



# Yellow Peril

The Salisbury and South Wilts Scout District Newsletter

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## From the District Commissioner's desk

Well, what a busy month! The Grose trophy, the Cubs Challenge Flag, the Beavers trip to Swanage, as well as a presentation from the Explorer Scouts who were participants at the World Scout Jamboree and from a leader and network member who was part of the international service team, not to mention meetings at County and District, and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Top Awards Celebration Evening!

I was really proud to be at our Top Awards Celebration, alongside the County Commissioner and Kier Pritchard, the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police. The evening was superbly hosted by Thomas Howard, formerly Laverstock Larks Explorer Scout, turned Network member and Section assistant at 1<sup>st</sup> Laverstock Cubs, and included talks from Scouts from 23<sup>rd</sup> Salisbury who'd been on Summer Camp to Kanderstag in Switzerland (highly recommended!), Abigail Howard, an explorer scout who talked about how she's achieved her Scouting top award, followed by two members of the Wiltshire Unit for the 24<sup>th</sup> WSJ. We're still working out how to best run this event, so I would welcome constructive comments and feedback via email [topawards@salisburyscouts.org.uk](mailto:topawards@salisburyscouts.org.uk)

As leaders and supporters may be aware, there is a national plan to provide access to Scouting to more young people, year on year. In Salisbury and South Wilts, we will be running a series of "Grow Your Group" workshops on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 29<sup>th</sup> February and 28<sup>th</sup> March. More details will follow – but please save the dates now.



Gardens on this date. Sam Murphy, our

Another "save the date" is for Saturday 13 June 2020 – for the Salisbury PRIDE event. I am pleased to confirm that we will be supporting Salisbury PRIDE 2020, and will have the opportunity to showcase Scouting in QE

District Youth Commissioner, is the link with the Pride organisers – please contact him for more information, or to give him suggestions of how we can best show off Scouting! Wanted: GSL, 1<sup>st</sup> Amesbury. If you're interested, give me a call or drop me an email.

Beaver section support: Kim Sargeant, ADC Beavers, will be taking a break from Scouting for a short time. Whilst she's away, Rachel Squire and Olwen Brockway have kindly agreed to support the Beaver Scout section. Rachel and Olwen's contact details are in the District Directory.

Compass, compass, compass. Please check that your record on Compass is accurate and up-to-date. As a district, we will be using Compass more and more to communicate with you all directly. Compass is also used to record your training with your Training advisor, and also to track your ongoing learning, which you can update yourself by clicking on the "add hours" button at the very bottom of the training screen.



Lastly, two Scouters from Salisbury & South Wilts have recently passed away. Harry Brockway passed away unexpectedly on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Reg Hayden passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Both were stalwart supporters of Scouting, and they are in the thoughts and prayers of the District Team. True scouts, gone home.

*Ian Porter,*  
District Commissioner  
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The next leaders' meeting will be on Monday, 4th November 2019 starting at 8pm at DMH. Coffee served in the PJ Room from 7:30pm. Explorer Scouts to provide Prayer/Thought and Raffle please



Thank you to all who attended the Monday Meeting,

### Swanage Trip

Thanks was expressed to Jane Waspe for organising this event. After a bad weather forecast meant it had to be postponed, the following week provided ideal weather and those that were still able to go had a wonderful time.

### Trip to Ghurka Museum

This was discussed but as the date was imminent (October 29<sup>th</sup>) the meeting felt that there was not enough time to organize and that perhaps it could be considered for a future visit.

### Christmas Event. December 14<sup>th</sup>

It was felt that this was a very busy time of year, with the Beavers and their families involved in school events as well as Group and Colony celebrations and that January/February might be a better time. Some suggested that a long film didn't meet the needs of the less mature Beavers who found it difficult to sit still and concentrate but a compromise could be a party with a short film or cartoons.

### Beaver Scout Leaders' Workshop.

Fiona spoke enthusiastically about the recent workshop held at Wiltshire Scout Centre, where she learnt some new skills and had a great time networking.

