

Yellow Peril

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From the District Commissioner's desk

Happy New Year everyone. I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and were able to have a rest. This year has already got off to a flying start. The best surprise was the news that Rachel Squire and her husband Michael were awarded an MBE for services to Children and Families in the New Year Honours list. Congratulations to you both.

Perhaps not quite so grand but just as well deserved Bulford Might Ducks ESU have been nominated for a community award by the Amesbury Area Board. They have been invited to a presentation evening on the 18th January.

The cold weather has not stopped Groups getting out of the Scout Huts or having a Night away. The 3rd Salisbury had their Christmas Party and Sleepover, 23rd Salisbury spent the night in their hall then an early start to hike to Stonehenge for the winter solstice. Several leaders and Explorer Scouts from the District went on the 59th Midwinter Expedition to Bethesda North Wales. 1st Laverstock have been orienteering in the New Forest, and several Groups have been visiting various pantomimes.

My last Scouting event of 2017 was a very kind invitation to the 23rd Salisbury Group Christmas Party. What a great evening, several dodgy looking characters in Christmas Jumpers and a completely original version of The 12 Days of Christmas sung with acting by two leaders who I will not embarrass and name.

The coming year will see some changes in the District. Richard Waters has been managing the District Scout Shop for four years. In that time, he has introduced improved stock control, electronic point of sale, debit card machine plus many other tweaks. The shop is on a sound financial footing, making a positive contribution to the funds of the District. Due to changes in his personal life Richard now has to stand down so we are

looking for a replacement manager. Should you know anyone who would be willing to take on the management of the shop then please let Richard or myself know. No previous Scouting Experience is necessary but an understanding of managing a retail outlet would be useful.

Two other changes looming are Peter Handford and Paul Prince. Peter has managed Dennis Marsh House for many years and you only have to look at the fabric of our Head Quarters so see what a magnificent job he does. Paul Prince has been District Secretary for over four years. Most of Pauls work is unseen but without his attention to detail, District Exec meetings, AGM's, Annual Census and the District Directory to name a few would not operate as smoothly as they do. We need your help to find replacements for these people so if you know anyone please get in touch. Again no previous Scouting Experience is necessary.

Lastly we have been trying to find a District Explorer Scout Treasurer for some time. Please ask all your contacts in families work etc. and if anyone is willing to volunteer let John Wyeth know.

Census information has gone out to all GSL's in the last few days. Please help your GSL by getting your section returns in on time. Please don't leave it to the last minute as this puts unnecessary pressure on those who collate and validate the information who also have a deadline. If you have any questions or queries on Census then please contact Paul or myself.

2018 sees the start of our main fundraising activities for the District Camp Site. Thanks to everyone who has contacted Hexy (Ian Hecks) with ideas and suggestions over the past month. We should not underestimate what will be required.

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It will need the input of every single Youth Member, Leader, Section, Group and Unit in the District if we are to reach our goal. This project will be of benefit to everyone in the District both now and for many years to come. Just imagine in a few year's time we could be holding our first District Camp, St Georges Day event, Training event, Group Camp or District Competition on our own Salisbury and South Wiltshire District Camp Site.

Lastly thanks to everyone for the enormous effort put in to deliver the Christmas Post. John will have all the figures later on in the year but the perception is that other than a 97 card hiccup in Larkhill (which 1st Bulford sorted out) sorting and deliveries went well.

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 February 2018 starting at 8pm at DMH. Coffee served in the PJ Room from 7:30pm. 2nd Salisbury to provide Prayer/Thought and Raffle please.



Hello all

I hope you all enjoyed Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Our first event for 2018 is our film show which is being held at Winterbourne on Saturday the 27th of January. All Beavers Leaders

should have received details of this but if you have not or have any questions please contact me.

At our January meeting we discussed future events for the year and one idea was for a District Sleepover at The Winchester Science Centre. Please let me know if your Colony would be interested in attending this.

Please don't forget to let me know what your Colony is doing this term especially if you are out and about or camping.

