



PLYMOUTH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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The next Newsletter will be published in July and items must reach the Editor (or the DC) by the end of 9th July (preferably by e-mail).

Diary Dates

May

12th Core Team Meeting
 14th Cub Day Out
 14th/15th Ten Tors
 17th Training Module 19
 18th District Executive Committee
 18th Beaver Leaders Meeting
 19th Active Support Meeting
 21st Beaver Experiment afternoon
 22nd Ernesettle Tug-of-war
 25th Scout Leaders Meeting
 27th/30th Run2theFun

June

3rd/5th County Aero Camp
 4th/5th Scout Activity Camp
 7th Training Modules 1/3
 11th Cubs Field Gun Run
 11th Explorers Night Incident Hike
 15th District Annual General Meeting
 16th Active Support Meeting
 18th Beaver Bushcraft Day
 21st Training Nights Away
 22nd ADC/GSL Forum
 26th County Field Gun Run (Paignton)

July

2nd/3rd Training Nights Away (Residential)
 10th Scout Cooking Competition
 13th County Annual General Meeting
 14th Core Team Meeting
 16th Cubs Mini 10 Tors
 19th Plymouth Properties Trust Meeting

20th District Executive Committee
 21st Active Support Meeting

August

World Scout Jamboree – Sweden

September

10th Training Day
 10th/11th Starter for Ten weekend
 15th Active Support Meeting
 16th/18th County Scout Camp – Woodlands
 21st District Executive Committee
 24th/25th Cubs Mike Cannon Challenge
 27th Training Module 5

October

1st Training – First Aid
 12th Explorer Leaders Meeting
 15th Beaver Activity afternoon
 15th County Scout Gold CSA presentation
 16th Explorer Climbing Competition
 18th Plymouth Properties Trust Meeting
 20th Active Support Meeting
 25th Training Modules 8/9
 ?? Cub Incident Hike

November

16th District Executive Committee
 17th Active Support Meeting
 29th Training Modules 1/3
 ?? Cubs Football Competition

Notices

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

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.

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> There are currently 108 members of the Group – why not join them?

A selection of recent bulletins that are still valid:

The Childrens University is a national organisation that provides 7 - 14 year olds with exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside normal school hours. Children are all given their own "passport to learning" in which they are encouraged to collect hours of learning towards nationally recognised awards. Plymouth District is registering as a Learning Destination that will be able to credit Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with stamps in their passport for the learning they do as part of weekly meetings and weekend activities. We are making arrangements to give out more information at forthcoming Leader Meetings.

27th Plymouth have one place available on their summer trip to Denmark - including a day visit to the Jamboree in Sweden - 26 July to 6 August. Any leader, scout or explorer interested, contact Clive Deacon as soon as possible. Cost is £500.

The Manager of the 'Wheel of Plymouth' on the Hoe (who is a Group committee member) is offering Plymouth Scout Groups a deal of a ride on the wheel. He will allow one leader free for every 4 young people - which is a better deal than for a standard group booking. Contact Mike on 07879 470301 or thru plymouth@greatcityattractions.co.uk

Regular opportunities to undertake voluntary service with the Dartmoor Preservation Society exist. The DC is on the mailing list of the society and can give details of forthcoming preservation work which might interest your young people

Wanna B on TV ? - then take a look at the 'latest news' page on the District website

Bookbridge is a small charity set up by Scouts in Germany to collect childrens books and send them to developing countries to help train teachers how to teach English. They are now in partnership with the UK Scout Association to organize book collections in the UK during May - July 2011. So if your crew can collect some childrens and youth books, let me know and I'll arrange for them to be collected.

Awards

Congratulations to the following:

Chief Scouts Award Bronze –

William Hexter – 29th Plymouth
Saul Higgins – 29th Plymouth



Chief Scouts Award Silver –

Adam Jury – 27th Plymouth
Euan Cunningham – 27th Plymouth



Chief Scouts Award Gold –

Richard Prout – 27th Plymouth



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

Rachel Wilcox – provisional as BSL 47th Plymouth
Peter Fletcher – as Sectional Assistant 27th Plymouth
Matthew Lawrence – provisional as ACSL 1st Crownhill
Sam Whale – as Sectional Assistant 42nd Plymouth
Sue Rogers – change of appt to AESL

Mark Rogers – change of appt to AESL
Chris Derrick – as ESL
Rachel Weaver – as BSL 1st Crownhill