The meeting concluded with encouragement to share support and resources with each and it was agreed that the points above would be communi-

cated to Colonies who were not represented to gauge their thoughts.

*Olwen Brockway  
SAS Adult support  
Co-ordinator.*



Many thanks to those attending this month's meeting; congratulations to all 10 Packs who entered our Challenge Flag competition.

1st place - Amesbury; 2nd place - Downton and 3rd place 10th Salisbury (with 2.5 points between the 3 teams). We discussed the event and those attending gave positive feedback. The Flag will be competed for in 2020 and the provisional venue will be Winterslow (date - tbc!).

Due to a degree of uncertainty this month's athletics event will be postponed until Spring next year.

Our next District events are:

Wednesday 13th November (7:30pm) District Camp planning meeting venue tbc.

Saturday 18th January 2020 (afternoon) District Scrapheap Challenge, DMH.

Saturday 15th February 2020 (afternoon) District 5-a-side football, Chafyn Grove School.

Saturday 14th March 2020 (evening) District Swimming Gala, Five Rivers Leisure Centre.

Saturday 28th March 2020 (afternoon) District Chess Competition, DMH.

Wednesday 29th April 2020 (evening) District Athletics

evening—Salisbury Athletics Track.

26th-28th June 2020 District Cub Camp, Cricket Campsite, SO31 1BH.

Saturday 19th September 2020 District trip to Brownsea Island.

Saturday 14th November 2020 District Handicraft Exhibition, DMH.

A suggestion of a Cub Leader's social get together is also being mooted and I will send details separately (on behalf of Amesbury Cub Leaders who are kindly arranging).

We started discussing our District camp next year and Dan, Sam Shirley, Kay, Matt and Ian Parker have kindly agreed to join me in provisionally planning the camp and a couple more helpers would be great - please let me know!!

I need to know if your Pack wishes to participate in next year's District Camp and I will circulate a "Survey Monkey" questionnaire to complete before the end of September please, following this our first planning meeting will be on Wednesday, 13th December at 8pm - further details to be circulated.

Please can all Packs forward their programmes to me for this term or add me to OSM via [adcsalisburycubs@gmail.com](mailto:adcsalisburycubs@gmail.com) if you want me to access on line.

*Jonathan Borwell  
ADC Cubs  
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## **Grose Trophy 29 September 2019**

Many thanks to Mick Chalke and his team for organising the event which took place in The Winterbournes / Gomeldon. The top four teams were from Bourne Valley and were only separated by a few points. The winning team was from Bourne Valley Idmiston and scored 98 points out of a possible 110. The Grose Trophy was instigated by Lt Col Grose and the first competition was held in 1930. The competition has been held on most years since and next year marks the 90th anniversary of the initial competition. How are we going to celebrate this?

### **District Cooking Competition 23 November 2019**

This will be held at Dennis Marsh House. The format will be the same as in previous years and the theme is 'Olympics, past, present and future'. Details will be distributed shortly.

### **District Events**

A provisional list of District Events has been drawn up for consultation with the Scouts and dates will be firmed up at the next meeting. The list will be distributed shortly. Please discuss the list with your Scouts and Patrol Leaders Council.

### **Salisbury Carnival 25 October 2019**

1st Wilton and 4th Salisbury will be entering a walking float on behalf of Salisbury District Scouts. The theme will be 'Wacky Races'. If anyone else would like to join us then please let me know.

*Mark Warner*  
ADC Scouts

**Wings2020** If any are interested then get in touch. A chance for an international experience with little effort on organising activities ourselves.

**AmesburyESU** A new Unit is to open in Amesbury during November. They will have two leaders and around six ES. Please invite them to your meetings so they can see what it is all about. Contact details later.

**Intercamp2020** An International camp in the UK and it's only 25 Euros plus food and transport. 29<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. Details previously circulated. Minibus has been booked and available to the first unit to claim it.

**Explorer Belt 2021** A proposal was made that the District run an Explorer Belt Expedition in 2021. This would be open to all ES over the age of 16 and Network members. Please speak to your ES about the opportunity and ask for suggestions as to where they might like to go bearing in mind cost would be a factor. Most places in Europe are feasible.

