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From the District Commissioner's desk

A member of Amesbury Cub Pack has decided to raise funds for Dorothy House Foundation Ltd. because they are looking after their Daddy who is fighting Cancer. This young Cub has set a target of £50 and as I write I see they have already raised £200. I know that we are always being asked to put our hands in our pockets for all sorts of worthy causes but when I see one of our Cub Scouts raising sponsorship by having their head shaved to support their Dad I can't let it go. If you can spare a few pounds or your youngsters would like to support this Amesbury Cub Scout go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ciaran9ashford-wells> and read his story.

St George's Day was celebrated in style. I have received several positive comments from members of the general public, parents, leaders and young members of our movement. It was just a shame that it was so cold. This year a post event survey using Survey Monkey was made available to all leaders so that they could anonymously give feedback on the events. 25% of the district responded to the Survey of which 70% of those responding said they attended the event. Overall the event was well received especially the inclusion of the challenges in the central arena. There were many positive comments and suggestions including "More relevant than previous years", "Fete layout worked well", "Good event with lots of fun activities to take part in" as well as some negative comments and suggestions for improvements including "Advance notice of date – ensure information is passed down to everyone", "Find a louder and clearer PA" and "Leaders to inform young people of any opportunities such as Tug of War before the event". The full survey comments and results have been collated along with all the administration documentation in to a pack that will be available to whoever organises any future St

George's Day celebrations.

My thanks to everyone on the organising team for their hard work, to all the groups who put on some fantastic stalls and to all the young people and their leaders who came along and reaffirmed their promises.

What date will it be in 2019? That's for the District Exec and the new District Commissioner to decide, and if you want to know who the new DC is, come along to the District AGM on the 9th of June and our County Commissioner or his representative will introduce you to them.



Sadly, this month we said goodbye to one of our older members. John Naish, an ex District Commissioner and Honorary Scouter sadly passed away on the 18th April. Johns funeral was attended by a large contingent of Scouters from our District and from County as well as many of his old Scouts. John left the District in style his cortege being led by the District Flag.

Hopefully you have all seen the email from Tim Kidd, UK Chief Commissioner outlining the plans for the next 5 years and the vision "As Scouts, we are committed to preparing more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities". If not go to <http://scouts.org.uk/about-us/strategy/vision-for-2023/>

You all know that the District is already meeting this vision but it does no harm to review it and see what your Group can do to help continue to meet these goals and aspirations. Over the next 5 years there will no doubt be changes and challenges but it's the

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amazing leaders of Salisbury and South Wiltshire who will carry on delivering inspiring programmes in the sections and Groups.

You know it works, young people have choices and more and more of them are choosing to join your Groups.

Lastly two updates this month. Graham our LTM announced training for TA's. If you would like to be a TA or you are one of the existing 16 TA's listed for the District on Compass and would like to update your knowledge of the Leader Training Scheme please let Graham know. The more TA's we have the more leaders we can progress through the training scheme.

There is a change occurring at Old Sarum Scout Group. The Old Sarum Beaver and Cub sections have strong youth membership but the Group has had difficulty in finding an effective and active Executive. The 23rd Salisbury Executive and leaders have kindly agreed to Old Sarum becoming part of the 23rd Salisbury and providing the governance that the Group requires. Old Sarum Group will retain its identity still meeting as it does now in Old Sarum Community Centre. The plan is that Old Sarum Group will benefit from the guidance and experience of the 23rd and sometime in the future break away as a Group in its own right with a fully functioning Executive and three active sections.

I look forward to seeing you around the District at your AGM's, the next Monday

meeting and the District AGM.

Dave Waspe
District Commissioner

The next leaders' meeting will be on Monday, 4th June 2018 starting at 8pm at DMH. Coffee served in the PJ Room from 7:30pm. 6th Salisbury to provide Prayer/Thought and Raffle please.



Hello everyone

The next event we are planning for Beavers this term is our Football Skills Day on the pitch at QinetiQ Boscombe Down Sports Pitch SP4 OJE on Sunday the 3rd 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 by the 31st of May. Certificates and Activity Permission Forms have been emailed out to Leaders but if you have not received these please let me know.

Following the Football event we are planning a Hike on either the 14th or 15th of July (full details to follow) and a Sleepover at the Winchester Science Centre on the 29th of September. The cost for the Sleepover will be £35 (excluding transport) as long as we get 75 Beavers to attend. The sleepover begins at 6.30 on Saturday evening and will finish at 9.30a.m on Sunday. The

cost includes Exhibit Play-time, Drinks, Breakfast and a Planetarium Show.

