

# Yellow Peril

The Salisbury and South Wilts Scout District Newsletter



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## From the District Commissioner's desk

Spring is in the air, well almost if only it would stop raining. Never mind this is the start of the new Scouting Year. Our District St George's Day celebrations Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1:45 to 4:30pm Wyndham Park Open Space, College Street for those who have managed to avoid seeing the Flyers, Facebook Page, Website, Posters and briefings at the Monday Meetings. This is the time of year where Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Scouters across the country gather together to celebrate our patron St George, and reaffirm their Scout Promise. It is often the only event of the year where all sections gather together in one place. I often think this is the event that shows we all follow the 4<sup>th</sup> Scout Law. A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts. This event is our "family" coming together.

As a family we can celebrate all the achievements of our young people in the last year and this year we can celebrate and congratulate four of our adult members as well whose work in Scouting has been recognised by the Chief Scout. Vic Peters has been awarded a Bar to the Silver Acorn, Sandra Yeats, Brian Waddingham and Robert Miller have been awarded Silver Acorns. They all have the opportunity to attend the National Scout St George's Day celebration at Windsor on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Sadly, as I suppose in any family there are those who disagree about how the day is celebrated and this year a group of leaders (not it seems their young people) have disagreed and will not be attending. In the last few years we have had a parade from Choristers Green to St Thomas Church led by a Samba Band, Dragons and St George at St Edmunds, a walk from Queen Elizabeth Gardens to Harnham for a Medieval Fayre, a traditional parade and church service in Wilton, a walk from Michael Sobel Hall to Wilton Church followed by a Tea Party. This

year SASU are organising the celebrations with an afternoon of fun with parents and friends. This follows from an extensive survey by leaders of their young members to find out what they would like to do. The District has tried to move away from the Old Fashioned style parade with young people trying to march behind their leaders, Commissioners on podiums, shouted commands of eyes right etc. and an exclusively Christian Church service. The District has tried to have events that are as inclusive as possible to all members of faith and no faith. They have tried to downplay any military type event. They have tried to do something that keeps the traditions of reaffirming our promise celebrating St George and keep to our Scout Law especially the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to say thank you and well done all the organisers and participants of the St Georges Day celebrations in my time as DC for their hard work in putting on these events. They have all received positive comments from Scouters, youngsters, parents and other organisations. This year will I am sure be another great day. No doubt St George's Day will fall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April next year and our celebrations will be near that date, so put it in your diary and be ready to offer to organise the 2019 celebrations for the new DC.

On that note I understand that 17 nominations are now with County for the role of DC and over the next few weeks Steve Barley our County Commissioner will be approaching individuals about the role.

It was good to see so many people at the Monday Meeting especially as it fell in the middle of the Easter Holidays and many leaders take a well-earned break and holiday. The subjects covered were many and diverse as usual including a change in the management of Old Sarum who will become a satellite of the 23<sup>rd</sup> for the foreseeable

future, information about the new SAS Adult Support Unit, and the re-opening of the Scout section at Tisbury Scout Group. Steve Barley our County Commissioner attended the meeting and visited all four section meetings to see if he could find out what barriers there are to helping our young people achieve the top awards in their sections. From what I heard there was a lot of open and honest comment which Steve recorded and will pass on. If anyone who was not at the meeting would like to express their views on this topic I am sure Steve would appreciate hearing from you. Send him an email direct or pass to me and I will forward your comments on.

Two of our Leaders have significant Birthdays. It is not normally the done thing to reveal a ladies age but I hope in this case I will be forgiven. Kathleen and Morris Birch are celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthdays. They have both been involved in Scouting for many of those years. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Kathleen and Morris a very Happy Birthday from everyone in Salisbury and South Wiltshire.

Lastly don't forget to let me know when your AGM's are. So far I only have dates for Laverstock, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, BV, Winterslow and Alderbury. See you around the District, enjoy your Scouting.

*Dave Waspe  
District Commissioner*

The next leaders' meeting will be on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 starting at 8pm at DMH. Coffee served in the

PJ Room from 7:30pm. 4<sup>th</sup> Salisbury to provide Prayer/Thought and Raffle please.



Hello everyone

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and didn't eat too many chocolate eggs.

We are planning several events for this term and next beginning with our Football Skills Day on the pitch at QinetiQ on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June starting at about 9.00a.m and finishing at around 3.00p.m The event is free and all Beavers and Leaders will need to bring a Packed Lunch (drinks will be provided). Please let me know if your Colony will be attending or not.

Following the Football event we are planning a Hike on either the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of July and a Sleepover at the Winchester Science Centre on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September (date to be confirmed) The cost for the Sleepover will be £35 (excluding transport) and we will need at least 75 people to attend. I will let you have full details and dates for these as soon as they are available.

The Beaver Section are also organising the District Annual Meeting this year which is on Saturday June the 9<sup>th</sup> and plans are going well. If you are happy to help with this please let me know.

Finally please don't forget to make a note in your diary that County are holding a

Beaver Workshop on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. Details of activities/bases have not been finalised yet but Leaders will need to book rather than decide on the day.

I hope to see you all at the St George's Day celebration on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April but if you have any questions regarding the above events please contact me.

*Graham Murrell  
ADC Beavers*



Dear all, a successful Section meeting albeit reduced numbers due to Easter holidays. Welcome to Leaders from Old Sarum and Bemerton Heath project.

