



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 3rd March (preferably by e-mail).

From the District Commissioner

I would like to wish everyone a belated happy and contented new year. I think it will prove to be a very busy and challenging one as not only will we continue providing full programmes at Group and District levels but hopefully celebrations will be planned for both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

7th Plymouth will also be celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Quite a feat! Unfortunately two Groups, 11th Devonport and 42nd Plymouth have closed due to lack of Young Members and Leaders. On a more positive note some Groups are thriving including 1st Crownhill, 27th Plymouth and 19th Plymouth. Hopefully the Census figures will not be too disappointing, but we can all do our part in trying to increase adult and young person membership. I have no magic wand but if we continue to provide exciting and adventurous Scouting, I'm sure we can work together to reverse the downward trend.

I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past two months, especially Graham Eagle, who has continued to help me with outstanding issues. On behalf of the District I would like to thank him for his many years of service as DC and wish him luck in his new role of DESC. Paul Roberts and Dave Corcoran have agreed to continue in their roles of ADC Cubs and Active Support Manager respectively. I will have meetings with the rest of the District Team in the near future but hope they will continue to support the District and myself as effectively as in the past. Jenny Dibben is unable to continue as ADC Beavers and I'd like to thank her for her hard work in that role.

The Gilwood Campsite at Glenholt will be redeveloped over the next few months and if you have any queries about its availability, please contact Trevor Richards.

The Scout and Guide Show is well into rehearsals and preparing for performances on 16th and 17th March. The Lord Mayor will be attending the evening performance on 17th. Tickets are available from Andrew Horton. Details can be found on the District Website. Please support this event – those involved have worked extremely hard to make it a success.

Congratulations to all Leaders who have recently gained their Woodbadges and the Young Members for achieving their Awards.

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Group Website ; Do You Have One? ; Do You Want One?

Does your Group have a website or would like one created which can then be linked to the Plymouth District Website? The website will be totally free unless they wish to purchase a specific domain name like 1stexample.org.uk which would cost them about £6.60 every two years. The website will have an admin panel accessible by as many Leaders in the Group they wish who will then be able to update their site. Examples of the sites can be seen by looking at 1stCrownhill.org.uk, 27thPlymouth.org.uk. & 1stkeyham.plymouthdistrictscouts.org For more information contact Graham Poyntz on grazie57@hotmail.co.uk

International Peace Light 2011

The Peace Light 2011 was collected at Exeter Services on Tuesday morning 13th December after travelling down from Dover. Two Leaders from Cornwall were at Blindman's Wood Scout Centre, to take a light from the flame then, as usual each year, they travelled back to Cornwall where the light visited many places over the following few days. On the late afternoon of 13th December the light was received, as it has been over the past few years, at the R.C. Cathedral where the R.C. Bishop of Plymouth, after the 2011 Peace Light Prayer, lit a candle from the flame ; this flame being kept alight all the year until the next one appears. Members of Plymouth ASU and the Guide Trefoil Guild accompanied the Light to the Cathedral. On the evening of the 16th December members of the Plymouth ASU together with Scouts from 1st Keyham, 29th Plymouth & 35th Plymouth took the light to our Minster Church, St. Andrews, where each year for many years it has lit the candles of the Lord Mayor's Annual Candlelit Carol Service. Scout members also assist with the offeratory. On Christmas Eve a Cub Scout presented the light to the Vicar at St. Mary's Church, Tamerton Foliot where, once again the flame has been received for many years. The Cub Scout also lit the Advent Candles from the flame.



For further information and photographs about the 2011 Peace Light and also the Peace Light from previous years visit the website www.peacelight.org.uk

District Scout Section Chess Competition

This event took place on the 8th January at the 1st Crownhill Headquarters and was attended by 12 Scouts from four Troops – 1st Keyham, 27th Plymouth, 29th Plymouth and 35th Plymouth. After several hours of many intense games Stanley Beal of the 27th Plymouth emerged triumphant as Winner with Ben Crossland of the 1st Keyham as Runner-Up and Jacob Dorrington and Josh Dorrington both of the 1st Keyham being joint Third. Many thanks to all the Scouts who attended and took part and it is hoped to see them all again 2013 together with others. Further thanks must go to all the Leaders who assisted in any way and especially to those who remained throughout the afternoon. It was hoped to have run an Explorer Competition at the same time but it was too short notice to contact all concerned so hopefully this can be incorporated in to the Diary for 2013.

