

TAUNTON DISTRICT NEWS

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WELCOME BACK to a new term of Scouting. I have heard some reports of places you have been or camps you have held. No doubt you will all share these experiences at the round of Council meetings (Beavers – 11th, Cub – 13th, Scout – 20th & Ventures 27th)

TRAINING COURSES - UNIFORM NOT REQUIRED

Programme Skills – Generic – for all 4 Sections, Friday 22nd September 7pm, at Tangier. There is no charge, but please bring a pen and paper. Please book your place with June or Marian and decide if you want to do the next stage detailed below.

Programme Skills – Sectional

CUBS – Sunday 1st October- CLOSING DATE 16th September

SCOUTS – Sunday 8th October – CLOSING DATE 23rd September

BEAVERS – Saturday 14th October – CLOSING DATE 30th September

All Sectional courses will be held at Tangier, Cost £20 to include handouts. 9.30 for 10am, finish 4.30. Packed lunch required, drinks provided. Apply on a County Form.

1st RESPONSE – Sunday 15th October – 9 - 4.30. Cost £5

LEADERSHIP SKILLS – 25th November, cost £25. 26 of the 40 places have already been taken up. Packed lunch required, hot drinks provided. **This course will not be at Tangier.** County application form - **CLOSING DATE 25th October.**

UNIFORM REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE.

I ordered a supply of 300 forms so that everyone has the opportunity to fill one in. It is most important that the young people have their say. Pick up a supply from the District Office. Please encourage parents to continue to buy uniform at Tangier, as it will be many years before a complete change over takes place. Brenda would be pleased for some help in the **SHOP** on an occasional basis. If you can help please make contact with her. If any Leader has any spare Adult uniform (or you know someone who has left) please also hand this in to the shop as someone else could make very good use of it! No doubt a transfer fee could be arranged!

Gilwell have advised that the following **factsheets have been updated** and are available from the Info Centre or the Website:

FS120080 - Pre Event Check List	FS120007 - Safety Rules for Joint Adventurous Activities
FS120413 - Motorised Activities	FS120611 - Motor and Powerboating
FS120603 - Water Safety	FS120602 - Water Activity Assessment and Advice
FS120605 - Dinghy Sailing	FS120604 - Paddling (Kayaks & Canoes)

The **AGRICULTURAL** and **FLOWER SHOWS** were both very appreciative of the work and support given by both Young People and Adults. They have already asked for a repeat again next year. Thank you to those who helped in any way.

HUISH WOODS was publicised by a stand at the **Gilwell Reunion**. Over 500 packs of information were distributed so no doubt we may be receiving visitors from far and wide. Bookings are already coming in for next year. Please remember that the **Beason Trophy Competition** for photographs runs to the end of October. Don't know anything about it? Then contact Huish Woods or the District Office. The **climbing wall** and **aerial runway** will close at the end of October. The **barrier** at the entrance to the site will now be shut in the evenings. The 40th Anniversary celebration plans are nearing completion and will be out shortly.



WELCOME TO: -

GUY HAGUE

Scout Leader

WILTON

LIZ WESTERN

Beaver Scout Leader

WEST MONKTON

CHRIS HUTT, Troop Helper at Wilton, is now confirmed as DISTRICT ARCHERY ADVISER

SARAH WALSH becomes Venture Scout Leader at North, from ACSL at Bishops Lydeard.

The **DISTRICT AGM** seems many moons ago (in fact it was July 11th) but this is the first occasion that YOU can be thanked for supporting this occasion. The Deputy Mayor, Mary Whitmarsh, had a very nostalgic visit to the Huish Woods site, having been a Cub Leader many years ago, she was amazed at how the site had altered. The County Commissioner was able to present warrants to Tricia Sedgbeer as ADC Scouts and to Graham Bell as ADC Venture Scouts. A cheque was also handed over to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Service, who require a tremendous amount of money every week just to keep going. The draw was also made for the NO Name Club (200Club). Details of how you can join are now available. We were also able to see a new **KURLING** demonstration. We are hoping that this an extra activity that can be on offer within the District.

There are a few changes to the Executive Committee,

- Bob Camp has taken over as District Secretary replacing Audrey Smith.
- Audrey will continue wearing her other 'hat' as assistant to the District Treasurer.
- Nigel Birley has stood down and we welcome
- Charlie Back, GSL Bishops Lydeard,
- Charlie Chandler to be our 'Young Member', CSL West Monkton,
- Rob Warburton, Chairman of Scout Fellowship and Treasurer at Bishops Lydeard.

THANK YOU to past, present, and new members
for their interest and support of Scouting in Taunton Deane.

VENTURE SCOUTS EXPEDITION to the Lakes. Two Venture Scouts from Taunton (Richard Camp from Wilton and Sarah Norman from Bishops Lydeard) were joined by a third from Watchet Sea Scouts, Simon Drew. They walked the Cumbria Way and Richard and Simon did a presentation to parents, Leaders and others on the 1st September.



BED PUSHES. NORTH TAUNTON Scouts undertook a bed push, in fancy dress, in aid of the Manor Nursing Home. They raised £300 for a sensory garden. BISHOPS HULL Scouts are going to do a bed push on the 23rd September. They will start in Vivary Park go as far as the Railway Station, turn round and head for East Reach!



GSL & GROUP ADMINISTRATORS MEETING – October 4th. Invites have gone out to all concerned - to what looks to be a very informative meeting. Please make sure your Group is represented.

ADVANCE NOTICE

CAROL SINGING AT TANGIER – December 14th.

STAPLEGROVE FIREWORKS – November the 4th.

Further details to follow.

This is a note I had that I thought you might like to share.



"We attended the Brewhouse Theatre tonight (July 18, 2000) and found the youth festival is currently being shown. We saw The Scouts and Guides perform a variety of sketches. They were outstanding. The standards these youngsters reached were extremely high. These young people are clearly a credit to themselves, the Scouts, to their parents and to the adults who have assisted them.

I would ask you pass my congratulations onto the young people and all concerned. Well done."

Steve Altria, Chairman 1st Wellington