

What does 2010 hold?

The coming year will see a few changes. Possibly the most significant for us here on the Island is the new initiative at Corf. Discussions have been taking place with Challenge and Adventure which will result in sharing the site, along with some exciting developments . . . new buildings and facilities for everyone to use.

Another change this year is our new Website. It's already got lots on it, and there are opportunities to add more information.

Corf Campsite

After many years service looking after Corf for Island Scouts, John & Marcia McDine will be finishing their involvement at the end of December. John will be standing down as Treasurer of the Corf Committee, along with Ian and Judy Winter-Goodwin, the current Chairman and Secretary. Our grateful thanks to Marcia, John, Judy and Ian for all they have given to Scouting in their time at Corf.

We now need new Committee members. The Committee will continue to be active in all the normal day to day operations for Scouting plus the new project with Challenge and Adventure and the new building to accommodate us all.

If you feel you are willing and able to assist in these activities by joining the Committee please contact either: CC Anthony Roberts, DCC Geoff Brown or me. You don't have to be in Scouting already; new members, new knowledge and new experience will be most welcome. Please get involved . . . it is for the benefit of our young people.

David Mattinson (County Chairman)

Island Scouting Website re-launch (No computer? . . . go to final paragraph).

Our County website has been re-launched, with a new design that allows more people to get involved in editing its content. It is still at www.isleofwightscouts.org.uk.

So far 32 people are registered as editors and about 60% of the pages on the website have been filled with information. We would like to get the remaining pages filled and hope that more people will register to be editors for their Group or Unit.

We are also after information on HQ, campsite, minibus hire, camping equipment hire, and any other information that may be useful to mainland groups planning camps and expeditions on the Island. And so that Scouts and other people can see what's happening on the Island, we're hoping that the County and District news pages will include reports on the various events and activities.

To overcome the risks of putting personal email addresses on the website, the Contact Us webpage has been added to the website to allow visitors to email someone from a list where the corresponding email addresses are hidden from both visitors and the spam process. Editors should direct visitors to use the Contact Us webpage. Please email me to add addresses to this contact list.

We also offer email address redirects using @isleofwightscouts.org.uk for those that require. These addresses also provide protection, though if spam does become a problem, the address can be changed without affecting personal addresses.

Contact me if you are interested in being an editor for a Group/Unit or the news pages, or if you need help in getting your Group's webpage developed.

Trevor McAlister, County Communications Team

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■ Many thanks to
■ David, David,
■ Mandy, Claire,
■ Paul and Trevor for
■ their articles for this
■ issue. It would be
■ great to feature
■ more of what is
■ going on in our
■ Island Groups – so
■ please send in your
■ stories and pictures
■ for the next issue.

■ **Contribution
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■ next issue:**
■ 20th May for June
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HQ AND ISLAND NOTICE BOARD

East Wight District Opportunities

We have the following vacancies:

- District Treasurer
- ADC (Beaver Scouts)
- District Beaver Scout Leader

For more information, please contact Valerie Petley-Shaw, DC(EW) on 811508 or email valeriepetleyshaw@yahoo.co.uk

Shooting News: YPS Tutor Training Courses

The YPS Tutor Qualification is designed for people who will be training and tutoring youth in the sport of target shooting with air guns. It also provides the necessary information and authority to run general target shooting sessions as a Scout activity.

Log your interest now; we will be running courses for Air Rifle and Air Pistol. Each course is 2 days long and is usually over a weekend; if there is sufficient interest a course can be run daytime during the week. Cost £50. Dates will be notified when there are sufficient requests.

Contact Tony Elgar on 864442 or at anthony.elgar@talktalk.net

Scouting Logo



To download Scouts Logofont from Scoutbase:

- Save scoutslogo.tff to your computer as .tff file (note where you've saved it)
- Open Fonts in Control Panel
- Select "install new format"
- Browse for the downloaded file, then install.

To get the Scouting logo to appear in your document, type 's' or 'w' in scoutslogofont.

POR Update

Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) has been updated. A summary can be found at: www.scouts.org.uk/documents/por/2010_updates/AmendmentstoPORJan10.pdf

The whole document can be downloaded from www.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/71 or ordered from the Scout Information Centre.

