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SUMMER 2005

Well, last year we were all waiting for a hot and dry summer and it did not come! But this year it seems that we are going to be lucky? We've already had a very dry winter and, so far, we have enjoyed a very dry spell which brought with it heavy down pours, thunder and lightning going from sand storm to flood all with 12 hours!

But what has the district been up to? Scouts from the Air scouts and 1st Wentwood have been working very hard to become 'ham' radio people. So good luck lads. A small group of scouts took up the challenge of the Wye valley and a great weekend on the Area Camp site. Great fun! Others travelled to London for a full day activities. Travelling on the famous underground to watch 'Trooping the Colour' and saying hello to the Queen. Then, over to Knightsbridge for lunch at BP house; from there we travelled a sort distance to the 'Science Museum'. We spent the rest of the afternoon exploring the hundreds of items on show, many of which were inter-active - great fun for all! Home on time having had a great days Scouting. Thanks Nigel.

Cubs had a great day during the All Wales Cub day at the Royal Show ground. Where are the photos? Also a big thank you to the Cubs who looked after their leader who does not travel well! Great work lads!

Many thanks to all who supported the Area AGM, and well done to Nigel White GSL of the 1st Caerleon plus our Health and Safety Officer plus our Camp Permit Assessor just to list some of the support he gives to all of us. Well I can hear you saying - what was he awarded? The **Silver Acorn**. I know you will all join with me in congratulating him on this very special recognition form HQ.

Also well done to David and Gareth who have taken over the district's Web Site and Newsletter! They're doing a great job but they need our support with all types of information about what we've been up to? So let's tell each other what great activities we've been involved in?

Cub Camp

What great weather [unlike the scout camp]. Could it be that paying the DC to stay away worked? Looked like lots going on, with canoeing, climbing and making sticks that returned to its owner? And much, much more! Thanks again to all who supported the camp - you did make a difference once again.

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Ham Radio - well the exam came and went with many passing a very hard exam and some who were less successful, but are going to have another go in the Autumn in time maybe for the Jamboree on the 'Air'. This year Newport will be running the weekend from the 1st Wentwood's HQ [thank you Wentwood]. So watch out if you're interested and not hams you can still have a go on the equipment and speak to other scouts across the world! It's also planned to have some other scouting activities going on during the weekend. Great Fun!

AWARDS

Well a number of our district have been awarded service awards from HQ for 60, 50, 40 and 25 years as members of Scouting so well done Ray Lynch, Gerald Carter, Charles Wilbud and Gill Black. Here's to the next 175 years gang. *Thank you all.*

Air Scouts went to St Woolos Cathedral to join many others from the City to mark the 60th year since the end of the Second World War, a very moving service.

Also the Air Scouts went to RAF Fair to enjoy the biggest Air Show in the world? Well it's BIG! Great day! See the Web [www.newportscouts.org] for more details and photos.

Well I'm on holiday now, resting after a very full programme of active scouting and not just sitting in meetings. Thank you all for your hard work in making scouting great fun for all and make sure you also have a break ready for the autumn start.

Have a great one! See you all soon, remember we're only 4 weeks away from the new autumn term and winter!!!

Polly

GONE HOME.

Very sad news that Ray Braydon, long time supporter of Scouting, has passed away. I know that you all join me in passing our thoughts to his family at this time.