

Hello! Summer is here.

County Scout camp has just finished and what glorious weather we had. Ideal for raft racing, sedan chair races, a mass tug of war (still no idea who won), and a cracking camp fire. The 114 Scouts plus some Explorers all had a go at shooting and archery thanks to the support of the instructors who had a very busy day. Anthony Roberts opened the camp and was present on the Sunday to take the photo below during the raft race!



A real "where did all that mud come from?" moment!

Well done to all the Scouts who took part in all the events, especially some of the winning troops:

1st Northwood - Jawbone
1st Ryde 1st Binstead – Camping Standards
1st Gurnard - Raft Race and Sedan Chair Race



Next County Scout Camp will be
28th-31st May 2010.

Conference 2009

Were you there? An interesting day with the opportunity to learn about extended schools, healthy eating (I didn't notice any cous cous at camp though), recruitment ideas and introductions to some of the IT applications available. At the end of the conference groups discussed what the County should look to do for the next two years this included:

- Identify where help and support can be found (in a visual way)
- Clarify county roles, define need, run activities that sections want
- County Leaders meetings
- Meetings - focus on quality not quantity - relevant agendas
- Coordinator/Distributor of information
- Local info on grants and fundraising
- Succinct newsletter (this one is 4 pages?)
- More "face to face"
- How do we get more buy in-conference, camps?
- Flexibility-share effective work
- Awareness of geographical areas not receiving Scouting
- Management transparency - fill vacant county roles
- Training for Group Execs - e.g. H&S
- Resources for GSLs - up to date stuff that works
- Online access to Directory

August Newsletter

We're looking for someone to join the team and help create the next newsletter. Are you up for it?

Or perhaps you've got some good Big Adventure pictures, stories or gossip! Contact Paul or Rosey with your ideas.

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The Big Adventure...

Scouting's Big Adventure is taking place across the IOW until the end of August. If you're planning a camp, sleepover or other outdoor event this summer, you can make it part of The Big Adventure.



The County AGM.....

..... took place on 6th May and minutes are available from Paul if you have not seen them. Congratulations to the following members who received presentations from **H.M. Lord- Lieutenant Major General Martin White C.B., C.B.E. and Regional Commissioner Martin Gerrard.**

Long Service - 20 Years
Long Service - 50 Years
Award for Merit

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Silver Acorn

Bar to Silver Acorn

Silver Wolf

Peggy Graham
John McDine
Judy Winter-Goodwin
Paul Savill
Phil Coward
Peter Flynn
Roger Mundell
Geoff Cox
Malc Smith
Terry Eastaff

Diary Download (Updates in red)

June

- 4 County Executive Meeting
- 6 Adult Training Hot Topics
- 7 Adult Training Hot Topics
- 7 **EW Scout Cooking Competition**
- 7 **EW Cub Tony Elgar Trophy**
- 7 **Young Leader BBQ**
- 8 EW District Team Meeting
- 9 Adult Training Mod.10 1st Response Part 2
- 11-14 **IW Festival "Fluffy Bees"**
- 15 IW Festival Tent Salvage
- 16 Adult Training Mod.10 1st Response Part 3
- 17 Adult Training Access Evening
- 19-21 Young Leader Training Weekend
- 21 EW Cub Cyclist Badge
- 22 Adult Training Mod.3 Tools for the Job (Section Leaders)
- 27 WW Beaverabout & It's a Knockout Competition

July

- 3-5 County Cub Camp
- 8 Young Leader Training – Mod A
- 12 **EW Scouts Pioneering Competition**
- 16 EW District Exec Meeting
- 17-19 EW Scouts Lightweight Hike Competition (TBC)
- 22 School Summer Holiday starts
- 23 EW GSL/SiC Meeting

August

- 27 2010 Diary Meeting

New Appointments Process

The new process is being introduced to the County and we'll have the first new style meeting in September.

If you would like to be an Appointments Advisory Committee Member training is available on 18th July - see the training dates on page 5 for how to apply.

