TAUNTON DISTRICT
MAY 2000

ACTIVITIES AT HUISH WOODS The new cave is now fully open and Geoff Pinney was the first one through! Use the activities before they get too busy for the summer school holidays.

There is an opportunity to train to be a **CLIMBING INSTRUCTOR.** Adrian Blackmore (253229) is offering training on Monday evenings between 7-9 during June and July or by arrangement.

Please give some thought to the **CAMP SHOP** as to whether if it should be only open at certain times or on request? Comments to Geoff Pinney please.

VISITORS using Group sites. Check before they arrive, visit them, and then check for any damage after they have left and report findings to the Office.

Don't forget that the campsite will continue to receive items for **UGANDA 2000.** Some parents in other Districts have made scarves out of brand new material to be sent out.

AIR AMBULANCE
SERVING DORSET & SOMERSET

DISTRICT PARADE 2000

A big THANK YOU to all those who attended on a lovely warm sunny afternoon. We collected £381.82p for the Appeal, which will be added to the money from the sale of the Millennium Badges and presented at the County Jamboree on the Sunday. A helicopter is expected to fly in!

NEW APPOINTMENTS

SARAH PETERS	ASL	EAST TAUNTON
JIM BALL	GSL	WILTON
ROBERT STARK	GSL	WEST TAUNTON

CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT

KAY BOOBYER	ACSL	CENTRAL (from BSL)
ALAN WRIGHT	ACSL	CENTRAL (from ABSL)

TRAINING

1st Response	Sunday July 9th
Induction	Thursday June 15th 8pm
Programme Skills – generic (all Sections)	Friday 22nd September
Sectional, all day at Tangier	Sunday 1st October – CUB
	Sunday 8th October – SCOUT
	Saturday 14th October - BEAVER
Leadership Skills – November 25th, all day	

Further details from June Hick or the District Office

FUTURE EVENTS

Your Group should have received details of the **MAYOR'S MILLENNIUM PARADE & CHARITY FAIR** on the 10th of June. This is an opportunity to have a stall and rise some money for your Group.

RSPCA 2000 Appeal. In the pigeon-holes you will find details of this challenge (1 per Section plus GSL) We are trying to collect 2000 items such as food, blankets etc

HELP IS REQUIRED with the Agricultural Show and Flower Show. Contact Peter Bourner.

GSL's Meeting & ADC's Thursday July 6th at Bishops Lydeard Headquarters, 7.15p.m. Come and find out about "The recommended way for Introducing Adults, whether they be parents or potential new leaders, to Scouting" and the review procedure for Leaders. Two guest speakers, Albert Thompson and Janet Hall. Your attendance is requested, please give this high priority!

Those of you who were not at the Parade may not have heard of the sudden death of **MIKE CHILDS** at the age of 53. Mike was a Camp Site Warden and a Pack Helper with West Monkton. The Group and District were represented at his funeral and our Chaplain, Adrian, took part in the service.

There is now a new **DISTRICT SWEATSHIRT & POLO SHIRT.** Leaders who wish to wear a 'shirt' for general Scouting activities can buy their own shirt (polo or sweat) and have the logo printed on it in your choice of colour by Imprints (St. James St.) The cost is £4.23 for 2 – 10 shirts. Sample can be seen in the District Office or on Peter Bourner!

Thank you to all those who took part in a **UNIFORM REVIEW** session with Janet Hall during the practice Jamboree Camp and camping Skills weekend. A full timetable of the consultation process is in the May edition of Scoutlook.

GANG SHOW what marvellous publicity this generates, and a fantastic few hours of entertainment to suit all ages. The Mozambique Appeal collection amounted to £700. I have received a letter of thanks from the Mayor and Mayoress and another from a member of the general public. The next two events that the Gang will be performing at is the County Jamboree and the Royal Bath & West Show. WELL DONE to everyone concerned.

All Groups should have had details of a **JAILBREAK CHALLENGE** being organised by Watchet Sea Scouts in aid of their minibus appeal. The date is Sunday 25th June starting at Minehead Police Station.

The following **RESOURCES** are available to borrow from the District. Bookings can be made on the chart in the District Office.

PUMP POTS TV/VIDEO PLAYER VIDEOS DISPLAY BOARDS
EPISCOPE SLIDE PROJECTOR (DAYLIGHT) PARACHUTE
ARCHIVE MATERIAL BOOKS O.H.P. LOUD HAILER
SPORTS BAGS ETC!

Dear friends in Scouting,
Thank you all for your cards and words of condolence on Alister's death. He always enjoyed his involvement with Scouting at Huish Woods and Tangier – he loved a challenge and found this at both places. He would have been very humbled to read the kind words you have all written and also to find so many friends attending his funeral service. A very memorable occasion – thank you for supporting us.

Sincerely and with love
Mary Leighton