*Graham Murrell
ADC Beavers*



Many thanks to all those Packs who come along this month following the Christmas break and Happy New Year to you all.

We discussed the outline for District events up until Summer 2018 and Leaders were encouraged to forward comments/suggestions in advance of me attending County ADC meeting on Thursday, 11th January at WSC.

District Scrapheap Challenge

Saturday; 20th January, DMH. Details are already circulated for this event. Please confirm if your Pack is planning on attending this event. Further information from

Rob Morgan via cubs@bulfordscouts.org.uk

County Scrapheap Challenge

Saturday; 3rd February, WSC, Potterne - for the winners of District competition to represent at County level.

District 5-a-side Football

Saturday; 10th February 2018, Chafyn Grove School. Cost £15/team. Details to follow via email to Packs. My thanks to Jenny and Rob (Tisbury) for organising this event.

District Chess Competition

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 JOTT Hike

(provisional event), Saturday, 12th May 2018, venue -tbc (? Winterslow.) 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 by February meeting if this is something your Pack wishes to be involved with and forward approximate numbers of those attending at February's meeting too.

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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SCOUTS

A Happy New Year to everyone.

Some dates for 2018 are as follows (This is not yet the full list):

Shooting and Archery Competition
11 March 2018.

JOTT 12 May 2018. A District Event in the New Forest.

InterTroop Challenge
22nd June 2018.

County Camp (Provisional) 29 June to 1 July 2018.

Raft Races
8 July 2018.

Grose Trophy
30 September 2018.

Cooking Competition
24 November 2018.

There are some other events to be scheduled

Mark Warner
ADC (Scouts)

EXPLORERS

SalisburyPlainESU and Caz Taylor have been nominated for an award from the Amesbury Area Board in relation to community work they have done at Amesbury.

59th Midwinter Expedition 2017 was to Snowdonia. Accommodation was in an old Salvation Army Hall at Bethesda which now belongs to the Greater London South West Scout County. Twenty five took part of which nearly half were from this District and included ES, Network and Leaders.

Four good days walking were had including several tops. The wind was nearly 50mph on top of Snowdon so this peak was not achieved through safety concerns. It was cold, they walked in snow and on some very wet ground with very heavy rain at times. Only a few blisters and enjoyed by all.

Next year is the 60th Midwinter Expedition – where will it be to, will you be there?

John Wyeth
DESC



59th Midwinter Expedition

Explorers and Leaders Prepare to set off for Moel Eilio

726 Metres



Happy New Year to everyone.

SASU members will be helping with the District Scout Panto, but are needing some more volunteers to cover all the help required. There will be a planning meeting for the months ahead at DMH on Thursday 25th January, at DMH at 7.30 p.m. do come along with ideas or contacts for interesting sessions for us. Our After Christmas Dinner this year will be on Saturday 3rd February at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. at the Winterbourne Arms. Places are limited, and we are asked to pre-order our

meals from a refreshed menu I will circulate very shortly.

Looking ahead we are invited to join with Active support members across the County for our Founders Day service at Southwick, Nr. Trowbridge on Sunday 18th February. Transport may be available on the day.

Barbara White
Service and Social team coordinator

Adult Training

We hope you all enjoyed Christmas and have a Happy New Year. Our next drop in is on Mon-

day January the 29th from 7.30p.m in the PJ Room.

In February there is GSL's Training the weekend of the 24th and 25th of February (details are on the Wiltshire Scout website) and in March at the Wiltshire Scout Centre there is a GSL's Skills day on Sunday the 4th and a Training Weekend from the 17th to the 18th. More details for both of these to follow.

Graham and Elaine Murrell
CLTM DTA



Lest We Forget

THE WAR GOES ON

Hospital ship REWA torpedoed in English Channel.

Enemy destroyer bombs Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Turkish Dead Sea Flotilla seized by Arab Camelry at El Mezraa.

Latvia, Estonia and Finland declare independence.

John Wyeth



23rd Salisbury on the Winter Solstice Hike to Stonehenge



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