Appointment Advisory Committee Meetings

June 19	2 nd Cowes, Smithards Lane, Cowes
July 14	Newport Parish Centre
Sept 1	TBA

21 candidates have been through an Appointments meeting since January 2009, however, if you are still waiting for a date and haven't heard anything, please contact Paul Savill on 293481 or email gurnard2@onwight.net as we want to be sure that you have the opportunity to complete the Getting Started process within the 5 months allowed.

It's a fair cop!

1st Newchurch have been doing their fair share of Community activities this term: the Scout Fire Safety Badge, Emergency Aid and also a visit to Ryde Police Station to find out what the Police do for us.

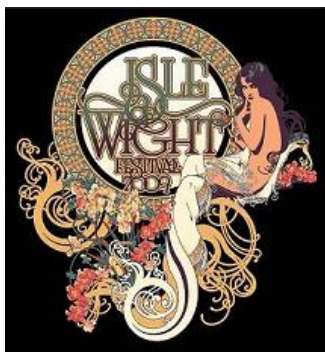
For the Fire Safety Badge, Martin Poynter, the Community Fire Officer, visited the Scouts to go over the basics, and then they went to Newport Fire Station the following week to do the rest of the badge.

The Beavers and Cubs did the first stages of the Emergency Aid Badge with Charlotte from St John Ambulance, and the Scouts got up to Stage 3, with Terry, also from St John.



The Cubs and Scouts spent an evening at Ryde Police Station. Once they'd learned about 'the serious stuff', they had some "fun" seeing a cell from the inside, trying on Police uniform and testing various types of shields and batons.

The IOW Festival 11th-14th June 2009



We've been given an opportunity to raise money for an ECO-project at our Camp Site at Corf, at the same time supporting a project being undertaken by Island 2000's 'Gift To Nature' to find out what is bringing about the changes in bee populations.

Form a "fluffy bee" selling team

We need 10 teams on each of the shifts shown in black below. Each team must be 2 adults (uniformed Leaders or "CRB'd parents or helpers") and 2 young people (any Section).

We also need some extras on the shifts shown in green.

"Bee team" shifts are:

Thursday			[16:00-22:00]
Friday	[09:00-15:00]		[15:00-22:00]
Saturday	[09:00-12:00]	[12:00-17:00]	[17:00-22:00]
Sunday	[09:00-12:00]	[12:00-17:00]	[17:00-22:00]

Contact Stuart on 525448 smariott@talktalk.net.

Tent salvage Monday 15th June

12:00 – 20:00

Any adult can help with the tent salvage, uniformed or otherwise. Young people can help too, but must be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult (photo permission is granted by entering the site).

We aim to collect 1000+ tents and sleeping bags which will be sent to Antigua for their Scouts and Guides. Any Group that helps can pick up a couple of items for themselves if wished.

We need people to collect tents around the site, drivers with vehicles to bring in tents as they are collected, and admin staff to check the kit and count it into the containers.

Please note that you will need to print out the rules of the tent salvage and show them to Security on the gate to get access to the site. Please be properly equipped with boots, gloves and Hi-Viz jacket, and sign in to and out of the site. If you've got any questions contact MaC at webmaster@isleofwightscouts.org.uk.

Scouting Skills Day

On Sunday 10th May a small group of Leaders enjoyed the opportunity to practice several traditional 'Scouting Skills' The skills on offer were pioneering, knots & lashings, backwoods cooking, fire lighting, map & compass, knife, axe & saw, arts & crafts and camp gadgets.

My thanks go to all the Leaders who came out to share their knowledge and skills: Colin Cundall, Paul and Claire Steen, Peter Gilliam, Mike Turner, Rod Warne & Jane Fallick.

Module 16 – Nights Away

10 Leaders from across the Island enjoyed a busy weekend completing Module 16, Nights Away Training. As well as all the theory, the Leaders enjoyed a number of practical skills including backwoods cooking, fire lighting, constructing camp gadgets, tent pitching, camp fire leading and the opportunity to build and cook in a camp oven!

Comments received on the evaluation forms included: enjoyed being at Corf and the large amount of practical exercises, enjoyed learning new things, meeting new people and having fun! Thank you very much for refreshing my camping skills, great trainers, good exercises, really enjoyed the experience.

