

DC Bits November 05

Hello again, here we are speeding towards Christmas and all that comes with that part of the year! But first, let me say a big **WELL DONE!** to all who have been out and about doing what Scouting does best - having FUN!

Beavers have had a new injection of energy at the 24th with a new leadership team of three very willing and able people, headed up by Jane Watts nee Holbrook – the very person who started Beavers at the 24th! I know that they have big ambitions for the colony and wish them every success – don't forget the training girls!

A large number of **cubs** had a great time in Magor Woods, lighting fires etc and eating outside in the true 'scouting way'.

The cubs also had a great time during the Swimming Gala held at Maindee pool, which likely to be the last event held there as it is about to close, replaced by Newport's brand new pool at Spytt. Many thanks to all who help support the event, on the pool-side and making sure all had a good time. Lots of paper work to be done at the time which does, sadly, delay the start of the fun for all! Great to see all the cubs swimming their hardest, but still remaining **good sports** and not allowing any disappointments to spoil the day. (Let's hope some parents may have learnt something)?

The scouts were also out and about with a well supported **first aid** course and then a weekend supporting the JOTA (Jamboree of the air) held at the 1st Wentwood HQ. Many thanks to the 1st for the support and welcome use of the HQ. The weekend was open to all and a number of our district popped in to find out more and have a go ([Beavers to Explorers]). Many thanks to Mike Biddiscombe for his continued support ensuring the weekend went well, and not forgetting the wireless operation team- Baz.

EXPLORER SCOUTS

Yes, this section of scouting is always up to something and, this autumn, has seen the Membership ensuring their own development continues with a full weekend of young leader training which will show benefits to all. Also, there may be a number of Dof E's and Queen scout awards coming?

We also send our grateful thanks to William, who has stood down from his role with the district, due to family matters. But we all hope to see him back in scouting sometime in the future.

Talking of Explorer Scouts, it seems a number of us are letting these 14yr olds down by not encouraging them to find out and join an Explorer Scout Unit in order to ensure they develop and are not held back because we are frightened to let go of what are often 'useful' young people!

REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE 14 – 18 YRS WHO ARE NOT SIGNED UP AS EXPLORERS THEN THEY ARE SIMPLY NOT COVERED BY SCOUTING AND SO YOU COULD ALSO BE ENDANGERING YOUR OWN COVER!

Please ensure Rob Kemp has your 14-18 year old people's names etc. today!

Remembrance Parade

November, and we will all be out supporting our local and City remembrance parades. I trust we will all be well turned out and be a credit to all who know us.

City of Newport parade information.

Please note changes –

Assembly – outside the Kings Hotel on the high street -10.00hrs

Parade moves off – 10.30hrs.

March to cenotaph.

Return to the high street for dismissal approx 11.40hrs.

NETWORK SCOUTS?

WHERE ARE THEY??? Please – let's give them the support they should be getting to enable them to be more rounded supporters of scouting. Let Area know please.

Don't worry they're not going to pinch them!

TEAM MEETING.

Many thanks to all who supported our last Team meeting putting our 2006/7 plans together. Looks like a great time is just around the corner?

Good luck with the scout post, which is about to kick in and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the run up to Christmas. Please let's all support each other and so share the load, don't forget to ask for help from parents and supporters of scouting. Many hands make light work!!!

Polly.

WORLD JAMBOREE 2007

INTERESTED?

Calling all scouts or members of the movement who will be 14years old and no older than 18 during the World Jamboree of 2007!

Well if not heard anything about it read on. The 'world jamboree' which will be held in the UK during the summer of 2007, you will be part of the Welsh Troop and so be very much part of a world event.

Still interested? Then speak to your parents and scout leaders today to ensure that they will support you fully in raising the monies to attend, which will be no more than £1000 we are told.

WELL STILL INTERESTED? Then you must write a letter to the DC stating why you are interested in being part of a 'World Adventure'.

Your letter must be with the DC on or before the 13th of November 05. With a letter from your parents and leader[s] stating they are willing to support you. If a large number of candidates come forward then interviews will be held to find Newport's Explorer Scouts who will make up the Welsh Troop.

GO ON DO IT TO DAY!

POLLY