

Yellow Peril

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From the District Commissioner's desk

Three service awards this month. Congratulations to Graham Murrell for 25 year's service and to John Fry and Cindy Demain-Griffiths for 15 years. This made me think how many years total service has all the leaders put in to date? It must run in to thousands or years of volunteering. Perhaps if I get five minutes I will work it out.

Last December Sam Murphy reached the grand old age of 18 and formally took on the role of District Youth Commissioner. Sam has been busy liaising with Matt Mollart the County Youth Commissioner, doing his training and getting ready for You Shape month which is going on now. Sam outlined his ideas at the Monday meeting so please do welcome him along to your meetings so that he can help you and your young people to get more involved in designing and implementing their own programmes.

Earlier this month I was invited to a meeting in a pub of half a dozen youngsters who are just finishing or finished Explorers and want to start an active Scout Network Unit in the District so that they can continue their Scouting experience for themselves as well as becoming leaders etc. in various sections. It was a fun and lively meeting full of ideas and aspirations for the future. The outcome is Dan Bavister has taken on the role of District Scout Network Commissioner and the group has decided to meet fortnightly. Their first meeting will be 7:30pm on Thursday 22nd March in the

PJ room at Dennis Marsh House. Network Scouts is available to members aged between 18 and 25 years so if you want to do some Scouting away from your Group contact Dan and join the meeting. Dan's contact details are in the latest issue of the directory available in the members area of the District web site.

Another new initiative is the SASU Adult Support Unit co-ordinated by Olwen Brockway. They have had their first meeting to look at how they can support Groups and sections in the District. Ideas ranged from specific skills training, supporting local District Training, running a crèche for leaders' children, running a section programme if a leader is unavailable plus many others. Obviously none of this can happen without people signing up to offer support. If you would like to be involved, then please contact Olwen. Remember the next time you find you can't make your section meeting as you are ill or your car has broken down you can contact this SAS Unit for help, but that help will only be their if we have members willing to be called on.

I get all sorts of requests ranging from borrowing tents for weddings to delivering leaflets but this month I have been asked if we have any Scouters who can do fancy knotting and in particular a 36" Fancy Bell Pull for a church. If anyone can do this and fancy having a go let me know

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The annual census is taking up a large amount of my time at the moment. Hopefully by the time you read this the last two Groups who have to complete will have done so and the census can be submitted to County. Initial indications show that we have increased in all four youth sections but I will have the actual figures ready for the next Monday meeting.

District Camp site project is moving forward, Hexy now has a logo but is still looking for ideas and volunteers. Don't be shy in coming forward the only people who are going to make this become a reality are you. Fundraising continues with £713 from the Everest climb, £48 from old £1 coins, £51 from a donated bag of coins which included a 2012 Olympic 50p piece with the off side rule which we sold on EBay for £12.94. Look through your change, you might find some more.

Once again all sections have been active with Group and District events. I have been told of hikes, swimming, visits to the Fire Station, visit to the Victorian underground reservoir that used to store water for Steam Trains, Scrap Heap challenge, night cycling, town quiz, haggis hunting, winter camp,

and a very enjoyable SASU Dinner at the Winterbourne Arms.

It all happens in Salisbury and South Wiltshire. Thank you to everyone who makes this happen and enables our young people to have fantastic experiences.

Hope to see many of you when I am out and about in the District.

*Dave Waspe
District Commissioner*

The next leaders' meeting will be on Monday, 5th March 2018 starting at 8pm at DMH. Coffee served in the PJ Room from 7:30pm. 3rd Salisbury to provide Prayer/Thought and Raffle please.



Hello everyone

I hope all the Beavers who came along to the Film Afternoon enjoyed themselves; from the comments received I believe they and some of the Younger Leaders did. There are still some groups who have not paid yet. Please would you let me have payment as soon as possible.

The next District Event for Beavers is St George's Day which is being planned by members of SASU. At the moment the only details

I have are the date which is Sunday the 29th of April. We are also planning to hold a Football Skills day again which will probably be in May.

Last month I asked if there were any Groups interested in going to The Winchester Science Centre for a Sleepover but have only had 1 or 2 replies. Please would you let me know if your Colony would be interested or not.

Finally County are planning another Beaver Leader Workshop. This year it will only be held on one day rather than over the weekend. The date set for this is Sunday the 23rd of September. Full details to follow.

*Graham Murrell
ADC Beavers*



Many thanks to all those Packs who come along this month. Congratulations to Tisbury for winning the District Scrapheap Challenge last month and represented us at County earlier this month.

