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### news from the county commissioner

#### Friends,

What tremendous fun I have had visiting residential experiences throughout the summer. These have been varied not only from the different age ranges such as Beaver Scout Sleepovers, Cub Scout Pack Holidays and Scout Camps with the Explorer Scout and Network Scouts being more adventurous and camping in Green Field situations. All have made me very welcome and I have admired the

excellent programmes which all young members were enjoying, enabling them to gain awards and badges. Well done to all of you, you certainly give so much to our young members whilst enjoying yourselves, which is a vital part of being a volunteer in this huge youth movement to which we all belong.

Remember, when you have your de-briefing and planning meetings a good word to remember is

#### FEAST:

- F**-ood
- E**-quipment
- A**-ctivities
- S**-ite and facilities
- T**-ransport

Don't forget if you haven't applied for your 'Camping Permit' you need to do so as soon as possible. The 'old style Permission to Camp Forms' are no longer valid, so to enable you to run a residential experience you must be a permit holder. The 'Nights Away' assessor in your District will be able to help you, just ask your line manager for the details if you are unsure. Please remember you still need to complete the Home Contact Forms as before and also NAN forms (Night's Away Notification) for your District Commissioner at least seven days prior to the event.

Although you will be given a small card permit stating which category permit you hold, it is not a requirement for a camp site to ask to see this. Your DC has the information from your NAN Form and is aware of where you are going and just what category permit you hold.

### directory updates

<b>A &amp; W</b>	Amphill Aspley Guise	New GSL New G Contact
<b>Bedford</b>	New DC St Andrews GSL	New Email
<b>Biggleswade</b>	DC District Treasurer ACC Activities Potton	New Email New Email New Email New GSL
<b>County</b>	New ACC Explorer Scouts County Treasurer	New Email
<b>Dunstable</b>	New ADC BS & New ESL	
<b>Leighton Linslade</b>	Appt Secretary Explorer Leader	New Email Now only 1

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Camp Fires are still a very popular part of a residential experience, whether indoors or out, it's amazing how the 'old' songs still keep coming to the fore whilst each and every camp fire had a new song for everyone to learn. I have to say though, young people still prefer to shout especially if it's at each other. The most popular one this year being 'Everywhere we go, people always' ask us'!

Now that the dark nights are here it may be a good idea to learn new songs or practice some really old ones. Maybe the Explorer Scouts or the Scout Network play instruments or even have a group or band and could be invited along to accompany you. And what a challenge for those older sections to practice throughout the winter months so that they could offer to play at such events next summer.

As you all know Sandie Nelson stood down as County Chairman at the County AGM this year and moved on to become ACC Youth Programme alongside Russell Ireson. They continue to hold the County Sectional Forums at Insys although the attendance is a little disappointing. Why is that? Please talk to Russell, Sandie or myself if you have anything at all to say on this matter. But remember this is the vehicle for Sectional Forums to gain the news of just what is happening from HQ and the County, enabling the information to be distributed back into the Districts. So if you can't attend yourself send a representative, or if it's just that you don't like attending by yourself bring along another leader, they would be very welcome.

We have a new Assistant County Commissioner Explorer Scouts, Roger Cladd. Some of you will remember him as a GSL in Dunstable District some seven years ago before moving to Milton Keynes. Both Roger and his wife Anne have re-joined Bedfordshire to continue with their love of Scouting. Ann has joined Ampthill and Woburn District as Assistant District Commissioner Beaver Scouts. So a very big welcome to both of you, Bedfordshire is extremely happy to have you back!

The first County Explorer Challenge Camp took place over the weekend 17/18/19 September at Phasels Wood. This was enjoyed by all attending, they certainly all looked very happy when I arrived on the Sunday. Roger and Anne were there to get to know people and Rex Rothwell Jackson joined in for the closing ceremony to present the Silver Salver he had kindly donated. The Blue Explorer Unit from Dunstable won the challenge and was presented with the Silver Salver and £100 in Outdoor Gift Vouchers by Rex. Roger spoke at the closing ceremony encouraging the Explorer Scouts and their Leaders to build on their experiences of the weekend and that he was looking forward to being part of the event in 2005.

