2.45 pm
6	District AGM
13	Young Leaders Training – Modules G & H
17	County Beavers 20 th Anniversary Fun Day
30 – 2 Jul	County Scout Banner Competition
JULY	
1	District Beavers Football Tournament
2	District Cub Football Tournament
7	County AGM (<i>by invitation only</i>)
12	District Executive Committee Meeting
21 – 1 Sep	<i>School Summer Holidays</i>

Details from District Team

Quote "..."

Captain Michael Fulford-Dobson, County President, when thanking the District Fellowship over a cup of tea for so successfully hosting the Founders Day Service at Charminster, he realised that the name for the Fellowship's 30th Anniversary was "pearl" and quipped that he must be "among many Pearls of Wisdom" !

District Directory Up-date

1st Dorchester Group

ACSL *add* Mr Mark [REDACTED]

ASL *delete* Mr Roy [REDACTED]

Central Dorchester Group

ACSL (Sawmills Pack) *add* Mrs Melissa [REDACTED]

Maiden Newton Group

CSL *delete* Mr Jon [REDACTED]

Milborne St Andrew Group

ASL *add* Mr Edward [REDACTED]

The next Bulletin will be published on 25th May