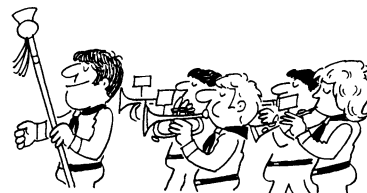


TAUNTON DISTRICT APRIL 2000

ST. GEORGE'S DAY AWARDS. I am very pleased to report that **CHARLIE BACK**, GSL at Bishops Lydeard, has been awarded the SILVER ACORN. Charlie will receive his award on Sunday at the County Presentation afternoon, along with others who you have already been notified about.

Just to confirm that the **DISTRICT PARADE** is **ON**.

At closing date I had only received negative replies from 1 Group plus 1 Pack and 1 Troop. I thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you. Please remember the ratios of 1 Adult to 4 Beavers and 1 Adult to 6 Cubs applies as in other years.



HQ only decided to go ahead with **JOB WEEK** last week as they have no sponsor. They have turned out last year's undated material and will send to Groups at their request. Please ring the Information Centre at Gilwell urgently, 1st come etc, 0845 300 1818 or E-mail: - info.centre@scout.org.uk **AUDREY SMITH**



Help is required with the **Gang Show**, selling programmes and raffle tickets for each performance. If you can help please contact Marian ASAP. We all wish the Gang well for their 11th year.

SECURITY Please be aware that we have had a walk-in thief at Tangier. The culprit was caught thanks to Central Taunton being vigilant. Huish Woods are also reporting a number of vehicles driving up to the site and driving straight away again. Please challenge anyone, a genuine person will not mind this!

There seems to be a very good support for **JAMBOREE 2000** from the District. There are 12 patrols taking part in the competition, with 3,000 people already booked in to camp. Please remember to book your train seats for day visitors very soon, as places are going very fast. The Jamboree badge goes above the Millennium Badge.

Bob Camp is preparing an **E-mail directory**. If you have now gone "electronic" please let us know. It would be very helpful to have a contact in every Group.

MAYOR'S MILLENNIUM PARADE & CHARITY FAIR. Further details will be available shortly.

WALFORD CAMPING are offering a discount on tents for the rest of the season. There are also details about **TIDYING TAUNTON DEANE**. Details are in your pigeon-holes.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

JOHN WELLER	ASL	TRULL
MIRIAM WRIGHT	ABSL	CENTRAL
ALISON WATTS	ACSL	HENLADE
JACQUIE ALLEN	ACSL	HENLADE

The following Troops took part in "**OUTDOORS 99**".
The certificates are now available for presentation at a suitable occasion, possibly at the Group AGM? (Please contact Marian.)

WEST HATCH	WEST TAUNTON	NORTH TAUNTON	
BISHOPS HULL	WEST MONKTON	STAPLEGROVE	TRULL



EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

Staplegrave Youth Football Club was again the venue for the District **Cub 6-a-side football** competition. 9 Packs in all took part, on Sunday 5 March. The teams were drawn into 2 leagues, with the top two in their respective league going through to the semi-final where the winner of each league played the runner up of the other. In the final Bishop Lydeard Oak played West Taunton Galmington.

The results: Bishops Lydeard Oak 1st
Wellington 3rd

Galmington 2nd
North Taunton Apache 4th



On behalf of all the Cubs, I would like to thank the referees, the Leaders who marked the 4 pitches on the Saturday afternoon, & Staplegrave Youth Football Club for letting us use their grounds. Oak & Galmington were due to represent Taunton District in the county competition, but because of circumstances Wellington took Galmington's place and came 4th.

The Cubs are to have an outing to **WOODLANDS ADVENTURE PARK** on the 8th July. Prices are £8 per child and £4.50 per Leader/Helper. Closing date is 30th April.

COLIN RICHARDS DCSL

COUNTY CHESS & DRAUGHTS results show Taunton with a great deal of success. In the CUB CHESS Ross Bickerton from Henlade was runner up with Gregory Altria, Wellington, coming 3rd. Robert Fletcher of North Taunton became the Draughts Champion for 2000 with Mark Waddoups, Taunton Prep. School, came 4th. I believe that we also had success in the Scout Draughts but I am awaiting confirmation.

This year's **ANNUAL FIELD SHOOT** event was different to previous ones as the day was split into two halves. In the morning the Scouts were shooting at 24 targets in the woods as part of the archery event. The targets were set out by Archery Instructors Graham Bell and Nigel Birley. In the afternoon they were checking their sights for the rifle shooting. An average from three targets (5 pellets per target) gave the winning score. This competition was organised by Chris Cox, GSL at Rockwell Green. We were very lucky with the weather making it a brilliant day.

Archery: **Individual winner** – Jason Carter (Trull) 322 points
and runner-up James Wilkes (Trull) 308 points.

Venture Scouts winner was Sarah Norman (282 points)
runner-up John Parker (272 points)

The **Troop winners** were Trull with an average score of 234 points runners-up Staplegrave with 177.

Rifle Shooting: **Individual winner** – Robbie Mangham (Trull) with an average score of 180
runner-up - Ian Manley (Rockwell Green) with 178 points.

The **Troop winners** were Wiveliscombe with an average score of 108 points and runners-up were Rockwell Green with 104.5 points

All of the Scouts have enjoyed the competition. As usual my thanks go to all of the Leaders who have helped - either by walking with teams or acting as range masters during the afternoon. Without their support events like this cannot take place.

The **PATROL LEADER TRAINING** weekend at Dewerstone was another very good event with marvellous weather helping in the outdoor activities that could be undertaken. All that needs to be done is to complete some paper exercises then the youngsters will receive a special certificate.

ROSE BIRLEY, DSL



HAPPY EASTER



