

2012
01
2012



West Sussex Scouts News

Issue No 13 July 2010

Welcome to your July Newsletter

The Great Slindon Sardine Sleepover



This year we decided to join with hundreds of other scout groups over the country and support "Shelter Box" a charity supporting countries devastated by natural disasters. This is done in many ways, mainly by providing tents and supplies to help and support the people of these countries get back on their feet.



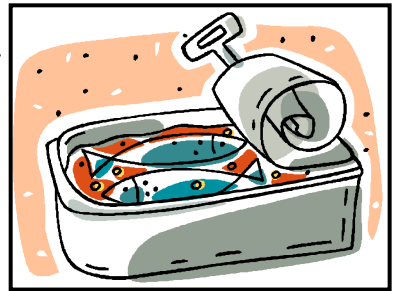
Please send in all reports & photos for the County Newsletter to the County Office. **Next deadline 10.9.10** The Newsletter is produced on the last Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

To us, as a Scout Group, it seemed all the more important this year as we all know Haiti & Chile have been left struggling to cope with dreadful conditions left by two large earthquakes. So, six months on from the earthquake in Haiti we decided to hold a Sardine Sleepover in our scout hut, so called as we hoped so many children from our group would want to take part it would be a bit of a squash! This would be for one night only to try to raise enough money to fund one 'Big Green Box' that would be sent on our behalf to help lots of families and provide a tent to give them some where safe to live for the foreseeable future.

We decided to plan this event all together and include all the sections in our Group so as many children as possible would be able to join in and also gain their Group International Badge!

Finally after much discussion and planning the evening of Friday 25th June rolled round seeing 40 beavers, cubs and scouts along with all the leaders come along to our Scout Hut in Slinfold with their sleeping bags, and very little else, prepared to spend the night! It was a lovely warm sunny evening and as the scouts and some leaders set about putting up their tents outside the younger beavers and cubs headed off to the park down the lane to get rid of some energy!

On our return to the hut we had some hot chocolate and biscuits and a bit of a chat about Shelter Box and all that the charity does, then, after squeezing in everyone's beds we all settled down for a very long night!!!! At 1.00 am and two DVD's later Akela and I quietly but firmly explained to some very excited beavers, some of whom were spending their first night away from home, that we were a lot older than them and did in fact really need some beauty sleep!! I then vaguely remember Akela telling me that it was 4.25 am when we insisted that they really should try and go to sleep and then when it seemed I had just closed my eyes, I was being woken by the dulcet tones of the scouts outside in the tents waking up at 5.15 am – ho hum!!!!



So one up, all up!

After many bacon rolls and cups of tea, which seemed to rouse even the sleepest of leaders, much bedding was rolled up, lost scarves and woggles found and tents taken down, leaving us finally saying goodbye to every one, who tired but happy, had managed to raise a fantastic total of £275 to send to Shelter Box!

We very much look forward to finding out where the money we raised has gone and where the Big Green Box it will go towards is heading!

P. S. I want to thank all my leaders who gave up their nights sleep for all the children to have such a good time and raise money for such a worthy cause. Here's to next year!!!!

Willow (Jo Sands)
BSL & GSL of Slinfold Scout Group



Thanks to everyone who helped out with manning our Scouting stand at this years South of England Show

With thousands of people attending the show each day this is an excellent opportunity for us to raise the profile of Scouting and encourage people to get involved. The star attractions this was the Coconut Climb Tree from Broadstone Warren and a Shelter Box. Both were well received by young and old, with generous donations and a small fee to climb the tree all going to support the Shelter Box Appeal. Our attendance at the show also coincided with the first issue of *Join the Adventure* a free magazine to encourage adult to volunteer with us. You might have seen it around! View it online at <http://tiny.cc/adventure1>



CC News

As we approach the second half of 2010 I can recall an exceptional 6 months for us in West Sussex, not only did we have fantastic census figures in January, we have had many presentations to our young people and the not so young who have excelled in their commitment to Scouting. Hundreds of Chief Scout Awards have been achieved so far across all sections, Queen Scouts and many adults have been recognised as well.

