

Yellow Peril

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From the District Commissioner's desk

Scouters in the District work very hard to provide exciting and challenging Scouting to our young people. They freely give their time and expertise often quietly in the background. It is always a pleasure to recognise this and this month the Chief Scout Award for Merit was presented to Paul Hardiman and Beverley Turner. Congratulations to you both.

Congratulations are also due to Edward Halsey, Ruth Hawkins, Stephen McPherson, Matthew Sutton and Lloyd Turner who have all completed their leader training and have been presented with their Woodbadges.

Then to put the icing on the cake we have a new Queen Scout in the District. Oliver Hopkins originally from 6th Salisbury, Explorer Scout, Young Leader, Ex Mayoral Scout, completed and has been awarded his Queen Scout Award. I was privileged to see Oliver's final presentation to Laverstock LARKS and the County Commissioner. It was truly inspiring and showed what young people can achieve in Scouting. Well done Oliver.

The census figures have now been completed and the statistics calculated. The number of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers has increased for the 6th consecutive year and all sections have shown an increase in membership. This is particularly pleasing in the Scout section who increased by 25 despite Alderbury and 14th Bemerton having to temporarily suspend their Troops due to lack of leaders in the former and lack of Scouts in the latter. Sadly, I write this on International Women's Day and the number of young ladies in the District has decreased this year by 17. Details of the census for Groups will be sent out to ADC's and GSL's so that they can share them with you and you can use them when looking at recruitment plans for the next year. Thanks to

everyone for all the work you do. Youngsters vote with their feet, run a good programme and they will join. You must be doing something right, well done.

The census showed a small decrease of 2 Leaders but an increase of 12 Section Assistants during the last year. This is fine but when looked at in the context of training there is a worrying trend in new leaders and section assistants not completing "Getting Started" training within 5 months of being appointed. The lists of Leaders and Section Assistants who have not completed "Getting Started" are being sent to GSL's. Approximately 2 hours training is required for modules 01 and 03 plus a completed Learning Plan (Mod 02) in the first 5 months. If you have outstanding training talk to Graham Murrell the County Local Training Manager for this District and he will help you complete your training requirement.

The new rules on Data Protection came in to force this month. This affects us all even if we are only keeping a simple register of attendance. The Scout Guidance Document has been distributed to GSL's and ADC's to email on to their groups and sections. My apologies if you get it twice but it is important that you are made aware of your responsibilities on data protection. If you have not received a copy please contact them.

St George's Day celebrations information for 2018 has also been distributed by the organising team and requires an input from all Groups. Again if you have not received the information ask your GSL and ADC.

The recent "Beast from the East" caused a few cancellations of meetings and events. None of us like to cancel meetings etc. but safety of our youngsters and ourselves is always paramount. Some Groups of course

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bucked the winter trend, 23rd Cubs had their winter camp but sadly the sun shone all weekend!!! Thanks for all your reports on what you are getting up to, I do enjoy seeing them.

Lastly my time as DC for this fantastic District is coming to an end so we need to find a new younger more dynamic model. Gerry Russell has started the DC search so if you have any nominations or you wish to nominate yourself please contact Gerry gerald-russell770@btinternet.com The role is a rewarding one and if you look on Facebook you will see that it even includes cleaning tables after being invited to a meeting!!

Spring is on the way so start getting the camping kit ready. 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, 9th April 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

The next event that Beavers can get involved in is the St George's Day Celebration on Sunday the 29th of April. Hopefully you and the other sections in your group will be taking part.

At our meeting we discussed future events which

included Swimming, a Hike (possibly the 14th or 15th July) Football and a District Camp. I will let you have full details of these as soon as possible. There is also another Beaver Leader Workshop planned for Sunday the 23rd of September. I do not have full details of what bases will be on offer but this time leaders will need to book sessions before they arrive rather than on the day.

This year it is our turn to organise the District Annual Meeting. The date for this (which has already been set by the District) is Saturday the 9th of June. We talked about some things we could do at our meeting but if anyone has any ideas please let me know. We need to encourage more people to come along.

Please don't forget when taking Beavers out for an activity away from your usual meeting place there is a minimum Ratio of 1 Adult to 6 Beavers plus the Leader in Charge. Explorer Young Leaders who are helping your Group cannot be counted as an Adult. If you are using an External Organisation/Company for your activity please check POR and the Activity Fact Sheets to see what other requirements are needed (i.e. The Qualifications and Liability Insurance of the people running the Activity).

Graham Murrell
ADC Beavers



District Chess Competition, Saturday, 17th March 2018, DMH.

Details already distributed and submission of entries closes on Friday 9th March 2018

District Swimming Gala, Saturday, 28th April 2018, 5 Rivers Leisure Centre. Details to follow. Thanks to Tony Baker for again organising the entries for this event.

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 April meeting if this is something your Pack wishes to be involved with.

A good number of Silver Awards have recently been awarded and many thanks for forwarding your programmes to me.

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ADC Cubs

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An update on District and County events:

11 March 2018 - District Archery and Shooting Competition. Details have been sent out and booking of timeslots has been good.

