

Yellow Peril

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From the District Commissioner's desk

Hello!

The key messages for my "From the DC" this month is one of thanks, planning and safety. As always there are too many people to name individually, but, I must thank:

- all those who've assisted with completing the census returns for sections, for Groups and for the District: you've helped to make sure that completing this annual task is as pain free as possible!
- all those who've been recognised at the Scouter's Meeting this month with a length of service award: quick add up of years of service recognised comes to nigh on 200 years – thanks for all you do for our movement!
- all those who work tirelessly without any formal recognition: thank you!

I must also thank two individuals who've stepped forward to take on the role of Deputy DC. When I took this role on almost two years ago, ensuring that I had appropriate support was one of my main concerns, and the concern of my family. I am pleased to announce that David Waspe and Michael Hiley will be joining the District Team. Mike becomes Deputy DC (Support), with particular focus on supporting Group Scout Leaders, whilst Dave becomes Deputy DC, without portfolio.

Some key dates for the diary from District include:

St Georges' Day: this is back to Sunday 19th April – apologies for any confusion and outline plans will be sent to GSLs and ADCs for circulation in the next few days (in fact if you receive this in hard copy, you may already have had an email about it!)

Top Awards Celebration: Thursday 21st

May & Wednesday 18th November – we've set these dates, so that we have a structure to work to for these celebration events. We've sent out the invites via the Scouter's meeting for the event in May and will be sending details to GSLs and ADCs very shortly, and for the November events, we'd be looking to collate the names of young people who've achieved their award by the end of the summer term, so that come the September Scouter's meeting, we can distribute invitations.

Over the coming months, as AGM season approaches, the District Team Diary gets full up! Please send in details of your Group AGMs to me, so that we can make sure the District learns of the fantastic things going on in your Groups, by being represented at your AGM.

Lastly, safety has been at the forefront my mind this month, especially as Scouting has been in the media in this regard. Please take a look at your training record, refresh yourself on our policies and processes, and encourage others to do the same. As Scouts, adventure in the outdoors is our key method of providing opportunities for young people to develop Skills For Life – but safety is at the heart of everything we do.

Adventure is key, safety is paramount.

Be safe. Ian.

Ian Porter

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The next leaders' meeting will be on Monday, 30th March 2020 starting at 8pm at DMH. Coffee served in the PJ Room from 7:30pm. 4th Salisbury to provide Prayer/Thought and Raffle please.



A splendid turn out for the March Section Meeting. Thank you to all who attended. It makes a difference to your Colony if it is represented.

The Beaver Activity held on February 8th was reviewed. There was agreement that it was a success and adults and young people enjoyed it. The teamwork amongst the leaders was outstanding and the young people responded enthusiastically to the activities.

The proposed Teddy Bear Parachuting fundraiser had not attracted enough interest, so it was agreed to cancel.

Discussion about the support Colonies felt they would like from the District took place and leaders offered solutions and success stories to assist some of the challenges that were aired.

Leaders were reminded of the importance of ensuring that the correct training was completed, in particular safety, safeguarding, first aid, GDPR and where required Woodbadge. Risk Assessments should also be in place and updated when necessary.

Following the recent census completion those present were reminded that discussion would take place about the viability of small sections and whether we were really providing Scouting for all who wanted it. The aim of any discussion would be to look at ways to provide Skills for Life to as many young people as possible.

Colony Leaders were thanked for submitting names of CS bronze award

recipients by the deadline for the next Top Awards Ceremony which was announced as May 21st.

This year's St George's Day Celebration will take place on April 19th and will include stalls telling the Community about the Million Hands Project. Further information will be circulated but start to encourage your young people to join the event that will take place in the Guildhall square. It would be great to have a full turn out of colonies.

A reminder that the April Scouters' Meeting will take place on MARCH 30th.

*Olwen and Rachel
Adult Support Unit*



Congratulations to 23rd Salisbury for representing our District at County and winning the Scrapheap Challenge trophy. Our annual 5-a-side football competition was well represented and organised. Well done to all who entered and to Downton for winning the Malcolm Tapper memorial shield for this next year; thank you to Tisbury, (Jenny and Robert), Andy, Pete and Shirley for coordinating!

Crikey, a busy few months ahead.....

Many thanks to those Packs represented at this month's meeting; discussions involved forthcoming District events including:

Saturday, 14th March 2020 (evening) District swimming

gala, Five Rivers Leisure Centre (details sent - entries to Tony Baker by Mon 9th March).

Saturday, 28th March 2020 (afternoon) District Chess competition, DMH (details sent – entries to Jan Patterson by Fri 20th March).

Wednesday, 29th April 2020 (evening) District athletics evening – Salisbury Athletics Track.

26th – 28th June 2020 District Cub Camp (details circulated) – key dates:

Badge competition – entries close Sat 28/3/2020

Badge competition judging 30/3/2020

5GBP deposit for each person by 30/3/2020

Planning meeting 1/4/2020 @ 8pm, Hampton Inn

Final numbers by 4/5/2020

Final payment by 1/6/2020

Saturday, 19th September 2020 District trip to Brownsea Island.

Saturday, 14th November 2020 District Handicraft Exhibition, DMH.

Saturday, 13th February 2021 District 5-a-side football, Chafyn Grove School.

Saturday, 8th May 2021 District trip to Marwell Zoo or Legoland – please let me know your Pack's preference!!

Congratulations to 45 Cubs achieving their Silver Awards and whose names have been submitted to our next Top Awards evening – a reflection on the amazing opportunities offered by your programmes.

Selfishly, I am also in need

of some assistance in some admin help for District events; if you know of anyone who is able to help coordinate bookings and help with our District Cubs' diary then please forward my details – I will also distribute an “advert” which I'd be grateful if you would publicise too!

Finally, we discussed risk assessments along with ensuring that Cubs being taken to events provided by “external providers” should be scrutinised thoroughly including documentation provided regarding indemnity and safety; if in doubt seek advice from your GSL, ADC, DC or County teams.

Look forward to a busy and rewarding District programme over the coming months

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County Cooking Competition

We were represented by Bourne Valley Idmiston and 3rd Salisbury in the recent County Cooking Competition. Congratulations to the 3rd who finished as runners up and now go forward to the Inter-County Competition.

District Shooting and Archery Competition

This is at Harnham Scout Hall on Saturday 21st March. The competition is now full and the running order is as follows:

Troop	Archery	Shooting
2nd Bulford	08:30	09:15
4th Salisbury	09:15	10:00
3rd Salisbury	10:00	10:45
Bourne Valley Idmiston	10:45	11:30
23rd Salisbury	11:30	12:15
23rd Salisbury	12:15	13:00
1st Alderbury	13:00	13:45
Bourne Valley Idmiston	13:45	14:30
10th Salisbury	14:30	15:15
1st Amesbury	15:15	16:00
1st Laverstock	16:00	16:45
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District Kart Races

This will be held at Hudsons Field on either 25th or 26th April 2020. Jon Burton is organising and is finalising details with the Council.

Jamboree on the Trail

This event happens on 09 May 2020. Register your Troop at <https://jott.org.uk/> Lets see how many Scouts we can get hiking on the same day. Organise your own hike or join another group. The 4th normally hike in The New Forest.

District Camp

This will be at Pinsent Campsite, Winchester on the weekend of 15 - 17 May 2020. Richard Pearce is organising and details will be sent out shortly. The site is booked.

District Raft Races

This is confirmed as being at Salisbury Canoe Club on Sunday 05th July 2020.

Mark Warner
ADC Scouts

EXPLORERS*

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Saturday 9th May 2020. Units are planning to walk a circular route around the District with each taken on part of it.

Census From the census returns there appears to be thirteen 14 year olds and forty-eight 13 year olds in the District. Many of these are eligible to join ES now and all by half way through the year. Would Troops and Units liaise to get the Moving On Award done.

Treasurer We are still looking for one. Do you know anyone who might help?

Tomahawk Throwing Reminder that Salisbury Plain ESU have all the equipment.

Gilwell24 check out the website and see highlights of 2019's event - can you spot Vic? Leaders, if going, book your own unit in on line. If a Unit's Leaders not going let me know and I will book them in.

John Wyeth
DESC



Vivien (Viv) Abel who, for many years was Cub Scout Leader at the 4th Salisbury (Harnham) Group. Sadly passed away on 15th February.

Her funeral service will be held at St Martin's Church on 12th March at 3.00p.m.



SASU members came together to prepare the programme for 2020, which will be available shortly.

We will meet at DMH @7.30p.m. on Thursday 19th March to hear short (5-10 min) talks about work we have done in the past.

The following week several of us will watch the Dad's Army production at the Woolstore Theatre, Codford.

We have several Cub activities to support as well as St George's day events in April.

SASU welcome newcomers, as well as old friends.

*Barbara White
Coordinator, Service and
Social Team.*

SAS Adult Support Unit

Our next meeting will be held in PJ Room on Tuesday, March 10th, starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served. This is an open meeting and we welcome anyone who feels they could help support the adults in our District.

The evening's agenda will include a review of support given over recent months, a look at future requests and

some practical work preparing games/activities to place in our emergency programmes boxes.

Please do join us.

Olwen
Adult Support Coordinator



ADULT TRAINING

Details of forthcoming training should have been sent to everyone via Compass but if you have not received these there are still places available on both the training weekend of the 14th and 15th of March and Module 38 being held from the 15th to the 17th of May at the Wiltshire Scout Centre. Full details of these and how to apply can be found on the Wiltshire Scout website.

In Salisbury we are holding a First Response Course on Saturday the 25th of April at Dennis Marsh House. Please email:

murrellwoodstock82@gmail.com to book a place or for more details and Olwen is also holding Executive Training on Saturday the 4th of April Please contact her on: olwenbrockway@uwclub.net for details of this.

Our next Drop In session in Dennis Marsh House is on Monday the 16th of March

from 7.30p.m

Please don't forget to do your GDPR and Mandatory Ongoing Training and to let us have copies of your certificates If you have any problems with these please contact us

Graham and Elaine Murrell
CLTM. DTA



940Kgs of clothing were piled in the PJ room at the Monday Leaders' meeting for Bag2School. This resulted in a payment of £376 for the Camp Site Fund which now stands at £44980.96p. Well done to all who joined in.

The next fundraising event is the St George's Day Dinner being arranged by the 2nd and 14th Salisbury on Saturday 18th April. Please advertise widely. We are almost one third of the way to purchasing our site. Well done all, let's keep it going.

Camp Site Quest Team.



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