

Scouting

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Isle of Wight Scouts
Information Bulletin



Welcome to our April Information Bulletin

Hi Everyone, Happy Easter and welcome to the April news bulletin.

I spent Saturday helping the Revolution Management by assisting at an African Drumming base in 1st Freshwater/1st Totland HQ. Of course, Sid the Scout and GIJoe had to meet African drummer Joe!



I've never been to 1F/1T before, but what a brilliant hall in what a brilliant location. I had an interesting chat with Group Chairman Terrance Henderson and after 2 weeks holiday and a couple of scheduled press releases, I will be sending out a press release aimed at recruiting Scouts for them. If anyone else needs help with recruiting, let me know and I'll see what I can do.

I was very impressed with 1F/1T 'cos they had a copy of the Scouting bulletin on a notice board..... However, it was a January edition. Please make sure that committee members get a copy of the bulletin and print a copy to put up in your hall for your parents to see. Thanks.

I had a very pleasant surprise when one team turned up. I started chatting to one Young Lady (please forgive my ageism and creeping on this one), Katy Elliott, who I assumed was a Network member but was introduced to me as a DC from Nottingham. Age 20! That took my breath away, but what a can-do attitude she has. Katy is from the same mould as National Youth Commissioner Hannah Kentish, our brilliant Youth Commissioner Victoria Lawton and County Communication Manager (Social Media) James Cooper. They are (to me) still part of the current generation of Explorer and Network Scouts, and with none of the reservations of us older generation Scouts they are showing their leadership skills and leading Scouting into the 2020's. Hang on folks – with Youth at the helm it's going to be an exciting ride! (And of Course, Katy had to meet Hatty).



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20	WW Cub Yomp

I managed to get a couple of video clips (appalling quality as it was windy, but inside the hall the drums were deafening), one of Katy talking about change, and in the second she's talking to Carol Harvey (of the Revolution Management) about the camp and how it's affected two of her Explorers. I'll put them on the website news pages when I get back from holiday.

This month I'd like to remind you of some upcoming events. I won't repeat all the information here as it's all in the appropriate page of the events section of the website. **We are updating these (and all the other) events pages as more information becomes available, so please check them regularly (please keep YOUR event updated too - via James or me):**

- St Georges' Day on Sunday April 22nd
- Open Day on Saturday May 12th
- Beachclean Weekend on Saturday 16th (and Sunday 17th) June
- Teddy Bears Picnic on Saturday August 25th.
- I also need a few more volunteers (with activities) for the Isle of Wight Festival weekend and Eklectica weekend. Let me know if you're free.

I'll be away for the next 2 weeks, so apologies if you need to get hold of me. I'm going to finish up with a report on:

Some of the Earliest days of Scouting were on the isle of Wight.

National Scout Archivist Colin Walker paid a special visit to Isle of Wight Scouts 1st Newport (the Old Guard) in March. Colin gave a talk on the early years of Lord Robert Baden Powell and the founding of the Scout movement.

Colin is a very interesting speaker and he and GSL Rod Warne led us through some of the events that led to the founding of the Scout movement.

Again I got a brilliant clip of video of Colin and Rod, but (bear with me here 'cos I'm still learning about videoing interviews) the heating system rattling away nearly drowns all sound out. I'll upload it, and more information about the talk, to the news pages of the website when I get back. Anyway, back to the plot...



Following BP's first Experimental Camp for Boys on Brownsea Island and the publishing of his book, Scouting for Boys, Scout groups began to form. Colin's research shows that there was a lot of confusion with registering the first groups in early 1908. As part of Lieutenant General Baden Powell's League of Boy Scouts. Records of some groups registrations were lost in a fire, while a number of groups delayed registering their formation due to not having the required fee of 5 shillings (25 pence).

Chronologically, 2 Scout groups appear to have registered earlier, but unlike 1st Newport, neither of them has been in continuous existence since 1908, making 1st Newport officially the oldest Scout Group in the UK. Since the whole Scouting movement started in the UK, that makes 1st Newport the oldest Scout Group in the world.

From that point Scouting has grown an initial few dozen members to the current total of 1,700 Scouts on the Isle of Wight and a worldwide total of 40 million Scouts.

Group Scout Leader Rod Warne and some of his colleagues recently opened a locked tin chest they found in their store room. Inside they found a beautiful old epidiascope and some amazing glass slides dating from the earliest days of the group. Some of the slides also helped prove that the group's original flags which were retired in 1965 were in use in 1908.

(Incidentally, I believe that 3 other Island Scout groups were also in the official list of the first 100 groups registered: 1st Shanklin, 1st Sandown and the now closed 1st Chale and Niton.)



So here are Colin Rod and some of his team at 1st Newport with their original colours

Colin Walker and our own archivist Barry Groves have been following another interesting lead. BP stayed in Cowes for Cowes week in 1904, 1905 and 1906. He stayed with Captain Henry Denison and his family, who rented a property behind the Royal Yacht Squadron, of which he was a member. We'd like to find out which property it was, as this is yet another part of the Scouting history of the Isle of Wight. If Colin and Barry can identify the property, they will try to get a Blue Plaque fixed to the wall to commemorate the event.

Thanks to Colin, Katy and all the visitors to our amazing Island this week, who helped make Isle of Wight Scouting so special!

Cheers – have a great month Scouting (and something I never thought I'd say: I'm off to my daughters' wedding for a couple of weeks) from MaC and the team

and Keeeeepp Scouting! (from Sid and GIJoe)

County Commissioners January 2018 Report

Happy Easter

Hello .

Well we have got through the snow. Sorry we had to postpone events, we are doing our best to ensure they are back on later in the year.

St Georges Day is taking shape. Please let your DC know rough numbers of attendees by Friday 13th please. You need to be in Newport for 9.30am on Sunday 22nd April. You will have a few hours of activity culminating in a chance to renew promises v=before finishing around 2.15pm. Please wear uniform (top half) and bring lunch.

We are also closing in on the concert by the Band of the Hampshire Constabulary to raise money for the Jamboree Unit. This is at All Saints Church, Ryde at 2.30pm on Sunday 15th April. A collection will be taken at the end of the concert so there is no need to buy tickets beforehand. If you would like seats reserved for you though please let me know. We need to find 200 people to help fill the church so please encourage all your section members to attend with their families, I can guarantee you will enjoy the programme. If you can share the advert on social media please do. The poster is attached at the end of the newsletter.

GDPR is coming to a Scout hall near you in May. These are the new regulations on data protection. Don't think these won't affect you. If you keep lists of members (paper or on a data base),or have files with consent for camp or events then you need to ensure you are keeping the information securely, only retaining it for a good reason and should safely destroy old records. Ensure you have consent from parents to keep this information. I would suggest you explain to everyone in your group including parents on what you store and how you take care of it. You can find more detail [here](#)

Finally I have some vacancies on the County Team. With the new strategy coming out for 2018-2022 I need an ACC Development, and a lack of DESCs means I would like to trial an ACC Explorers. Cuthbert Finch is stepping down as ACC Network so there is a vacancy for that role too. Thank you, Cuthbert for carrying out the role for me.

Have a great Easter break, good luck to everyone at Revolution

YIS

Paul



Ed: the Photo is of Paul absolutely killing it at Revo opening ceremony – the Scouts were blown away by his brilliant speech!