It's almost a year now since Alec Hissett and his team began running the Modular Training Scheme. Alec has worked very hard in getting this new way of delivering training up and running, for which I am extremely grateful. Some of the modules have been very well attended others have only been attended by twos and threes, but all have been received well. I know that some Districts have concerns on just how the fees are being collected, this is being addressed and information on this will be distributed as soon as possible. So thank you to all who have supported this change, worked with it and made it a huge success. My thanks must also go to the Training Advisors (TAs) who have taken on this extra responsibility to ensure that the leaders they are working with are supported and guided through their training, for who better is there to guide a new leader through than the leader they already work with who see them in action every week!

Module Dates for 2005 may be viewed on the County Website [www.bedfordshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.bedfordshirescouts.org.uk) along with much more information, remember if you want to view the County Directory you will need the password obtainable from your line manager the county office 01234 826079 or mailto: [bedscouts@btinternet.com](mailto:bedscouts@btinternet.com)

The Peace Light Service will be held in All Saints Church, Luton at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 December. You are all invited to take part so that your light may be taken back to your own Carol Service for distribution. We are very fortunate that Scouting enables this light to be collected, for it is from a war zone and it is through the efforts of Scouting in Bethlehem where the light is collected by a Palestinian Scout and then passed to Israeli Scouts. It then comes via Tel-Aviv airport to Vienna, Austria where a special child is chosen to help with the distribution.

This year the Peace Light will leave Vienna on 11 December and Peter Sharples from Bedford will collect a flame the following day and bring it to All Saints Church in Luton ready for our service on Monday 13 December. This would then enable you all to take part in this truly magnificent celebration. I look forward to seeing members from each District there. Remember to bring a candle/torch/hurricane/paraffin lamp or what ever to All Saints plus something to enable the light to stand safely in your car to travel home.

I shall also look forward to meeting many of you at your individual services, it always amazes me just how much effort is put into these services and the amounts raised for such good causes. And of course the excitement of the young members as it gets nearer to Christmas is always a pleasure to witness and be involved with.

A little thought leading up to Christmas:

The people who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

Take care.



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## around the districts



### Scouts Czech In

Scouts and their leaders from the 24th Someries recently played host to a Troop of Scouts from the Czech Republic. The Group organised and ran a camp for the 137<sup>TH</sup> Prague Scout Troop at Gilwell Park.

During the week, the combined Luton-Prague group undertook many different adventurous activities, as well as trips.

The activities included pioneering, climbing, archery, swimming and a team building exercise. The

Scouts also enjoyed a day canoeing through the centre of London thanks to the Westminster Boating Base.

A trip to the beach at Southend was also included, where all enjoyed Fish & Chips by the sea.

The week was finished with a trip on the London Eye, followed by an afternoon of sightseeing.

During the week both sets of Scouts participated in, and gained, their Global Challenge which forms part of the British Scouts training programme. This required both

Troops to find out about each others Country.

The camp went well with both Troops gelling very quickly. This has taken 2 years of hard planning to get the sections together and will mean that the Scouts from the 24<sup>TH</sup> Someries will be spending Summer 2005 in Prague.

I would like to thank my fellow leaders as it took a great team effort to get it all together..

Ian Williams, Scout Leader  
24th Someries (St Anne's)

### Ladies that Lunch

On September 5th, a very special event took place at Gilwell Park. It was the day that George Purdy the 8th Chief Scout stepped down and Peter Duncan the 9th Chief Scout was inaugurated. The actual event took place after the Scouts Own Service and was a very moving ceremony witnessed by quite a few Bedfordshire members. Of course, there were lots of jokes about 'Here's one I made earlier', the sun shone and everyone was in a happy mood.