My thanks go to Mike Turner for all of his support and help over the weekend, as well as Terry Cook and Peter Gilliam.

David Turner
County Training Manager

On y' bike!

- An average non-athletic man (or woman) can easily pedal a bicycle at 12 mph.
- At this rate he/she uses about 300 food calories per hour. As a gallon of petrol produces about 40,000 calories, the cyclist obtains the equivalent of 1,500 miles per gallon!
- 60 times as much fuel is needed to make the average car as is needed to manufacture a bicycle.
- 30 bicycles can be parked in the 220 sq.ft. needed to park 1 car.
- Half of the nation's commuting motorists travel only 3 miles to work.

The Economist

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Training Hot Topics 2009 – Recruitment & Retention

For the second year running there has been a 3% increase in total membership nationally, unfortunately here on the Island we saw an overall decrease in numbers (although very small), and increasing waiting lists.

'Training Hot Topics' this year are focussing on the Recruitment and Retention of both Adults and Young People. The one day course promises to be a fun and thought provoking look at the needs and wants of young people, and how Scouting can meet these needs, as well as ways to recruit more adults.

Training Hot Topics will give you the necessary tools and knowledge to help us increase island membership of both adults and young people.

Training Hot Topics is taking place on the following dates:

Sat 6th June at 1st Bembridge HQ

Sun 7th June at 1st Newport HQ

There are plenty of spaces on these courses. Further dates are available in October.

Training Access Sessions

Training Access Sessions continue to be successful, providing opportunities for Adults in training to have their Personal Learning Plan developed, validate modules they have completed, access e-learning modules, watch training DVD's, and even the opportunity for one-to-one tuition.

At the same time and venue, Training Modules are also on offer – see the training diary to find out more.

New Adult Training Diary online

The Adult Training Diary is now live on the new County Website. The new diary pages advertise all the planned modules and events, giving details of dates, times, venue and number of spaces left on the course. This web page will be kept up to date with the latest information regarding training courses. The web page also provides you with the ability to apply online using an electronic application form.

The new diary pages can be found at the following web address:

<http://www.isleofwight-scouts.org.uk/County/Training/Modules/TrainingSessions.aspx>

Earn an NVQ whilst completing your Adult Training

There is still the opportunity to earn an NVQ level 2 or 3 whilst completing your Adult Training. If you are interested in gaining an NVQ, or would like more information on this scheme, please contact David Turner (email: david_turner@talktalk.net or tel: 522305).

Training Achievements

Since March the following people have completed 'Getting Started': Amanda Bampton (ABSL), Kevin Nixon (ASL), Angela Wallace (BSL), Sarah Rowe (ABSL), Jonny Caws (ASL), Trish Jennings (SL), Bethan Lington (ASL), Keith Roe (ASL), Anthony Roberts (CC) and Anthony Biggs (ABSL). The following people have been recommended for their Wood Badge: Lisa White (CSL), Karen Eastaff (ASL), Leah Elkin (BSL), Paul Savill (ACC (AS)) and David Pearce (DCC). Congratulations to all of these individuals on their achievements.

Training Dates:

2/9/16 th June	Module 10, <i>1st Response</i>
6 th June	Training Hot Topics (Mods 13,14,21)
7 th June	Training Hot Topics (Mods 13,14,21)
17 th June	Training Access Evening
17 th June	Module 18, <i>Practical Skills</i>
22 nd June	Module 3, <i>Tools for the Job (Section Leaders)</i>
18 th July	Module 37, <i>Advising on Adult Appointments</i>
5 th Sept	Module 10, <i>1st Response</i>
6 th Sept	Training Access Day
6 th Sept	Module 16, <i>Nights Away, Beaver Sleepover</i>

To book onto any of these training modules or events online, access the training diary via:

<http://www.isleofwight-scouts.org.uk/County/Training/Modules/TrainingSessions.aspx>

Alternatively you can contact Jane Fallick jane.fallick@yahoo.com or 529458