

## Welcome!

Well doesn't time just fly! I can't quite believe it's June already. Over the past few months I've had the opportunity to visit a few of you in action.

It was great to see so many Explorers and Network members brave the weather at this year's Christmas themed IW Revolution, at its new venue Smallbrook Stadium, over the Easter weekend.

I was also entertained in March at 1<sup>st</sup> Newchurch's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, see page 3 for the full write up.

1<sup>st</sup> Wootton Beavers was my next port of call, for their Open Evening, where I got the chance to say hello to many Beavers and their parents, and congratulate them on their recent achievements.

An evening with Brighstone Explorers to introduce the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award was also on the agenda.

And most recently I visited those Troops at camp out at Corf over the end of May Bank Holiday weekend, which happened to coincide with Xtreme Explorers' canoeing and BBQ afternoon.

It's great seeing Scouting in action and our young people and leaders enjoying themselves so please do invite me along to your activities and events.

Oh and a huge congratulations to all those who took part in this year's Walk the Wight in aid of the Earl



Mountbatten Hospice.

Mark

## Celebrating St George

This year Scouts from across the County celebrated St George by participating in two events organised by the County Team.

On St George's Day its self leaders and adult supporters came together at St. John's Church in Northwood for a short celebratory service to celebrate Scouting Patron Saint and renew their promise. This was the first year in which an event specifically aimed at adults in Scouting was organised, and we'd like to hear from you if this is something you'd like again next year.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April it was the young people turn to celebrate St George at the activity day at Corf. Many Groups took the opportunity to get their Group together in the morning for their own activities, and then joined in with the Sectional activities and Service in the afternoon.

Thanks to everyone who was involved in organising both activities, they were great and we can't wait until next year's.

We'd like some feedback on what you thought of these two events, or any other new ideas you might have, so next year's can be even better!

## Scouting Honours List 2008

Congratulations to . . .

- Joan Groves – Silver Wolf
- Barry Groves – Silver Acorn
- John Davies – Bar to the Award for Merit
- Tony Elgar – Bar to the Award for Merit
- Mary McAlister – Medal of Merit
- John Budd – Award for Merit

Thanks for everything you do for Scouting – you are very much appreciated.

For more information about how to qualify for an award visit:

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/awards/applying.htm](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/awards/applying.htm)

or contact the Info Centre for details.

Nominations for service awards should be made to the District/County Commissioner as appropriate.

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### In this Issue...

- of Wight Scoutabout
- the pages are packed with loads of news, reviews and opportunities.

- On page 2, we feature **Budgeting for Camp** in Spotlight
- On. There's news about the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award**, changes to CRB **Disclosure Requirements** and we introduce the **New County Blanket Badge**.

- **Page 3** lists the latest **opportunities** for you to get involved in. And find out about 1<sup>st</sup> Newchurch's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

- **Caterpillar Scatterball** and **Exploring Newport** are just two of **Page 4's** features. And we challenge you to beat our **Mass Investiture** record!

- **Page 5** is back and once again it is dedicated to **Adult Training**.

- **Contribution Deadlines:**
- 20<sup>th</sup> August for September 2008
- 20<sup>th</sup> November for December 2008
- 20<sup>th</sup> February for March 2009

## Spotlight on . . .

### Budgeting for Camp

How do you fix the price per head for Camp? Do you look at last year's and just add on 50p or £1? Do you make a guess, add a bit . . . and hope for the best? Is there lots of food left over after the event? The parents of our young people have many expenses to tug at their purse strings, so we have a duty to keep our costs realistic. Weekend camp fees across Groups vary from £15 upwards. Here are a few quantities that may be useful when calculating what to buy, and therefore what to charge:

#### Per person

Meat	120gms (4oz)
Bacon	30 gms (1oz)
Tinned fruit	120 gms (4oz)
Rice/Pasta	60gms (2oz)
Cereal/Porridge	30gms (1oz)
Butter, etc	30gms (1oz) per day

#### Other quantities

Bread	18-20 slices per Medium loaf
Squash	30 portions per litre
Milk	Cereal: 9 portions per litre
	Cocoa: 8 per litre (not full mug)
	Tea/Coffee: 16 per litre

In the olden days (the one's we're not supposed to mention!), Leaders used to be taught budgeting and 'portion control'. It's particularly relevant in these days of rising costs.