The St Georges Awards list provided us with 4 Silver Acorns, Steve Dawson had his presented at the County Agm, Ron Trumpeter and Dick Eager had theirs presented at their respective St George's Day celebrations, Mike Wakeling had his presented up a palm tree climbing wall at the South of England Show, whatever turns you on some would say.

Congratulations once again to them all.

At the recent County Agm our young people made a big contribution to the evening making it a huge success, many of them acted as escorts for our many dignitaries and some were part of the entertainment that followed the main business, true ambassadors for the County

With our young people in mind don't forget once again this year we will be holding the Sir Brian Bartellot Award in November details available from your DCs. I am hoping this year we will have representation from all Districts.


Just recently I had the privilege of attending the opening of an adventure trail at the Spur Campsite that was partly funded by one of the winning teams of two years ago from Bognor Regis District

As the Agm season closes the camping and holiday season begins.

I look forward to visiting some of you at your camps over the summer and I hope the weather is kind to you all. As we near completion of the mid term census and with 8 groups and 1 District we still await the figures from, the latest news is that in the last six months we have increased by over 600 another great achievement and you must all be congratulated.

Enjoy the summer and have fun,
John

Have you signed up to Sussex 24 yet?



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE
TO BOOK FOR
SUSSEX 24!**
THE WEST SUSSEX EXPLORER EVENT OF THE YEAR!


OFFERING EVERY EXPLORER SCOUT AND SCOUT AGED 13+ THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE THEMSELVES TO NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES, AS WELL AS NETWORKING WITH OTHERS FROM THIS COUNTY AND BEYOND, SUSSEX 24 MUST NOT BE MISSED! LIVE BANDS HAVE BEEN BOOKED, ACTIVITIES ORGANISED NOW WE NEED YOU!

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT, DON'T WORRY! AS LONG AS YOU HAVE A NIGHT'S AWAY PERMIT YOU CAN ISSUE EXPLORER SCOUTS AN EVENT PASSPORT, THAT WAY THEY DON'T MISS OUT ON A GREAT CAMP!

AT JUST £30 PER PARTICIPANT, AND £10 PER LEADER, INCLUDING A T-SHIRT AND BADGE, THIS IS THE EVENT YOU NEED TO GET TOO THIS YEAR!

FOR MORE INFO GO TO THE WEBSITE!

SUSSEX 24
11TH - 12TH SEPTEMBER 2010
BROADSTONE WARREN
SUSSEX24.ORG.UK

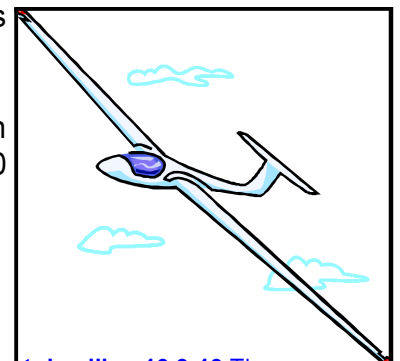


Gliding at Southdown Gliding Club - Storrington

4th Lancing Scouts have been going gliding at Southdown Gliding Club for 5 or 6 years now. They charge a special rate for a taster session for youngsters and any parents or leaders that turn up and want a go. The rate for a winch tow this year is £16, they are in the air for about 5/6 minutes but its still a thrill to try something new, in groups of 16 between the hours of 6.30 pm and 8.45pm. A reduced rate for extra tows is available if time allows, Monday night is normally a group night and 2/3 weeks notice is normally needed.

Contact - Office is open mornings only on 01903 742137 Southdown Gliding Club, Parham Airfield, Pulborough Road, Storrington RH20 4HP.

David Barnes 4th Lancing GSL & Acting Scout Leader



Please send in all reports & photos for the County Newsletter to the County Office. Next deadline 10.9.10 The Newsletter is produced on the last Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

2010 National Queen's Scout Parade, Windsor

On 25th April this year I was both privileged and honoured to be a section leader in the National Queen's Scout Parade at Windsor. It was also a very special occasion for me, as it was exactly 20 years previous that I had been part of the Parade as a young Queen's Scout having just received my Award. Indeed, it was this fact that inspired me to apply to be a section leader.

