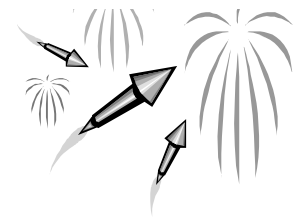


TAUNTON DISTRICT NEWS



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FLOODING! Tangier experienced some flooding on Monday 30th October. Luckily the water only entered the 'stores' with some seepage into the Scout Shop. The carpet in the lower part of the shop will need drying out but thanks to the swift action of Brenda and Peter Bourner no stock was damaged.

The new **DISTRICT CALENDAR** is now available from the pigeonholes. If you have any Group dates you would like included in the next issue please let Bob Camp know. It is hoped that a new **DISTRICT DIRECTORY** will be available once the Groups have checked the last few pages.

During the October half term on the Wednesday evening there were just 2 customers visiting the **SCOUT SHOP** and both of these were Scouters. The question now needs to be asked whether the shop should open during the half terms. Comments please to the Shop Manager, DC or your ADC.

Since the October draw I am pleased to report that we have recruited 5 more members to the **NO NAME CLUB**. Have you paid your £5 yet? The winner of the November draw of £10 were Bernard and Babs Collins (a shared membership) they seem to be on a lucky streak at the moment.

I am pleased to report that the first person to send in their application form for the County GSL & Group Chairman's **CONFERENCE- the Future Together** was Steve Altria, Group Chairman from Wellington. Please get your application in soon, as the closing date is the 16th November.

At the end of the last training course the glass on the **OHP** (overhead projector) got broken. The District now has to decide whether to replace the glass or invest in a new one. If where you work has a surplus OHP or a machine that is not working but the glass is still intact and are prepared to donate or sell for a nominal charge please let Peter Bourner or the DC know.



TRAINING DATES

The **CHILD PROTECTION** evening, Tuesday 14th November, starts at 8pm at Tangier and is essential for all those who have close contact with our young people, even regular parent helpers, so as we protect them and ourselves. Please book a place through June Hick or the District Office so that enough handouts can be prepared.

The next **INDUCTION/INTRODUCTION TO SCOUTING** evening is Thursday 23rd November 8pm, Tangier

PROGRAMME SKILLS – GENERIC is planned for Tuesday 9th January 7pm at Tangier.

I am pleased that we are able to offer another **FOOD HANDLING/CAMP CATERING COURSE** on Saturday the 27th January. There will be 2 courses one in the morning and one in the afternoon, at Bishops Lydeard HQ.

Another **LEADERSHIP SKILLS** is to be held on Sunday the 28th January at Yeovil, cost £25

The weekend part of **CAMPING SKILLS** will be held the 5th-6th May 2001.

REMINDERS-

- **REMEMBRANCE PARADE** Sunday 12th November,
- **WORLD JAMBOREE MEETING** for Leaders and Scouts, Monday 13th
- **TANGIER COFFEE MORNING** Saturday 18th November.
- **BAG PACKING** at Asda some dates still available.
- **CAROL SINGING** at Tangier Thursday 14th December.



APPOINTMENTS

Welcome to: - JAMIE MARTIN BSL NORTH TAUNTON

Additional Appointment as Shooting (Air Rifles) Advisor JOHN PEACH

Welcome back to: -

MIKE SCREECH ACSL WEST TAUNTON – Galmington
ANDREW HAMPSHIRE ACSL BISHOPS LYDEARD – Oak

Change of Appointment

SARAH DOBLE to CSL from ACSL WILTON
PETER BAWLER to GSL from SL WEST HATCH
COLIN CLARKE to SL from GSL WEST HATCH.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

WILTON TROOP were the winners in the first **COUNTY HIKING COMPETITION**, winning a walking stick made by Peter Bourner. The competition was held on Exmoor and based at Horner Woods. The activity was attended by 47 Scouts from across Somerset.



The **NOW GET OUT OF THAT** Cub competition was won by Bishops Lydeard Oak with Taunton Prep School 2nd and Bishops Lydeard Acorn 3rd. The competition tested the Cub's skills in first aid, knotting, quizzes, compass work and problem solving. The event was held at Huish Woods with 9 Packs represented.

Oak were also the winners of the **HANDICRAFT** competition with 9 Packs entering. West Taunton Galmington took 2nd place with Bishops Lydeard Acorn 3rd. Janet Berry tells me that this is the 10th time that Oak have won the Inter-Pack Shield, the event for which it is awarded has varied over the years. The Beavers were able to have two classes especially for them with a space theme.

Congratulations for a marvellous display from so many of our young people.

The **SWIMMING GALA** for the Scouts will be on Saturday 11th November and on the 25th it will be the Cubs turn.



West Monkton Beaver Scouts

On the 6th September 2000 'WEST Monkton Scout Group' re-opened its 'Beaver Scout Colony'. On the first night 12 enthusiastic young children (11 boys and 1 girl) came along and everyone was introduced to the new Beaver Scout Leader – Liz Western and her daughter Lisa (who is applying to take out an Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders warrant). Games were played, **FUN** was had and **FRIENDS** were made. The Colony now has 15 members (12 boys and 3 girls) and a waiting list ready for them becoming 6 years old.

12 of the 15 Beaver Scouts were invested on the 11th October under the watchful eye of Marian Scott (our D.C.). We meet on Wednesdays from 5:30pm until 6:30pm at the 'Nazarene Church' in Bathpool Liz Western - 336895 or Nathan Lewis - 0779885387 (mobile).

