



PLYMOUTH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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The next Newsletter will be published in November and items must reach the Editor (or the DC) by the end of 6th November.

District Websites

The District web-site which used to be at <http://plymouthscouts.escouts.net> has been unavailable due to a server outage for some time. Our new website can be seen at <http://www.plymouthdistrictscouts.org> This new site is currently being populated with information, so please check regularly.

Plymouth Scouts also have a Group on Facebook. Those who use Facebook will be able to interact with the site, but even if you are not signed up, it is still possible to read the bulletins by visiting: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=134999364263&ref=mf>

A new website for *Explorer Scouts* to exchange programme information has been launched. Each sub-Unit has a home and programme page which they can edit themselves when issued with the necessary username and password. Take a look at www.plymouthexplorers.escouts.net (currently unavailable due to server outage).

Newsletter Distribution

Please let us know if you would like your copy of the newsletter by email. Those who want to receive their copy in this way will have to 'opt in' to the mailing list. If you want to receive an email copy send your email address to the editor. The more people that elect to receive the newsletter by email, the more we will save in printing and distribution costs. You can also read the current and past issues on our District Web-site – details of which can be found elsewhere in this edition.

Notices

PLYMOUTH SCOUT SHOP - BLINDMANS WOOD - OPENING TIMES

Monday & Thursday 6.45 - 8.45pm

Saturday 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Plymouth District Welcomes The new County Commissioner for Devon

The new County Commissioner for Devon is Russ Gibson. Russ held his introductory meeting with the County Team and District Commissioners on Tuesday 7th September. He said it was with great pleasure and immense enthusiasm that he had recently accepted the position and thanked everyone for their warm welcome. Russ is looking forward to meeting with us all over the following months and will appreciate your views on the Scouting Organisation and how you think we can further develop Scouting in Devon. If you require contact details for the new County Commissioner, please ask the DC, District Chairman or any of the ADCs.

Diary Dates

September

10 th /12 th	Mike Cannon Challenge
10 th /12 th	County Scouts Woodlands Camp
15 th	District Executive Committee
16 th	Core Team Meeting
16 th	Active Support Meeting
18 th /19 th	Ten Tors Starter for 10 weekend
22 nd	Scout Leaders Meeting
24 th	Shelterbox evening

October

6 th	Explorer Leaders Meeting
17 th	Scouts/Explorers Climbing Competition
17 th	Cubs Incident Hike
19 th	Plymouth Properties Trust meeting
20 th	ADC/GSL Forum
30 th	County Presentation Day for Chief Scouts Gold

November

11 th	Core Team Meeting
17 th	District Executive Committee
20 th	Jamboree fundraising Fun Day
27 th	Christmas Traditions (Devon 103)
28 th	Regional DCs Meeting

January

16 th	Scout Chess Competition
19 th	District Executive Committee
22 nd	Cubs Skills Day
29 th	Beaver Magic afternoon

February

12 th /13 th	Beaver Sleepover
20 th	Cub football
26 th	Swimming tests

March

9 th	Scout Quiz
16 th	District Executive Committee
19 th	Cub Quiz
26 th	Beaver Easter afternoon

April

10 th	Cub Sponsored walk
17 th	St George's Day Service
23 rd	St George's Day

May

14 th /15 th	Ten Tors
15 th	Scout Adventure Competition
18 th	District Executive Committee
21 st	Beaver Experiment afternoon
22 nd	Cub Day Out
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27 th /30 th	Run2theFun

June

3 rd /5 th	County Aero Camp
4 th /5 th	Scout Activity Camp
11 th	Cubs Field Gun Run
15 th	District Annual General Meeting
??	Beaver Outing

July

10 th	Scout Cooking Competition
16 th	Cubs Mini 10 Tors
20 th	District Executive Committee

August

World Scout Jamboree – Sweden

Shelter Box Evening and Barbecue

Plymouth District Scout Active Support Unit and the 29th Plymouth invite all Groups to join them on Friday 24th September at Blindmans Wood at 7pm where a Shelterbox Volunteer will give a presentation of 'Shelterbox'. Come along and see what's inside a 'Shelterbox' tent and see what it's all about. Support Scoutings Involvement with the Shelterbox Organisation.

