

# TAUNTON DISTRICT NEWS

## JULY 2000

As this will be the last newsletter before the school summer holidays, the District 'Team' hope you all enjoy it, whether it be on a family holiday, a Cub Pack Holiday or a Scout Summer Camp. If you should be in the Lake District and spot a few familiar faces, it could be Venture Scouts undertaking their Queen's Scout Hike. If you are further afield in Ireland or even Mexico there will be Venture Scouts there as well! Mexico is hosting the World Moot and we have two reps from Taunton District, Ian Marks and Sarah Norman.

**The GANG SHOW** is still busy entertaining! They played to a very appreciative audience at the Royal Bath and West Show and then took part in the music marathon at St. Mary's Church in aid of the Macmillan Appeal. Their next appearance is at the Brewhouse for this year's Youth Festival of Performing and Visual Arts. **WELL DONE TO YOU ALL.**

**WELLINGTON SCOUT GROUP** will officially open their HQ on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. Griffith Poole, a former Scout Leader with the Group, will perform the opening. This Group has it's own web site have you visited it yet? Everyone is welcome to attend the opening.

We are looking for someone to help with **SPECIAL NEEDS youngsters in the District.** Liz Lampard who is currently our District Advisor is also ADC Cubs and would welcome help from someone else, with the hope to hand over this role in the long term. If you could be interested or know someone we could approach please talk to Liz or Marian.

I should be grateful if **GSLs** would check whether any of their Executive members have completed 5 years service and should therefore be put forward for a **SERVICE CERTIFICATE.**

### NEW APPOINTMENTS

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| HELEN VITTERY  | ASL | NORTH TAUNTON | (From Troop Helper) |
| MARK SCRIBBINS | BSL | EAST TAUNTON  | (From Chairman)     |

### CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT

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| SIMON MARGETTS  | ACSL | BLACKBROOK   | (From ASL)  |
| RUSSELL SCREECH | ASL  | WEST TAUNTON | (From ACSL) |

**HUISH WOODS – NEWS** Just to remind you that the site celebrates **40 years in September 2001.** There will be many activities to help celebrate including the TSB Trophy with a cash prize; details will be available in September. The **UGANDA APPEAL** for scarves and woggles closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. Help is needed in manning the **SHOP** especially during the school holidays. If you can help please contact Huish Woods. The **CAVE** is proving very popular and should be available all year round. The site would welcome an extra **FRIDGE** if anyone has one spare for cold drinks etc. Please remember that **MONKEY'S PARADISE** was specially constructed for use by all ages, but children under 11 years **must** have adult supervision. **CONGRATULATIONS TO GEOFF PINNEY** who has completed 50 years, man and boy in the Scout Movement!

**FOOTBALL CHALLENGE!** West Hatch Cub Pack would like to play 7 a side friendly football matches. If you are interested please contact John Attwood, football manager, 490148.

**FLOWER SHOW HELP – PLEASE!** If you can help by selling programmes or manning the display stand please talk to Peter Bourner. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August – times to suit!

**TRAINING** Just to remind GSL's that the next round of GCA Training starts in September, look at closing dates and act **NOW**. **PROGRAMME SKILLS** for all Sections is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September commencing at 7pm at Tangier. This is followed by the Cub Section element on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, the Scout element on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October and the Beaver element on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, all at Tangier. **LEADERSHIP SKILLS** (one day only) Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**AWARDS FOR ALL** (LOTTERY GRANTS) the new round starts after the 4<sup>th</sup> July. Information from 0845 6002040 or talk to Peter Bournier.

Just to remind you that the **COUNTY AGM** will be held in Taunton on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**WINTER CAMP VENUE – TOMPERROW.** If you are looking for a different venue then Tomperrow, Truro District Camp Site, may be for you! It has plenty of activities and indoor accommodation with a well-equipped kitchen. Contact Mike Edwards on 01872 572181/862634

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **THE SCOUT FELLOWSHIP BARBECUE**

was supported by 21 members and friends.

**THE CUB SPORTS** was won by Oak Cub Pack with Staplegrove 2<sup>nd</sup>, West Trident 3<sup>rd</sup> and West Galmington came 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Scout Fellowship for helping with the event.

**THE MAYOR'S MILLENNIUM PARADE & CHARITY FAYRE** proved a great success for those in the parade and also financially for the Scout Groups who ran a stall. It was lovely that West Taunton was represented by Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, as this was the Group that the current Mayor was GSL with. Thank you also to Staplegrove, East Taunton, West Monkton and Bishops Lydeard for your support of the Parade and Fayre. The new District 'banner' was paraded for the first time and also used on the District display stand.

### **Four Scouts from North Taunton have gained their Chief Scout Award.**

To gain this award the Scouts undertook various challenges, and activities, including Scoutcraft, helping in the community, attempting an adventurous activity, taking part in the Gang Show, and producing a Group Newsletter. They also planned, and carried out a three-day expedition on Exmoor. The Scouts also made a presentation of their activities to Tony Hunt (ACC Scouts), Tricia Sedgbeer (ADC Scouts) and Rose Birley (DSL).

Tricia Sedgbeer, ADC Scouts, made the presentations, at Huish Woods Camp Site. Tricia, congratulated them all on gaining this award, which is the highest award within the Scout section, she hoped that they had all enjoyed the challenge, of undertaking this award, and hoped that they would all continue to enjoy their Scouting either as Venture Scouts, or young Leaders. **Congratulations to Darren Always, Helena Desave, Polly Pepperell and Jade Huish.**

**THANK YOU TO THE GSLs and ADCs** who attended the workshop on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The 2 topics covered 'How to welcome/induct adults new to Scouting' presented by Albert Thompson and the review process for GSLs to work through with their Leaders, presented by Janet Hall the Field Development Officer gave us a real insight into how we can say 'Thank You' and support these volunteers. If you were unable to be there, spare booklets are available.

**THE SCOUT WATER ACTIVITIES CAMP** was very well attended and supported by 9 Troops. The additional activities this year, kite flying, dinghies and ducking stool proved very popular.

**THE CUB OUTING TO WOODLANDS ACTIVITY CENTRE** was thoroughly enjoyed by all those that went on the trip.