



## PLYMOUTH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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**The next Newsletter will be published in March and items must reach the Editor (or the DC) by the end of 12<sup>th</sup> March (preferably by e-mail).**

### From the District Commissioner.

Some of you may have heard that it is intended that I will hand over the post of District Commissioner this year. I have been the District Commissioner of Plymouth District since it was formed in 2004 and prior to that was District Commissioner of Plymouth East District for 12 years. So I think it is about time someone else took on the role. Don't get me wrong, I have really enjoyed the job for the last 18 years – it has been immensely satisfying to be able to support our volunteer leaders who week by week provide the Scouting our young people enjoy so much. It has also been particularly fulfilling to be able to help leaders and Groups to be able to sort out some of their problems when they have arisen.

We will be announcing next month the procedure by which you can nominate potential candidates for the position of D.C. It is hoped that an appointment will be made by the end of the summer term and for the new D.C. to be appointed to start work in September.

Personally, I shall not be giving up Scouting and I am sure I shall find something useful to do. I think though it is time for a new person at the helm – some new ideas and a fresh approach are good for any organisation.

### Cub News Update 2010 . .

In October we held our Incident Hike around the Dewerstone/Goodameavy area. Over ninety Cubs and their Leaders attended. The Teams started from the 27<sup>th</sup> / 33<sup>rd</sup> Camp Sites and hiked around the river valley visiting 8 Bases laid on by the District Team and the Active Support Unit. It was not a race and the Cubs could spend as much time on the Bases as they wanted. The main aim was to complete the bases and enjoy the day. After a good day's hike all the Cubs returned to the start point where they enjoyed a BBQ. Our thanks to everyone who made the day very successful and enjoyable.

In November we held our 6-A-Side Football Competition at the Mayflower Centre. Although a little down on numbers from last time, due to a change of date, a good contest was still held. After playing league games and two Semi-Finals, the Final was held between the 1<sup>st</sup> Crownhill and the 1<sup>st</sup> Ivybridge with the winners being the 1<sup>st</sup> Ivybridge after a keenly fought game. Our thanks to Graham Hancock for organising the event and to the referees.

Our next event is the Skills Day at BMW. ALL DETAILS are available via our new handout sheets placed on the notice board to the right outside the Scout Shop doorway. Please feel free to take one or two and we will try and keep this updated month by month.

### Notices

**PLYMOUTH SCOUT SHOP - BLINDMANS WOOD - OPENING TIMES**

**Monday & Thursday 6.45 - 8.45pm**

**Saturday 10.00am - 12.00 noon**

## District Websites

The District web-site can now be found 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>

A selection of recent bulletins that are still valid:

*A Charity Group is looking for a room or rooms that can be used to train 15 to 20 people in first aid/health and safety. Courses usually run for one whole day starting 0900 and finishing 1630. A kettle, heating, seating and car parking are also necessary. Usual amount offered is £40 for the day. If any Groups with their own HQ want to offer their facilities, contact the DC.*

*“Inter-Net” is a week long international Scout Network camp for 17-24 year olds at the Newbury Show Ground in Berkshire from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Further details available from the D.C.*

*Young people between the age of 11 and 18 are being sought to form the Devon Scout County Rifle Team to compete in the National Scout Inter-counties Shoot at the end of March at Aldersley. Qualifying Requirements and an application form are available from the D.C. if anyone is interested.*

*Just a reminder that there is a Workshop being held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February open to all Group Scout Leaders, Group, District and County executive members. Details available from the D.C.*

*Hampshire Explorers and the Wilderness Essential Survival School are organising The Hampshire Survival Challenge at Ferny Croft February 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> and invite any Explore who thinks they are up to it to join them. Contact the D.C. for more details if you are interested.*

## Awards

### **Congratulations to the following:**

#### **Chief Scouts Award Bronze –**

Jamie Burton – 3<sup>rd</sup> St Budeaux



#### **Chief Scouts Award Gold –**

Scott Worthing – 19<sup>th</sup> Plymouth  
George Bond – 19<sup>th</sup> Plymouth  
Ben Beresford-Jones – 19<sup>th</sup> Plymouth  
Sam Aisthorpe – 19<sup>th</sup> Plymouth  
Joshua Ashton – 31<sup>st</sup> Plymouth



### **The Appointments Sub-Committee has confirmed the following in their roles –**

Matthew Rawlins – as ASL 1<sup>st</sup> Keyham  
David Rowe – as Sectional Asst 10<sup>th</sup> Devonport  
Simon Lake – as Sectional Asst 42<sup>nd</sup> Plymouth  
Victoria Bartlett – as Sectional Asst 10<sup>th</sup> Devonport

### **Training – The Following Woodbadges Have Been Received -**

David Corcoran – District Active Support Manager  
Sue Hoskin – ADC Special Needs & Local Training Manager  
Iain Mitchell – ABSL 31<sup>st</sup> Plymouth  
David Organ – ACSL 42<sup>nd</sup> Plymouth



