



PLYMOUTH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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The next Newsletter will be published in January and items must reach the Editor (or the DC) by the end of 9th January.

Awards

The Queen's Scout Award –

Ross Drummond – ASL 42nd Plymouth



The Chief Scout's Gold Award –

Desmond Evans 3rd St Budeaux
Stephen Reynolds 3rd St Budeaux



The Chief Scout's Bronze Award –

Matthew Cox 1st Keyham
Daniel Cox 1st Keyham
Corey Saunders 1st Keyham
Joseph Jagger 1st Keyham
Sophie Herring 1st Keyham
Jacob Bawden 1st Keyham



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

Alex Orr – provisional as ABSL 1st Crownhill
Keith Weeks – change from ASL 1st Keyham to SL 3rd St Budeaux
Jason Rickard – provisional as ASL 1st Crownhill
Daniel Brown – as ASL 1st Keyham
Leah Nott – change from ABSL to BSL 1st Keyham
Rachel Hembury – change from CSL to GSL 1st Crownhill

Training – The Following Woodbadges Have Been Received -

Eric Drabble – GSL 1st Roborough
Mark Sinclair – ACSL 29th Plymouth



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> The 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>

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.

Membership Subscriptions 2011

Headquarters - £20.25 (with 50p rebate for prompt payment)

County – £6.05

District – £1.70

Total - £28.00 – payable by 31st March 2011

5th Annual Charity Santa Run (or WALK!) by Plymouth Coasters

The Club will be holding it's 5K Santa Run within Plymouth Central Park on 12th December 2010 starting at 10.00 a.m. Start and finish will be near Argyle's main entrance but the route will depend on closures due to work on the Life Centre. Entry fee is £12 which includes the Santa suit which must be worn by all walkers/runners. As we are using the home of Plymouth Argyle this year we have a limited number of GREEN Santa suits!!! LIMITED ENTRY!! Closing date is 1st December 2010 or when 400 entries are reached. NO ENTRY ON THE DAY!! All monies raised go to local charities. There are no prizes but come and join in the fun and help make a difference this Christmas. Entry forms and more info are available on www.plymouthcoasters.co.uk

Activity Rule Changes

Mountain Biking

Following the consultation that was carried out earlier this year it became clear that the best way to support mountain biking in terrain 0 is through extra guidance to leaders on this area, without the need for any extra governance in the form of a permit.

Caving

Due to the different techniques and hazards involved, we have now split the caving permit away from mines, and introduced a new mine exploration permit. The types and levels of mine exploration permit mirror those available for caving but look specifically at the skills required and experience in mines. For both caves and mine exploration there is also a new level of permit '...with SRT for the Leader' that allows the permit holder to use SRT, but not the rest of the group.

Sailing

Sailing is now split into three different activities (and therefore permits). Dinghy sailing (which remains the same as before), keelboating (new to allow keelboats to operate more easily without the same requirements of bigger boats that they had to work within before), and yachting (the new more relevant name for offshore sailing).

Hillwalking

We have just launched a consultation on the way we manage and operate hillwalking, particularly with regard to terrain definitions, group sizes and technical terrain not properly covered by the hillwalking permit scheme. This consultation is based on all the comments and thoughts we have received on this subject so far.

Diary Dates

November

9 th	County DCs Meeting
11 th	Core Team Meeting
13 th	Beaver Craft Afternoon
17 th	District Executive Committee
20 th	Jamboree fundraising Fun Day
25 th	Scout Leaders Meeting
27 th	Christmas Traditions (Devon 103)
28 th	Regional DCs Meeting

December

19 th	Beaver Brunch with Santa
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January

16 th	Scout Chess Competition
18 th	Plymouth Properties Trust Meeting
19 th	District Executive Committee
19 th	Beaver Leaders Meeting
22 nd	Cubs Skills Day
29 th	Beaver Magic afternoon

February

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

March

2 nd	Beaver Leaders Meeting
9 th	Scout Quiz
16 th	District Executive Committee
19 th	Cub Quiz
26 th	Beaver International afternoon

April

10 th	Cub Sponsored walk
17 th	St George's Day Service
19 th	Plymouth Properties Trust Meeting
23 rd	St George's Day