My journey had begun in November 2009 when I attended a selection event at Gilwell Park for all the hopefuls who wanted to be part of the parade. There were scouts being selected to be colour party, readers, and section leaders. The criteria for selection were:

Must hold, or be working towards, the Queen's Scout Award

Must be a member of the Scout Network, or an adult Leader

Previous marching experience an advantage

Well, I had a head start here as I had learned marching from the best - the Royal Marines, but I was a bit rusty as it was nearly 20 years ago! Oh yes, I also had a hang-over on the day so concentrating was a bit tricky. That aside, I must have done well as about a month later I received confirmation that I was 'in'.

So it was that in late March this year I met up with the other section leaders in Windsor Great Park for a rehearsal weekend. What fun we had! Most of the other section leaders had been to previous parades in this role and they were very supportive to us 'newbies'. We practiced marching up and down the Long Walk and took it in turns to lead the section. We also went to Victoria Barracks in the afternoon to practice a run-through of the parade itself, with all the various commands.

The following day we had a full dress rehearsal in Windsor Castle itself. It was quite weird leading our 'ghost' sections around the quadrangle, but great experience nonetheless.

Well, the next month rattled by and on the 24th April, I went up to Windsor again for a rehearsal the day before the big event. Straight away, the 'buzz' kicked in and we had a really good day going through the moves and commands that we would be using. That evening, we headed in to Windsor for a sit down meal with all the section leaders and selected guests. This was followed by a quick tour of the local hostelrys, but not to excess as we needed to be sharp the following morning.

At 08:30 hours we duly reported to Victoria Barracks where we had a quick briefing before falling-in for inspection. The dress code for Windsor is, as you might expect, very strict, even down to the colour of your socks. There are also staff on hand to sew badges in the right place – or to remove badges that should not be on at all!

The Queen's Scouts arrived at 09:00 hours and were registered, inspected, and placed in to sections in an orderly fashion. There were around 350 Queen's Scouts parading this year and they were divided in to 10 sections. I was in charge of Section 'C'.

For the next hour, we drilled our respective sections, teaching them how to stand at the 'Alert' and 'At Ease', how to turn right and left, how to 'Halt' and how to march off. We also had to show them how to do 'Eyes Right' and 'Eyes Front', plus one other complicated manoeuvre! Despite most of them not having marched before, they did very well and all the section leaders felt that with more time we could have perfected the movements.

At 10:00 hours, the Chief Scout addressed the Queen's Scouts at the barracks. What can I say? Bear Grylls is amazing. He has such presence and he really knows how to communicate with everyone. Despite being a celebrity, he is extremely down to Earth. He received a tremendous reception from all present, both before and after his address, which was of course, truly inspirational.

After lunch, we formed up in our sections at 13:30 hours. I gave my section some last minute words of encouragement and carried out an impromptu inspection for buttons undone or scarves not straight (I found a few too). Next thing we knew, the colour party was marching up the Royal Mews to take its place at the head of the parade.

Please send in all reports & photos for the County Newsletter to the County Office. **Next deadline 10.9.10** The Newsletter is produced on the last Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

On the stroke of 13:45 hours, the Guards band struck up and the Parade Leader gave the order to march off. We had to wait for 4 sections ahead of us to move off, and then it was time for me to give the command: 'Section C, By the Left, Quick March!'

Off we marched, up the Royal Mews, wheeled right and then through the St. George's Gate and into the Quadrangle. I swear you can see the Queen's Scouts get physically taller as they enter the Quadrangle. For me, it brought the memories flooding back and I felt the hairs on the back of my neck stand on end.

The rest of the Parade passed in a bit of a blur. We were reviewed by HRH Prince Charles (the first time he has taken the review) and it was also Bear Grylls' first parade as Chief Scout. Bear took the time to speak to every Queens' Scout in the back row of the parade. We then marched past the dais where I had to give the order 'Eyes Right' and also salute Price Charles and Bear Grylls. I noticed that, being an ex-military man, Bear knew how to salute correctly!

We then marched to St. George's Chapel for the National Queen's Scout service, which was also really special. Bear Grylls lead the Scouts in reaffirming the Scout Promise, and at the end of the service, he again addressed everyone from the steps of the chapel. And then, to cap it all, he did a hand-stand at the bottom of the steps!

