

Welcome!

I hope that 2008 has begun with plenty to look forward to in Scouting and very much hope to come and see some of your programmes in action.

As I am sure you are aware, the Local Authority is looking at the re-organisation of Island Education. For Groups who are directly affected by school closures, Paul Savill and I will be working with the Council to establish a way forward as soon as there is more information.

The current delays in the Appointments process are being urgently addressed and those waiting to attend a meeting will be sent an invitation in the very near future. Thank you for your patience, I appreciate that this is a very important area of Scouting.

Other priorities for this year include supporting you within the areas of Special Needs and Behaviour Management. The Training Team has organised some opportunities which I hope will be taken up by as many Groups and Units as possible.

On the subject of Training, I am very pleased how Adult Training is moving along. More Modules are becoming available, and the introduction of Presenters' Training will mean even more access to Modules. There is still some way to go, but we are getting there. However, we do still need Training Advisers and if this is a role you are interested in, please contact David Turner.

The growth of Explorer Scouting is looking promising with new Units being negotiated across the Island. Regarding the Scout Network, I would still like to hear from anybody who may be interested in either the Commissioner or Coordinator role for this Section.

As mentioned previously, I would like to come and visit your Group/Section and join you all in some of your activities, meet the kids and the Leaders and Helpers that make Scouting work. Please send me an invite! If I can come, I will.

I look forward to seeing you all. *Karen*

2008 Census Summary

At the time of publishing this newsletter, there were still a few Census returns to be approved, but initial analysis indicates that the number of young people and adults in Scouting on the Island remains the same as 2007.

100 Challenges Results

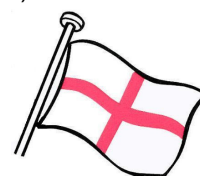
Congratulations to 3rd Ventnor, winners of the 100 Challenges Competition; they win free entry to Blackgang Chine. Well done to the three other Groups whose standard of entry was also very high. The points were out of 1000 and were based on the number of challenges attempted. The results:

- 3rd Ventnor = 663 points (79 attempted)
- 6th Newport = 425 points (64 attempted)
- 1st Newchurch = 414 points (54 attempted)
- 1st Newport = 414 points (48 attempted)

St George's Day Event 2008 Sunday 27th April

The two Districts have got together to plan this year's St George's Day activities at Corf. Everyone is invited to arrive (car sharing if possible) between noon and 1pm (or come earlier to avoid traffic jams!). Leaders are asked to arrive by 12 to meet their Group members at the Drop-off point. Sectional Craft activities will take place prior to a parade at the site and a Service of Celebration, finishing by about 4.30pm (or leave later to avoid traffic).

Everyone should receive full information by early March. If you hear nothing, let your DC know.



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In this Issue...

- of Wight Scoutabout we bring you a larger font size and more white space in response to your feedback.

- The Centenary Year of Scouting has now past, but Scouting continues in 2008 with a jam-packed year - see **Page 4** for the next 3 months District and County **Diary**.

- On **Page 2**, features include **Spotlight on ...**
- **Balanced Programme**, Recent Policy Updates, an interesting article about 1st Gurnard's links with a Group in Gambia, plus news of the Camp at Robin Hill in August.

- **Page 3** has news of the Active Kids Campaign 2008, and a few reminders and ideas for the **AGM Season**.

- Going sailing this year? Have you renewed your **Boat Inspection Certificates**? Also on **Page 4**, find out which Group is Celebrating its Centenary!

- Wight Scoutabout grows! That's right, it's now a massive five pages long - well for this issue anyway! And we've dedicated **Page 5** to **Adult and Young Leader Training**.

Contribution

- **Deadlines:**
- 20th May for June 2008
- 20th August for September 2008
- 20th November for December 2008

Spotlight on . . .

Balanced Programme

The recent refining of the Balanced Programme has brought about some changes.

