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Chief Scout's 50 Year Service Award

John Woodham—County Safety Co-ordinator

Geoff Hulance—District President, Ampthill & Woburn

directory updates

A & W	Thriftvale Harlington Badgerhill New ADC Cub Scouts New ADC Scouts	New Acting GSL New Acting GSL New GSL
Bedford	New ADC GD	
County	New ACC CS & CSNC New County Chaplain	
Dunstable	New GSL at 4th Dunstable and 1st Totternhoe New ADC SF	
LL	Cancellation of DC, ADC GD, District Chairman & Secretary New ADC Scouts	
Ouse Valley	New ADC Scouts	
Someris	Cancellation of District Secretary New ADC Cub Scouts	

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news from the county commissioner

Once again I have been greatly encouraged by the number and range of activities Districts and Groups have been organising over the last months. I have had the pleasure of meeting adults and leaders at a range of these events and the fun all have enjoyed was clearly evident. My thanks to all of those involved in organising and staffing these events and I look forward to attending more in the coming weeks.

I have also been encouraged by debates with leaders who tell me how the number of young people seeking a place in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts is growing. More and more groups have growing sections and Scouts seems to be a particular growth area. This of course throws into focus the need to increase our adult numbers to support this growth.

I therefore consider my recent appointment of Karl Collins to the role of County Scout Network Commissioner to be a key part of the strategy to assist with this. As an association some 40% of our new adults are from the Explorer/Network sections and it is essential we have an active Network which supports those young adults who wish to complete Queen Scout and/or Duke of Edinburgh Awards as well as those who would wish to move into a leadership role.

I also welcome Alan Burnham to the role of ACC Cubs. Alan has great experience of working with this section and he will be working with Districts to further develop the section and its programme.

As I mentioned at the AGM, Jo Merrick has taking on the Child Protection Coordinators role. While Jo's role is not to deal directly with Child Protection issues she is there to support Districts and Groups and to advise on training opportunities so if you would like information then please contact her.

Richard Winslade has also joined the team as County Chaplin. Richard's role is to support the county in working with all faith groups. While he will also be looking at opportunities to promote scouting within specific faith groups we both wish to promote the fact that all groups are open to young people, and adults, of all faiths. If you need help to understand the religious obligations and practices of other faiths better, then please speak to Richard.

The publication of the Join-in-Centenary packs, which all Section Leaders should be receiving over the next few weeks, is a clear marker that 2007 will be with us all too soon. This will provide opportunities for Scouting to be in the public eye in a way that it has not for many years. I encourage you all to use these resources to give the young people in your section an opportunity to feel a real part of the 'Celebration of Scouting'. Above all if you are doing something different, working on a community project or anything which promotes what the movement has to offer then let others know.

It is a fact that local papers are unlikely to come to you but you can go to them with information, pictures, etc of your events. It would be so good to get some regular articles in our papers and as I said in my opening comments, we have many events taking place which would be worthy of celebration. We can also look to publicise our activities on the Associations web site and I would be happy to take any items you send me to HQ.

John Duley
County Commissioner



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We are only leaders

We are only leaders - we are not experts – we are your next-door neighbours – we are not perfect we are parents just like you. We don't have any more spare time or energy than you do, we all work full time and juggle out families and our schedules and try to keep it all together as best we can.

The only difference between us is that we believe passionately about what Scouting has to offer. So much so, that we contribute our time, our efforts and our talents to help our children - and your children - grow in Scouting.

We complete authorisation forms, budgets and records and fill our homes with boxes of paperwork you will never see. We are required to take 13-20 hours training in our first year as well as planning meetings every month so we can meet our greatest challenge – providing a variety of programmes and activities which meet the needs and interests of very individual boys and girls. We try to involve parents who want us to understand that they don't have the time to drive on outings or help at meetings. We rejoice in the generosity of others.

Sometimes we find ourselves going in too many directions – we run out of steam – we have memory lapses - communication lines break down – time slips by – but that doesn't mean we don't care. So many evenings we spend on the phone seeking help and advice from other leaders when disappointments or problems occur. "How do I hold my Scouts attention?". "How do you cope with

Scouts of different skills levels?"