Then came the Chief Scout's Picnic. Participants had been invited to dress up for the occasion to an International theme and judges wandered around the Training Ground looking for the best picnic. Who were those ladies dressed up to the nines, complete with extravagant hats, sipping wine with their 3-course meal, topped off with coffee from delicate china cups? They were 'Ladies that Lunch' from Bedfordshire of course and have a rare certificate signed by both Chief Scouts. I leave you to work out who the ladies were! Editor



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### Harlington Explorers

Eleven Harlington Explorers successfully completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition at the beginning of August. They formed two groups and the expedition took place in the Forest of Dean. The Silver required them to walk 30 miles over three days camping overnight. Both groups were assessed by a member of the Forest of Dean Expedition Panel.

The Forest is a very challenging area completely different to Bedfordshire. The area, as you would expect, is heavily wooded with a very hilly terrain. One particular problem both groups encountered was the poor mobile phone signal. This meant that the groups were out of contact for most of their expedition unless they

could be spotted on their route. It made the supervision of the groups very difficult.

Group 1, Ben, Daniel, Robert, Richard, Michael and Emma, successfully navigated their route on all three days with very few problems apart from insect bites and blisters. They had a run-in with a dog on one of their campsites when it ran off with the ham for their lunch. They worked well as a group and were cheerful throughout. They managed to arrive at their finish point at the appointed time.

Group 2, Chris, Catherine, James, Ben and Matt, found the forest area very difficult to navigate on their first day, especially when the Forestry Commission converts

paths into service roads. It is very easy to walk around in circles in the forest and compass work became particularly important. They too, had an animal encounter, this time with a herd of cows. They managed to avoid all contact on their third day as they were missed by a few minutes at each check point and were out of mobile phone contact for the entire day. It was with some relief when they finished one hour late.

All eleven still have work to do on the other areas of the Silver Award, including the presentation of their expedition at the end of September.

Well Done  
Cathy Sheehan, Harlington ESL

### Walton Firs Campsite

Sue & Dave would like to thank all Service Team Members who have helped on site during the season, especially those who have given up a week of their time to be on site during the May Bank Holiday week and the recent school summer holidays.

Congratulations to Barry Gingell, Stuart Headon and Richard Stevenson who have just completed their 10<sup>th</sup> "summer season".

We hope all the Someries Explorers and the Bedford Young Leaders received the exam results they were hoping for and look forward to seeing you all on crew again soon.

Many thanks again to everyone, Sue and Dave. (Wardens)

### *from the ACC International*

Congratulations to all Bedfordshire Scouts who have taken the plunge and gone abroad this Summer.

I hope you all had an enjoyable and memorable time. Could Leaders please let me have the feedback sheets to help others who may be thinking of venturing abroad in the future.

2005 sees Eurojam taking place in Essex, at the same site as the 21st World Jamboree in 2007. An application form for the Jamboree Troop is available on the next page. If you are between 14 and 18 on the 28th July 2007, you may like to think about applying for a place in the Troop.

I can be contacted by E mail at [scoutgerbil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:scoutgerbil@yahoo.co.uk) or by phone 01767 225871.

**Gerry Pope, ACC International**

**21<sup>st</sup> World Scout Jamboree, Hylands Park, Chelmsford (UK)  
28<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

**Bedfordshire Contingent Application Form**

**Deadline for all applications is the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005. All parts must be completed for the application to be considered. Any part of the form with a \*n\* before it (where 'n' is a number), has a helping guideline on the bottom of the application form.**

I would like to apply for a place in the Bedfordshire Contingent to the 21<sup>st</sup> World Jamboree

**Your Details**

Name.....\*1\* Date of Birth ...../...../.....

Address .....

\*2\*

Home Tel No..... Mobile .....e-mail .....