Dates for your Diary

(Updates in red) (Training Dates in blue)

March 2010

- 1 EW District Exec Meeting
- 4 EW District Team Meeting
- 6 Training Access Session
+ 19, International
+ 13, Growing the Movement
- 7 6, Nights Away - Beaver Sleepover
- 7 WW Cubs Skills Day
- 9 3, Tools for the Job (Section Leader)
- 13 EW District 5-a-Side Football
- Island Scouts Shooting Club Meeting
- 19-21 Section Leader Wood Badge Weekend (1 of 2)
- 20 EW Supercub Competition
- 24 EW District Leaders' Meeting
- 27 EW Scouts Skittles Competition

April 2010

- 14 County Exec Committee
- 15 EW GSL Meeting
- 19 Training Access Session
+ Safeguarding Awareness
- 24 Module 10, First Response
- 25 St George's day activities
- 26 16, Nights Away evening
- 27 EW AGM
- 30-2 May EW Scouts Lightweight Hike & Camp Training

May 2010

- 7-9 16, Nights Away weekend
- 8 Island Scouts Shooting Club Meeting
- 12 County AGM
- 22 Scouting Skills Training Day
- 23 Training Access Day
+ 8, Skills of Leadership
+ 9, Working with Adults
- 28-31 County Scout Camp

June 2010

- 2 EW District Executive Meeting
- 3 10, 1st Response (evenings)
- 6 EW Scouts Cooking Competition
- 10 County Executive Meeting
- 11 EW District Leaders' Meeting
- 13 Island Scouts Shooting Club Meeting
- 14 IoW Festival Tent Salvage
- 15 Training Access Evening
+ 18, Practical Skills
- 20 Training Hot Topics
17, Activities outdoors
+ 12, Providing a balanced programme
- 20 EW Cub Scout Skills Day
- 21 EW District Team Meeting
- 21 3, Tools for the Job (Section Leader)
- 26 WW Beaverabout

HQ Updates

Keep up to date by visiting

www.scouts.org.uk/recentupdates

Training Statistics for 2009

This time last year I gave you the training statistics for 2008, so I thought that I would share with you the figures for 2009.

During 2009 adults in training on the Island completed a total of 621 modules from the Adult Training Scheme and validated 605. 34 Leaders completed 'Getting Started', and a record 34 Wood Badges were recommended (a 70% increase on 2008) bringing the total number of Wood Badges over the last 2½ years to 64! Congratulations to everyone on their achievements, and a big thank you to everyone on the Training Team for all of their efforts and support.

The total figures on training since September 2007 can be found on the modules pages of the County Website, and this year's running total can be found on the Training News & Events page.

Training Scheme wins National Awards

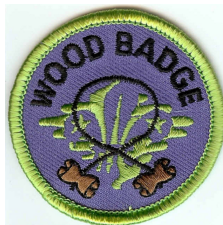
The Scout Association won both a London Regional Award and National Award, coming top in the 'Providing Education and Training' category and beating off competition from a wide range of other organisations from the corporate, public and third sectors back in October.

The Scout Association was praised for the design, volunteer management and impact of the training it offers and for the number of adults who benefit from the scheme each year.

The National Training Awards (NTA) is run on an annual basis. Organised on behalf of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skill by UK Skills, the NTA honour those who have made an outstanding contribution and commitment to training in the workplace.

Wood Badge Weekends

There are still spaces available on the first of the two 'Wood Badge Weekends' taking place this month. The first weekend covers modules 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 14 of the Section Leader Wood Badge. For further details and the dates please contact David Turner or check out the Adult Training pages on the County Website.



Training Hot Topics 2010

This year's Training Hot Topics is focusing on the Balanced Programme. The day encompasses Module 12 *Providing a Balanced Programme* and Module 17 *Activities Outdoors* from the Adult Training Scheme. It will look at different ways to generate programme ideas, how to put together a balanced programme of activities, as well as the importance of outdoor activities and what to take into consideration when planning them.

