

DC's Bit.

March 2010.

Well there goes another month this year is just whistling through, reminds me of the new Cross Ski event held at the winter Olympics.

As I mentioned in my last DC bit for February, we have had several events held in the district for all sections (notably Saturday 27th), which I must say I have enjoyed being able to attend all of them.

Firstly I would like to thank the district executive for their support they are going to give the youngsters selected to make up the South East Wales contingent heading off to Sweden in 2011 for the World Jamboree.

Training as a district we have played host to the area training team for two Managerial Module Training Days. It is good to see that these events are being well supported from within Newport of those group/district officials prepared to train for their roles.

Hopefully some of you may have been shopping in Cwmbran on the weekend of Saturday 20th February, and noticed the Torfaen scouts activity day. This was to show people outside scouting what we as an organisation have to offer. Not only did it publicise scouting in the Torfaen area, but I to have taken numerous phone calls from parents looking for places for youngsters to join our organisation.

That same evening I along with some 39 members from Newport attended the Area DAFDA awards evening held at County Hall, with the guest speaker being Mr Wayne Bulpitt Chief Commissioner UK. Congratulations to M Periam who received the DAFDA for Newport – Well done for all your hard work and enthusiasm over the many years.

Once again I can inform the District that following a very rigorous RAF inspection evening on Thurs 25th February that the 25th Newport Air Scouts have retained their RAF recognition. They are currently the only Air Scout troop to have this recognition and Well done to all those involved for achieving and maintaining this status.

What an amazing Splash the cubs had held at the Risca leisure centre at the start of the month. Over 100 youngsters took to the pool however due to some technical difficulties the inflatable Lillo was not available but this did

not detract the youngsters from having a wonderful time. The event concluded with a mass snack refreshment session in the centres theatre.

My Saturday 27th February started at 9am where I took part in the Cubs annual Pacing event held at Wentwood forest, several groups were represented. Following the pacing session we walked through the forest this year we stayed on the paths, due to the previous week's weather the tracks were boggy and wet. However the weather on the day was brilliant at one stage I thought I should have brought the factor 25 and not my woolly hat, as parents picked up the kids the heavens did open, looks like our new ADC Cubs is getting the luck with the weather.

12:30pm, I arrived at the District Beavers "Junk Modelling" event held at the 25th's HQ, just as they finished dinner. Once again it was encouraging to see youngsters from the different colonies meeting together, completed models ranged from space craft, cars, castles etc. The final part of the event saw a games session being held with teams made up from youngsters from the different groups. Thanks to all those involved in putting on this event.

15:30pm arrived at the Sports village swimming pool to attend the Scout Swimming Gala, various stage races had been organised for the different age ranges, once again some very close finishes were seen throughout the afternoon. The leader's race this year was very well controlled with all appearing to start at the same time? I was asked to participate but due to factors beyond my control I had to decline. The finish was a very close call at the end but well done to the ASL 24th who just shaded his closest rival to the finish. The overall Group/Troop team winners came from 1st Wentwood – Well done to you, but also to everyone who organised, assisted SF and all those who swam taking part.

March Events:

13th March – Beaver Scouts Easter Egg Hunt

13th March – Scout Climbing Day.

21st March – Cub Scouts Fun Day in the Woods.

-- Fire safety badge and sailing days thought March.

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

Yours in scouting

Les A.