24 - 25 March 2018 - This has been cancelled. An idea at the meeting would be to re-schedule this for later in the year. Will James is to arrange a date with the other Downton Leaders.

4 - 6 May 2018 - County PL and APL Training. A number of Scouts from the District have booked on to this. I believe that bookings are now full but there is a reserve list.

12 May 2018 - Jamboree on the Trail. Register on the website for the event.

19 May 2018 - District Kart Races. Details to follow.

8 June 2018 - Inter-Troop Challenge at Harnham Scout Hall. Patrol vs Patrol five minute challenges.

8 July 2018 - District Raft Races.

*Mark Warner
ADC Scouts*

EXPLORERS⁺

Wide Game - Old Sarum, Friday, 23 March - all Units meet layby 7.30pm.

YL Training 27 March 2018. YL Training Mod B

ES May Camp Butchers Coppice 4-6 May 2018. Gladiator Challenge See Saw and more.

Car Treasure Hunt 8 June 2018.

Gilwell24 6 – 8 July 2018
Dartmoor 25-28 October 2018.

*John Wyeth
DESC*



SASU friends enjoyed a very successful pudding evening incorporating quizzes as well as tastings of the many puddings and deserts brought along by

members. Apple pie was selected as the favourite taste of the evening. Made again this year by Sue Knight. Well done Sue.

Our next evening will be a games evening so do come along and join in perhaps an old favourite, or learn a new game. This will be held at DMH on Thursday 15th March, at 7.30pm. Looking ahead we will be sharing again memories prompted by some of the photographs used in the Salisbury Journal, on Thursday 12th April, at DMH, brought to us in the form of a quiz by David Chilton, in conjunction with his archival work with Salisbury Museum. All are welcome to join us.

Barbara White, Service and Social team coordinator

Adult Leader Training

Our next two Drop In sessions are on the 26th of March and the 23rd of April in the PJ Room at DMH from 7.30p.m. We have also organised another 1st Response Course for Saturday the 5th of May at DMH. If your certificate has run out or you are doing the course for the first time you will need to do the full course (Morning and Afternoon), if however you have a Certificate which expires on or after the 5th of May you will be able to do the Renewal Course which is the morning only. If you wish to attend please let us know so we can add you to our list.

Bookings for the Training Weekend at The Wiltshire

Scout Centre on the 17th/18th of March closed on the 10th of March. We have already written to some Leaders to confirm their places but if you have not heard from us please let us know so that we can check your booking with the County Training Manager.

Due to the weather the GSL's Workshop which was due to take place on the 4th of March was cancelled and has possibly been rescheduled for the 15th of April. More details about this will be sent out soon.

Finally please don't forget to check your details shown on Compass are correct as it is your responsibility to do so. If your Safety or Safeguarding Training is out of date please do this on line and send us copies of your certificates. We have been asked if a group of people can do the Online Training for these at the same time. Unfortunately only one Certificate can be printed at a time so Leaders will need to do this individually.

May we also remind all Leaders and Helpers that if it is shown on your training record that you need to do Module1, or 1, 2 and 3 your Role will remain Provisional until these have been done and validated, however if the Role is shown as Pre Provisional you will also need to check if your appointment has been approved by the Appointments Committee and the DC as it will not change to Full or Provisional until this is done.

Please contact us if you have any questions about training.

Graham and Elaine Murrell
CLTM DTA

Adult Support Unit Meeting on Wednesday, March 21st at 7.30pm in PJ Room. Refreshments available and the meeting is open to anyone who is interested in supporting adults in the District to enable young people to have exciting Scouting. It would help to have a rough idea of numbers so please e mail Olly to register interest.

WANTED Nominations are now needed for the role of District Commissioner;

Dave's term of office is shortly due to come to an end. The County Commissioner has asked me to start the search.

*I need YOU to tell me who you think will be an asset in this, sometimes challenging role.

*Please do not tell the person that you are nominating him/her. The County Commissioner will tell them that they have been.

*You may nominate yourself.

*The County Commissioner will make the final choice, neither I nor Dave will be involved in this.

*The role description may be viewed on the Scout website.

Please email your suggestions to me, gerald.russell@wiltshirescouts.org.uk. The closing date for

nominations is 1st April 2018.

Gerald Russell, County Appointments Secretary.



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 **21st April 2018** on: roger.demain-griffiths@wiltshirescouts.org.uk or call 01722 333931

St George's Day Celebration

Come and celebrate Scouting and our Patron



Saint - St George on Sunday, 29th April 2018 at Wyndham Park Open Space, College St, Salisbury, starting at 2pm until 4.30pm

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



Lest We Forget

The **1918 Spring Offensive** or Kaiserschlacht (Kaiser's Battle), also known as the Ludendorff Offensive, was a series of German attacks along the Western Front during the First World War, beginning on 21 March 1918, which marked the deepest advances by either side since 1914. In just five hours nearly 1,000,000 artillery shells were fired at British lines, 3 thousand shells every minute. Over one and a half million casualties or losses over both sides.

John Wyeth



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