



HartBeat

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of the Odiham Scout District



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Explorer's trip to Sunny Wales

On Friday 23 April the Explorers and 5 Scouts headed off to the Brecon Beacons for a weekend in the Mountains. After what seemed like eternity we arrived at the Dolygaer Scout Centre, an old railway station set amongst the mountain's north of Merthyr Tydfil. We were welcomed with a hearty meal to set us up for the weekend ahead. The evening was then spent writing route cards before heading out for a moonlit 5km hike.

Saturday started off cold but we soon warmed up as we started the climb up toward Pen-y-fan. We were rewarded for our efforts by fantastic views and bright sunshine. A number of the Explorers were trying out their geology having been briefed in advance by their geography teacher. Everyone completed the 15km and all the climbs up to the four peaks. The Scouts with their military timing managed to find time to play in the dam on the stream while waiting for the Explorers. Again we were welcomed back by another fantastic meal and a chance to relax. Well almost, first there was the washing up and route planning for the Sunday.

Waking up on Sunday proved much harder after the exertions of the day before. Thankfully the



Explorers who were responsible for breakfast managed to motivate themselves and produce a fantastic breakfast. The groups then headed out on another expedition to discover very different weather from the day before. The hill fog was low and along with rain showers everyone got to experience how different everything looks. The navigation was also a bit more challenging and the views very different. At one stage it looked like one of the groups was going to hold everyone up but in

true hare and tortoise fashion they managed to finish first by avoiding navigational errors.

The final task was to pack up the kit, clean the rooms and head for home. We had a clear run home and arrived as planned at 8pm. How did that happen?

I think we all had a great weekend and enjoyed the mountain air. I would

like to thank all the adults that helped out and made the weekend a success. They made my life easier.

Steve's lessons learn – Pitta breads don't work as premade sandwiches and you need to check the gas fittings more carefully when you take things from the store!

Stephen Caine
Explorer Leader

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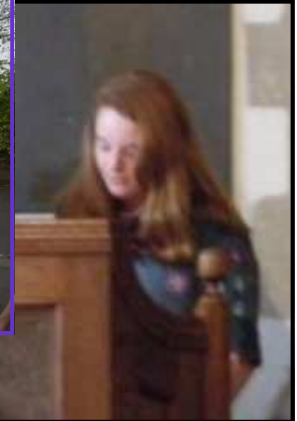


St Georges Day Celebration

2nd Odiham Scout Group celebrated St Georges Day with a parade then a joyful service at All Saints church, Odiham during which the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies took part with gospel readings and prayers, the Cubs standard was blessed and the young Beavers did a play about St George and the Dragon.

The previous day the Scouts had raised £93.00 with a car wash for Water Aid charity.

John Webster
Scout Leader 2nd Odiham



St. Georges Day Party

The 22nd Fleet Group celebrated St. Georges Day with a family tea party in Calthorpe Park. About 70 people joined in including many parents, brothers, sisters and even a few Grandparents as well as the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

We started off with a Parade across the Park and then assembled outside our HQ for Flag Break using a large St. George Flag on a specially built pole. As the sun shone, each Section then renewed their own Scout Promise. All then went inside for a short service which used lots of words and pictures on the wall screen. I gave some brief details of what is known about St. George and then we all sang "One more step along the



road” to get us all well into the right mood.

Akela and Marc Howard (a Cub Dad) read an amusing poem about the legend of George and the Dragon. We had another rousing song and then the service finished with prayers read by a Cub and Scout.

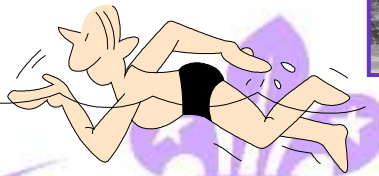
In view of the number of parents present, I gave a plea for more help with the Scout Troop and was delighted to get 3 positive replies.

For the last ¾ hour, we had a fun quiz between the families sitting at each of the tables and then all enjoyed the real English tea of scones with jam and cream, chocolate biscuits and drinks.

Ray Oldham



Swimmers



We returned to Lord Wandsworth College for our swimming badge testing afternoon at the end of the Easter holidays. All 8 groups took part.

Thanks to all the leaders who came and helped, unfortunately we had a large number of swimmers who just didn't turn up, in fact a third of those who had applied did not come on the day.

However, those who did come had a successful afternoon and 46 children gained stage 1, 23 achieved stage 2, 11 gained stage 3, 6 got stage 4 and congratulations are due to Rhys Bassett (29th) and Russell Cairns (26th) who both achieved their stage 5. A total of 88 badges were awarded.

