



countywide outlook ... Scouting in Bedfordshire

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congratulations

Awards

Medal of Merit Someries

Michael Jones, DESL
Denise O'Hara, DBSL

Lea Valley

Alan Goodman, GSL, Strathmore

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Lea Valley

Clive Burgess, ADC Scouts
Yvonne Goodman, Group VP, Strathmore
Janet Kay, ABSL, Caddington
Susan Law, Group Supporter, Lea Scout Group
Elaine Shane, Group Secretary, Leagrave
Michael Waller, Group Treasurer, Leagrave

Long Service Awards

60 years—Ken Wells, Bedford
50 years—Howard Valentine, Bedford

news from the county commissioner

Friends,



Sadly Pam Humphries passed away on Friday 1st July 2005. Some of you will remember Pam as a leader in Luton before she became ADC LT and then ACC SF before moving on to be a National Commissioner for SF. Pam was a founder member of the management committee for Walton Firs Scout Camp Site Surrey and was a committee member of the Scout Holiday Homes Trust at HQ. Pam's last role in Scouting was editor of this Countywide Outlook.

God Bless Pam

You will have read in the 'congratulations' the new 60 year and 50 year Long Service Awards. These are new awards to the Scout Association

directory updates

Following the AGM, the whole directory has been updated on the website: www.bedfordshirescouts.co.uk

Tsunami appeal update

So far we have raised £2804 for the Scout Association Tsunami Appeal—many thanks to those who made this possible.

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and are very well deserved, so I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Ken Wells (60years) and Howard Valentine (50 years). Bedfordshire is grateful of the long and valued membership of these two very dedicated men.

I am sure that you were all as happy as I was with the census figures, which showed us that membership grew in Bedfordshire, although we still have much to do. There are still young people of age waiting to join the first three sections, so we must work hard to enable these young people to enjoy the good quality Scouting that Bedfordshire delivers each and every night of the week. I know that many groups are not up to their full membership number because of the lack of adult help. Well help is just around the corner all you have to do is ask:

The Six Step Approach to Recruitment can be delivered to the adults in your Group. All you have to do is ring Martin Wesley on 01582 651369.

Go on give it a try, it has worked well in several districts where new sections have opened with both new adult help and young members!

May I thank all of you who took part in the collection of copper coins and foreign currency for 'Scouting's Tsunami Appeal'. To date the fantastic sum of £2,804 has been received, with more to come as we still have some foreign currency to sell. I still have visions of one of the counting mornings where the County Treasurer was on his hands and knees in my conservatory trying to collate the many bags of copper coins spread all over the floor. It became even funnier when we transferred it all to a suitcase on wheels and tried to get it from the conservatory to the car. I then drove the County Treasurer to Nat West in Leighton Buzzard where he struggled to get the suitcase up the steps leading into the bank, but all was well as I haven't seen an accident report from him yet - what fun they would have had at HQ reading that one.

With the summer holidays fast approaching many of you will be taking a break from Scouting, may I wish you all a very happy time with your families and for those of you who will be carrying on throughout the

summer or have a camp planned have a great time, but remember be safe!

Remember that the 'Nights Away Scheme' is fully operative. The scheme is designed to encourage more 'Nights Away activity' using the knowledge of those more experienced to show those of less experience. In short the scheme makes it easier for young people to experience Nights Away activities. Have you got your Nights Away Permit? If you are not sure how to get one ask your District Nights Away advisor or talk to your District Commissioner.

To all of you going to Eurojam, have a great time and make the most of this opportunity to enjoy sharing experiences with scouts and guides from other countries. We shall look forward to hearing about your adventures and seeing your pictures in future editions of this newsletter.

In 2006 the Cub Scout Section will be 90 years old and Beaver Scouting will be 20 years old. To celebrate this double anniversary, celebration badges will be available from HQ for both sections to wear during 2006. They will be available in the autumn.

That's all for now.
Take care.

The Leslie Sell Activity Centre Molivers Lane, Bromham, Bedford

Have you visited the site recently and experienced our new toilet and shower facility

Why not give us a try for your next outdoor or indoor camp

In addition to the toilets, we also have 8 acres of grass, 18 acres of woodland, dormitory accommodation for 26, a storm building and training centre and can provide archery, shooting and orienteering

*For availability or a brochure please call Rita
on 01234 824080 or email
bromham.camp@btinternet.com*



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around the districts

hearing dogs for deaf people regional challenge 2004

Essex, who organised the challenge wrote and thanked Bedfordshire for participating in the 2004 Regional Challenge and raising the sum of £71.20 for Hearing Dogs For Deaf People.