*John Wyeth*  
DESC

We mourn loss of one of our older members, Reg Hayden; many have memories of him and his wife Margaret attending meetings and dinners together, and of his earlier Scouting days.

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of this month we start making decorations for Christmas, and for our tree skilfully made for us by Dave. Come and find it at St Thomas's Church in December.

We celebrate harvest with our supper on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm at DMH. £10 per head, bookings through Barbara by Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October. Pumpkins Welcome.

Jean and Celia have invited us to join with our SASU friends across the County at Whitehall Garden Centre, Woodborough in Pewsey Vale SN9 5PF on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 2:30pm. Cream tea £5 per head and there will be a raffle. Please advise Jean if going by 18<sup>th</sup> October to help with catering.

*Barbara White*  
Service and Social Team  
Coordinator.



*Bourne Valley Idmiston—Winners of Grose Trophy*



Last months fundraising activities included our first Car Boot Sale at Wilton Park and Ride. Sadly the weather was against us, the rain getting heavier as the start time loomed so we had to cancel. Another attempt will be made in the spring.

This months Camp Site Quest meeting has produced some new ideas for the coming year including a stand at The Cuckoo fare, Spring Car Wash, Casino Night, District Bags to Schools collection, District Wide Raffle, Calendar Competition (Similar to Country Files).

The Salisbury tRailtrack sponsored walk went ahead with 15 employees including a past Leader John Say (organiser) a current leader Dan Gollins, and Dave Waspe (nothing to do with Railtrack). The walk was from Mottisfont to Dunbridge, about 13.5 miles along the Test Valley. Sponsorship money is still being collected and the amount raised will be published as soon as it is in.

Upcoming events Exploding Melon competition now live on Facebook, Pumpkin Carving on the 26<sup>th</sup> October at DMH, Barn Dance at DMH on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Details have been circulated to Groups and advertised on the District Web Site and Facebook pages. SASU are preparing a campsite themed Christmas Tree advertising our

Quest for the St Thomas Christmas Tree Festival in December.

The Ebay auction raised £75 of which £68 came from the Tiffany Silver ear rings purchased by a lady in the USA.

**Encourage** your young people to complete the Do Your Best for the Camp Site Quest Individual challenge, they have three more months to go. This month Duncan McDonald a young Leader with the 6<sup>th</sup> and Explorer Scout with Laverstock LARKS collected £200 for helping on the gate at the Durrington Village Show.

Christmas Stamp sales are just about to start so for every stamp you sell 5p will be banked for the Camp Site and get us a bit nearer to our goal of owning a piece of Wiltshire for the use of our young people.

*The Campsite Quest Team*

## CHRISTMAS POST

New stamps printed but plenty of old ones available so please try and sell those first. They will be available at the November leaders meeting or earlier if able to arrange.

Last day of posting Friday 6th December. All details are on District website as to where stamps may be bought and cards posted together with delivery areas and a poster.

Returns forms are also on the website.

*John Wyeth*

## Adult Training

Hello all

We have two Drop in dates for you which are the 28th of October (unfortunately this is during the school holidays but hopefully some of you will be able to attend) and the 11th of November. Both of these are at Dennis Marsh House and are from 7.30p.m

We have also arranged a First Response Course on the 2nd of November (again during the School Holidays but hopefully some of you will be able to make it ) at Dennis Marsh House from 9.30p.m. If you only require a refresher this will be done in the morning Please email murrellswoodstock82@gmail.com to book a place or if you have any questions

County have also arranged a weekend of training on the 16th/17th of November and a Module 38 on the 16th/17th of May 2020. Details of these can be found on the Wiltshire Scout website.

Hopefully you will have already received details of these through Compass, but if you have not please check that your email address details are correct.

*Graham & Elaine Murrell  
CLTM. DTA*

## Scout Pantomime

The Scout Pantomime this year will be "Wind in the Willows" and performed in the Studio Theatre on 16/17/18 January. Cost £5.

*Sue Knight*



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