District 5-a-side Football, Saturday, 10th February 2018, Chafyn Grove School. Cost £15/team.

11 teams entered and entries are now closed.

District Chess Compe-

tition, Saturday, 17th March 2018, DMH. Each Pack may enter a team (maximum of 3 Cubs/team) – Details to follow.

District Swimming Gala, Saturday, 28th April 2018, 5 Rivers Leisure Centre. Details to follow.

District Trip to Brownsea Island. Saturday, 16th June 2018. Open to all Packs with transport from Salisbury to Sandbanks, ferry crossing and entry provided with an estimated cost of £15 per person.

Details to follow in near future. Please let me know if your Pack wishes to come along and numbers can be confirmed in March/April. If you wish to be involved in organising this event then please do contact me as well.

Please continue to forward your programme plans to me and I look forward to visiting Pack events/meetings over the coming year.

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ADC Cubs
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SCOUTS 

Dates for 2018:

25 February - County Cooking Competition

11 March - District Shooting and Archery Competition at Harnham Scout Hall. Details will be sent out shortly.

24 - 25 March - Survival Camp at Downton

4 - 6 May - County PL / APL Training

12 May - Jamboree on the Trail in the New Forest

19 May - District Kart Races

8 June - Inter-Troop Challenge at Harnham Scout Hall

8 July - District Raft Races

30 September - Grose Trophy

6 - 7 October - County Camping Competition

20 - 21 October - County JOTA / JOTI

24 November - District Cooking Competition

Cheers

Mark Warner
ADC Scouts

EXPLORERS

Oliver Hopkins has achieved his Diamond CSA and YL Belt.

YL Training

Mod I - 27 February 2018; Mod B - 27 March 2018

Monopoly Run London
LaverstockESU are taking part on the 3rd March with two teams entered.

Wide Game Old Sarum
23rd March 2018

ES Camp
Butchers Coppice
4-6 May 2018

Dartmoor2
25-28 October 2018.
Organised by LaverstockESU

John Wyeth
DESC

ADULT TRAINING

Hello all

Our next drop in is on Monday the 19th of February from 7.30p.m in the PJ Room at DMH.

There are also several events being organised by the County which are a GSL's Training weekend on the 24th and 25th of February, a GSL's Workshop on Sunday the 4th of March, an ADC's Forum at Bristol on Saturday the 10th of March and a Training Weekend at the Wiltshire Scout Centre on the 17th and 18th of March. Details of how to apply for these have been sent out, but if you are unable to find these or have problems booking on please contact us.

Graham and Elaine Murrell
CLTM DTA



SASU friends enjoyed a meal together enjoying a change of menu from our traditional Christmas Fayre. The planning meeting was led by Peter and Mick and a new programme will be available shortly, including some old favourites as well as new items.

Members will be attending the Founders Day service held by the Wiltshire West team, on Sunday, 18th February at 3.00p.m. at St. Thomas's church Southwick, and hope to enjoy a faith tea together after the service.

There will be a minibus travelling to the Church, if you wish to use this service please contact Mick Chalke or myself, it will be leaving from Wilton Scout HQ at 1.15pm.

The first of this year's social programme will be a pudding evening on Saturday 24th February at DMH in the PJ room. Bring and share puddings which can be hot or cold, the evening to

start at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Barbara White
Service and Social Team coordinator

Adult Support SAS Update

A few of us met recently to discuss how we could make the Unit more proactive. We identified what had already been done, reviewed where we were with the Service Agreement and pooled ideas about how else we could support the adults in the District, particularly those in Groups, to provide exciting Scouting for the young people.

We are intending to have a get-together for all those who have signed up for the Unit and for any others who might like to join us, in the PJ Room towards the end of February or beginning of March. Date will be circulated widely and as soon as possible.

We are open to requests for support as well!

Further information about what support we can offer and how the Unit is developing will follow but queries can be

directed to Olwen by email:

olwen.brockway@wiltshirescouts.org.uk

**Wanted
Safeguarding
Awareness
Co-ordinator.**

Reporting to the County Commissioner, Full details and a role description available from Steve Barley CC.
Email stephenbarley@btinternet.com Tel. 07712 895828.



LEST WE FORGET

3rd March 1918. A peace treaty is signed between Soviet Russia and the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey) at Brest-Litovsk. The treaty marks Russia's final withdrawal from World War I. The humiliating terms of the treaty effectively surrenders one third of Russia's population, half of her industry and 90% of her coal mines. Russia also cedes lands including Poland, Ukraine and Finland, and cash payments are made to release Russian prisoners.

John Wyeth



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