This money was raised by Lea Valley District and our thanks go to them.



Photographic proof that DC's don't mind entering into the spirit (and dress) of the occasion and helping out with the necessary camp tasks.

Nigel Taylor, DC of Amptill & Woburn is pictured at CubJam 2005 with Flitwick group.

Visit their website:

www.flitwickscoutgroup.org.uk/CubJam2005/

Bedford Six a Side Competition



The event took place on Saturday March 12th at Cauldwell Lower School and was organised by Barry Hook of Putnoe Cub Pack. Ten teams took part.

The competition was won by St Andrews Rowallan "A" Team who beat St Andrews Rowallan "B" by three goals to nil in the final



County Kent Challenge Results

Sunday 15 May 2005

8-10 mile hike with incidents

Bedford/ Ouse Valley area

22 patrols of 4-6 members took part

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| 1st | Barton Springs, Icknield |
| 2nd | 1st Leighton Buzzard |
| 3rd | Brickhill, Bedford |
| 4th | Armstrong, Biggleswade |
| 5th | Barton Springs |
| 6th | 1st Shefford |

Congratulations to the Winners and thanks to Rex Rothwell-Jackson for sponsoring the event and presenting the



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2005 Training Courses

All at Bromham unless stipulated
Closing date 6 weeks prior

adult training

Mod 3 and 18 full day

Sunday 11th September
Saturday 5th November

Mod 4 Tools for the Job (Managers) evening

Tuesday 18th October (Bromham)

Mods 5, 7, 8 & 9

Saturday and Sunday (not overnight)

24th & 25th September
(8 and 9 on Saturday, 5 and 7 on Sunday)

Mod 10 First Response full day

Saturday 10th September
Sunday 6th November

Mods 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 19

19th & 20th November
(13, 15 & 19 on Saturday, 11, 12 & 14 on Sunday)

Mods 16 & 17 Friday to Sunday

(includes two overnights)
7th to 9th October

Mods 20, 22 & 23 full day

Sunday 16th October

Mods 24 & 26 full day

Saturday 3rd December

Mod 25 Assessing Learning full day

Saturday 15th October
Sunday 4th December

Modules 1 and 6

To be delivered in District after consultation
with the LTM.

How to Apply

Please contact your relevant Local Training Manager for details on how to register:

Alec Hissett 01767 650052 Ampthill and Woburn, Dunstable, Icknield, Lea Valley,
Leighton Linlade and Someries

Pearl Farr 01234 300506 Bedford, Biggleswade and Ouse Valley

To assist Training Advisers in their role, the following TA meetings are planned. At each meeting the following will be provided:

- an opportunity to meet and share experiences with other TAs
- hints and tips for validating the modules
- a general update on Adult Training

Tuesday	19 July	8.00 pm	Boyd Field, Church Road, Henlow
Wednesday	20 July	8.30 pm	Ardley Heights Scout HQ, Buttercup Lane, Off Canesworde Road, Dunstable.
Tuesday	6 September	8.00 pm	Ross Park Scout HQ, Applecroft Road, Luton
Thursday	8 September	8.00 pm	The Leslie Sell Activity Centre, Molivers Lane, Bromham, Bedford

Please contact the County Office and confirm your preferred date.



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Mod 3 and 18 full day

Sunday 8th January
 Saturday 4th March
 Sunday 7th May
 Sunday 10th September
 Saturday 4th November

Mod 4 Tools for the Job (Managers) evening

Tuesday 7th March
 Thursday 19th October

Mods 5, 7, 8 & 9 Saturday & Sunday (not overnight)

11th & 12th March
 (5 and 7 on Saturday, 8 and 9 on Sunday)
 23th & 24th September
 (8 and 9 on Saturday, 5 and 7 on Sunday)

Mod 10 First Response full day

Saturday 7th January
 Sunday 5th March
 Saturday 6th May
 Saturday 9th September
 Sunday 5th November

Mods 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 19 Saturday and Sunday (not overnight)

20th & 21st May
 (11, 12 & 14 on Saturday, 13, 15, 19 on Sunday)
 18th & 19th November
 (13, 15 & 19 on Saturday, 11, 12 & 14 on Sunday)

Mods 16 & 17 Monday evening and Friday to Sunday (includes two overnights)

Monday 13th March and 31st March to 2nd April
 Monday 4th September and 6th to 8th October

Mods 20, 22 & 23 full day

Saturday 4th February
 Sunday 15th October

Mod 21 full day

Sunday 25th June

Mods 24 or 26 part day (depending on attendees' roles)

Saturday 22nd April
 Sunday 3rd December

Mod 25 Assessing Learning full day

Sunday 5th February
 Saturday 24th June
 Saturday 14th October
 Saturday 2nd December

Mods 28 & 29 Saturday and Sunday (not overnight)

18th & 19th February

Modules 1 and 6 to be delivered in District after consultation with the LTM.

