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DC's Message

St Georges Day Awards

Congratulations to Vic [REDACTED], former Dorchester DC, Dorchester Fellowship member and Assistant County Secretary on receiving the Silver Wolf.

Congratulations also go to Brian [REDACTED], ADC Fellowship and John [REDACTED], District Secretary, on receiving the Silver Acorn for their services to Scouting over many years.

Winter Wonder bike ride

On a mild, dry day in February a total of 91 members of Scouting ranging from Beavers to Fellowship took part in the first sponsored District Bike Ride. Thanks go Victoria, Anthony and Matt from Kingston Maurward College for their energy and enthusiasm, and to the many Fellowship members who gave up their Sunday morning to act as stewards along the route. To date, I am aware that over £1800 in sponsorship was raised for those who attended. Hopefully we can do the same thing next year.

District Camp

Preparations are now well underway for the District Camp being held with the generous support of District President, Oliver Pope, at Langford Valley on 26th – 28th May. The camp theme is 'back to basics' and the organisers are making the most of the fabulous location.

Part of the 2007 Centenary celebrations, the camp will give your young people a chance to be one of 500,000 scouts camping this weekend, whilst joining in with young people from every Section of every Group in the District.

To be a success the camp needs your help; please attend the meetings called by the Team.

Sunrise Ceremony 1st August –

Will you be at GOOSE with your young people?

County Commissioner's Annual Award

Junior Sections - Awarded annually to the Beaver Scout or Cub Scout who best epitomises the Beaver and Cub Law & Promise. Nominations from Sections or Groups to be sent to County Commissioner accompanied by a citation. All nominations to be received by 31st May 2007. A small committee will decide the recipient. The Award will be presented at Sunrise Ceremony 1st August 2007. Recipient will receive a copy of the trophy to keep; their name will be engraved on the original.

Senior Sections - Awarded annually to the Scout, Explorer Scout or Network Member who best epitomises the Scout Law & Promise. Nominations from Sections, Groups, Districts or Network to be sent to the County Commissioner accompanied by a citation. All nominations must be received by 31st May 2007. A small committee will decide the recipient. The Award will be made at the Sunrise Ceremony 1st August 2007. The recipient will receive a copy of the trophy to keep; their name will be engraved on the original.

First Aid Courses

An e-mail has been circulated to all Leaders whose first aid 'ticket' has or is about to expire. Two courses are being run at Little Britain on 12th and 19th May. Please let Debbie Thomas know (01305 852314) if you will be attending. Closing date for Course applications is 4th May – conveniently the date of the next Leaders Meeting.

Mike Marsh, DC

Handy Cubs

Val [REDACTED], ADC(Cub Scouts), reports that five Groups entered this year's District Cub Scout Handicraft Competition held at Little Britain District HQ on 3rd March. Some high quality models were produced on the "Space" theme as the result of good team work. Debbie Thomas judged Broadmayne to be the winner of the competition to represent the District at the County event. They had the hard task of making a "hundred square 3D board game" ! This involved a lot of thinking and working (worrying?) together and well done to Broadmayne for an excellent effort. The County winner was Christchurch.

Explorer Taster Day

During the weekend of 24th February an open invite was extended to Scouts throughout the District to join the Explorers for the day and/or an overnight camp on a site on the outskirts of Dorchester. More than twenty young people attended the event and enjoyed a hike, shelter building, open-fire cooking, and experienced the joys of wild camping.

Chris [REDACTED] demonstrated campfire cooking, including smoked salmon and baked yams with a blueberry cake to finish off. The shelter provided a warm and dry location for those for those who chose to use it, whilst others chose an 'off the ground' bed !

Debbie Thomas's report says the weekend was a great success and the Unit looked forward to holding another event in the not too distant future.

Fellowship AGM

ADC Brian [REDACTED] opened the District Fellowship AGM held at Colliton Club on 13th April when Secretary Ruth [REDACTED] took on the role of Chairman and Debbie [REDACTED] became Secretary, whilst John [REDACTED] continues as Treasurer. Members had a minutes silence to remember their former Chairman, Morris [REDACTED], who was greatly missed.

