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Waterlooville Scout District News and Views

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District President

I am delighted to be able to advise you the Brian Hoare has accepted my invitation to become the District President for Waterlooville Scout District.

Many of you will know Brian and be aware of his huge commitment and dedication to scouting in Waterlooville District over many years, in fact ever since the District was created in 1968, when it was split from Havant District.

For those of you with financial knowledge there is no transfer fees involved and the salary is as for all other uniformed Leaders!

RM – Waterlooville DC

Duchess of Cambridge



I am sure you will all have heard about the new recruit to Beaver scouting in North Wales. It is tremendous news and a real lift to the Scout Movement. It will be interesting to see what impact it has on the number of people volunteering to join.

From a local point of view I think to main emphasis we can focus on is that if someone as busy as the Duchess can volunteer to support and if Scouting can arrange for the time she can give to be used in a flexible way, then there is no real excuse for other people not to give a little of their time.

It has always been said that Scouting's continued success is in a large part down to its ability to be flexible and so please look at ways in which you in your sections could use people who have limited time available but would be willing to give something back to a great organisation.

RM – Waterlooville DC

Scout Network

When Scouting was reshaped in 2000 a new Section was established called the Scout Network which covered members from the age of 18 to 25 years. The intention was to enable members to continue their active Scouting in a training section and to match the age ranges of the Duke of Edinburgh's awards scheme making gold D of E and the Queen's Scout Award more accessible.

Initially the Network units were set up and managed by County but over the years it is apparent that it is better for all if the Units are managed locally by Districts. Waterlooville has had a very strong Network Unit, named

Black Sheep and just before Christmas they agreed to change from a County to a District managed unit.

It is a real pleasure to welcome them formally into the District although they have been very supportive and active in the District for many years.

Over the coming months they will be recruiting existing members of the Explorer Scout Section who are reaching the age of 18 years to enable them to continue with their training and hopefully attain the highest award in Scouting.

RM – Waterlooville DC

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

I have been asked and agreed with Richard, our DC, to act as the District Co-Ordinator for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations as far as Scouting is concerned in Hampshire

On Friday 15th June 2012, there will be a parade and service to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Each District is being asked to nominate 30 young persons to take part in the parade and service which is taking place at Winchester Cathedral.

The parade will take place circa 6.50pm and the service will commence at 7.30pm.

More details will be forthcoming as soon as I receive them from the County Co-Ordinator, Martin Rudd.

Chris Scott

30 Years as a Leader



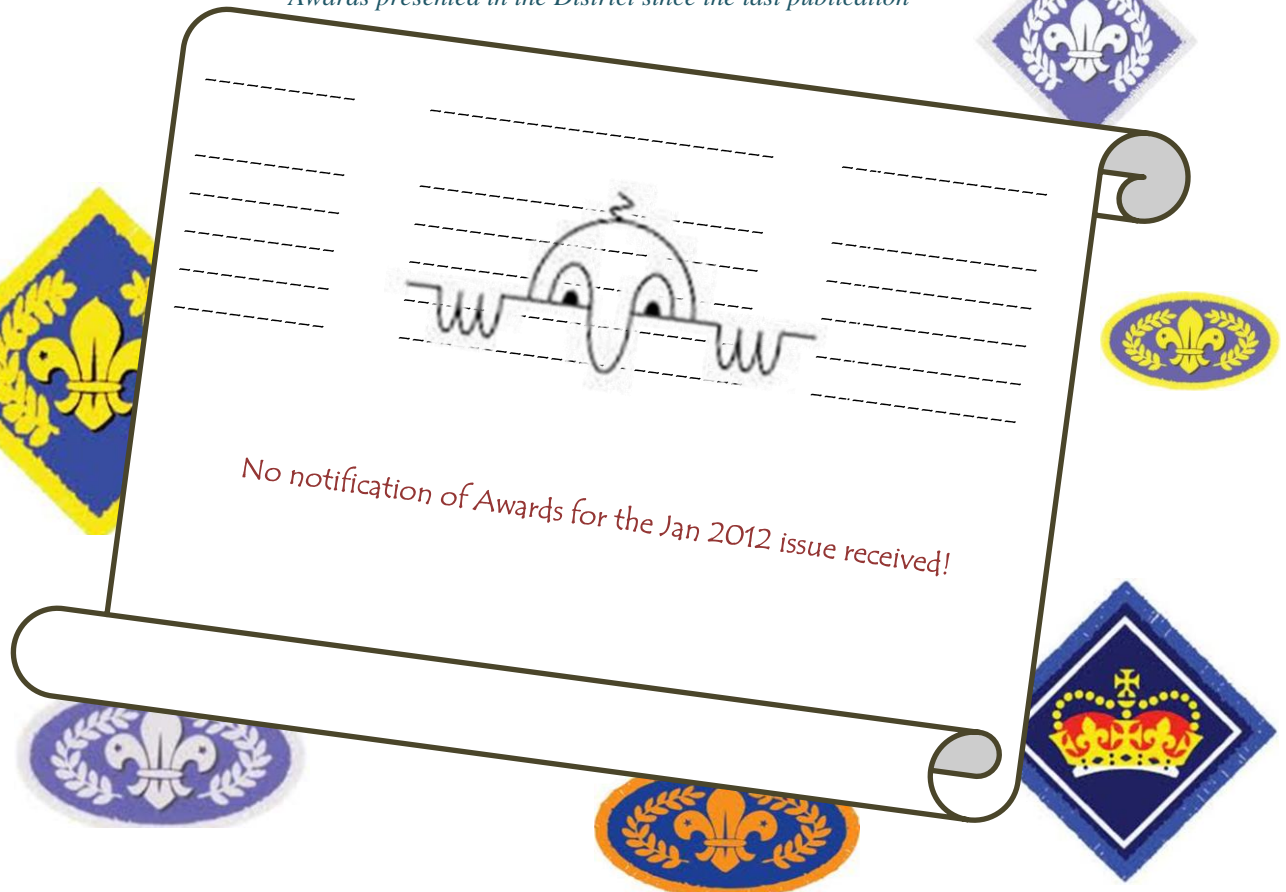
At the Annual Denmead leaders Party held 21st January at their HQ, the frivolities and Party activities were suspended for a brief period when our esteemed District Commissioner Richard Merefield attended to award a 30 year (yes **THIRTY** years) service award to Keith Davis, one of the Cub Leaders at Denmead.