**Why I want to go—\*3\*** Tell us why you would like to attend the World Jamboree, and what you hope to gain from the experience of attending.

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**My Reference—**Please ask your Scout Leader to complete the question below:

Would you recommend the applicant for a place in the Jamboree Contingent and your reasons why.

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Signed ..... Troop Name ..... Date ...../...../2004

**My support—**Please ask your parent/Guardian to complete the following:

I approve the application of the above person, and I realise that a financial contribution will be required. I also accept that the applicant will be expected to take part in fund raising activities.

Signed.....Please print name ..... Date...../...../2004

**Anything else? -** Is there anything else you feel we need to know, or will help your application

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**When completed, please return to Gerry Pope, ACC International, 14 Windermere Drive, Biggleswade, SG18 8LS or email to [scoutgerbil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:scoutgerbil@yahoo.co.uk).**

**Notes**

\*1\* Your birthday must fall between 29<sup>th</sup> July 1989 and 28<sup>th</sup> July 1993 to be eligible to apply.

\*2\* Please include your local dialling code (i.e. 01767)

\*3\* Please use another sheet if the space available is too small.



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## adult training

### Training Courses Planned for 2005- All at Bromham unless shown

#### Mod 3 and 18

Sunday 9th January

Saturday 5th March

Sunday 8th May

Sunday 11th September

Saturday 5th November

#### Mod 4 Tools for the Job (Managers) evening at Insys

Tuesday 8th March

Thursday 7th July

Tuesday 18th October

#### Mods 5, 7, 8 & 9 (not overnight)

12th & 13th March

(5 and 7 on Saturday, 8 and 9 on Sunday)

24th & 25th September

(8 and 9 on Saturday, 5 and 7 on Sunday)

#### Mod 10 First Response

Saturday 8th January

Sunday 6th March

Saturday 7th May

Saturday 10th September

Sunday 6th November

#### Mods 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 19 (not overnight)

21st & 22nd May

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

19th & 20th November

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

#### Mods 16 & 17 Friday to Sunday (includes two overnights)

15th to 17th April

7th to 9th October

#### Mods 20, 22 & 23

Saturday 5th February

Sunday 16th October

#### Mod 21

Saturday 25th June

#### Mods 24 & 26

Sunday 10th April

Saturday 3rd December

#### Mod 25 Assessing Learning

Sunday 6th February

Saturday 9th April

Sunday 26th June

Saturday 15th October

Sunday 4th December

#### Mods 28 & 29 (not overnight)

19th & 20th 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.**

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

**Roz Peel** 01525 754151

Ampthill and Woburn, Dunstable, Icknield, Lea Valley,  
Leighton Linlade and Someries

**Pearl Farr** 01234 300506

Bedford, Biggleswade and Ouse Valley



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## New Headquarters Publications

The new resources to help us support adults in Scouting are now available.

In response to feedback on the previous adult support publications, the new ones have been designed in the format of “information sheets”. Each section of each publication has been written as a standalone information sheet and these are available individually or as a pack. The publications now available are:

### **Recruitment of adult volunteers**

A step by step to recruiting adults in a proactive way

### **Induction – starting adults in a new role**

By inducting adults well into Scouting, we are more likely to keep them. This covers how do it – putting together welcome packs and induction plans and how to go about agreeing goals.

### **The Induction Toolkit**

A new version of a popular

resource. The Induction Toolkit has all the generic information on Scouting that is ideal to help you put together a locally produced welcome pack. Extended to cover District and County roles.

### **Support within Scouting**

Takes a look at the support available in Scouting – locally and nationally and how to make the best of them. Also helps managers in Scouting assess and improve the support they give.

### **Review – helping adults choose the right path**

What is a review and why is it important? Taking you through the stages of review – preparing for a review, conducting a review and advice on how to record the outcomes of review. Covers the new review process!