Beaver, Cub and Scout Sections now all have the same 6 Programme Zones, each with at least 1 Challenge Award. The new Zones are:

- Beliefs and Attitudes
- Community
- Creative
- Fitness
- Global
- Outdoor and Adventure

Explorer Section names align more closely to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Chief Scout's Award for each Section is gained after earning Challenges across all the Programme Zones, including the new Promise Challenge, which replaces the Personal Challenges.

Other changes:

- Activity Badges: Beavers now have 12, Cubs 33, Scouts 69, and Explorers 28.
- Staged Activity Badges: there are 6 and they are available to all Sections.
- Participation Badges now show small numbered stars which stay on the uniform and are added to each year.
- Partnership Awards have replaced Group Awards.
- Section resources have been updated - new content, new format, bound books, cheaper.

So, how is everyone getting on with the Balanced Programme? If you would like to have some discussion, or opportunities to compare notes, successes, difficulties, programme ideas, let someone know. It could be your Sectional ADC or District Leader, your GSL, your DC, your TA. And if you'd like some training, Providing a Balanced Programme is Module 12 in the learning scheme and takes about 3½ hours; it's also available on the internet for the more adventurous on

www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources

"A goal without a plan remains a dream".

Recent updates to Scouting Policy & Factsheets

- FS330086 Email and text messaging guidance for Leaders
- FS2500xx Factsheets on a wide range of allergies, medical conditions and impairments
- FS140101 Guidance for the formal suspension of youth members
- FS330084 Group information form for Parents/Guardians
- FS120800-04 Updated Nights Away Permit Scheme
- FS330087-90 Scout Fellowship BR732002 has been replaced by Webpage - Prohibited & Restricted Camping Areas, Directories by County (Nothing listed for Isle of Wight!)

Keep up to date by visiting

www.scouts.org.uk/recentupdates

African Links



1st Gurnard Scouts have supported Kafuta Lower Basic School, Gambia, over the past twelve months, so far sending them £350 towards building a toilet block. 900 children currently use a system where essentially they dig a hole and when it is full it gets covered over and they move onto a new hole. The new block will have a sewage tank and will be emptied regularly to ensure proper hygiene.

When I was shown some photos of the children at the school, I saw a group lined up in the background. It was the school's Scout Troop about to go "camping". Their equipment consisted of mats, nothing more. 1st Gurnard Scout Group agreed to send out 20 Centenary scarves for the Troop to wear and that is what the above photo shows. They are also the proud owners of a Scouting on the Isle of Wight book!

Paul Savill

Free Resource

A new resource has been produced to support the Beaver Scout Healthy Eating Activity Badge. The resource is available free of charge and can be ordered from the InfoCentre 02084 336100 or www.scouts.org.uk/sponsors/healthyeating

Robin Hill Camp 1 August 2008

We're organising a bit of fun at Robin Hill this summer: a Camp from Friday evening to Saturday afternoon (1-2 August) to include BBQ, Campfire, Camping, Breakfast and day entry to Robin Hill Adventure Park.

Since Robin Hill is providing BBQ, Breakfast & storm shelter, campers will only need to bring a minimum of equipment - tents and possibly something to cook the cocoa on! There will be no need for mess tents, tables, etc.

This activity is available to all Sections and families. Of course, Scouting Adult to Child ratios and all camping rules should be observed, and all adults will need Scouting CRBs.

Full details will be available by early May and the cost for everything, including meals and entry to the Park, will be £12.75. It will be possible to opt for just parts of the activity.

Malcolm Cox
Rosey Messing

Grant Success

Congratulations go to Caulkheads Explorer Scout Unit who have been awarded £7633 by Awards for All to undertake 3 projects - Environment Community & International, including help with transport costs for people from rural areas wanting to access Explorer Scouting.

If you know of a young person (14-18) who is interested in joining in with the Caulkheads Unit's projects, contact Laura Timms on 07976 772468 or laura_liz@fastmail.co.uk

Awards for All: www.awardsforall.org.uk or 08456 002040.