Our dining tables are covered in bits of rope, menus, permission forms and record cards for each and every member of the Group. A couple of them won't show up and don't think to call to let us know – sometimes we feel unappreciated.

Yet these boys and girls can fill us with pride at their determination and accomplishments. Their smiles and laughter fill up a room, and when they say "thank you" it makes it all worthwhile. We help these boys and girls build relationships. Some struggle more than others. Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly....all these traits are encouraged by the Scout Promise and Law – and sometimes we too must learn these lessons over and over again with the Scouts – but we are willing to keep learning.

Please be patient if we appear distracted or frustrated or overwhelmed at times. Forgive us if we are not always the kind of Scout Leader you would be - if only you had the time. Instead, provide us with your encouragement – a kind word, a thank you – or offer us your help. Keep us always in your thoughts and prayers.

We are, after all, only mentors...role models... leaders...volunteers who have made a Promise to give these young people, your children, the most precious gift we have to offer – the gift of time.

Safety in Scouting

Seat belts and child restraint

A new fact sheet has been produced giving details of the new regulations and outlines the impact it may have on some activities.

This may be of particular relevance to Beaver and Cub Scout Leaders when planning an activity requiring transport.

The Code is FS320006. The link is www.scoutbase.org.uk/factsheet



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Centenary Camp Competition Winners Named ...

To launch the Bedfordshire Scout County Centenary Camp, three competitions were run to: find a name for the Bedfordshire Centenary Camp, design a camp blanket badge and name the camps official newspaper.

The competition packs were sent to every GSL throughout the county in April, and by the deadline of Friday 2nd June, we had received 88 entries. From these entries, the winners were chosen and they are as follows...

For the name of the camp, the judges have chosen **Beds Camp 100 (100BC)** Which was suggested by Beaver Scout Bradley Jackson, from Caddington Beaver Colony in Lea Valley District. You can now visit the Bedfordshire 2007 Camp web site by using the official camp name: <http://www.100bc.org.uk>

The prize for naming the camp was to have the name on a giant flag at the camp, a massive camp badge and they get to keep the flag at the end of the camp.

Almost every one of the 88 entries had a badge design on it. Thank you to everyone who took the time to draw some very imaginative badges. Unfortunately, we are not able to print every design, however, it is possible to view some more of them on the official camp web site at: <http://www.100bc.org.uk>



The judges have chosen the winning badge design and this is **shown above**. It was designed by Cub Scout Lewis Pascoe, from the 1st Linslade Cub Pack in Leighton Linslade District.

It clearly shows the theme for the camp "One World, One Promise". The smart PR people also said that it cleverly includes the number 100 (the circle of the globe being the first zero and the outline of the badge making the second zero) which matches in with the chosen name of the camp!

The prize for the camp blanket badge design winner is a camp blanket poncho with their own massive badge on it along with some other super badges.

And finally, the name for the camp newspaper is: **BISCCC (BISC³IT)**

Which was suggested by Cub Scout Carter O'Connell, from 1st Wootton Squires Cub Pack in Bedford District. **BISC³IT** is of course an acronym and it means: **B**edfordshire **S**couts **C**ounty **C**entenary **C**amp **I**nformation **T**oday.

The prize for the name the newspaper is to have the name they chose in print before and throughout the camp, a large copy of the newspaper, and a massive camp badge.

Congratulations to each of the winners, we will be in touch with your leaders and will arrange for your prizes to be awarded to you at **100BC** in May next year!





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Child Protection

For the last five years I have been a beaver leader in Luton, all fun and friends! Now in addition to this I am your Child Protection Co-ordinator, here to persuade everyone that child protection training is the thing to do!! My name is Jo Merrick; I may have met some of you through 1st Luton Sea Scouts where I have been involved since doing a Guide service badge when I was 13.

Child Protection is a vital part of what we all do whatever our role in scouting. Until I took over this new job I had very little idea of what training was available except for the small part in module 1 – essential information.

'Keeping Children Safe' is a modular based programme that you can do in the comfort of your own home. Once you fill in the application form the first of three modules will be posted out to you by Edu-care the company who run the training and work in conjunction with the NSPCC and the Scout Association. The following two modules will be posted out in the next couple of weeks. Each module consists of a booklet and questionnaire to be filled in. Once all three questionnaires have been completed and returned, your certificate will be sent to you.