May

14 th /15 th	Ten Tors
8 th	Scout Adventure Competition
15 th	Cub Day Out
18 th	District Executive Committee
18 th	Beaver Leaders Meeting
21 st	Beaver Experiment afternoon
22 nd	Ernesettle Tug-of-war
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
25 th	County Annual General Meeting
??	Beaver Outing

July

10 th	Scout Cooking Competition
16 th	Cubs Mini 10 Tors
19 th	Plymouth Properties Trust Meeting
20 th	District Executive Committee

August

World Scout Jamboree – Sweden

September

10 th /11 th	Starter for Ten weekend
16 th /18 th	County Scout Camp – Woodlands
21 st	District Executive Committee
24 th /25 th	Cubs Mike Cannon Challenge

October

15 th	Beaver Activity afternoon
18 th	Plymouth Properties Trust Meeting
??	Cub Incident Hike
??	Scout/Explorer Climbing Comp.

November

16 th	District Executive Committee
??	Cubs Unihoc Competition

Games **cake Stall**

PRIZES!!

XBOX 360 Wii

Blindman's Wood Scout Centre

Family Fun Day

Saturday 20th November

11am – 3pm

scouts cubs BEAVERS EXPLORER

Refreshments RAFFLE

Silver Anniversary Of Beaver Scout Section

Beaver Scouting as an official section of the Scout Association is 25 years old in 2011. A badge to celebrate this Anniversary will be available from December 2010 and can be worn on the uniform above the Membership Award until the end of 2011.

International Opportunities

8th National Serbian Jamboree from 10th to 20th August 2011 www.samnet.org.uk/smotra2011

Kernow Jamboree 2012 from 28th July to 4th August 2012 www.kernowjamboree.co.uk

District Climbing Competition

Scouts and Explorers from around the District took part in the annual Climbing competition run by the Stoke Damarel Climbing Club for us. The male Scout with the highest score was Richard Prout of the 27th Plymouth and the female Scouts who scored highest was Joanne Watson of the 35th Plymouth. The Explorer trophy was won by the Chieftans Unit (42nd Plymouth) with an aggregate score of 126. Detailed score sheets will be sent to the leaders of the Groups taking part as soon as they are received from the Climbing Club.

Cub Scout News Update

In June we held our now very popular Field Gun Competition at Blindmans Wood Scout Centre. Sixteen teams from across the District and from Plymstock & Plympton descended on the Scout Centre for a fierce but friendly Competition. With the fastest time being broken with every run the winners of the final were the Cubs from 1st Crownhill and they also won the Fastest Time Trophy with a time of 1 min 29 secs. All the Cubs were presented with special certificates plus medals to the winners and runners-up in each Competition. Also after a very generous donation by our President all the Cubs were given badges, which with permission from headquarters and the DC the Cubs can wear them with pride on their uniform. The Packs that attended also had the opportunity to raise funds for whatever they wished and many hundreds of pounds were raised on the day. Following on from our own Gun Run, the District were asked to put on the same for the County Cubs. This we did in July when cubs from across the County came to BMW for a good day of fun and friendship. The District received praise from all who attended and hopefully the Competition will be run again next year this time on Paignton Sea Front.

Again in July the Cubs held their now annual Mini Ten Tors around the Princetown area. Nearly 100 Cubs turned out on the day and everyone completed the course. We finished the day with a BBQ in the Car park. The event raised £74 which we gave to the Dartmoor Rescue Group for their help in running the Ten Tors.

In September we held the Mike Cannon Challenge, now in its twelfth year. This year we changed the format from previous years and the feedback was very positive. Ten teams turned out for the Challenge and a great time was had by all. Most of the Cubs managed to earn up to five badges over the weekend and all the Cubs went away with a prize donated by the Scout Shop and our thanks to the Manager for his kindness. We also received some gifts from Millets which we handed out to all the Leaders. Again our thanks to everyone who helped out over this popular weekend.

The Cub Scout Section never rests and in the next issue of the Newsletter will be reports on the Incident Hike and the Six-A-Side Football.

Here's hoping to see more of you at District events to see what fun we have.

Notices



**PLYMOUTH SCOUT SHOP
BLINDMANS WOOD
OPENING TIMES
Monday & Thursday 6.45 - 8.45pm
Saturday 10.00am - 12.00 noon**

