

Newsletter of North Dorset District Scouting

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Our DC writes:

As the final months of the Centenary Year approach, the general reaction from everyone is WOW! , what a year. The celebrations have certainly brought the county together in the true brotherhood of scouting, something we should all be proud of.

The District Centenary Camp was also a highlight, thanks to the lottery and local funding, which made it the success it was. I thank the team for their support and faith in the event. The inclement weather did not dampen the spirit. From the many comments received it was certainly a camp never to be forgotten. The badge and camp flag will remain as part of the centenary memorabilia.

Goose 2007, what a week, the weather brilliant. I was proud of comments made by other districts on the way our leaders and team worked so well together, which made the camp run so smoothly. Many thanks go to Debbie on administration, whose job started long before the camp, carried on through it and it still ongoing. Thanks to John on activities, not only making sure people were in the right place at the right time but also running them. Not only an army but a camp marches on its stomach and although there were problems at times with the food supplies, these were soon overcome by Paul and Tina with Debbie as the "go for". Finally there are still some outstanding payments, Debbie will be contact.

There has been a steady flow of warrant, awards and service presentations to both young and old throughout the year. Congratulations to all.

Jenny Merefield

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Cubs ~

Here we are three quarters of the way through our centenary year already - time really does fly by when you're having fun! Well done to all those Cubs and Leaders who survived our District Centenary Camp and to those who came to GOOSE, both great experiences in their own ways and demonstrations of the true Scouting Spirit. I'm sure when our Cubs look back in years to come they will realise what an important part in history they played and will be able to say 'I was there' when it's talked about in 2057! There's still lots to look forward to with the District Hike in October and, for a few, Live07 in

November as well as all the activities planned by each Pack.

Please note a Change of Date, we have a Leaders meeting coming up in **October** that I would like to change **from Monday 8th to Thursday 11th** still at **Shaftesbury HQ**.

Agendas will be sent out in a couple of weeks and I hope to see as many of you there as possible as we compile the calendar for the coming year.

Thank you for all that you do week in week out for our Cubs.

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Scouts ~

Both our District Centenary Camp and GOOSE are behind us. Those of us that attended both camps experienced extreme bad weather and extreme good weather. But isn't that what camping is all about?

The highlight for me of Centenary Camp was the two shows; there is some fantastic talent within our District. Should we not consider putting on a Scout Review? My lasting memories of GOOSE were seeing our Scouts take part in some fantastic activities and talking to them about their experiences.

Another new term begins and the Leaders have been working hard on the following activities for our Scouts.

21st/23rd Sept. Aviation w'end Henstridge airfield, the aircraft, and the pilots are booked, the bases are organised, and I am still working on the weather!

13/14 Oct. Joint Backwoods weekend with the ESU's. at Spetisbury.

17th District 5 a side football comp.

24th/25th Nov. Activity weekend at Dewerston on Dartmoor. A joint activity with Explorer Scouts.

Congratulations go to Shaftesbury B Patrol who won the RAE Award in June.

A huge "THANK YOU" to Shaftesbury B Patrol and Blandford, for making up a composite Patrol, to represent North Dorset in the County Banner competition. Experiencing atrocious weather they were a credit to our District. Also, thank you to the leaders who gave up their time to attend this event.

Well done to Blandford who attended the Malvern Challenge, to defend their last year's winner's title, in appalling weather (Glastonbury comes to mind, rivers of mud!) They did not win this year but did extremely well and flew the flag for North Dorset.

Final thought:

MISTAKES are proof that you are trying!

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Network ~

This is just a quick note to say that we have now arrived, as of last evening, in the North of the County. Yes, our launch was last evening, the 6th September at Shaftesbury, over a curry snack, a number of youngsters voted for the go ahead. Much has to be discussed, planned, arranged, etc. but from small beginnings, our big acorn will grow and you will hear a lot more. I would like to emphasise that it will be up to the membership to make all of the decisions and that includes where and when they meet.

If you are within our age range of 18 to 25 and interested in joining us or finding out more, please contact me on 01747 840507 or hughhonywill@aol.com . If you are older than this and are interested in Network involvement, you will find something of interest in the Network contribution to the County Newsletter.

Enjoy your Network

*Hugh Honnywill -
County Scout Network Commissioner*

Fellowship ~

County Fellowship Day

Sun. 16th Sept. at Breamore House near Fordingbridge. The museum opens at 1.00 and the house at 2.00 Our get together will be at 4.30.

Fellowship Rep's Mtg

Next Rep's Mt'g: **Tues. 25th Sept.**, 7.00 for 7.30

Peacelight Service

Wed. 19th December at 6.30pm for 7.00pm at St Peter's Church, Parkstone, Poole.

Founders Day Service

Sun. 24th Feb 2008, 3.00pm at St Mark's Church in West Parley.