Modules 27 and 30 to 36 will be arranged when the need arises.

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From the ACC International

World Jamboree 2007

The price has been announced at no more than £1000 and the Jamboree management team hope to reduce this figure. This price includes a uniform, luggage and the equipment needed for the Jamboree ie tents, cookers, etc. It also includes Home Hospitality in Europe at the conclusion of the Jamboree.

There is still time to put in an application if you feel you would like to be part of the Bedfordshire Contingent. "The Jamboree is open to members of the Scout Association or Guiding UK, aged between 14 and 17 years on 27 July 2007, ie born between 28 July 1989 and 27 July 1993. This age range is set by the organisers." Please contact me if you feel you would like to apply for a place.

Eurojam is taking place in July and I hope that many Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network members will take the opportunity to visit, if not participating.

Jerry Pope
ACC International, scoutgerbil@yahoo.co.uk.

Day Visits to EuroJam - visit the biggest Scouting and Guiding event in Europe for 10 years!

Everyone can now experience the magic of EuroJam for themselves – through the Day Visitors programme. Open to Scout Groups, families, friends and individuals, the Day Visitors programme offers the opportunity to visit EuroJam for a day, try out various activities, and learn more about Scouting in the UK and internationally. For just £10 a head (free for children aged 5 years and under), you can enjoy a packed day of fun and adventure at the UK's biggest Scouting event for nearly 50 years.

During the day, visitors will be able to: go on a tour of the EuroJam site; sample EuroJam activities - from juggling to stunt kite flying; find out about Scouting and global development; watch a live show in the arena staged specially for Day Visitors; as well as buy refreshments and purchase EuroJam souvenirs in the shops. Day Visits start and end at the North Weald reception centre, with bus transfers to and from EuroJam at pre-booked times. Day Visitor e-tickets are now on sale for Friday 5 August and Sunday 7 August, 2005 and must be booked in advance. They are available via the website:

<http://www.eurojam.org/dayvisits>

Help at EuroJam

Heard about the EuroJam IST (International Service Team) but cannot get time off for the whole period? If so, this opportunity is for you! We are looking for people to come and help out on the weekends of EuroJam: the 29-31 July and/or the 5-7 August.

On the first weekend you would be helping with the participant arrival day, opening ceremony and settling participants into the first few days of the camp. On the second, you would be supporting the Programme & On-site Services Teams, allowing full-time IST members to have their day off.

The cost will be £75 for one weekend or £135 for both weekends. This will include all your meals and IST programme plus entertainment. You would stay in the IST Sub Camps and experience, firsthand, international teamwork in action! We have Scouts from over 52 countries coming to EuroJam, so help us make this an international experience of a lifetime for them!

Sign up at www.eurojam.org/ist or contact The Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818

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GSL / DC CONFERENCE 22 OCTOBER 2005

All you need
to know about
being a DC
but were too
afraid to ask!

Learn how
to recruit
more adults

Find out more
about funding
opportunities for
your Group

How to support
your Leaders with
their training and
activities

Learn how to grow
and develop your
Group

All this is offered completely free of charge

Put the date in your diary now!

More details will follow after the summer

Woburn Safari Park—Special Rates

Woburn Safari Park are offering special discounted rates for Rainbow, Brownie, Beaver and Cub Scout groups when they visit on the following dates in 2005:
Saturday 17 September, Sunday 18 September, Saturday 22 October and Sunday 23 October

The admission price for Beaver and Cub Scout groups is:
Adults £ 6.50 Child (3-15 yrs) £4.50 Child (2 years) £3.00 Child under 2 years Free
(Normal price for groups is: Adults £10.50 Child (3-15 yrs) £8.00 Child (2 years) £5.50)

All groups must have a minimum of 15 or more paying visitors on a coach or minibus to qualify for these group prices. The Safari Park is also open to the public on these dates.