How about displaying all the certificates in your scout hut so all the parents and children can see that your group takes child protection seriously?

Module 1 is titled Understanding The Basics, and

covers the categories of harm, how to recognise abuse and the consequences of abuse. Module 2, What Happens If, will cover how to deal with concerns or allegations and the process you should follow should these ever occur. Finally, Module 3 is titled Principles Of Good Practice. This explains how you should behave in order to protect yourself and the children. The booklets are worth keeping as a point of reference for the future.

This training is relevant to everybody in scouting. It is not there to make you an expert in child protection. It should give you the tools and knowledge to protect not only the children but yourself.

I'm new to the role of Child Protection Co-ordinator, and have only completed my 'Keeping Children Safe' training recently. It was really simple to understand and took very little time to complete.

There is a small charge of £7.50 per person, which needs to be paid, by either the individual or your group but this training is worth every penny.

With your help I aim to make Scouting in Bedfordshire even safer for young people and adults. If you want to contact me for further information the best way is by email at joannemerrick29@hotmail.com. If you do not have access to email, my contact number is 01582 894527.

MANAGING FIRE SAFETY

From October 2006 all non-domestic premises will need to comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in respect to making them safer from fire.

Details in Fact Sheet 320007 give Members of the Movement help in finding simple ways to achieve this.

As with all safety in Scouting, we all share a responsibility to be vigilant, those managers of the premises including the relevant Executive (trustees) must ensure that action is taken to comply.

Even if the premises you use is not your own, take a pro-active look at what safety precautions are there and what procedures you follow.



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2006 Training Courses

All at Bromham Closing date 6 weeks prior

Mod 3 and 18 full day
Saturday 4th November

Mod 4 Tools for the Job (Managers) evening
Thursday 19th October

Mods 5, 7, 8 & 9 Saturday & Sunday (not overnight)
11 & 12 November—**New Date**
(8 and 9 on Saturday, 5 and 7 on Sunday)

Mod 10 First Response full day
Sunday 26th November

Mods 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 19 Saturday and Sunday (not overnight)
18th & 19th November
(13, 15 & 19 on Saturday, 11, 12 & 14 on Sunday)

adult training

Mods 20, 22 & 23 full day
Sunday 15th October

Mods 24 or 26 part day (depending on attendees' roles)
Sunday 3rd December

Mod 25 Assessing Learning full day
Saturday 14th October
Saturday 2nd December

Modules 28 & 29—New Date
Saturday & Sunday 9/10 December

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.

Presenting and Facilitating Training Opportunity

Modules 28 - Facilitating and Module 29 - Presenting have been added to the Adult Training Programme for this year and will take place at Bromham on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December respectively.

I am sure that you will find the skills and techniques instructed will be of value whatever your role in Scouting.

If you would like to attend either or both of these training courses or would like more information about them please contact either Rita Lewis at the County Office or me.

Alec Hissett
County Training Manager.

How to Apply

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

Alec Hissett	01767 650052	Amphill and Woburn, Icknield, Lea Valley, Leighton Linlade
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Tuesday 6th March
Thursday 18th October

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

10th & 11th March
(5 and 7 on Saturday, 8 and 9 on Sunday)
22nd & 23th September
(8 and 9 on Saturday, 5 and 7 on Sunday)

Mod 10 First Response full day

Saturday 6th January (Refresher)
Sunday 4th March
Saturday 12th May (Refresher)
Saturday 8th September
Sunday 25th November (Refresher)

Mods 11, 12, 13, & 19 (not overnight)

19th & 20th May
(11 & 12 on Saturday, 13 & 19 on Sunday)
17th & 18th November
(13 & 19 on Saturday, 11 & 12 on Sunday)

Mods 14 & 15

Saturday 6th January
Sunday 25th November

adult training

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

Monday 12th March and
30th March to 1st April
Monday 3rd September and
5th to 7th October