All too soon the event was over and we marched back to the Royal Mews where we were dismissed. I wished my section all the best and thanked them for being such keen learners and great people to work with.

Would I do it all again? Too right! I have already heard from the Section Leader Trainer that I am on the team for next year. I would also encourage anyone who is interested to apply too. Although there is a core of regulars, there are also a few new faces each year as well. Application forms for next year should be available fairly soon.

For me it was a fantastic way to mark a milestone in my own Scouting career, whilst at the same, helping to ensure that the latest generation of Queen's Scouts had a day to remember for the rest of their lives.

It doesn't get much better than that.

Graham West
ACC Explorer Scouts



County Office. Next deadline 10.9.10 The Newsletter is produced on the last Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

Haywards Heath & District Explorer Dartmoor Expedition 2010

Question - How many variations of weather can you experience in one day?

Answer - Several if you happen to be on Dartmoor at the beginning of May!

The Explorers and Explorer Young Leaders from Ardingly, Haywards Heath and Lindfield travelled down on Friday evening and met up with the advance party at our exclusive use Youth Hostel on the northern edge of Dartmoor above Okehampton.

After a short journey on Saturday we started in dry but overcast conditions and made our way from Sticklepath up onto the moor happily squelching in the mud underfoot. "It shouldn't be this boggy up here on top" someone was heard to state. "Ah, that would be because of the amount of rain they get here" was the reply. Just to prove the point, dry became wet as a fine drizzle set in, soon to turn to a proper bit of rain.

The route continued south taking in Hound Tor, Wild Tor and Hangingstone Hill. As the rain stopped, we turned north over Oke Tor and finally back to the warmth and comfort of the Hostel complete with drying room, hot showers, hot food, pool table and evening entertainment.

Sunday morning and its waterproofs, hats and gloves on. Not only is it wet but it's cold as well as we set off from the Hostel to do our version of the Ten (plus one) Tors including the highest point, High Willhays. It would be a lovely view from the top if it wasn't for being above the cloud base. Time to make use of some of those navigational aids – bring on the bearings, back bearings, pacing, timing, aiming off, slope aspects

Slowly the rain stopped, the cloud lifted and the sun came out revealing the remote wilderness that Dartmoor is. A pause to savour the moment and lock a memory for future recall. Despite walking in two groups, the fine weather gives the opportunity to meet up for a quick photo before going our separate ways to the waiting cars and back to the Hostel.

The playing standard of pool was about the only thing that suffered during the weekend but proved very entertaining for both competitors and audience alike. Hill walking we're better at and it's just as enjoyable – if not more so – although slightly more weather dependant.

After a quick look at the delights of Okehampton on a Bank Holiday Monday (that doesn't take long) it was time to return home finally getting back late afternoon, tired but in plenty of time for the eagerly anticipated round of college exams.

A big thank you to all involved for making the expedition such a memorable experience.

Question – Isn't Dartmoor a long way to go just for a weekend?

Answer – Yes but most definitely worth it!

Peter Lyons
Mid Sussex Explorer
Leader & Training
Advisor



Please send in all reports & photos for the County Newsletter to the County Office. **Next deadline 10.9.10** The Newsletter is produced on the last Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

Reminder of Executive Workshops

Executive Workshop Day

Date 11th or 12th September 2010.

Lodge Hill 9.30 for 10.00 am start.

End time 5.00 pm approx

Open to ALL Chairman, Secretaries and Treasurers, DC's and GSL.

It will be presented the same on both days. Choose the day to suit you.

A morning packed with the essential knowledge, to help you to achieve your best for the young people who you provide the background support for.

This Workshop is being delivered by; The Gilwell Executive Committee Support Group in partnership with the Regional Development Service.

Content to include:

The Role of Trustee

Who is a Trustee

Role of the Trustee

Obligations and Responsibilities as Charity Governing Boards under Charity Commission Rules Governance & Trusteeship

Scout Councils (Group / District / County)

Who is a member of a Scout Council

Trustee Indemnity Insurance

The Role of Executive Committee

Who it represents

Executive committee's structures

Effective Executive Committees

Responsibilities of the Executive at County, District and Group level

Essential Reporting

Potential Task Areas. *Health and Safety, Premises, Finances, Group Development.*

The Effective Chairman

The Effective Secretary } Break out to specific sessions.