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.

Bronze Chief Scout's Award

Caitlin Bond 30th Plymouth
Ben Crocker 30th Plymouth
Michael Sullivan 29th Plymouth



Bronze Duke Of Edinburgh Award



On the evening of Monday 9th January three Explorer Scouts were presented with their Bronze Duke Of Edinburgh's Awards. The recipients were Joe Farrow, Sam Duffield and Anna Chow. Congratulations to all three for attaining these awards after many hours of time and dedication.

Woodbadges received:

Paul Brown 7th Plymouth
Kelly Powell 31st Plymouth
Thomas Green 10th St Budeaux
Sandra Oxton 1st Crownhill
Lisa Samphier 1st Crownhill
Chris Greaves-Stocker 11th Plymouth



Service Recognition:

Sarah Peck	19 th Plymouth	5 years
Nicola Smith	19 th Plymouth	5 years
Jessica Trelfall	29 th Plymouth	5 years
Sue Gelsthorpe	10 th St Budeaux	15 years
Sharon McGee	33 rd Plymouth	15 years
Graham Poyntz	District Explorers	15 years
Chris Wardle	19 th Plymouth	20 years
Amy Steele	10 th Devonport	25 years
Richard Moule	District Explorers	25 years
Tracey Land	Active Support	25 years
Paul Kerslake	Active Support	30 years
Les Barnfield	Active Support	40 years
Nigel Norris	27 th Plymouth	50 years



The Appointments Committee has confirmed the following in their roles:

Simon Weaver	ABSL	1 st Crownhill Provisional
Michelle Burnham	GSA	1 st Roborough Provisional
Gemma Breese	GSA	10 th Devonport Provisional
Christopher Apperley-Bennett	GSA	10 th Devonport Provisional
Rebecca Penny	ABSL	1 st Keyham Provisional
Victoria Palmer	ABSL	1 st Crownhill Full
Simon Holder	SL	1 st Crownhill Full (change of appt)

Notices

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

Diary Dates

January

22nd Scout 5-a-Side Football
25th Explorer Leaders Meeting

February

11th/12th District Beaver Sleepover
16th Active Support Meeting
17th Swimming Test Afternoon
19th District Cubs Uni-Hoc

March

TBA Scout Climbing Competition
3rd March Newsletter Deadline
17th Cub Night Hike
31st Beaver Easter Afternoon

April

15th Cubs Sponsored Walk
19th Active Support Meeting
22nd District St George's Day Service
23rd St George's Day
29th Scout Adventure Competition

May

5th Beaver Experiments
5th May Newsletter Deadline
17th Active Support Meeting
20th Ernesettle Tug-of-War
27th/28th District Cub Field Gun Run

June

TBA Cubs Grand Day Out
2nd Queens Jubilee Day
21st Active Support Meeting

July

6th – 8th District Scout Camp
7th July Newsletter Deadline
15th Cubs Mini-Ten Tors
19th Active Support Meeting

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 114 members of the Group – why not join them?

Herald Reporters Are Ready To Zone In On Your Area

Herald reporters are set to be out and about across the city with the return of the Herald's popular community pages. Designated reporters will be covering stories from every corner of your local area. Let the reporters know of any events you have going on, however big or small, and they will tell people about them. The new community pages will be in the paper from the end of January.

If you have a story from Mutley, Greenbank, Efford, Lipson, Laira, Mount Gould, the East End, Higher Compton, Hartley, Mannamead or Peverell then you contact reporter Edd Moore.

Eleanor Radford will deal with stories in Keyham, North Prospect, Ham, Ford, Morice Town, Stoke, Devonport, Stonehouse and the City Centre.

Rebecca Ricks will be covering Ernesettle, St. Budeaux, Barne Barton, Kings Tamerton, Weston Mill, Honicknowle, Whiteleigh, Tamerton Foliot, Southway, Widewell, Glenholt, Estover, Derriford, Manadon, Crownhill, Eggbuckland, Leigham and Mainstone.

Call your local reporter in The Herald newsroom on 01752 765529.