### The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Chief Scout's Platinum, Diamond and Queen's Scout Awards are closely linked to the Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Help with delivering or participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards is now available from Mark Guy, the newly appointed County Adviser for Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Support and advice is also available for Section Leaders who have Award participants undertaking their Service Section within their Colony, Pack, Troop or Unit.

Congratulations go to Simon Blow, Rory Keith, David Medland and Ian Wickham, all Explorers at Brighstone, who have recently achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.



"Your successes make you clever . . .  
But your failures make you wise".

### Recent updates to Scouting Policy & Factsheets

- FS330091 Registering a Scout Fellowship
- FS120081 Activity Information Form
- FS120082 Nights Away Information Form
- FS315089 Scout Skills: GPS Navigation
- FS250016 Clumsiness
- FS250025 Autism and Asperger Syndrome
- FS250035 Literacy and Scouting
- FS250046 Special Needs Resources and Useful Contacts
- FS250055 Tourette Syndrome
- FS250059 Self Harm

Keep up to date by visiting

[www.scouts.org.uk/recentupdates](http://www.scouts.org.uk/recentupdates)

### Disclosure Requirements

The Scout Association has made some changes to the use of Disclosure checks.

In summary:

- ALL adults who have not yet had a Scouting Disclosure check (CRB) must have done so by 31st December 2008.
- ALL adults must have a CRB Disclosure check at least every five years – for those who have appointment reviews, this should be done at the time of the review.

If you think you might be affected by these changes contact your DC.

### Approaching the finish line!

The 6<sup>th</sup> of June is the last day to collect Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers, so make sure you get all your remaining vouchers in to your Group's coordinator. Groups have until the 25<sup>th</sup> July to place their order.

Why not let us know how many vouchers your Group collected, and what you decided to order with them!

### New County Blanket Badge

The County's new Logo Blanket Badge will soon be available from Corf Tuck Shop and Mark Guy, price £1. It will come in two styles, with either a green or purple border.



(Picture not to scale)

All profit from sales of the badge will help fund the rebuild of the Wheeldon Centre and future communications projects.

#### ■ News In Brief

#### ■ Robin Hill Camp

#### ■ 1-2 August

- Full detail about this event are now available. Find out more at [www.isleofwightscouts.org.uk](http://www.isleofwightscouts.org.uk) or contact Malcolm Cox or Rosey Messing.
- Closing date 11 July.

#### ■ County AGM Report

- Following this year's AGM, the County's AGM Report is now available to download at [www.isleofwightscouts.org.uk](http://www.isleofwightscouts.org.uk)

#### ■ 2008 Tent Salvages

- Help support Scouts in Pakistan by salvaging tents and equipment following this year's Isle of Wight Festival and Bestival. Full details about these two salvage operations are to be found at [www.isleofwightscouts.org.uk](http://www.isleofwightscouts.org.uk) or contact Malcolm Cox.

#### ■ Free Resources

- Download the Woodland Trust's latest resources at [www.naturedetectives.org](http://www.naturedetectives.org)

#### ■ Hot Wheels!

- Hot Wheels sponsorship of the Beaver Creative Activity Badge continues in 2008. A new free resource has been produced to inspire Beaver Scouts to gain their badge. Packs are available on request from the Scout Info Centre [info\\_centre@scout.org.uk](mailto:info_centre@scout.org.uk) Tel: 0845 300 1818

#### ■ Deaf Friendly

#### ■ Scouting

- This new resource has been sent to Group Scout Leaders/ Group Contacts to help make Scouting deaf friendly.
- Download a copy at [www.scouts.org.uk/deaffriendly](http://www.scouts.org.uk/deaffriendly)

#### ■ County Radios!

- Don't forget, that if you need the radios for activities, they are currently with Geoff Brown.

## Opportunities

### Beautiful Rural Scout H.Q.

Set in its own stunning grounds in the Godshill area. Comes fully equipped for all Scouting needs, plus woodshed and campfire circle. Complete with small but active Committee and hot and cold running Beavers and Cubs. All this free to enthusiastic Scout Leader prepared to reform Troop!

Contact Akela Penny on 852886.

### Shooting

The NSRA will be running a Youth Proficiency Scheme (YPS) Tutors Course on Sat & Sun 28/29 June at the Shanklin Shooting Range in Batts Road. Spaces are limited so book now with Tony Elgar. The YPS is the minimum qualification for the supervision of any Scout Shooting.



### Your Ad Here!

If there's an opportunity in your Group or Section and you want to advertise it here, get in touch. (It's free!)

### Letters to the Editor

The postman (if she can be called that) has been looking rather jolly over the last two months. I wonder if this has something to do with the amount of mail I've been receiving! Why not let me know what you get up to this summer. Ed.

### Big Chocolate Event at Newchurch!

At the end of March, after several months of writing scripts, learning words, making props and rehearsing moves, everything came together for our production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Everyone in the Group was involved.



Willy Wonka, Charlie Bucket and the Salt family

The Oompa-Loompas



The Cubs played all the speaking parts. Johnny Depp would be no match for our Willy Wonka, who cut a striking figure in his curly red wig and black top hat. The very poor Bucket family showed great generosity in providing their life's savings (50p) to buy Charlie a bar of Whipple-Scrumptious Fudge-Mallow Delight which contained the last Golden Ticket, and this gave him the chance to visit the Chocolate Factory with the other ticket holders, 5 ghastly children, and their parents. The Beavers strutted their stuff as Oompa-Loompas, and very charming they were too! The Young Leaders narrated and looked after the curtain, and the Scouts worked feverishly behind the scenes to get props and scenery in place, as well as the most excellent musical accompaniment from Dylan on piano. The Leaders looked after lighting, filming and general panicking, as well as rushing on stage from time to time as rather large Oompa-Loompas! Raksha even had to stand in for Mrs Beauregarde, who went missing at the last minute!

The story ended in the Roald Dahl way with Charlie Bucket inheriting the Chocolate Factory. Less traditionally, Willy Wonka gave the Bucket grandparents some special sweets to make them young again and they flung off their dressing gowns and bedclothes and skated and skipped up the hall!

Somehow it all went well on the night! Everyone deserves congratulations, but particularly the Cubs who did brilliantly to learn all their speeches and cues. And we can't forget the parents and Leaders for all their support, finding costumes and helping erect and dismantle the stage. Many thanks to all concerned, and to everyone who came along on the night to join the fun – the hall was full to overflowing!

At the end of the evening, the Chocolate Factory was pleased to give all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts a small reward . . . chocolate of course!

PS In the interval, we had the shortest AGM imaginable, plus refreshments and buns . . . chocolate of course!

Akela, 1<sup>st</sup> Newchurch

- **County Role**
- **Vacancies**
- The County
- Commissioner recently
- sent an email
- regarding some
- vacancies on the
- County Team. Could
- you be the next
- **County Media**
- **Development**
- **Manager; County**
- **Adventurous**
- **Activities Facilitator;**
- **County Scout**
- **Network**
- **Commissioner or**
- **Scout Network**
- **Leader?**
- Interested? Contact
- Karen Downes for
- more information.

### Activity Ideas

- **House of Cards**
- **Competition**
- Challenge your young
- people to build the
- tallest, longest, widest
- house of cards. Get
- them to work together
- in their six or patrol to
- try to beat the other
- sixes/patrols.

- Check out **Caterpillar**
- **Scatterball** on the
- next page.

- Visit **Programmes**
- **Online** and view the
- activities of the month
- including: **Splatt!**,
- **Scout Apprentice,**
- **Shabby Chic T-**
- **Shirts,** and many
- more.
- [www.scouts.org.uk/pol](http://www.scouts.org.uk/pol)

- **Youth & Community**
- **Training Programme**
- Sexual Health &
- Relationships –
- Mondays 2, 9 and 16
- June (3 session
- course) 7-9.30pm

- Stop Smoking – How
- to Reach Out to
- Young People –
- Wednesday 2 July 7-
- 9.30pm

- Training sessions are
- aimed at everyone
- working with young
- people in a paid or
- voluntary capacity.
- For more information
- and a copy of the
- learning outcomes for
- these courses
- telephone the youth
- office on 823490 or
- email
- [youthservice@iow.gov.uk](mailto:youthservice@iow.gov.uk)

## Activity Idea for the Summer

Rounders & cricket are great games, but there's always someone standing around with nothing to do. Why not try CATERPILLAR SCATTERBALL?

Players: 8+

Area: Largish area with no obstacles

Equipment: Bases, bats, 4 tennis balls

Layout: Like rounders – Batting area, 4 bases plus mark for bowler

Purpose: Throwing, catching, teamwork, cooperation

How to play:

- 2 teams, batters/fielders
- 1<sup>st</sup> bowler throws ball 1 to 1<sup>st</sup> batter who hits the ball (or not) – NO ONE MOVES!
- Same happens with balls 2 and 3
- On ball 4, the entire batting team must run round the 4 bases and back to the batting spot before the fielding team can collect the 4 balls and get them back to the bowler. Winning team gets 1 point.
- Repeat for each batter. Each fielder has a go at bowling.
- Swap teams.

## Exploring Newport

Have you heard! That's right . . . Explorers are meeting in Newport.

Scouting for those aged 14 to 18 years is now available in the form of two new Explorer Scout Units in the Newport area. These two Units are supported by 1<sup>st</sup> Newport and 6<sup>th</sup> Newport Scout Groups.

Unit Name: *tb*

Explorer Scout Leader: **Graham Drudge**

Meeting: **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**

Times: **7-9 pm**

Unit Base: **6<sup>th</sup> Newport HQ**

Programme: ***In April we travelled to Ferny Croft to camp with 200 Hampshire Explorers and we have many more camps and activities planned for the rest of 2008.***

Unit Name: ***Xtreme Explorers***

Explorer Scout Leader: **Paul Downes**

Meeting Day: **Wednesdays**

Meeting Times: **7-9 pm**

Unit Base: **1<sup>st</sup> Newport HQ**

Programme: ***The unit has only been meeting for a few weeks, and so far we've been canoeing and had a BBQ.***

To find out more, contact the Leaders above.

## Gurnard May Queen

Gurnard's May Queen event was "green" this year. The Wight Diamond Band led the procession around the village through the green balloons hanging from trees and past local businesses. The band was followed by the May Queen, Princesses (as woodland fairies) and two Scout Princes (dressed as Merry Men and armed with bows and arrows!) 1<sup>st</sup> Gurnard Beavers won the title for local walking group with their impressive wind turbines, although there wasn't much arm movement by the end. Young Leader Paul Baggett showed the future of Scout power. The Brownies came second, and Scouts were third as organic vegetables.



After the procession further fun was had at the village hall with a bouncy castle, story telling, creating wreaths from natural materials and the painting of a picture of the event drawn by local artist Maria Ward. The weather stayed fine and over £300 was raised for maintenance on the Scout and Guide Hut. Next year's event will help celebrate the Guides Centenary with a colour theme of blue and white. Any Group is welcome to join in the fun;, just contact Paul Savill.

"Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile." *W. Grenfell*

## Mass Investiture!



7 Scouts jumping for joy 'cos they've just been invested! Is this a record? Let's see how many new Scouts (all Sections) can be pictured in the next newsletter.

- **Diary Download**
- (Updates in red)
- **June**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Adult Training
- Mod. 10 First Response part 1
- 5<sup>th</sup> – County Executive Committee Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Hot Topic Training – 1<sup>st</sup> Shanklin HQ
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Hot Topic Training – 1<sup>st</sup> Newport HQ
- 8<sup>th</sup> – EW Scouts Cooking Competition - 1<sup>st</sup> Bembridge HQ
- 8<sup>th</sup> – EW Cubs – Supercub Competition – 1<sup>st</sup> Shanklin HQ
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Adult Training
- Mod. 10 First Response Part 2
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Adult Training
- Mod. 3 Tools for the Job
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Adult Training
- Mod. 10 First Response Part 3
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Young Leader Training
- 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> – Adult Training
- Managing & Supporting Scouting part 2
- 21<sup>st</sup> – WW Beaverabout & It's a Knockout Competition
- 26<sup>th</sup> – EW District Executive Meeting
- **July**
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – County Cub Camp
- 6<sup>th</sup> – EW Scouts
- Pioneering Competition
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Young Leader Training
- **7<sup>th</sup> – EW Scouts Lightweight Hike & Camp Competition**
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Adult Training PLP & Validation Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cowes HQ
- **August**
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> – Robin Hill Camp
- 20<sup>th</sup> – County Awards Presentation

**New Adult Training web-pages launched**

The Adult Training pages on the Isle of Wight Scouting website have recently been updated. The pages have been divided into areas for Adult Learners, Training Advisers and Module Presenters all containing relevant information and resources for each group. The pages also contain the latest Adult Training dates and venues – this diary will be kept up to date with details of any new modules being run, and the venue. Please take time to have a look at the pages and feedback any comments you have or suggestions for items to be included.

The pages can be found under the County menu contained in the main menu bar at the top of each page at [www.isleofwightscouts.org.uk](http://www.isleofwightscouts.org.uk)

**Training Hot Topics**

The first of this year’s ‘Training Hot Topics’ on Child Protection, Challenging Behaviour & Special Needs are being held on:

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> Shanklin HQ

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> Newport HQ

This one-day course is an interactive, informative and thought provoking exploration of the issues surrounding the focus areas, and is open to **all** adults involved in providing and supporting programme delivery in any of the five Sections.

If you cannot make either of the dates advertised there is another opportunity to access this training in October.

**Personal Learning Plan & Validation Day**

The next PLP & Validation day is being held at 2<sup>nd</sup> Cowes HQ on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 9am – 5pm.

These days are run for Leaders who need to complete their first PLP, as well as those Leaders who need to review their PLP and validate training that they have undertaken.

**New Training Equipment**

The Training Team have been fortunate enough to be able to purchase some new equipment to assist with the delivery of Adult Training Modules.

The new equipment includes 2 laptops, 2 data projectors and 2 portable projector screens, which will enable the team to deliver high quality professional training, as well as the flexibility to deliver more than one session at a time.

The equipment is available for use by Scout Groups, Districts and County at presentations, AGM’s and conferences when not being used by the Adult Training Team. For more information please contact David Turner.

**Module 16: Nights Away – reminder**

This year Module 16 is being run in September. The Module comprises of two elements: an evening session being held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, followed by a residential training weekend on 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**Training Fees**

In the last edition of the newsletter there was a question to the editor regarding fees for adult training. Information was circulated during February regarding an increase in Training Fees from April 08 and how they would be collected. For those of you who did not received this information:

There is a one-off fee of £15 per person for Adult Training. A letter requesting payment of this fee is issued to the line manager of each new Adult following their meeting with the Appointments Committee. This fee is payable within 6 weeks of attendance at the Appointments Committee, if this fee is not received within 6 weeks a £5 administration/late payment charge is added.

Once this fee has been paid, all training, with the exception of residential weekends, is delivered free of charge. The only other fee charged by the Training Team is a non-attendance fee of £5 levied on those who book training but do not turn up.

**Training Dates**

June	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mod 10 1 <sup>st</sup> Response (eve 1)
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Training Hot Topics: 1 <sup>st</sup> Shanklin
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Training Hot Topics: 1 <sup>st</sup> Newport HQ
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Mod 10 1 <sup>st</sup> Response (eve 2)
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mod 3 Tools for the Job
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Mod 10 1 <sup>st</sup> Response (eve 3)
	21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup>	Managing & Supporting Scouting pt2
July	19 <sup>th</sup>	PLP & Validation Day
Sept	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mod 16 Nights Away pt1
	5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	Mod 16 Nights Away pt2

To book onto any Training Module please contact Jane Fallick on 529458.

If you have any further questions regarding any aspect of Adult Training, please do not hesitate to contact either the County Training Manger, one of the Local Training Managers or the County Training Administrator whose details can be found in the County Directory.

David Turner  
County Training Manager

“The man who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.” *Chinese proverb*