

# BUCKINGHAM & WINSLOW DISTRICT SCOUTING NEWS

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## **Our District Annual Meeting !**

Our District Annual Meeting will be held at Winslow Scout Headquarters at 7.30pm Thursday evening 25th September.

Apart from the formal bit, which we will keep as efficiently short as possible, it will be an occasion for Leaders to informally meet each other and find out about the opportunities for Water Activities (both sailing and canoeing); Hill Walking and Climbing.

The new training support material for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be available to view along with Leader Training opportunities and Leaders will also be able to learn about the range of activities offered to Scouts who become Explorers and Young Leaders.

We hope you will try and come along. Please make sure your Group is represented. Please RSVP your invitation so we can plan for refreshments.

## **September Expedition to the Peak District**

Our annual District Scouts September weekend at Hathersage in the Peak District will be taking place on the 26th 27th 28th of September.

Activities on offer include climbing, biking, and walking the Peak District all following the similar successful format of last year. Each group to comprise 5 young people and 2 Leaders.

To date groups from Buckingham, Winslow, Stewkley, Maids Morton, and the Explorers have expressed their interest. David Bush, ADC Scouts is co-ordinating this event and any one else interested should contact him as soon as possible - but by 19th September.

Accommodation is indoors. The cost this year has got rise as the hut fees have gone up again. This year the cost per Scout is £39-00 which covers accommodation, activities and food, although each group will be responsible for their own transport arrangements to and from the event.

If you wish to take part in this our District Hathersage Peak District weekend please contact David Bush asap. First come first served !

## **Review of the Summer 2008**

### **District Scout Challenge Weekend**

District Scout Leaders laid on an excellent series of events for the Scouts in June at Gt Moor Sailing Club.

The 24 hour challenge included tent pitching, cooking, hikes, and cycle time trials.

High Winds restricted the water activities to racing unrigged Topper Sailing Dinghies - and surprisingly no one fell in !

Congratulations to Gt Horwood who won the Challenge Trophy.

### **Beaver Scout 'Robin Hood' Fun Day**

At the end of June a very successful Fun Day was held for over 70 Beaver Scouts at the Quarries Scout Camp Site.

A great day was had by all and thanks are due to the Fellowship who ran the activities.

Well done Steeple Claydon Beavers who won the Funday Shield.

### **District Orienteering Competition**

July saw the Scouts NOT losing their way round Winslow.

75 Cubs & Scouts formed 35 teams orienteering their way to find various fire hydrants around the town.

Congratulations to Stewkley, Maids Morton, Winslow & Tingewick Scouts who won various stages of the event.

### **Summer Camps**

Stewkley Scouts have been to Guernsey, Winslow Scouts to Horley Scout Camp Site near Banbury and Explorers Scouts spent a weekend at Longridge. Congratulations to all.

### **Leader Training Achievement**

In the last 12 months 8 Leaders have completed their Leader Training and have been awarded their Wood Badge. Well Done.

It is pleasing to record that nearly all Leaders in this District are taking advantage of the Leader Training available to them.

If any Leader has any difficulty with fitting in Leader Training then please in the first instance talk to your Group Scout Leader for there are now many alternative ways in achieving creditation of the modular training required to achieve your Wood Badge Training Award.

## **Nights Away Permits - Have You Got One ?**

A reminder to all Leaders whether you just take Beavers away for a night sleep over, Cubs for a weekend camp or Scout & Explorers on a camp, hike or expedition; Leaders need to hold the appropriate Nights Away Permit. You cannot take a party away overnight unless you have a Permit. There are four categories: Indoor, Camp Sites, Green Field Camping and Lightweight Expeditions.

While 12 Leaders in the District now hold a 'Nights Away Permit' all Leaders should be looking to hold their own Permit.

If you have completed, or nearly completed, your Leader Training and have some experience of taking young people away then all you need to do is complete an application form obtainable from your Group Scout Leader or the District Commissioner. As these things take a bit of time to organise now is the time to get this done as part of your planning for next years camps and 'nights away.'

## **Adventurous Activity Permits - Do you need one ?**

We now have a small number of Leaders who hold 'Adventurous Activity Permit' for hill walking and water activities. If you want to take your Scouts hill walking in the Lake District or the Peak District or give them the opportunity to experience canoeing or sailing you need an 'Adventurous Activity Permit'. To ensure you have the proper approval please contact the District Commissioner.

## **Service Decoration Awards.**

As many of you may know the Scout Association has revised the Service Award to Leaders. These are now awarded every 5 years with a certificate and appropriate badge to wear on your uniform. (For 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, & 30 years and an award for 40 and 50 years).

The Association is currently going through their records to ensure that the service of all current Leaders is recognised. So don't be surprised if one day an ADC or DC turns up with an award for you.

## **C R B Forms - Renewal**

Officialdom now requires that CRB forms are renewed every 5 years.

So having got your 'Service Award' do not be surprised to receive a letter asking you to complete a new CRB form.

Your Group Scout Leader can complete the Authentication Section with you so hopefully it will not be to much of an admin burden

## District Diary

(ADC Section Meetings dates to be arranged)

### Autumn

**Scout Swimming Gala & Quiz & Cub Quiz**  
**Dates to be fixed**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Frid 5 - Sun 7th Gilwell Reunion  
Frid 12 - Sun 14 County Patrol Leaders Camp - Braid Wood  
Wed 17th County - ADC Cubs Meeting  
Sat/Sun 20/21st Module 16/17 Nights Away & Activities Braid Wd  
**Thur 25th District AGM - Winslow**  
**Frid 26 - Sun 28th Hathersage - Climbing/Walking/Biking w/e**  
Sat 27th Beaver Funday - Braidwood  
Mon 29th County - DC's Meeting

#### **OCTOBER**

**Thur 2nd District GSL & ADCs Meeting - Winslow HQ**  
Sun 5th First Response Course - 1st Aylesbury HQ,  
Sat/Sun 11/12th Modular Training - 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 & 19 - Braid Wd  
Sat 11th County Orienteering Competition Wendover Wds  
**Sun 12th GSL Workshop Latimer Place, Chesham, Bucks**  
Wed 15th County - ADC Beavers Meeting  
Sat/Sun 18th/19th Modular Training - 11,12,13,14,15,18,19 - Quarries  
**Mon 20th County Meeting - New Appointment Process**  
**at Aylesbury Grammar school**  
Fri 24th START HALF TERM.

#### **NOVEMBER**

Sun 2nd County Awards Presentation  
Mon 3rd END HALF TERM  
**Thur 6th District Executive Meeting Winslow Scout HQ**  
Sun 9th Remembrance Day  
Sat 15th First Response Course - Bletchley  
Sat/Sun 15th/16th Modular Training- 11,12,13,14,15,18,19 - Braid Wd  
Sat/Sun 22/23rd Modular Training- 20,21,22,23,24,25,26 - Braid Wd  
Sat/Sun 29/30th Grymsdyke Hike

#### **DECEMBER**

Mon 1st County - DC's Meeting  
Fri 19th END SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM