



News

WEST SUSSEX SCOUTS No. 2 July 2008

John Spickett County Commissioner

Hi Everyone

May I thank all of the Districts who have had their AGMs for the hospitality and welcome members of the County Team have been given. Without a doubt the County is buzzing and the leaders are as busy as ever.

We have had very successful patrol leader's weekend, cub scout challenge and one of the largest Chief Scout Award presentations on record with over 40 gold and platinum awards being presented.

Andrea Bailey as County Recruitment and Development Office has now been in place for just over a month and we welcome her. The County Projects Panel will be looking at the suitable projects put forward by the District Champions for Andrea to tackle, so please help us to support you, by forwarding your projects for consideration via your champions.

WS is just a few weeks away lets look forward to the camping which is an important part of scouting, whether you will be joining us all at WS or camping with your groups or districts. Enjoy the experience and have fun.

Congratulations to the many Young People who have gained Bronze and Silver in Beavers and Cubs and to the following who have gained Gold or Platinum.

Gold

Jamie Harvey
Jonathan van Beek
Chris Brownlee
David Petey
Sophia Barnes
Jack Stocker
Alexander Furlepa
Sam Cruickshank
Jack Gladdish
Daniel Garrow
Richard Tyler
Ben Kent
Felicity Howes-Yarlett
Rachel McCarthy
Alistair Smith
Lisa Westerdijk
Michael McGearthy
Benjamin Howlett
Sebastian Turner
Ellen Moyse
Rowan Blakey-Lodge
Nathan Wicking
Ian Bowtell-Sims
Timothy Stevens
Josh Steele
Mark Mckinney
Elizabeth Blount

Martin Reves
Noel Moorhouse
Richard Fitton
Amelia Baines
Peter Sadler
Cara Drake
Ross Greene
Laura Bartlett-Short
Robert Paynter
Stephen Turtle

Platinum

Matthew Baker-Irons
Amelia Lytton
Alexandra Wilton
Rachel Drew
Lucy Partridge
Madeleine Roberts
Bradley Stratton

Awards for Merit

Kevin Angell
Roy Wells
Peter (Chalky) White

CSCGS

Carolyn Burns
Ian Gaskell
Cheryl Stevens

RN Inspection

3rd Shoreham Sea Scouts

Congratulations to you all and Well Done

Join the adventure

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Dates for your Diary

WS2008 2nd – 9th August 2008 at the South of England Showground

For bookings 01293 881153 or email WS2008bookings@yahoo.co.uk

AGM date and Venue change

This years County AGM is being held at Lodge Hill on Thursday 18th September at 8pm followed by refreshments.

Please take note of the attached notice drawing your attention to the COUNTY AGM.

Bognor Beaver Challenge 21st September 2008

Tangmere Box Cart Racing 28th September 2008

Chief Scout Awards Presentation

26th October is to be held at The Priory Restaurant Haywards Heath.

County Explorer Event

“The Interceptor” 15th November 2008

For more details please contact Robin Springer on 01825 764832 or email robin.springer@gmail.com

Sir Brian Bartellot Award Day 30th November 2008 at Lodge Hill

Sir Brian will be attending this event and hopefully all Districts are in the process of selecting there own development projects to be put forward on this day.

Cubs Campalot 15th * 17th May 2009 at the South Of England Showground



This Newsletter will be produced bi-monthly and any contributions are welcome.

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West Sussex County Patrol Leaders Training Course 2008

During the month of June 39 scouts representing 8 Districts from across West Sussex County attended the County Patrol Leaders Training Course held at Lodge Hill Centre.

The course brought together scouts who have only just started the challenge of becoming a Patrol Leader; we also had some scouts who were very recently presented the Assistant Patrol Leaders Role in their Troops.

The course objective was to give the Scouts the necessary training in various leadership skills and to give them the confidence they will need in their roles to successfully lead a patrol of younger scouts.

This was achieved by the scouts taking an active role in a number short training sessions and discussions and covered areas which we believe the Patrol Leaders, would benefit in the future; Troop Discipline, Ceremonies, Patrol Leaders Role,

How the Patrol system works, Section Links and helping others learn.

We incorporated a considerable amount of team building activities and various levels of personal and group role-play to encourage the leaders within to come to the surface.

The Scouts will be coming back together again in September for the second part of the Training course, a weekend camp where the scouts will be introduced to back to basics camping in a farmer's field near to Horsham.

The scouts will be introduced to many various camp activities such as; Camp layout, Cooking on fires, axe and saw training, survival techniques.

Neil Laws

County Scout Leader

Bognor, Worthing and Arundel and Littlehampton (the seaside's) put on one of the best challenges we've had for ages.

Held at Littlehampton teams from around the county meet on the green.

The weather turned out to be very sunny and hot, with a very strong wind. After having the rules for the day explained the teams took their places on the beach, only plastic buckets and spades could be used.

The sandcastles started to evolve, with turrets and flags some young cub tried to keep the moats filled with water, with extending trips to collect water from the receding sea. As well as making the sandcastles each team had to make something that symbolised the Olympics, as one of the judges, I found the teams had some fantastic ideas.

The Olympic rings proved to be very popular. The use of anything found on the beach meant that pebbles and sea weed were widely used as they were easy to find will some cubs searching for lolly sticks and decorative shells. After judging we all went back to the grassed area for a picnic lunch (some leaders trying the local delicacy fish and chips).

When all had finished we went back into our teams to take part in some Olympic type challenges a sack race and dressing up really proved great fun with a great amount of concentration needed to get a good score in the target hoops.

At the end of the day the points were added up. Arundel & Littlehampton came out on top. Well done to all in A&L. Medals handed out to first and second place with certificates to all teams that took part.

Well done to all who took part in this new challenge, but most of all thanks to all who worked so hard to make this such a fantastic day.

Dave Grimwood and Jill Gladman
Cub Scout County Leaders