The Beaver Section are also organising the District Annual Meeting this year which is on Saturday June the 9th year and plans are going well. If you are 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 23rd of September. Details of activities/bases have not been finalised yet but Leaders will need to book on in advance rather than decide on the day.

Graham Murrell
ADC Beavers



Many thanks for all those Packs present at this month's meeting which, admittedly, was looking forward to the District's visit to Brownsea Island on Saturday 16th June. I understand the last time a District Cubs visit was in 2007. Numbers are now confirmed and will be more than 250 Cubs and Leaders from 15 Packs. Final details etc will be emailed over coming weeks but we plan to meet at Salisbury Coach Station at 8am and will return by circa 6pm. Payment of £15 per person attending is required promptly please as expenses are significant.

Congratulations to 23rd Salisbury and all 78 Cubs who took part in our recent swimming gala. Donations

from programmes etc total £91 which as a Section we have donated to the District Camp Site Fund. Many thanks to all who supported and help run the event which went smoothly. We discussed looking at a District Cub Camp next year and dates and costs will be discussed at next month's meeting. Please consider if your Pack wants to take part.

Many thanks for continuing to forward programmes and let me know about CSSA's when they've been achieved. This last financial year has seen a record 78 CSSA's awarded within the District – testament to the active programmes being delivered and us all now familiar with the “new” Challenge Awards.

Forthcoming District events are listed below, and further information will follow:

Saturday, 17th November 2018 (Afternoon) Handicraft Exhibition, DMH.

Saturday, 19th January 2019 (Afternoon) District Scrapheap Challenge, DMH.

Saturday, 9th February 2019 (Afternoon) 5-a-side football competition, Chafyn Grove School.

Saturday, 23rd March 2019 (Afternoon) Chess Competition.

Saturday, 30th March 2019 (Afternoon) Swimming Gala, 5 Rivers Leisure Centre.

Saturday, 15th June 2019 (All day) County Fun Day, St John's School, Marlborough.

Tuesday 18th June 2019

(tbc) (Evening) Athletics Badge – venue tbc.

Saturday 5th October 2019 (All day) Challenge Flag – venue tbc.

Look forward to seeing you throughout the term.

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SCOUTS 

4 - 6 May 2018 - County PL and APL Training. A number of Scouts from the District attended this. Please can feedback be emailed to me.

12 May 2018 - Jamboree on the Trail. A number of Troops took part in this. Please can I have a brief report of your event.

19 May 2018 - District Kart Races. This event takes place on Saturday.

08 June 2018 - Inter-Troop Challenge at Harnham Scout Hall. Patrol vs Patrol five minute challenges. Please can Leaders provide some challenges.

08 July 2018 - District Raft Races.

Mark Warner
ADC Scouts

EXPLORERS 



May Camp Butchers Coppice. Weather was very warm and the activities undertaken were crate stacking, high see saw, tomahawk, cave and visit to beach.

YL Mid I being held on 31st May. Mod A later in June or July.

JOTT - StratfordSwallowsESU and BVESU took part.

Programme Checker. Reminder to use Programme Checker every so often. Example: How many times a year does your Unit engage with the local community?

Moving On. Reminder to get involved in the Moving On Award – Scouts to ES to Network.

Treasure Hunt 8th June 2018. Watch out for details.

John Wyeth
DESC



SASU members met at the beginning of May for a social evening, and to try our hand at folding paper doves, to link with those hanging in the Cathedral. Our aging fingers found it tricky and some resorted to videos on their phone to see if there was an easier way.

On Sunday 20th May there is a trip arranged by Mick Chalke to the Mary Rose and Portsmouth Dockyard, and plans are in hand for a picnic in the New forest a fortnight later.

The final destination will be relayed to members shortly.

Saturday 2nd June is the Annual Clean Up at Dennis Marsh House starting at 10.00 a.m. Please come along and offer a hand, cleaning materials are available, but do bring your own Mari-golds. If everyone gave a little help, it won't take long.

*Barbara White,
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Coordinator*

ADULT TRAINING

Hello all

The next two Drop Ins at Dennis Marsh House are on Monday the 11th of June and Monday the 16th of July from 7.30p.m, (unfortunately due to the Bank Holidays we have been unable to arrange one in May)

Please don't forget the GSL's Workshop on the 8th of July (this replaces

the day in March that was cancelled due to the weather) and the County Training weekend on the 17th and 18th of November. (full details to follow) We also have a First Response Course planned for the 8th of September.

Finally we have already sent out an email but if anyone is interested in becoming a TA please would you let us know.

Graham and Elaine Murrell
CLTM DTA



Zonnebeke, Belgium 1918.

Painting by Major Sir William Newenham Montague Orpen, KBE, RA, RHA (27 November 1878 – 29 September 1931), an official WW1 war artist.



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