Opportunities

- Thinking of a change?
 - Want to share your skills with others?
 - Know someone who'd like to get involved?
- The opportunities are endless!

There are several opportunities to get involved with both District Teams and the County Team. To find out more contact your DC or the CC.

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

AGM Season

As the days get longer and the flowers start to bloom, it can mean only one thing . . . AGMs are just around the corner!

Please remember:

- Groups need to notify their District Commissioner of the date, time and venue of their AGM.
- The Group's Annual Statement of Accounts must be prepared and be suitably scrutinised, independently examined or audited as appropriate prior to the AGM.
- A copy of the annual report and accounts must be sent to the District Treasurer following the Group's AGM, and if the Group is a registered charity a copy must also be sent to the Charity Commission.
- Where new individuals are elected to the office of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer an AA Form must be completed. Where individuals are re-elected the Appointment Secretary must be notified.

AGMs are an essential part of Scouting business, but there's no reason for them to be boring! Why not combine your AGM with a celebration of your Group's achievements over the last twelve months, give recognition to the time and work put into your Group by Leaders and supporters, or let your Beavers, Cubs and Scouts showcase some of their Scouting activities.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Ed

Do you know if there's a payment for training? We're not clear how much or how it works?

GSL, East Wight

East Wight 5-a-Side Competition

Despite a disappointing turn out, 4 teams of East Wight Scouts had a great evening at The Fairway Sports Centre with their annual 5-a-Side Football Competition. The event was organised into a round robin contest and there were some really exciting games, and a very tense penalty shoot-out that went to sudden death. The eventual winners were 1st Ryde 1st Binstead, however everyone deserves a mention – teams from 1st Shanklin, 1st Newchurch and 1st Bembridge all played well. Players included boys and girls, every age from 10 upwards, and Cubs currently linking to Scouts were also able to play. Everyone went home exhausted but happy.

Many thanks from all players and spectators to Paul Wray for the organisation, and to Andy Toms and Malcolm McCree for their excellent refereeing.

So now the challenge is on to win the cup from 1st Ryde – let's hope more teams will join the fun next year!

Are you an active group?

Last month saw the start of Sainsbury's 2008 Active Kids Campaign, with loads of outdoor equipment available to all Groups in return for Active Kids vouchers



This is an opportunity not to be missed.

In 2007, 1st Newport and 1st Gurnard took advantage of the scheme and each took their share of the £320,000 worth of outdoor equipment given to Scout Groups throughout the UK by Sainsburys. To find out more or get your Group in on the action visit www.scouts.org.uk/sainsburys

We'll check this one out.

We look forward to hearing your views and ideas – let's get a dialogue going!

Ed

- **Activity Idea**
- **Secret Aircraft Factory**
- – Craft + Wide Game –
- **All Sections**
- **Craft:** Cut out fuselages, wings & tails to slot together to make lots of aircraft.
- **Game:** Factory (Leader) hides a distance away and has all the aircraft parts. Team members must get the parts back to Base Camp 1 by 1 for assembly, without being caught by Spies, who take the parts when catching Team members in the area of land that they are confined to.
- Which team has the most aircraft assembled at the end of the game?

Free Phone Calls

- Do you have a phone tariff that gives you free phone calls, EXCEPT 0845, 0870 and similar numbers? Did you know that behind each of these numbers there is a number which could also be free? If this is of interest, look at website www.saynoto0870.com
- It's got local numbers for several of the 08 numbers. Here are a couple to start with:
 - Wightlink 02392827761
 - R.Funnel 02380334010
 - Scout Information Centre 02084336100.



Want a great place to camp?