County Fellowship Quiz

Sat. 8th March 2008 at Denis Gooding Centre, Poole, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Roger Monksummers ~

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Explorers ~ PLEASE update diaries NOW

(YL Training venues to be confirmed)

Date	Event	Contact
Fri 14 Sep 07	ORCAS & WSAN campfire evening 8 – 10 pm @ WSAN	PP/BD
Thu 20 Sep 07	Young Leaders Module A, 7.30 Blandford Camp	LB/CDM
Fri 21 Sep 07	ORCAS / WSAN / YL invited to Camelot District at Templecombe	PP
Tue 25 Sep 07	Full Explorer Scout Section meeting at Blandford 7.30 – 9.30 pm	NG/BD
Tue 2 Oct 07	ORCAS parents evening / meet the leaders, all ES leaders to attend if possible please, Blandford 7.30 – 9.30	BD
Sun 7 Oct 07	Bisley shooting practice at Shaftesbury HQ, morning and afternoon sessions. Individual coaching, possible further vacancies for other interested experienced ES.	CDM
Sat / Sun 13-14 Oct	Backwoods weekend, Network / ES and ES / Scouts (two events)	BD/NG/PA
Sun 14 Oct 07	Bisley shooting practice at Shaftesbury HQ, morning and afternoon sessions. Possible further vacancies for other interested experienced ES. Coaching by GB squad coach.	CDM
Fri – Sun 19 – 21 Oct	National Scout Shooting Competition at Bisley.	CDM
Wed 7 Nov 07	Young Leaders Module G, 7.30 Bourton (this is part one of a two part session)	LB/CDM
Mon 12 Nov 07	ESL meeting at DESA location	NG
Fri – Sun 16-18 Nov	Activity weekend, Emergency Aid and YL module K. Open to all ES.	CDM/LB
Fri – Sun 23 – 25 Nov	Dewerstone activity packed weekend. ES £28, Leaders £15.	PA
Sat 24 Nov 07	Live 07	District
Thu 29 Nov 07	County Senior Sections meeting - Buddens	NG/CDM
Nov 07 – Jun 08	Caving – 1 event per month, minimum charge for group.	PA
Tue 4 Dec 07	Young Leaders Module H, 7.30 at Blandford (this is part two of a two part session)	LB/CDM
Sat / Sun 19 – 20 Jan 08	Frostbite Challenge	NG/BD/PP
Thu 31 Jan 08	Young Leaders Module I, 7.30 at Blandford Camp	LB/CDM
Wed 27 Feb 08	Young Leaders Module J, 7.30 at Bourton	LB/CDM
Fri – Sun 11 – 13 April 08	Hafod, mountain weekend.	PA
Fri 18 Apr 08	Young Leaders Module B, 7.30 at Sturminster Newton	LB/CDM

Fri 9 May 08	Young Leader Achievements Review Night	LB/CDM
May 08	Ten Tors training for 8/9 ES	PA
June 08	Climbing weekend.	PA
Early August 08	South London survival camp	PP
August 09	St Petersburg trip	PP
2011	Sweden, World Jamboree	

We have seen some tremendous growth in the Explorer Section during the last few months, much to the credit of our leaders. Our membership now stands just short of 60 Explorers with nearly two thirds opting to be involved in Young Leaders. There has been a sizeable growth in the ORCA pod based at Blandford which now has an impressive 24 members, an increase from 7 this time last year. WSAN are busy with their new meeting place project and are also growing well. The progress on site has been quite impressive with a lot of hard work having been put in to clear the site and create a meeting place. Programmes are currently being drawn up but already we have very full diary of events to see us through into next year.

Explorers have again assisted at the Shaftesbury and Gillingham Show but duties on the day of the show being different to the norm in that they provided assistance to the Fellowship Tea and Coffee stall, Fellowship in return kindly donated monies to the Explorer account, many thanks.

During the coming months we will be saying good bye to 12 of our Explorers as they reach their 18th birthdays, some will be taking up warranted or assistant roles in the groups where they have been based as Young Leaders. It is encouraging to see that Network have now been able to open a Unit in the North of the County to provide for those wishing to remain in Scouting but who do not wish to take up a leadership role.

Neil Gillard ~ DESC

Scout & Explorer Scout Kit Loan Scheme ~

Hi there, I'm Vicky, a member of the Fellowship who helps out with the Orca Explorer pod when I can.

I am currently trying to set up a Scout Kit Loan (SKL), with some help from others. The SKL will be where anybody without the correct kit and equipment for an activity can loan kit from a central base. This has come about from the influx of new members to the movement in the older sections, that have not tried the activities before and do not want to, or are unable to, own the kit that is required at this level.

If you have children then you will know that they grow out of kit (or lose it!) and having to replace it can sometimes be tight, in terms of both time and money, this is our way of being able to help out.

For the time being SKL will be limited to the Scout and Explorer (inc. Young Leaders) sections, to test the waters as such. If SKL becomes popular and utilised then we can think about expanding to some of the younger sections. So, if you have kit that is useable, that you, or anybody you know has grown out of, replaced with something new or that you no longer require then can you please let us know! In particular we are looking for waterproofs, walking boots and camping equipment, however we won't turn anything down, all we ask is that the kit can still be used, and preferably clean!

Please pass the message on to Scouts, Explorers and Leaders that this service is available to donate to and to borrow from! Send me an email or leave a message on (01747) 822202, this can be done by the leader or the scout.

Attached is a poster for you to put up, if you wish.

For any more details or if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Scout & Explorer Scout Kit Loan

This is a new service that is being offered in North Dorset for a kit loan system. We are focusing on providing a kit bank for scouts and explorer scouts to dip into and borrow from when there is kit that they need for activities.

So,

- Do you have any kit that you can donate, that you have grown out of or that you have replaced?
- Do you need any kit for an upcoming event?

If the answer is yes to either of the above, then please let us know!

For more information either contact your leader or use the contact details below.

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