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notice board

Norjam 2006 Norfolk Showground, Norwich 29 July—5 August 2006

Girlguiding Norfolk and Norfolk Scouts
International Jamboree open to 10-18 year olds.
Full details on the website or by request

www.norjam2006.org.uk hq@norjam2006.org.uk
01603 866814

The Chellington Centre

Situated in stunning Bedfordshire countryside the Chellington Residential and Conference Centre is available for use by youth, voluntary and community organisations, schools, clubs and societies for weekends and weeks away. It provides opportunities for personal development, team building and fellowship. It is basic but beautiful; the young people who have visited have responded to its simplicity, spectacular location, and its quietness.
Full details at: www.chellington.org.uk

Chubb Competition

After the huge success of their Fire Safety Poster Competition, Chubb Fire is now offering another chance for Groups to get creative and win some fantastic prizes.

The 'Design a Christmas Card' competition was recently launched in *Scouting Magazine*. Based on 'Festive fun on a theme of fire safety' the card should include both text and graphics, and be designed by the whole Group.

The entry deadline is Friday 30th September 2005, and should be sent to The Corporate Relations Department at Gilwell Park. The winning Group will win a first prize of £500 to be spent on water themed activities, and see their card made into the Chubb Fire UK Christmas card for 2005! Second and third prizes of £300 and £200 are also on offer, so get those artistic ideas flowing! Chubb Fire sponsors the Scout Fire Safety Badge. A resource, as well as help and advice for this can be downloaded at www.scoutbase.org.uk.

International Opportunities

Looking for somewhere different to take your Scouts, Explorer Scouts or Scout Network this year or in 2006?

Then checkout this month's International Opportunities for some exciting places to visit. This article is update monthly so new and interesting opportunities are always being added to ScoutBase www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/inter/programme/ukcamps/intopp.pdf

CamJam 2006 Huntingdon Racecourse 6-13 August 2006 *6 full days of fun and activities*

An exciting new venue for a fun filled International Camp open to Scouts and Guides aged 10½ to 18 years. Full details on the website or by request.

www.camjam2006.ukf.net jane.warren@tesco.net
01487 711366

Young Achievers needed

Whitbread Young Achievers are now accepting nominations for their 2005 awards.

They are looking for young people aged between 16 and 25 who have made a difference to others through their volunteering efforts across any one of four categories: Arts, Community, Environment and Sport, during the past 12 months.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 15 July 2005. For more information visit their website www.whitbreadyoungachievers.co.uk/

Factsheets

In future a list of all new and updated Factsheets will be listed in the Notes section of Scouting Magazine.

They can all be found on www.scoutbase.org.uk



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Support for Executive Committees

Now that the AGM period is here we are in the process of re-electing or electing trustees for Group, District and County Executive Committees.

It is vital that Executive members understand the context in which they are operating so that they are able to make the best decisions as trustees.

Resources are available to help Trustees in their role:

- Chairperson, treasurer, secretary and supporter books available from the Information Centre (aimed at Groups but applicable to District and County)
- Role descriptions available on the adult support section of ScoutBase
- Fact sheets on the role of Executives – From ScoutBase or the Info Centre
- The induction toolkit – From ScoutBase or the Info Centre
- Recruitment Book– From ScoutBase or the Info Centre
- POR– A new updated version is now available on ScoutBase or from the Information Centre
- Charity Commission booklets CC3 and CC3(a) available from the Charity Commission in print or from the Charity Commission website.

Contact details:

ScoutBase	www.scoutbase.org.uk	
Info Centre	0845 300 1818	Info.centre@scout.org.uk
Charity Commission	www.charitycommission.gov.uk	0870 333 0123

Party in the Park

On Sunday 6 and Saturday 12 November, Chessington World of Adventures will be opening its doors to welcome Scouts and Guides from all over the UK for this year's new exclusive theme park event. A day of adventure and fun for everyone is on offer, at the special reduced ticket price of £16 for adults (12+) and £13 for children (4-11).

Your Group will enjoy the rides and attractions that Chessington has to offer, in a safe and friendly environment. Visitors can head straight for Land of the Dragons, where the Dragons Fury roller coaster has a fantastic spin in its tail, or come face-to-face with some amazing animals in Animal Land. Meet one of Europe's most successful lowland gorilla families, and three Asiatic lion cubs born in May 2004!

N and L Scout Events are taking bookings for Party in the Park. For further information or to book, phone 0115 9523617 or email office@nottinghamshire-scouts.com with the date of your visit and the number of tickets required. Visit www.youthfundays.co.uk to download a booking form or check out www.scouts.org.uk/chessington for more event information.

We look forward to seeing you there!