To have a look at the publications logon to

[www.scouts.org.uk/adultsupport](http://www.scouts.org.uk/adultsupport)

The publications are available to download for free from the website, or can be purchased from

the Information Centre.

The format of the publications means that they can easily be updated, so we would like to hear your comments. If you think we have missed anything out let us now – we want to hear your views. Email: [adult.support@scout.org.uk](mailto:adult.support@scout.org.uk)

### **New Editions!**

Updates have been made to the following publications  
The Appointment process (Guidelines) for Appointments sub-Committees – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition available now.

The Appointment process (Training Material) for Appointments sub-Committees – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition available now.

As a response to demand, these two publications now come with colour covers!

Both are available to download for free from:

[www.scouts.org.uk/adultsupport](http://www.scouts.org.uk/adultsupport)

or can be ordered from the Information Centre.

## Help protect the planet and get a special event badge

Between 12-20 March 2005, thousands of Scouts from all five Sections and WWF supporters will be challenged to take part in an exciting new joint initiative called The Gimmie 5 Challenge. It's a fundraising event that will raise lots of money for not only the Needy Groups Fund and WWF (the global environment network) but also for all Scout Groups that take part.

The idea is to have some fun and fundraise at the same time. The difference is that you and your Scouts create your own challenge. We've got lots of ideas you can use, plus you can make up your own. It could be anything from getting your Scouts to be Ray Mears for the day, organising an Australian style neighbours BBQ night or surviving without your favourite thing for a week.

To make sure your Group takes part in this brand new and fun event, register now for your FREE Section Leader Challenge Pack by logging onto [www.gimmie5.org.uk](http://www.gimmie5.org.uk), e-mailing [register@gimmie5.org.uk](mailto:register@gimmie5.org.uk) stating your name, Group and postal address or phoning the Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818 quoting G5C001001.



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## notice board

### Kent Challenge 2005

Sunday 15 May 2005

8-10 mile hike with incidents

Bedford/ Ouse Valley area

Patrol of 4-6 members

Mapreading & Timekeeping  
**essential**

Look out for Further Details

### EuroJam more than just twelve days

EuroJamLive! is one of the most innovative and exciting Jamboree resources ever produced!

Whether or not you're planning to attend EuroJam, prior to the event you'll be able to start living the experience by finding out about the programme, downloading activity ideas, begin making new friends and learn about other Scouts from around Europe.

During the event, EuroJamLive! will be the world's portal for Jamboree TV, Radio Eurojam and our Young Correspondents who will be keeping you up to date with the latest news - as it happens.

Join in the adventure and friend-ship NOW at [www.eurojamlive.org](http://www.eurojamlive.org)  
If you've got ideas for EuroJamLive, please get in touch - [ideas@eurojamlive.org](mailto:ideas@eurojamlive.org)

### The Science Museum are offering 250 Explorer Scouts a unique nights away opportunity!

What is a Science Night? It's an all night extravaganza with a scientific twist! The Science Museum's programme of Science Nights provides education and fun for young people and accompanying adults, through an evening of fantastic activities rounded off by camping in the Museum overnight.

When's it happening? Friday 15th October 2004

What do I get for my money? An IMAX Film showing, Entry into Science of Sport exhibition, breakfast and workshop materials.

The price is only £30 per Explorer Scout and £25 per adult.

Registration starts at 18.45 and the night ends at 10 am the following day. You are free to stay in the museum after this if there is anything that you have not seen.

To book call : Science Night Info Line 0207 942 4747 or send an email to the Science Night Office [science.night@nmsi.ac.uk](mailto:science.night@nmsi.ac.uk)

For more details go to The Science Night Website <http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/visitors/sciencenight.asp>

### Annual Young Navigators' Competition

The Royal Institute of Navigation is holding a free competition for anyone between the ages of 9 and 23 years old. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking part then all you need to do is enter an essay or project with a strong theme on Navigation.

