

# Scouting



Isle of Wight Scouts  
Information Bulletin



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## Diary dates

### NOVEMBER

15	EW Handicraft Judging
16	Sandown Xmas Fayre*
16	Scouting Skills Evening
18	YL training
19	Shooting Club
19	WW Cub Orienteering
25	Executive training
25	District Archery Comp.
2	Wood Badge Café
10	EW Beavers Party

### DECEMBER

3	Adult Training Mod. 10 First Response
9	Shooting Club meeting
16	See note
20 to 3/1/18	School Christmas Holiday

More details can be  
found on the website

## Welcome to our November Information Bulletin

Thanks for all the extra information for YOUR pages for the new website. We're still working on getting this new information onto the site, and hopefully it will be launched in a couple of days at <http://www.isleofwightscouts.org.uk>. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed information to our new pages. If you haven't contributed yet, we'll be supporting online editing of pages in a couple of weeks. We'll get things running, fill in some missing information, then start training people to help us keep the new website full of fresh new information and reports. The new website will be run by the Wight Rovers Media Team. Wight Rovers reports will form a core feature of the new website, so please keep them coming.

Thanks for the positive feedback about last month's edition. The monthly Information bulletin features team and Commissioner reports, announcements and diary/event information. Please can all Commissioners, Team leaders and managers who have anything to include get information to me by 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Please direct any questions, reports, event details, dates, etc. or feedback to me, Malcolm Cox, County Communications Manager, mail: [malcolmcox@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:malcolmcox@hotmail.co.uk) )

Thanks, MaC

## EXTRA DATE:

1<sup>st</sup> Sandown Xmas fayre is on 16th December from 10am to 3pm at the Lions Centre, New Road, Lake, with an hours free parking on site.



## County Commissioners October Report

Hello all

As usual lots has been happening across the island. I loved all the Halloween theme evenings you had last week, I shared the game of "Don't Eat Frank" with 1<sup>st</sup> Gurnard beavers whilst dressed as a skeleton. Fireworks at 1<sup>st</sup> Northwood were spectacular with a Pirate Guy who must have had a few too many rums as he burnt really fast! In October I met with the County and district teams to review the county plan and look at what we should do in 2018. I will circulate what we aim to do after County executive on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

We have a four spaces left on the executive training on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November ( it's one day now) being delivered by staff from Gilwell. If your exec is not represented please book a space [here](#).

Census will soon be with us. Same process as last year, leaders will need to know how many top awards have been achieved in 2017 so make sure your records are up to date. I was able to present Platinum and Diamond Chief Scout's Awards at Extreme Explorers when they showed us what they had done on their Expeditions. ACC Activities Gary Meek has noted a great upsurge in D of E registrations please ensure the corresponding CSAs and QSAs are completed too as the slightly harder awards to achieve they need to be planned in.

It's been good to hear about new Group Scout Leaders starting, but we still have too many groups without this level of leadership. The GSL role is crucial as a guiding hand to new leaders, driving the development plan and ensuring the Group Exec is operating effectively. If you are in a group without a GSL please speak to your DC to find out more about the role and see if you can help with recruitment.



Thanks to everyone who took part in one of the Remembrance Parades on the 12<sup>th</sup>. I know our support of these Parades is really appreciated by veterans and their families. I've been told there was an amazing turnout of about 200 Scouts in Newport. I was at the service at Thiepval on the Somme again with the police band. If you would like to hear the band play please keep the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 free for a concert at All Saints Church Ryde, which will help support the Jamboree Unit

YIS

Paul

## Sid the Scout's Scouting LEGO Competition

Remember, there's less than a month to go with Sid's Lego competition.

Sid wants you to make a LEGO model with a Scouting theme and send him a couple of photos of it, especially showing any clever details. The model could be camping, hiking, pioneering.... absolutely anything that Scouts do.

Sid's friend Nigel Young from the Sports and Model Shop in Shanklin has donated 2 prizes for the competition. The best model produced by a Beaver Scout will win a LEGO City kit, and the best model from a Cub Scout or older will win a LEGO Ninjago kit.



So, build your models, take a couple of photos and send them to me, [sidthescout@yahoo.com](mailto:sidthescout@yahoo.com) or to MaC, at [malcolmcox@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:malcolmcox@hotmail.co.uk) by Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Sid, MaC, and Nigel will judge the photos and select the best model. The winners will be contacted and invited to receive their prize at the Sports and Model Shop, Shanklin on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00am.

Find out more about Sid on his Facebook page ( <https://www.facebook.com/SidTheScout/> ). If any of you have any comments, thoughts or ideas about what Sid and his friends can do, or about Isle of Wight Scouting in general, either mail or ask your parents to mail [sidthescout@yahoo.com](mailto:sidthescout@yahoo.com) for you.

Sid, Simon and MaC are really looking forward to seeing your photos and ideas.

## Training Team November Report

The Isle of Wight Scouts Training Team has been developing. Training Advisers are working tirelessly supporting ALL new leaders 'Getting Started'. We will be rolling out support to groups. Where each group will be supported to enable every leader to get up to date.

- Amanda Rendell is the TA for Managers and Supporters and her group.
- Ali Burt, Clare Murray, Ray Draper, Lisa Baker are TA's to their groups and support at AAC's.
- Sam Blake is Local Training Manager and TA to her group. We are all working to arrange training that will enable net working and residential experiences that have been asked for.

We are looking to recruit new Training Advisers and develop an Administration Team for Training. So it might actually be 2 hours on a Friday! Interested? Get in touch. Or know of someone who may like to join the team, they don't have to be in scouts. Email: [ctm@isleofwightscouts.org.uk](mailto:ctm@isleofwightscouts.org.uk)

Navigating Compass, Training and Support Sessions, (formally known as Wood Badge Cafes & Training Clinics) We will be offering Compass Navigation & Training Support Sessions each month. November's is 18<sup>th</sup> –Book via – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/navigating-compass-training-support-tickets-38905436207>

These sessions replace Wood Badge Cafes and Training Clinics. ANY leader can attend ANY session. Eventbrite bookings are posted on FaceBook. Help those in your group who do not have access to Facebook. This is whilst we are in between web site. The sessions have been very popular and we always have the kettle on.

**Isle Shape 2018** bookings are via

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/isle-shape-2018-tickets-37851975277>

We are offering activities ad workshops for many Scout Roles and that have been asked for. Including Executives, Beaver Leaders, Explorers, Young Leaders. National and Regional trainers along with local societies that can offer an insight into what they do. Your scouts may like them to visit on a group night. You can have some fun with the activities first! Including IW Radio Society, IW Search & Rescue. Age UK IW, Autism Hampshire.

Thanks, Ruth

Ruth Carter, County Training Manager

## Sid's Day Out

Hi Everyone! I went for a brilliant day out in Salisbury. I visited the Museum which is hosting an exhibition about the author Sir Terry Pratchett: I got lost in a Shambles, saw Terry's Honorary Brownie Scarf, OBE and Blue Peter Badge. Then I went to the Cathedral, where I saw the Magna Carta.