Training Hot Topics is an ideal opportunity for existing Wood Badge holders to brush-up on specific topics each year as well as counting towards their Ongoing Learning requirements. For further details and the dates please contact David Turner or check out the Adult Training pages on the County Website.

Training Achievements

Since the last edition of Wight Scoutabout the following people have completed 'Getting Started': Vikki Mann (ACSL), Mark Earley (SA), Sara Streeter (ABSL), Ingrid Abbott (SA), Vicki Colley (ACSL), William Harris (ABSL), Glynnis Nesbit (SA), Vicky Foreman (SA), James Cooper (GSL), Becky Millar (ACSL), Emily Metcalfe (BSL) & Kay Capon (ABSL).

The following people have been recommended for their Wood Badge: Terry Cook (GSL), John Dickinson (LTM), Jackie Hookey (DSL), George Self (ADC Cubs), Ian Gear (SL), Anthony Roberts (CC), Hannah Robinson (ESL) and Stuart Ross (SL). The Training Team would like to congratulate all of these individuals on their achievements.

Training Dates

See Diary Updates on page 4.

To book onto training modules or events online, access the Training Diary at

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

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

David Turner,
County Training Manager

OTHER NEWS

Corf Campsite Rules

The Corf Campsite Committee has produced an updated version of the Campsite Rules which have been circulated to all Groups. Make sure you get your copy.

Reviews

Every adult Member of The Scout Association needs a Review after 5 years. Within Groups, this is done by the line manager, usually the Group Scout Leader, however, if required, a Cub Scout Leader could review an Assistant Cub Scout Leader for example.

When a Review takes place, a Form AR is completed and sent to the Appointments Secretary. There are 3 options:

Renewal: The adult and reviewer are happy with the current role and the person is going to stay. All you then need to do is to get a new CRB.

Reassignment: The person would like to develop and change roles. All you have to do is a CRB and complete an AA form for the new role. The adult will attend the Appointments Advisory Committee and also meet with a member of the Training Team to identify any training requirements.

Retirement: The adult may decide that it's time to take a break and leave Scouting, in which case a CS form will be completed.

If you are a line manager with adults due to be reviewed, you will have heard from Tim Fallick earlier this year. However, from now on, we ask that you check all your team yourself to see who needs to have a Review. By logging onto MyBackpack, *all* line managers can see when Reviews are due.

We will keep this system for now until we can recruit somebody to support Tim's role as Appointments Secretary.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Savill on 293481 or gurnard2@onwight.net or Tim Fallick on 529458 or timfallick@yahoo.co.uk.

Paul Savill, Asst. County Commissioner (Adult Support)

Water Safety Rules

POR Rules 9.42–9.52 have been updated regarding activities involving Swimming and other water activities. See POR and [Factsheet FS120620 Swimming](#) for more information.

InTouch

On the Island, the new InTouch system will replace the old Home Contact process from 31st March.

Whenever and wherever an activity or event is run within Scouting, it is a requirement that an InTouch system is in place (POR Rule 9.3). This includes all meetings, outings, camps, in fact everything . . . for all Section, District, County and adult activities.

This may sound a bit daunting, but, once we get used to it, it will probably be easier than the old scheme as it will not be necessary to have someone glued to the phone on every occasion that we step outside our Scout huts. And it will mean better support and communication for everyone.

What's required? For each event, meeting, etc, Leaders will need to set up an InTouch system, taking into account the following points:

1. Decide how Leaders will communicate with parents.
2. Decide how parents will communicate with Leaders.
3. Decide how participants and parents will communicate.
4. Confirm communication between Leaders and Commissioners in the event of an emergency.

There's no right or wrong way of doing this, as long as we have considered each situation and set up a process to provide the necessary communication and cover for each eventuality.

More information is available on the Scout website at www.scouts.org.uk/intouch where you can also access Factsheet FS120075 InTouch which contains some useful examples and a checklist to help set things up. No computer? . . . Contact the Information Centre on 0845 300 1818 and ask for a copy of the Factsheet.

If you need help and advice on this one, get in touch with someone on the District or County Teams.