There is an exciting range of prizes to be won including flights in commercial and military aircraft and gliders and sea voyages in ships where the winners work with the captain on the bridge. There are also sailing sessions in ocean racing yachts and training weeks in square-rigged sail, or cross-country training weeks and weekends.

Runners-up prizes include books, binoculars and compasses.

For more information, including a recommended list of essay titles -check out the website <http://www.rin.org.uk> and click on 'comps'.

### International Opportunities

The latest edition (September) of International Opportunities and UK Camps is available on: <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/inter/programme/ukcamps/index.htm>

### Date for your Diary

County AGM, Wednesday 11th May 2005, 7.45 pm at The Rufus Centre, Steppingley Road, Flitwick



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### Let me entertain you!

Within our membership are young people with a huge variety of skills and talents, and Scouting 2007 wants to hear about them.

Musicians, dancers and vocalists are the obvious performers, but they also want to hear from jugglers, acrobats, mime artists, and even those with a particular 'party-piece' such as exceptional basketball skills or the ability to do skateboard tricks! Groups such as Scout Bands and Gang Shows are also encouraged to register their interest.

There will be many performance opportunities throughout the 2005 Eurojam event and in 2007 the same applies to the World Scout Jamboree. Our whole year of centenary celebrations will include many other occasions when the services of performers of all kinds will be required. Auditions take place this autumn.

[www.scouting2007.org.uk/entertain](http://www.scouting2007.org.uk/entertain).

### Travel back in time!

A Scout Time Machine is just one of the new features on the national website of The Scout Association [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

To coincide with our involvement in the forthcoming Channel 4 'That'll Teach 'em' series, we have gone back to 1964 to find out what was happening in Scouting as well as fashion, music and sport.

We have also launched a new competition to win a fantastic souvenir edition of 'The Olympics: Athens to Athens' a book celebrating the 2004 event and a special Scout Olympic profile. On top of all that, there's all the usual features - daily news, forthcoming Scout events as well as puzzles, games, links and badge information for young people's pages.

[www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) . . . bringing Scouting to life on-line

### Introducing scout oddie!

The Scout Association has teamed up with the new children's book series *The Oddies* to invite you to take part in Read With Me Week - 1-7 November 2004.

*The Oddies* series provides a fun solution to the mystery of 'Where do all the missing odd socks go?' Each book focuses on a different odd sock character (Oddie) and their adventures.

We are also pleased to announce that a new book is to be published called *The Story of Scout Oddie*. The Oddies team is challenging Beavers and Cubs across the UK to write this story as part of Read With Me Week! This will also allow the young people to work towards their Creative Badge (Beaver Scouts) and Book Reader & Communicator Badges (Cub Scouts).

Prizes from *The Story of Scout Oddie* competition include over £1,000 of vouchers for Leaders to buy equipment. In addition, The Oddies team will donate 10% of all future sales of the published 'Scout Oddie' book to The Scout Association's Needy Groups Fund.

Further information on the Read With Me Week website and details of how to register for your FREE activity pack.

[www.readwithme.co.uk](http://www.readwithme.co.uk) or call the Read With Me team on 020 7720 1231

### Enjoy a thrilling new ride at LEGOLAND® Windsor on an exclusive Scout weekend!

LEGOLAND® has a brand roller coaster, located in the Park's latest activity area, Adventure Land. The awesome Jungle Coaster is LEGOLAND's fastest ride with a gravity-defying plunge of 42ft and a top speed of 60kmh! For thrill-seekers, this coaster is all about tight turns and sudden drops so you need to be prepared!

The Scout Association has negotiated special ticket rates for Members on the 13-14 November 2004. Tickets are half the price of the standard entry and in addition to this, for every 10 tickets purchased, one free adult ticket is provided free of charge! Tickets are available for Beavers, Cubs and Scout Groups.

The booking forms were available the September *Scouting Magazine* or visit the sponsorship pages on ScoutBase to download a booking form.