

# Scouting

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Isle of Wight Scouts  
Information Bulletin



## Welcome to our December 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, we're hoping to launch it just after Christmas 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.



Christmas is creeping up on us and there's so much to see and do over the next few weeks. One of my favourites is Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival as there are always some great entries from Scout Groups.

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 28<sup>th</sup> December.



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

On behalf of the Wight Rovers Media Team: Victoria, James, Alan, Sid the Scout, GIJoe, me and all the reporters, have a brilliant Christmas. Cheers. MaC

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## Diary dates

### DECEMBER

3	Adult Training Mod 10
9	Shooting Club Meeting
10	EW Beavers Party
10	Sid's Lego Competition closes
16	Sid's Lego Competition Prize giving
20 to 3/1/18	School Christmas Holiday

### JANUARY 2018

4	School Term Starts
11	County Exec Meeting
14	Shooting Club Meeting
18	WW District Exec Meeting
21	CSC Work Day (Corf)
27	EW Scouts 5-a-side football

More details can be found on the website

## County Commissioners Report

Hello all

So, the last month of 2017 is here, I hope you all have a great time at your festive meetings . The end of the year and the start of a new one is a good time to review what have you have been doing. Don't forget if you line manage anyone it is your job to organise their review. Check they are happy with their current role and please check that their training is up to date. Safety, First Aid and Safeguarding must be current. If you have Module 25 showing but completed it before 2017 you won't be up to speed with the rest of the training team. If you want to join the training team, please speak to Ruth Carter or Sam Blake who can explain the opportunities in 2018.

As usual you have been busy in November and I saw many pictures of our Scouting family attending Remembrance events, thank you.

The training team has been busy and a really useful day at Corf was attended by GSL s and Executive members to be refreshed on the trustee role. Just don't ask me about the difference between Elected, nominated, Co-opted and Ex-officio, I still have some learning to do!

I have visited Gurnard Cubs and presented some challenge awards and many Cubs are on their way toward a Silver award. You will need to know how many of your members have the top award in each section for the 2018 census. I am looking forward to see what's been achieved as this shows how our programme is being delivered. It was always part of the County plan to follow how everyone was doing but that was when we had the promise of Compass!

MaC bumped into me at the Osborne Christmas Festival – hence the photo!

If I don't see you before the end of the year have a lovely Christmas break. From Belinda and I, we wish you a Happy New Scouting Year



YIS

Paul

### CHANGED DATE:

Sid the Scout's Lego competition has been extended. The last entry date is now Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December and prizes will be awarded on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Mail your entries to [sidthescout@yahoo.com](mailto:sidthescout@yahoo.com)

## WW District ADC Cubs Report

George is in hospital at the moment, he has asked me to do a brief summary of our District cub events which have been held recently.

District orienteering 90 cubs/beavers attended the event at Parkhurst forest which was enjoyed by all, well done to 1st Wootton cubs who came first.

The archery competition was held at 1st Newport scout hut and 37 cubs attended, again fun was had whilst learning a new skill.

George and I wish everyone a Happy Xmas and look forward to a Happy new Scouting year in 2018.

regards  
YIS  
Jane Self

## Corf Campsite Report

Hi Everyone

Hope you have had many many camps and activities organised this year for our young people. As they say "the Best Part of Scouting is the OUT". Would really like to thank all those Groups, Explorers.....it is easier to say everyone in Scouting on the Isle of Wight who arranged and used Corf, then I do not miss anyone, this season.

I will again roll over the £20 Group campsite deposit into 2018 unless anyone objects.



Corf is now closed until the 30th March 2018 (Good Friday) which means that all toilets/shower blocks are drained down as they were not plumbed in for winter use and all buildings locked up including the entrance and exit gates. The only building that is live and will be used for Island Leader Training and, at the moment, one outside organisation. is the Mattinson Centre.

If you wish to work on your sites please let me know and I will be out there like a "Bat out of H.....I mean Corf!" to unlock the gate. You can work on your site any time from now 'til March 30th 2018 as previously said "please let me know + something about bats!"

As there will be tree felling and hedge laying happening at Corf over this period please, for Health and Safety reasons can I ask you not to arrange any activities with your young people as all trees and parts of will not be removed straight away and therefore will cause a hazard. If you do work on your site please may I ask you to carry out your own **risk assessment** with which I must agree with. If you wish I could carry out a **risk assessment** for you once you know what work you are going to carry out on your site but either way I must have one please it is really important.

If you need to ask me any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on either of the below communications.

It just leaves me now to wish you and every member of your family a really Happy Festive Time at Christmas! and a Prosperous New Year in many ways!

Barrie

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## Corf Service Crew Report

We are removing the name MADACT as from 17th December 2017 but they will still carry on the good work and will now be part the Corf Service Crew (CSC).

I am still really desperate for adults to come along and help carry out essential jobs at Corf on "Work Days" please. Jobs can vary from Tree work, dead hedging, coppicing, clearing ditches (so that water flows away from sites), fencing to painting, small repairs such as changing a tap, tap washer, repairing items so basically it is carrying out maintenance to keep the ever-ageing Corf Scout Campsite in good working order.

I have a fantastic CSC team at the moment, but we do require more people to help us please. If you want to see what work is happening at the currently, please type into your browser <http://bit.ly/corfwork>

I have weekly "Work Days" and monthly Sunday "Work Days" (the original MADACT days):

Weekly "Work Days" at the moment are every Monday and Wednesday - we will be having a break as from 1.30pm on the 11th December 2017 and starting up again on the week commencing the 8th January 2018. The times are from 08.30 to 13.00 with tea & coffee being provided!

Monthly "Sunday Work Days" are starting in 2018 as follows:

21st January, 18th February, 18th March, 22nd April, 20th May, 17th June, 22nd July, August - Summer Break, 16th September, 21st October, 18th November, 16th December & 20th January 2019.

If you require any further information, please contact:

For weekly "Work Days" - Myself: barrieprice9@aol.com

For monthly "Sunday Work Days" Elaine Sharkey: 3lainesharkey@gmail.com

*I hope you will be able to help in some way!*

**Barrie**

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**Corf Scout Campsite Warden**

## Greetings from WW DC and ACC(Network)

Sorry, will catch up you soon.  
Merry Christmas to all.  
Mandy

Sorry, I've been busy lately and can't put a report together this week. However, I'd like to take the opportunity to say Merry Christmas to everyone.  
Cuthbert

## National Media Team wins Prestigious Award Report from MaC.



Some of you will know that as Media Development Manager I'm part of a national PR team. Here's a photo of my team leader Andrew Thorpe with Emily Batchelor and Simon Carter.

It's the official grip and grin picture from the recent CorpComms 2017 Awards ceremony at which our HQ PR team won an award for the best PR campaign by a not-for-profit organisation.

What for? One of the biggest special programmes HQ have ever mounted, for Cubs100!

As Andrew says, "Feels great to have won against some huge companies with mega budgets.

"Amazing what passion, a small staff team and some positive volunteers can achieve. Co-op, Virgin, Ikea, Nokia and Heineken might have had the cash, but we had the enthusiasm, dedication love for what we do. The competition ran some amazing campaigns, but #Cubs100 had that extra bit of sparkle!"

OK, that's about it for this month.  
Happy Christmas and (in the words of Strictly).....Keeeeeeppppp Scouting!