Badge Swap Activity

The Activity will be held at 1st Crownhill Scout Headquarters (behind the Fire Station & opposite the Police Station) on Sunday 10th October between 10am and 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend for all, or part, of the day. Bring along your swaps or unwanted badges and exchange, or possibly even sell, them. Seek out that elusive badge to complete a 'set' or 'area' of interest. If additional information is required contact the Editor – Steve Bull.

Awards

The Chief Scout's Gold Award –

Stephen Watkins – 10th St Budeaux
Samuel Spence – 1st Keyham
Aaron Bevan – 1st Keyham
Jacob Crossland – 1st Keyham
Matthew Scott – 1st Keyham
James Clifford – 1st Keyham
Sophie Weeks – 1st Keyham
Peter Noble – 1st Crownhill



The Appointments sub-Committee has confirmed the following in their roles –

Bruce Webb – change from ASL 1st Roborough to AESL
David Corcoran – as Manager of the District Active Support Unit

Recognition of Service as an Adult –

Alison Halford – 42nd Plymouth – 5 years



Jamboree Fundraising

The District Jamboree Scouts are fundraising for their trip to the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden next year.

They are collecting unwanted clothes, towells, bed linen, curtains etc. To sell to recycling agencies. They will welcome contributions of any unwanted fabrics up to the collection date of 8th November. They will arrange collection from Groups so let the DC know when you have a significant amount.

They would like to invite all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers to an exciting day of games of every description on Saturday 20th November at Blindmans Wood Scout Centre. Come and pit your strength and skill against the computer and each other, using the mighty Wii and Xbox or try your hand at more active games like beat the goalie or perhaps a treasure hunt. A flyer giving more details and prices will be available in October. The day will run from 11am until 3pm and lunch time refreshments including pasties, sausage rolls, squash and biscuits will be available at reasonable prices. The Jamboree Scouts look forward to seeing you there.

Table Top Sale – 4th December. If you have any sellable items to donate, please get in touch.



22nd World Scout Jamboree Sweden 2011
22^{ème} Jamboree Scout Mondial Suède 2011

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS (DEVON 103)

Saturday 27th November 2010
St Peter's C of E Aided School
Quarry Lane, Exeter, EX2 5AP

Set Up From – 0800h
Event starts – 1000h

Participants arrive – 0945h
Event finishes – 1630h

Cost - £10 per participant - Open to all Devon Beaver Scouts; Cub Scouts & Scouts

We would like to invite all Explorer Scout Young Leaders to help with this event, in return we will organise for you to chill out in overnight accommodation in local scout huts on Friday 26th November. There will be no fees payable & the event will count towards your Young Leader Training.

Badge Competition: Closes: *1st October 2010*

- To include the event name 'Christmas Traditions - Devon 103'.
- No more than 3 colours please.
- The finished badge will be reduced to a 7.5cm diameter or 6cm square– bear this in mind when designing.
- Please send clearly named individual / section / group entries to Trish Carne, 54 Brookside Crescent, Exeter, EX4 8NE by Monday 4th October.

Christmas Campfire Song Competition: Closes: *12th November 2010.*

- Take a campfire song tune and create your own Christmas/Scouting lyrics & actions.
- Top 3 entries will be asked to lead singing / actions on the day.
- Please send clearly named individual / section / group entries to Trish Carne, 54 Brookside Crescent, Exeter, EX4 8NE by Monday 14th November.
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Rifles; Climbing; Archery; Gun Carriage Races & Rocket Launching; Circus Skills; Storytelling; African Drumming & Boom Whackers; Woggle & Badge Making/ Swapping; Face Painting; Bouncy Games; Christmas Food; Christmas Eco – Drink Making; Camp fire; Silk Printing, Pantomime from Scratch, Faith Base etc. etc.

Bases: Traditional Christmas Crafts / Games / Food - there are hundreds of possibilities to choose from - can you make one an exciting experience for our young people?

It is expected that each colony, pack & troop attending will provide a base for 2 hours, suitable for their section.

This will enable Leaders / Helpers to have time to spend with their own young people for part of the day.

Keep receipts – bona fide expenses will be paid.

Any other ideas / people we could ask? Let us know now! Send Trish the Contact Details

Transport: In keeping with a new tradition, i.e. reducing our carbon footprint, we hope that many Districts will organise coaches for their groups to attend this event. There is plenty of coach parking on site.

Come on Devon – Devon 101 was a roaring success – let's make Devon 103 roar louder!

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