The dedication Keith has given to the Scout movement is an accolade to his personal altruistic outlook on life and shows him to be a truly great person worthy of the award and our respect – **Well done Keith!**

In case you are wondering why Keith is dressed as he is, the Denmead Leaders Party was a Camel racing night at which all attendees are expected to attend in some sort of fancy-dress related to Egypt and camel racing.

Roll Of Honour

Awards presented in the District since the last publication



UNCLE BOB - A JOB

Uncle Bob-a-Job is here to answer any questions on Scouting you have. Just drop an e-mail to UncleBobaJob@hotmail.co.uk and the best questions received during the month will be answered in the next issue of *Waterlooville Woggle*
Job Done!



Dear Uncle Bob-a-Job,
Whilst riding to scouts the other day the chain came off my bike yet again so I had to push the bike and walk. As I was passing one of the houses just outside the Scout Hut, I noticed a Cub Scout who was sitting behind the hedge crying. He said that his mum insists that during the summer he wears short to Cubs and he thinks everyone will laugh at his thin spindly legs. I do not know what to do, can you help please?
Regards The Cycling Scout

Dear Cycling Scout,
This is indeed a very common problem and one I am sure can be easily addressed. Turn your bike upside down, loosen the wheel nuts, pull the wheel back evenly to tension the chain then retighten the wheel nuts. **Job Done!**

Dear Uncle Bob-a-Job
My son recently joined Cubs and went on the local Remembrance Day parade. I was so proud to see him marching along in his new uniform, he looked so sweet. The only thing that spoilt the day was that the other Cubs were not marching in Step. My son was the only one in his whole pack that managed to march in-step and everyone else was out of step. Should I approach the Leader and mention this to her?
Regards Proud Mother

Dear Proud Mother
I suggest that you leave that problem alone for the moment and personally try to cope with things a little simpler. I am sure the Akela will spot the odd ones out and if she does not, just go and pass the time of day with her at the end of a meeting where I am sure you will soon enlighten her to the scope of the abilities of you and your offspring. **Job Done!**

Dear Uncle Bob-a-Job,
Over the last few months, my son gets very tearful and has to practically be forced to put on his uniform and go to Scouts. I have tried to understand what the problem is but cannot pinpoint what or who is causing the problem, Shall I tell him to stop going to Scouts or do you think I should persevere as he will get over it in time?
Regards
Worried Mum

Dear Worried Mum.
Your problem is one I get asked about many times, and is usually a very difficult one to approach. Fortunately, I have looked into your problem and can see the solution for you is not so difficult. For a start, you need to be stronger and you must insist that your son continues to go to Scouts every week. Make him put his uniform on - even if you have to help him - and force him to leave the house on time. Tell him he needs to go every week because a Scout Troop needs their Leader to attend. Also as he is the only leader attending on Scout nights with a key to the building, he needs to be there - **Be Strong. Job Done!**



Waterlooville District Olympic Camp 2012 May 4th – 7th Lyons Copse

This is the first District Camp we have organised in over 10 years, so we'd like as many young people and leaders to attend as possible to make it a camp to remember.

Who's Invited? All Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network and leaders for the whole weekend - Friday 4th evening until Monday lunchtime. Beavers are invited to either attend for the day on Sunday 6th or camp over on Saturday night and take part on Sunday.

How much? £15 per head for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. £10 for leaders and Network. £7.50 for Beavers attending for the day and £10 if they are staying over.

This includes camping fees, centrally provided drinks and snacks, a special camp tee-shirt and badge, equipment and all activities. Food and transport needs to be provided by individual groups and the costs added to this price for their members.

What you need to do now

Get excited!

Advertise this camp to all your youngsters ASAP

We'd like initial numbers and £5 deposit per person by the end of January.

Final numbers and the balance need to be in by 31st March. This will give us time to order tee-shirts, wristbands and badges in plenty of time.

Get together with your sub camp leaders & choose a sub camp leader & deputy

Think about decorations, gates, flags etc. for your sub camp. *You will also need a sub camp national anthem - a camp fire song (preferably short) that will get sung each time you win a gold medal. Let me know what you have chosen so we don't have a clash.

Money & numbers to: **Angela Harwood 14 Anthill Close, Denmead O2392 252110 07801 652198 gsl_denmead@btinternet.com**

More News Required

It is said that "No news is good news" which, in our case is a load of codswallop as this publication is all about News. Of the nine groups in the District and the 120 plus people to whom this newsletter is published, it seems hardly anything newsworthy happened over the Christmas Break or is worth mentioning for the New Year other than the few items contained herein - which is why this issue is so small.

Your stories or your articles may inspire another Group; your tips may help others run their Sections; your advertisements may benefit your Group and the many people it reaches. If nothing is sent then none of that can happen.

Send items of interest for the Newsletter to denreider@googlemail.com. It does not have to be in any particular format as I will sort it out to fit the page. Camps, trips-out, awards, photos and so-on, they are things that interest others so please share them with us all.

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Remember, send your item before
Friday 24th February
if you want it in the March Edition.