The DC, Mike Marsh, said he knew that the support given to Scouting activities by Dorchester District Fellowship was the envy of many other Districts.

After the business meeting Mrs Hilary [REDACTED] spoke of her work at the BBC from 1958, bringing back memories of many personalities and programmes, and hair-raising experiences with some outside broadcasts.

The Fellowship's Spring Newsletter announced a continuing programme of events, including a visit to Hillfield Priory in June and a Barbecue at Charminster in July. The Assistant County Commissioner (Fellowship), Jim [REDACTED], said he would be inviting members to Breamore House, near Fordingbridge, on Sunday 16th September for the last County Fellowship Day he would be organising before giving up his present appointment.

Day Visit to World Jamboree

Anyone in Scouting and their friends can visit the 21st World Jamboree at Hyland Park, Chelmsford for the day and witness a gathering of 40,000 Scouts from over 150 countries – history in the making ! The Day Visitors Experience is a great opportunity to learn more about the world, its cultures, issues, faiths, cuisine, performance and, of course, its Scouting. Tickets are £20 for adults, £15 for 3 to 13 year olds. To book call 0845 300 1818 or on line at www.thejamboree.org/takepart/dayvisitors

Waterman Award

It is the time of year to invite nominations for the Waterman Award by any adult member in the District. The Award is given to a youngster or adult in the District in recognition of "exceptional service in the true meaning of Scouting during the past year". It could be for a special deed, overcoming adversity or some other outstanding achievement. Nominations please to the District Commissioner, Mike Marsh, by 25th May. Any candidate selected would be presented with the Award at the District AGM on 7th June.

End 2 End

Three of our Explorer Leaders, with more enthusiasm than sense, will be cycling from Lands End to John's Groats in the first two weeks of June. One Leader said "We can't quite believe it, last month we couldn't spell it, next month we're off". The intrepid threesome will be raising money for a number of charities, scouting included on their 1070 mile trip so if you see Chris Bob or Barry please stop and sponsor them!

District Diary

APRIL

22 County St George's Day Parade & Service
Maumbury Rings, Dorchester. Muster
Charles Street Car park at 1 pm.

MAY

4 District Leaders Meeting
5 District Bingo, Magistrates Room, Corn
Exchange, Dorchester, 2.45 pm.
9 District Executive Committee Meeting.
14 District Cub Scout Quiz, Broadmayne
Village Hall, 6.30 – 8 pm.
18 - 20 Archery Championships, Gilwell.
26 - 28 District Centenary Camp, Langford Valley,
near Grimstone.

JUNE

1 District Cub Scout Football Competition,
Crossways Playing Field.
2 District Bingo, Magistrates Room, Corn
Exchange, Dorchester, 2.45 p
7 District AGM, Dorchester Middle School
Hall, Coburg Road, 7.30 pm
11 Cub Scout Athletes Badge Tests, St Mary's
Middle School, Puddletown. (TBC)
16 Dorchester Carnival.
29 District Leaders Meeting.
30 District Beaver Scout Football Competition.

JULY

7 District Bingo, Magistrates Room, Corn
Exchange, Dorchester, 2.45 pm.
16 – 17 Cub and Beaver Fun Days, Gilwell.
23 *School Summer Holidays begin*
25 District Executive Committee Meeting.
27 Opening of 21st World Jamboree, Hylands
Park, Essex.
28 Leaders set up GOOSE Centenary Camp,
County Campsite, Buddens.
29 Start of County GOOSE Centenary Camp
for Scouts and Explorers.
31 Start of County GOOSE Centenary Camp
for Cubs & District Beaver Sleepover.

Details from District Team

District Directory Up-Date

District

President: By mistake we gave Oliver Pope's Fax Number in the previous Bulletin. *Please note* that his Telephone Number is [REDACTED].

Chairman: During his working hours Steve [REDACTED].
Please *delete* the number previously given ([REDACTED]).

Central Dorchester Group

ASL *reinstate* David [REDACTED].

ASL *delete* Paul [REDACTED].

Piddle & Cerne Valleys

Treasurer *change to* Ms Beverley [REDACTED].

Scout Fellowship

Chairman: Mrs Ruth [REDACTED].

Secretary: Mrs Debbie [REDACTED].