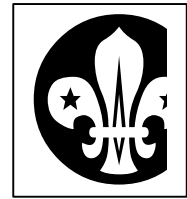


TAUNTON DISTRICT NEWS



JUNE 2000

JAMBOREE 2000.

Tricia (ADC Scouts) asks would we like a photo of the Jamboree site? Many of you will have photographic memories if not actual photos! The cancellation of the Jamboree caused severe problems at all levels. I have pinned up two letters from the County Commissioner setting out the background information that was used to make the decision. When I have any news about the possibility of a partial or full refund I will publicise the decision. Please remember if there should be a refund of any sort who do you think will pay for it in the long term? This jamboree would have been one of 500 camps planned throughout the UK.

The ACC Scouts is meeting with the ADCs to see if it is possible to arrange for the cooking competition to take place sometime later this year. I'm sure that as soon as Tricia knows any details you will be informed.

MILLENNIUM BADGE MONEY FOR AIR AMBULANCE

It was intended to hand over a cheque to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance at the Jamboree. As many of you are aware that 50p from the sale of every £1 badge is to go to this charity. To date the Scout Shop has sold 1175 badges! This means that with the £381.82p collected at the Annual Parade a cheque for £969.32 was due to be handed over. Arrangements will be made to hand this cheque over at the AGM if possible. You may like to know that 395,000 badges have been sold, raising nearly £250,000 for local charities. There are only 5000 left in the whole country to be sold.

DISTRICT EVENTS

MAYOR'S MILLENNIUM PARADE & CHARITY FAIR. Thank you to the Groups that are supporting this either by parading (we are number 28 in the parade) or arranging a money raising stall. The District will be having a display stand if anyone can help between 10am and 4pm.

CUB SPORTS are on Sunday June 11th at Bishop Fox's School, 2pm START.

GSL's & ADC's meeting. Thursday July 6th at Bishops Lydeard Scout HQ. This meeting will have two guest speakers, :-

1. Albert Thompson (County Scouter – Training) who will explain the “Introduction to Scouting” that GSLs need to use when welcoming parents, potential Leaders or supporters to the Group.
2. Janet Hall (Field Development Officer) who will go through the review process that GSLs should undertake with Leaders in their Group.

As you can see the GSLs have a very important role to play in both of these. Where there is no GSL it may be necessary for the review process to be carried out by the Group Chairman or an ADC.

DISTRICT AGM, Tuesday July 11th at 7.45pm, Huish Woods. The Deputy Mayor, a former Cub Leader from Wiveliscombe, will be our guest. Uniform please and a good turn out would be appreciated. A draw for the NO NAME CLUB will also take place. (The No Name Club, or 200 club, costs £5 per year, with draws periodically for cash prizes! All profits go to the District. Like to find out more, talk to the District Treasurer.)

Hopefully by the time we get to the District AGM all Groups will have held theirs. They have been very mixed affairs and certainly some work/training before the ‘round’ next year would not go amiss! Can I remind all Group Secretaries that the District would like a copy of all Group Executive minutes, some Groups are even managing to send them electronically the day after the meeting!

NEW APPOINTMENTS

DAVID HARRIS
CHRIS NAGLE
LAURENCE BUGDEN

BSL
ACSL
ASL

BISHOPS LYDEARD
WEST HATCH
WEST HATCH

HELP IS REQUIRED WITH :-

- 1. AGRICULTURAL SHOW**, Friday July 28th. West Monkton Scouts have offered to set up a model camp but other help is required.
- 2. FLOWER SHOW**, August 2nd & 3rd. West Hatch Scouts have offered to erect a gateway for the model camp that we would like to display. Other practical demonstrations, programme sellers and manning the display stand all need people! Speak to Peter Bourner for a full list of our requirements.
- 3. MINI-CENSUS/QUESTIONNAIRE** Your GSL or Group Contact should have received one of these. This is required by the Development Committee in conjunction with Janet Hall the Field Development Officer. Date for return is July the 11th.

SCOUTS

WATER ACTIVITIES WEEKEND (23.6.00- 25.6.00) at Thorney Lakes. Every Troop should have received the details, if not contact Tricia or Rose.
CLOSING DATE with full payment by **14.6.00**



GO-CARTING (9.7.00) has been cancelled.

DISTRICT HILLWALKING WEEKEND, 8 – 10 September. There are limited spaces available at a cost of £15. Contact Tricia on 412258 if you are interested.



BEAVERS



Our **FUN DAY** is on Saturday 17th June at Huish Woods. A few Colonies will also be camping for one or two nights. Everyone is welcome and can contribute to the activities if they so desire! Offers to Nicky if you can help.

Best wishes to Nicky Ramsay (DBSL)& Martin Allen (Troop Helper, Staplegrove) on their forthcoming marriage, 28.7.00.

ITEMS FROM HEADQUARTERS

- THE SCOUT METEOROLOGIST BADGE** resource booklet produced by the Met. Office gives an insight into this technical subject. Every Group should have a copy.
- NATIONWIDE TELECOM** are offering a telecommunications service with a spin off for Scout Groups. Again every Group should have the information.
- THE MILLENNIUM TIME CAPSULE PROJECT** offers Scout Groups or individuals the chance to leave your mark for future Scouts. These capsules can then be buried at a given spot.

TRAINING DATES are as published in the may newsletter.

FOUND at the 1999 St. George's Parade (handed in this year!)
1 Flag Carrier/Holder. Claim from the District Office.