

## **DC's Bit.**

### **February 2010.**

Its February already, I think for most of us we will remember January 2010 as the month that Snow, Ice and bitterly cold weather caused us to cancel several scouting events, both meetings and activities.

Over the next few weeks I see that several events have been arranged across all sections, and I am looking forward to attending as many as possible.

Firstly I can inform the District that we have had seven youngster selected to make up the South East Wales contingent heading off to Sweden in 2011 for the World Jamboree, they now have a lot of hard work ahead of them to raise the funds for the cost of the trip.

Congratulations to the two scouts at the 1<sup>st</sup> Marshfield group, who I presented with their Chief Scouts Gold Award, they had both done a lot of hard work in attaining this award.

Many thanks to the scout fellowship who made me feel very welcome again at their Faith Supper evening. The name of the evening was a little miss leading, as the evening evolved around a very lively and constructive debate on the forth coming change in title, and census payments. This did not detract from a lovely buffet, along with raising monies for the Haiti disaster fund.

What a great visit I had recently when I popped in to see the 1<sup>st</sup> Llanmartin Beavers and Cubs, both sections had been working on the RSPB bird watch weekend program, nuts seeds and wiggle dried meelee worms were the order of the day on the menu. If anyone out there fancies a great Hot Chocolate complete with whipped cream I can strongly recommend a visit.

Hot of the press I have just returned from the postponed Scout cooking competition held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Rogerstone HQ. Five teams took part cooking a three course meal for four people, under what I can describe as camping conditions. The quality of the menus was outstanding along with the varied selection of dishes prepared. Each team appeared to have had a wonderful time working together. My thanks to the two judges Ben (Professional Chef) and Mary (Home Economics Teacher Rtd.) for giving up their time, they both commented on the very high standards of food preparation and cooking skills,

presentation, and that the food tasted good too. Overall winners were the Llanmartin B team, but everyone who took part in the event took something home as a memento for taking part. Well Done to you ALL.

A training validation evening was held in January, along with several training events. February's appointment advisory meeting has had to be split in to two panels due to the sheer numbers that we need to see.

Finally last month we saw the Golden Wedding Anniversary take place of one of our long serving couples Bill & Dot, a special luncheon was held at SJH where they were presented with a special bouquet on behalf of everybody from the district.

**February Events:**

Cub Scouts Swimming Splash / Risca Leisure Centre.

Cub Scouts Pacing Event / Wentwood.

Beaver Scouts Junk Modelling Day / 25<sup>th</sup> HQ.

February – Scouts Swimming Gala / Spytty Pool.

\*\* Please contact the respective sectional ADC to confirm timings.

Yours in scouting

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