**District Chess Competition**, Congratulations to Winterslow as overall winners of this year's competition

**District Swimming Gala**, Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 5 Rivers Leisure Centre. Details already distributed and closing date for entries Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Any volunteers for helping with lane judging and competition then please contact me directly. **NB Please ensure that entrants are confident swimmers as they enter the pool at the deep end and will need to swim a 50m length.**

**District Trip to Brownsea Island**. Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Open to all Packs with transport from Salisbury to Sandbanks, ferry crossing and entry provided

with a cost of £15 per person. Details circulated and further information to follow. Current numbers are approximately 200. Please finalise numbers with payment by District meeting on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. Packs to let me know by Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> April otherwise there may not be space on the trip for them.

District Handicraft Exhibition – November 2018 at DMH. Date and details to be finalised.

This last year has shown a significant increase in the number of CSSA's – a great reflection of the programmes being run by Packs in our District.

Please continue to forward programmes to me and look forward to seeing you all next term.

*Jonathan Borwell*  
ADC Cubs  
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### District Shooting and Archery Competition Results

#### Archery Results

Archery Team:  
1<sup>st</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Salisbury Team 2;  
139  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bourne Valley Team 1  
133  
3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Amesbury Team 1.  
130

Archery Individual:  
1<sup>st</sup> William Fernandez; 39  
2<sup>nd</sup> Leo Pike; 36  
3<sup>rd</sup> Katie Stanfield. 35

#### Shooting Results

##### The Team Sitting, Standing and Highest Overall were in each case:

1st Bourne Valley Team 1  
Points 460, 414 & 874  
2nd 3rd Salisbury Points  
451, 362 & 813  
3rd 6th Salisbury Points  
421, 354 & 775

##### Highest Individual Overall

1st Tommy Brown BV 171  
2nd Ollie Robson 4th 170  
3rd Zoe Gordon 3rd 166

##### Highest Individual Sitting

1st Aaron McLachan 4th 92  
2nd Lilah Khan 3rd 89  
3rd Tommy Brown BV 88

##### Highest Individual Standing

1st Ollie Robson 4th 85  
Joint 2nd were  
Oliver Bravery BV 83  
and Tommy Brown BV 83  
3rd Jake Turner BV 82

The next event will be the District Kart Races on Saturday, 19th May.

*Mark Warner*  
ADC Scouts

## EXPLORERS

**SalisburyPlainESU** entered the Rotary Club Swimathon and completed 89 lengths raising funds for The Rotary charities.

#### MAY CAMP BUTCHERS COPPICE.

High See Saw, Gladiator Challenge and more.

**Gilwell124** Bookings have been made - could have well over 50 ES attending.

**YL** There is available information on YL Partnership

Agreements with Groups. Suggest such agreements are coordinated through Dominic. There is also available a Quality Programme Checker for YL.

**JOTT** is on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - you only have to walk somewhere!

*John Wyeth*  
DESC

## Adult Training

Hello all

There are two County events that had to be cancelled due to the snow which have now been rearranged. The training that was due to take place on the Sunday the 18th of March has now been changed to the 20<sup>th</sup> of May and the GSL's /AGSL's workshop due to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March has been changed to the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. Booking for the workshop is now open and applications can be made via <https://goo.gl/forms/8LvYKdPFTp1XIJem1> if you have problems accessing this please email Graham Belston on [graham@g4ghb.co.uk](mailto:graham@g4ghb.co.uk) who will be able to book you on. We think Kelvin will be contacting people about the training but will let you know if not.

We also have two events in Salisbury which are our monthly Drop In on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April from 7.30p.m at DMH and a 1<sup>st</sup> Response Course on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May also at DMH (this course will include a Refresher in the Morning but from now on only 2 Refresher Courses will be allowed) If you would like to attend please contact

us so that we can add your name to the list.

Graham and Elaine Murrell  
CLTM DTA



SASU members enjoyed an evening of table games last month and this month shared some memories of living in Salisbury during the latter half of the last century with photographs taken from a collection held at Salisbury Museum, presented by David Chilton.

SASU hope to hold a Sweet and Biscuit Tombola at the St George's Day celebration, and are looking for donations of both to be passed to Deana.

Next month we are holding a social evening on 10th May at DMH, and a trip to the Mary Rose is being planned for Sunday, 20th May, details to follow.

We send our Congratulations to one of our older members who is celebrating their 90th birthday this month, and wish them many happy returns of the day.

Barbara White  
Service and Social Team  
coordinator

### Mayoral Scout & Guide 2018/19



We are recruiting reserves for the Mayoral Scout and Guide for 2018/19.

The role of The Mayoral Scout and Guide is to support The Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Salisbury at different civic functions which could be as varied as meeting dignitaries, handing leaflets out, carrying the flag in ceremonies, to serving tea in the Guildhall.

The reserve is to support the Mayoral Scout and Guide with the option to take on the full role the following year.

This is very prestigious and rewarding and will enhance your CV and will only take up as much time as you can give.

If you are interested please contact Roger Demain-Griffiths with an expression of interest before

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2018** on:  
[roger.demaingriffiths@wiltshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:roger.demaingriffiths@wiltshirescouts.org.uk)  
or call 01722 333931



### Lest We Forget

'The four year World War I is coming to an end in November of 1918. Many more will die before then as fighting continues in France, Belgium Africa, Russia, Finland and elsewhere. Will there be peace for all the world afterwards?

John Wyeth

### St George's Day Celebration

Come and celebrate Scouting and our Patron Saint - St George on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Wyndham Park Open Space, College St, Salisbury, starting at 1:50pm until 4.30pm

The afternoon will include a flag parade, reflection, renewal of promises and award recognition followed by Group stalls offering fun games & activities for all the family and some inter-Group challenges. Which Group can win the St George's Day Trophy?



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