We shall be repeating the afternoon again next spring and are planning to incorporate a 50m swim in clothes and buoyancy jacket as well to assess the youngsters for water activities.

Jannette MacElarney
ADC Cubs



Letters to the editor

Thank you!

Just a quick note to say thank you to everyone that came to the District AGM and for my Thank You present presented at the AGM. I haven't decided yet

what to get as a memento of my time as your District Commissioner with the cheque presented. At the meeting I was also presented with my Silver Acorn by Trevor Owen, and this entitled me on Sunday to attend the Queen's Scout parade at Windsor. A great day, with the Chief Scout and Prince Charles inspecting the parade of new Queen's Scouts. It was good to see quite a few from Hampshire in the parade, but would be great to see some from Odiham District in the not too distant future.

Thank you again for my time as your DC and I look forward to seeing you all at future events.

Yours in Scouting
Frank Heritage



Learning Curve

Would all those who require a Module 10 refresher during 2010 and early 2011 please let me know the date their certificate expires so that we may arrange a refresher course.

Local Courses

Module 3 Tools for the job

Date	Location	Contact	
10 July	Runways End, Farnborough	Mike Hughes	mikehughes2007@googlemail.com
11 Sept	Runways End, Farnborough	Mike Hughes	mikehughes2007@googlemail.com
13 November	Runways End, Farnborough	Mike Hughes	mikehughes2007@googlemail.com

Module 10 First Aid

16 May	Romsey	Mike Baxter	mk.baxter@virgin.net
5 June	Winchester	Debbie Inglis	dinglis@hotmail.co.uk
11 July	Runways End	Trevor Smith	trevor.smith@nokia.com
4 September	Winchester	Debbie Inglis	dinglis@hotmail.co.uk
12 September	Runways End	Trevor Smith	trevor.smith@nokia.com

County Courses

Details of County Courses, Application Forms and training information can be accessed on the County website www.scouts-hants.org.uk

Date		Module	Location
May			
Sat 8	w'end	16 Nights Away	F' Crofts
Sat 15	am	15 Challenging Behaviour	North
	am	14 Young People Today	
	pm	19 International	
Sun 16	am	24 Managing Adults	Central
Sat 22	am	13 Growing the Movement (Leaders)	North
Sun 23	am	17 Activities Out of Doors	SE
	pm	18 Practical Skills	
Jun			
Fri 11	w'end	16 Nights Away	F' Crofts
Sun 20	am	5 Fundamental Values	North
	pm	7 Valuing Diversity	
Jul			
Sat 3	am	30 Supporting Local Training	Central

Please note: Once you have checked that the course is running you must complete an application form, (download from County website), and send it to Margaret Taylor, 189 Fair Oak Road, Eastleigh SO50 8LQ. Email: taylorklan@btinternet.com

Note:

Module 16 Nights Away, If you wish to register for this module you will be required to have previously completed the following modules prior to attending Module 16:

Module 5 (Fundamentals of Scouting), **Module 7** (Valuing Diversity) **Module 8** (Skills of Leadership), **Module 12** (Providing a Balanced Programme) **Module 17** (Activities Outdoors), **Module 18** (Practical Skills)

E-learning: Note that Modules 1, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 and 15 are available as e-learning packages at www.scout.org.uk/learnersresources

Odiham District Website: www.odihamscouts.org.uk

Any problems or questions, call me!

Dave Owen, Local Training Manager. 01256 861019



New Appointments

The Appointments Advisory Committee are pleased to recommend to the District Commissioner the following provisional appointments.

Karen Rapley Assistant Beaver Scout Leader 100th Elvetham Heath

The Scout Council would like to welcome you into the District and hope that you will enjoy your Scouting.

Dave Owen
Secretary, Appointments Advisory Committee

Amendments to the District Directory

- 13 Insert: Assistant Beaver Scout Leader Mrs Deborah Sutherland. 41 Highland Drive, Fleet GU51 2TH Tel: 01252687762. Email: dhumphries@highland.freeserve.co.uk
- 14 Insert: Assistant Cub Scout Leader Michael Jones, 7 Coniston Way, Church Crookham, Fleet GU52 6RS. Tel: 01252 676390

Congratulations!



To the following boys from 29th Odiham for gaining their Chief Scout's Silver Award:

- Elliot Warman Kebell
- Joshua Ray
- Oliver Symons
- William Smith
- Harry Veness

be prepared . . .

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