The Effective Treasurer

Good Practice for Meetings and Annual General Meetings

Q&A session:

The presenting team will be available after the formal sessions for a clinic workshop, providing, where possible answers or sign post you to solutions to specific issues and local queries.

Booking form available from County office email countyoffice@westsussexscouts.org.uk

Ambitious Plans

The 4th Littlehampton Scout Group welcomed Nick Gibb MP (Minister for Schools) to open their new camping area and to look at the work of the Group. Leaders and Parents have been working hard over the last few months to clear a derelict area of the camp field. The refurbished area now has a new camp fire circle and benches, Bar-B-Que, wood store, raised vegetable gardens and fire pits. The work was completed following a grant of £400 from Arun District Council, two skips of rubbish were removed and many of the new facilities have been constructed from recycled materials.

During his visit Nick was shown a range of traditional Scouting activities including a Monkey Bridge, Backwoods cooking the younger members busy planting vegetables in the new gardens. The Arundel & District Scout Band provide a musical accompaniment to the evening. During the evening Nick applauded the work of the Group saying "The leaders and parents have made a tremendous effort in improving the facilities for the members, as volunteers you should all be very proud of your achievements"

The Group has ambitious plans over the next few years; plans include installing new heating to replace their ageing oil fired boiler. The aim is to replace the old system with a modern gas fired boiler, reducing running costs and lessening the impact on the environment. Plans are also underway to install showers to encourage visiting groups to come and stay at the HQ. The large camping field has a lot to offer visiting Groups but many decline to stay at present due to the lack of showers, the 4th therefore misses out on vital revenue.

Most ambitious of all is to reinstate a disused climbing wall, the wall was part of the original design of the building but due to vandalism the wall has been taken out of use. A large investment of £6,000 in fencing to secure the site has now made this project viable again. In addition to the climbing wall the group aims to build an abseiling tower, which will not only provide an exciting facility for the Groups own and West Sussex Scouts, but it is hoped it will attract visiting groups to use the HQ.

With the recent declaration of the new South Downs National Park, the Group intends to maximise on the increased interest in the area in making an up to date camping experience on the south coast.

If you would like to know more about our plans please visit www.4thlittlehampton.org.uk

Martin Funnell MBE
Group Scout Leader
4th Littlehampton Scout Group

Office News

CSA certificates are available at 20p each + P&P

9 Pull up banners are available for use at events + flag and pole set.

The office will be open during August

The DofE packs are available from the office, please contact for electronic forms

County Directory will be updated from Backpack during August and available online in Autumn.

Please send in articles for the website www.westsussexscouts.org.uk

ENDEAVOUR EXPLORERS VISIT EIRE

Over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend the Endeavour Explorer unit visited County Clare in the Republic of Ireland.

Our hosts were the Ennis Scout Group and we had already made contact and agreed to use their hall to stay in. It was good staying with a local group as we played England v. Eire football and floor hockey when we were all using the hut – it is good to meet the people as well as see the country!

We were busy all the time with significant activities being a trip to the fantastic Cliffs of Moher and exploring The Burren (a National Park). The trip was fantastic and we had good weather to match.



James Long
ESL Endeavour Explorer Unit

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR RICHARD SULLIVAN OF THE DOWNSMAN
Larch Too, Helford, Heston, Cornwall TR12 6JU contact - 01326 231362

Take part in the Sussex Downsman Hike
2nd October 2010

www.downsman.com

Please send in all reports & photos for the County Newsletter to the County Office. **Next deadline 10.9.10** The Newsletter is produced on the last Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

Chief Scout Award Presentation
Sunday 27th June 2010

Congratulations



James Wickett
Chloe Leggett
Ben Manley
Georgia Starr
Adam Stevens
Samantha Wickett
Brett Mayes
Stacey Mayes

Jessica West
Isabelle Dommett
Harry Rippon
Thomas Turner
Ian Hayes
Abigail Rowe
Katie Eyre
Zoe Chartres

Aiden Benham
Lewis Powell
Joseph Anderson
Adam Hart
James Ray
Luke Chartres
Matthew McClumpha
Heather Jeffery