Mods 20, 22 & 23 full day

Saturday 3rd February
Sunday 14th October

Mod 21 full day

Saturday 27th January
Sunday 24th June

Mods 24 or 26 part day

(depending on attendee's roles)
Saturday 21st April
Sunday 2nd December

Mod 25 Assessing Learning full day

Sunday 4th February
Saturday 23rd June
Saturday 1st December

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Belchamps Scout Centre

Holyoak Lane, Hawkwell, Essex, SS5 4JD

Activity Centre Assistant Required

Salary and accommodation negotiable

Belchamps is a busy and progressive Scout and Guide campsite situated in Hawkwell, Essex. We have a vacancy for a full time activity centre assistant. Candidates should have two or more of the following activity qualifications, GNAS, NSRA, Form M or Guide level 1 climbing, or be willing to qualify in all of these activities. You'll also need a good range of basic DIY skills, a willingness to do cleaning tasks, good communication skills, to be computer literate and to be able to supervise small projects and staff. You'll work an average of 40 hours per week, which includes weekends and some evenings. A full driving licence would be useful but is not essential. You'll be joining us at an exciting time and will play an important role in our progress, as we are adding new activities, carrying out refurbishments and planning large events for the centenary of Scouting during 2007. Visit our website www.belchamps.co.uk for more information about Belchamps.

To apply please send a covering letter and your CV to The Centre Manager, Belchamps Scout Centre, Holyoak Lane, Hawkwell, Essex, SS5 4JD, or e-mail centremanager@belchamps.co.uk. Or telephone Nigel Ruse on 01702 562690 for an informal chat about the role.

JAN/FEB 2007 WINTER DISCOUNTS 2 nights for the price of 1 on all buildings and camping

Trailer Available

Blenheim Scout Group have an old but serviceable large trailer (new wheels only 2 months ago) free to any Scout Group who would like to pick it up.

Interested parties should call Peter Misson on 07836 697947 or e mail peter@petermisson.com.





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IVY FARM

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Contact:

Ralph & Jenny Spence,
Ivy Farm, East Mersea,
Colchester, Essex. CO5 8US.

[ralph.spence @tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ralph.spence@tiscali.co.uk)
01206 384351



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Camping is available in a secluded field, within easy walking distance of the water. There are facilities on site for car-parking, waste-recycling, water and electricity. Conversion of a farm building will provide toilets and showers for the 2007 season.

We are open from Good Friday until 30th September, for both weekend and week bookings. We can accommodate a maximum of 60 people, charges are £4.00 per person, per night.

We look forward to welcoming Scout leaders for a preliminary visit to discuss your requirements at any time (though please telephone to let us know you are coming!)

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CAMPSITES

HENLOW

Boyd Campsite, Church Road, Henlow
(Biggleswade District Campsite)

Warden:

P Bellamy

Boyd Campsite, Church Road,
Henlow, SG16 6AR

Site Tel: 01462 811424

info@boydcampsite.com

www.boydcampsite.com

JORDANS CLOSE

New Road, Great Barford, Bedford
(Bedford District Campsite)

Warden:

David White

4 Fair Way

Great Barford, Bedford

MK44 3LT

Tel: 01234 870837

dw@great-barford.demon.co.uk

LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Memorial HQ, Grovebury Road
(1st Leighton Buzzard Group Campsite)

Bookings:

Sarah Roberts 01525 854159

LONGROVE

Studham, Bedfordshire
(Studham, Kensworth & Whipsnade
Group Campsite)

Bookings:

John Coleman

40 Northview Road, Houghton Regis,

Dunstable, Beds LU5 5AH

Tel: 01582 613150

MILTON BRYAN

Church End, Milton Bryan, Beds
(Ampthill & Woburn District Campsite)

Bookings

Julie Richards, 2 Recreation Road,
Houghton Regis, LU5 5JW 01582-611943

kennith.richards@ntlworld.com

Warden:

Phil Thorogood—01525 8753685

59 Wingfield Road, Tebworth, LU7 9QQ

SHARNBROOK

Yelow Lane, Sharnbrook, Beds
(Sharnbrook Group Campsite)

Bookings:

Dr J Best

1 Windmill Court

High Street, Sharnbrook

Beds MK44 1PG

Tel: 01234 782223

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