

# MARCH 2000

A very enjoyable **PRESENTATION EVENING**, hosted by the Mayor, was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. There were 45 new presentations to make, 39 x 5 years, 4 x 10 years and 2 Long Service of 15 years. In total 18 people were able to attend and this amounted to a minimum of 135 years! We also took the opportunity to present Yvonne Back with her ADC Beaver warrant.



## CHES & DRAUGHTS

### District Representatives to the County Final



#### SCOUT CHES

DANIEL WALKER & LEE RAMSAY, Staplegrove  
ANDY CARTER & SIMON DENNEHY, Bishops Lydeard  
PAUL WESTCOTT, MAX BLAKE & MATT ROWE, Wellington  
DAVID ATTWOOD, West Hatch SEAN PARKER, Wellington

#### SCOUT DRAUGHTS

#### CUB CHES

ROBERT HUTCHINGS, HARRY McHUGH & JOHN CARPENTER, Trull  
GREGORY ALTRIA & GREGORY MUMFORD, Wellington  
ROSS BICKERTON, Henlade

#### CUB DRAUGHTS

MARK WADDOUPS, Taunton Prep School  
JONATHAN DURRANT, ROSS EGGLESTON, SAMUEL LINDLEY,  
& ALEXANDER LAW, Bishops Lydeard – Oak  
ROBERT FLETCHER, North – Seonee

#### RESERVES

DANIEL HUNT, Staplegrove DANIEL FLETCHER, North - Seonee

Denis Watson, Treasurer of Wilton Scout Group, has joined the **APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**. Denis has great experience of dealing with people in his former role of Magistrate! Doreen Jones has accepted the offer to become vice-chairman, to stand in when Pat Hitchcock is not available. As Doreen is a member of the District Executive she will continue to be a very useful link between the two committees.

As the number of people that this committee has to interview has increased over the years a few changes are to be made. Change of appointment from Leader in Charge to an assistant or sideways between Sections as an assistant (e.g. SL to ASL, BSL to ACSL etc) will not now need to be interviewed. A letter asking for the change from the GSL or Group Contact will be required. When an assistant Leader wishes to become Leader in charge then an interview will be required plus the relevant paperwork, an AA Form.

Brand new Leaders plus change to GSL will also need the normal interview and will be invited for an informal chat about 12 months later to check that all is going well. If you have any queries about this please speak to Marian.

### CHANGES OF APPOINTMENT

TRICIA SEDGBEER, to ADC SCOUTS, from DSL  
WENDY TUCKER to CSL from ACSL, WIVELISCOMBE  
PAUL BOND, to CSL from ACSL, NORTH TAUNTON – SEONEE  
GRAHAM BELL, to ADC VENTURE SCOUTS from DVSL.

### RESIGNATIONS

JANE BUTLAND, ARCHERY ADVISOR (moving to Watchet)  
TOM DIXON, ADC AT (pressure of work)

**NB.** Graham's appointment should commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL subject to Bryan Hampshire becoming ACC Venture Scouts at that date. Rose Birley will now be wholly responsible for the next round of Scout Activities and will be looking for offers of help with these events. Jane will continue as an Archery Instructor. We thank both Jane and Tom for all their hard work for Taunton District, over many years.



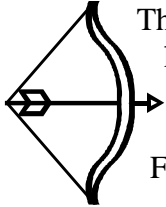
## EVENTS & FUTURE DATES

**BEAVER PARTY** a good support is anticipated this Saturday (4<sup>th</sup>), with the **CUB FOOTBALL** on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**SCOUT 10 PIN BOWLING** was so well attended that it is hoped to make it an annual event.

**PL Training** weekend went very well with the good weather allowing extra outdoor activities.

**CAROL SINGING** at TANGIER – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



The **FIELD SHOOT & AIR RIFLE SHOOTING COMPETITION** will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Huish Woods. This event is open to Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders but not beginners please. The cost is £1 for 1 competition and £1.50 for both.

Full details are in the pigeonholes. Closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> March.



**TRAINING DATES 1<sup>st</sup> RESPONSE COURSE** – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 4.30. The cost is £5. **CAMPING SKILLS** starts 27<sup>th</sup> March, with a weekend 15/16 April and a final evening May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact June Hick, 284028 to book a place.

### Results of the Venture Scout Quiz, 19.2.00

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Quantock   | 53 points.  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Ravens     | 52 points.  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Wilton     | 48 points.  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | Warlocks A | 42½ points. |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place | Hemyock    | 40 points.  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Place | Warlocks B | 31 points.  |



I would like to thank all who entered and to Sarah Walsh for organising the questions. Your comments on the evening, on the feedback sheet, will be greatly appreciated. **GRAHAM BELL, DVSL**

**AN ANNUAL PARADE (May 7<sup>th</sup>)** will replace our normal St. George's Parade as the date is so late this year. A small group of people have met to plan this event so that they can report back to the appropriate people. As this is a special Millennium Year event we thought the time was right to try something different, and to parade by Sections rather than in Groups, The bands can be chosen to match the method of "parading", shuffle, amble, walk, or perhaps even march! Full details will be available shortly.

### Mayor's MILLENIUM PARADE & CHARITY FAIR

I sent a copy of a letter to each Group concerning the above event on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. I have replied on behalf of the District to say we would like to take part. As soon as I have further information I will pass it on.

### JAMBOREE 2000

I hope you will all be attending either to camp or as a day visitor. Your GSL has details of a free train to take day visitors to the Jamboree on the Sunday. Places are filling fast so get your provisional booking in quick.



### CENSUS

Our figures are down as we expected because of the closure of Colonies. It is very encouraging to see that the Scout numbers are up, perhaps we can all put an extra effort in for the coming year. The ACC's and Development Committee are closely looking at Sections and Groups where we can all work together to offer quality Scouting to the largest number.