Corf has the answer



To book call John on 527385



Centenary Celebrated

On Friday 8th February, 1st Newport Scout Group celebrated their 100th birthday with a Reunion of past youth members, leaders and supporters of the Group. Over 150 people joined the existing leadership team to celebrate this milestone in the Group's history. Stories of personal experiences were shared and many reminisced about the good old days with friends some of whom had not seen each other for quite a while. The Group's scrapbooks and other memorabilia were out on display to help jog memories, and video clips from various events were shown in the main hall where all could feast on the buffet and ales.

The Reunion Party is just one of the many activities the Group has planned this year to celebrate its centenary. Other events include a Group photograph, the sponsorship of the flower bed at the bottom of Newport High Street, near the Police Station, a walk to visit the Group's previous headquarters, a Group Beetle Drive, a Group trip, a Family Camp and many more.

A special commemorative badge and mug have been produced to act as lasting reminders of the Group's special year and a large mural inside the Group's headquarters is planned which all current members will contribute to by adding their hand print.



To purchase the Group's commemorative badge and mug contact Rod Warne, rod.warne@onwight.net Mugs £4, Badges £1.50, Mug & Badge £5.

"It doesn't matter about being the best, as long as you do your best. That's how you find out who you are and what you are."

Kriss Akabusi, 1993

Review

We're planning to put together a Review of Isle of Wight Scouting to show our achievements in pictures and stories. It will be in the form of a booklet showcasing Scouting in the heart of our Groups and will be distributed to places like companies, trusts, community centres, GP surgeries, hospitals, and so on.

What activities has your District/Group/Section been doing that would show off our Scouting achievements here on the Island? Do you have *photos that sum up the fun and adventure or show how we include everyone (including parents)? Have you been involved in Community or Healthy Eating or Safety or other projects that would make an interesting article?

All are invited to contribute suitable items and *photos, or ideas that we can work up into articles.

(* all photos must have consent from parents/guardians of all young people included)

Deadline: 20th March (before Easter).

Contacts: Rosey Messing and Mark Guy

Boat Inspection Certificates

All Groups who own water vessels are reminded that their 2007 Boat Inspection Certificates expire on the 31st March 2008.

Before any vessel can be used, a 2008 Boat Inspection Certificate must be completed and two copies should be sent to Mike Turner for validation. One will be returned to you and the other kept for records. Any Group/Unit, who did not return their 2007 Certificates, should have their Inspection carried out by a County Examiner.

Personal vessels belonging to Leaders or Helpers which are used by the Group/Unit should also appear on the Inspection Certificate. The Boat Inspection Certificates are a POR requirement.

Mike Turner, CAAF

STOP PRESS: East Wight Scouts' Cooking and Pioneering Competitions will now be at 1st Bembridge HQ on Sundays 8th June and 6th July respectively.

Rosey

- **Diary Download**
- (Updates in red)
- **March**
- 3rd - Adult Training
- Mod. 3 Tools for the Job
- 4th - Young Leader
- Training Mod. A
- 6th - EW District
- Executive Meeting
- 6th - WW Leaders
- Meeting, 7.30pm,
- 1st Newport HQ
- 8th-9th - Commissioner's
- Trophy Night Hike
- 8th-9th - WW Cub Scout
- Sixers Weekend
- 20th - Young Leader
- Training
- 20th-24th - IW Revolution
- 29th - WW Cub Scout
- Skills Day
- 30th - EW Beavers Egg
- Hunt
- 30th - Adult Training
- Mod. 12 Providing a
- Balanced Programme
- 30th - Training Adviser
- Meeting
- **April**
- 2nd - County Executive
- Meeting
- 5th - Adult Training
- Mod. 10 First Response
- 6th - EW SuperCub
- 6th - Adult Training PLP
- & Validation Day
- 8th - EW GSL/SIC
- Meeting
- 26th - Young Leader
- Training
- 27th - St George's Day
- Event
- 28th - EW AGM
- **May**
- 2nd-5th - EW Scout
- Lightweight Hike & Camp
- Training
- 6th - EW District Leaders
- Meeting
- 7th - County AGM
- 9th-11th - Adult Training
- Managing & Supporting
- Scouting Part 1
- 11th - WW Beaver Scout
- Outing
- 14th - Young Leader
- Training
- 16th-17th - EW Cub
- Sixers Camping Skills
- 22nd - EW District Team
- Meeting
- 23rd-26th - County Scout
- Camp

Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) and Validations

The Training Team ran another successful PLP and Validation day in January managing to validate 6 Leaders for Getting Started. My thanks go to those Training Advisers who gave up their time to help out. We still don't have enough Training Advisers to assign one to every Adult Learner; therefore, as the PLP and Validation days have been a success, we plan to run 3 more this year. 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 they have undertaken.

If you are interested in the Training Adviser role, please contact David Turner for more information.

Managing and Supporting Scouting

In May and June, the Training Team is running Managing and Supporting Scouting (MSS) over two weekends and this will cover all but one of the Modules necessary for Commissioners and GSLs. Previously this training has not been available on the Island, and there are several Commissioners and GSL's who have not been able to take a week off work to go to Gilwell. This is an ideal opportunity for those previously unable to access this training to complete it this year. Details will be issued shortly.

Training Hot Topics

Each year the Training Team will be choosing focus areas to concentrate on. A one-day course has been put together covering this year's 'Training Hot Topics' - Child Protection, Challenging Behaviour and Special Needs. It will be an interactive, informative and thought provoking exploration of the issues surrounding these focus areas, and is open to **all** adults involved in providing and supporting programme delivery in any of the five Sections.

Nights Away – Module 16

Dates have now been booked for Module 16 - Nights Away. It will be run in September.

Website Pages

The Adult Training web pages will be up and running in the next few weeks. Once updated, they will contain current information on the Adult Training Scheme on the Island as well as useful resources and links to the Adult Training pages on Scoutbase. They will be kept up to date, and will advertise all the requested Modules being run on the Island – how many spaces are free and how to book the courses. The pages will also contain the forms necessary to book or request delivery of the Training Modules.

Training dates:

March	3 rd	Mod 3 Tools for the Job
	30 th	Mod 12 Providing a Balanced Programme
April	5 th	Mod 10 1 st Response (day)
	6 th	PLP & Validation Day
May	9 th -11 th	Managing & Supporting Scouting pt1
June	2 nd	Mod 10 1 st Response (eve 1)
	7 th	Training Hot Topics: 1 st Shanklin (tbc)
	8 th	Training Hot Topics: 1 st Newport HQ
	9 th	Mod 10 1 st Response (eve 2)
	10 th	Mod 3 Tools for the Job
	16 th	Mod 10 1 st Response (eve 3)
	20 th -22 nd	Managing & Supporting Scouting pt2
July	19 th	PLP & Validation Day
Sept	1 st	Mod 16 Nights Away pt1
	5 th -7 th	Mod 16 Nights Away pt2
Oct	5 th	PLP & Validation Day
	11 th	Training Hot Topics
	12 th	Training Hot Topics

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

David Turner, County Training Manager



Young Leaders

The Young Leaders' Units are proving to be a source of new Leaders for a number of Groups across the Island. We are beginning to see the outcome of the training and support provided to Young Leaders within Groups over the past four years. There are currently three who have already become Adult Leaders with another two due to start the process soon.

Several Groups have invested in Young Leaders by funding their membership fees, so in order to get your money's worth we would like you to encourage the new Young Leaders to get involved in the training. It is often as a result of this that a young people realises what they have to offer as well as how much they can learn.

The training weekends cover 8 modules over 2 days and one evening. It's quite intensive, but we do allow some leisure and social time! Comments about previous training weekends include: "The whole event was BRILLIANT!!!", "Camping, making friends and learning new skills", "I enjoyed the modules, but meeting new people and the BBQ was my highlight!"

For more information about Young Leaders and their Training please contact Claire or Paul on 521247 or email sticky98@onwight.net