## **Recognition of Service as an Adult –**

Christopher Harris – GSL 1<sup>st</sup> Keyham – 40 years  
Graham Hancock – GSL 30<sup>th</sup> Plymouth – 30 years  
John Land – District ASU – 25 years  
Teresa Brownrigg – ACSL 9<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Plymouth – 20 years  
Janet Parker – ACSL 9<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Plymouth – 20 years  
John Davies – SL 1<sup>st</sup> Keyham – 10 years  
Paula Macleod-Johnstone – CSL 7<sup>th</sup> Plymouth – 10 years  
Susan Rogers – ASL 1<sup>st</sup> Keyham – 5 years  
Marie-Louise Davies – ACSL 1<sup>st</sup> Keyham – 5 years  
Peter Waterfield – ACSL 35<sup>th</sup> Plymouth – 5 years



## **The Reasons Given Not To Enter District Events.**

**No reason to. We have our own balanced programme.**

**Answer.** Great if you have your own programme but entering District Events lets the Cubs meet other Cubs and pit their skills against each other. It also lets Leaders meet and swap ideas.

**The Cubs are not interested in what the District put on.**

**Answer.** Let us know what your Cubs like to do and we will try and put it on as a District Event.

**We have no Leaders available to attend.**

**Answer.** It is not always necessary for Leaders to attend. Why not make up a Parent's Rota for each event.

**Our Cubs play football or do other things on a Saturday.**

**Answer.** Not all District Events are held on a Saturday. We try to avoid clashing with other activities.

**We do not have enough Cubs to make a Team.**

**Answer.** Not all events are for Teams and many are for Individuals. Even if it is a Team Event bring your Cubs along and we can always make up a Team using Cubs from different Packs.

**We tried District Events and the Cubs did not like them.**

**Answer.** We always look for feedback from events and if there is something your Cubs do not like then let us know and we will try and change it for next time.

**The Cubs do too much already.**

**Answer.** We do not expect you to enter every event, but pick what is best for your Cubs.

**We did not know it was happening.**

**Answer.** Information is always sent out to the Cub Leader. There is also information placed on the notice boards at BMW. Also District Events are never cancelled unless due to the weather.

**The Cubs get nothing out of it.**

**Answer.** We have tried this year to base District Events around the Cub Activity Badges and this has worked very well with cubs gaining many badges, which they would not normally get.

**The Cubs cannot afford it.**

**Answer.** We try to keep costs as low as possible and only just cover our running expenses. We always try and give value for money and if your Cubs can still not enter come and speak to us and we will see what we can do.

After reading this if you think that your Cubs would like to join in District Events then just let us know that you are going to turn up. You will find that we are a very friendly bunch, and that your Cubs will gain from entering.

**The Cub District Team.**

## Diary Dates

### January

16 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Chess Competition
18 <sup>th</sup>	Plymouth Properties Trust Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive Committee
19 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver Leaders Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup>	Active Support Unit Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cubs Skills Day
27 <sup>th</sup>	St George Planning Meeting
27 <sup>th</sup>	Core Team Meeting
29 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver Magic Afternoon

### February

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Explorer Leaders Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scout Leaders Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup>	ADC/GSL Forum
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver Sleepover
17 <sup>th</sup>	Active Support Unit Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup>	Cub Unihoc
25 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Tests

### March

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Beaver Leaders Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Shooting Competition
9 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Quiz
10 <sup>th</sup>	Core Team Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive Committee
17 <sup>th</sup>	Active Support Unit Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup>	Scout & Guide Show
19 <sup>th</sup>	Cub Quiz
26 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver International Afternoon

### April

10 <sup>th</sup>	Cub Sponsored Walk
16 <sup>th</sup>	ASU St George's Dinner
17 <sup>th</sup>	St George's Day Service
19 <sup>th</sup>	Plymouth Properties Trust Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup>	Active Support Unit Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup>	St George's Day

### May

8 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Adventure Competition
14 <sup>th</sup> / 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ten Tors
15 <sup>th</sup>	Cub Day Out
18 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive Committee
18 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver Leaders Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup>	Active Support Unit Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup>	Beaver Experiment afternoon
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ernesettle Tug-of-war
27 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>	Run2theFun

### 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.

### June

??	Beaver Outing
3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	County Aero Camp
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Activity Camp
11 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs Field Gun Run
15 <sup>th</sup>	District Annual General Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup>	Active Support Unit Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup>	County Annual General Meeting

### July

10 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Cooking Competition
16 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs Mini 10 Tors
19 <sup>th</sup>	Plymouth Properties Trust Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive Committee
21 <sup>st</sup>	Active Support Unit Meeting

### August

World Scout Jamboree – Sweden

### September

10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>	Starter For Ten Weekend
15 <sup>th</sup>	Active Support Unit Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>	County Scout Camp – Woodlands
21 <sup>st</sup>	District Executive Committee
24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs Mike Cannon Challenge

### October

??	Cub Incident Hike
??	Scout/Explorer Climbing Competition
15 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver Activity Afternoon
18 <sup>th</sup>	Plymouth Properties Trust Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup>	Active Support Unit Meeting

### November

??	Cubs Football Competition
16 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive Committee
17 <sup>th</sup>	Active Support Unit Meeting

### December

15 <sup>th</sup>	Active Support Unit Meeting
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