

Scouting



Isle of Wight Scouts
Information Bulletin



Welcome to our May Information Bulletin

Hi Everyone

Welcome to your monthly information update.

NEWSFLASH: Corf Open Day has been cancelled as the ground is waterlogged. We hope to reschedule.

There's a lot to tell you about this month, so please bear with us and read it all. Apart from CC and WWDC's reports there are articles on Data Protection and what's on. There's news about Sid the Scout, other activities. So let's start with the reports:

County Commissioners May 2018 Report

Hi Everyone

We have got to that time of year when we are planning for the County AGM. We have had a year of trialling a smaller executive committee and other meetings to keep the communication flowing. It has had teething trouble but we hope to move ahead with a team and system that ensures we can pass all the tests of good governance. Ensuring your executive committee is fulfilling its role has been a theme for us in the last year too and many groups have developed their exec to ensure that they become the critical friend we need. With the story in the national news about TSA paying out £42000 in a discrimination case its useful to remember why we have the governance structures, training and ever-present POR to not only protect our young people but also us as leaders.



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Diary dates

MAY 2018

7	May Day Holiday
7	Gurnard May Queen
10	WW Annual General Meeting
11-13	National Scout Archery Competition
12	open day CANCELLED
13	Walk the Wight
20	Corf Service Crew Work Day
20	Island Scouts Shooting Club mtg
20	WW Cub Scout YOMP
23	County AGM
25-28	County Scout Camp
28-1/5	School Holiday
28	Bank Holiday

JUNE 2018

6	EW Exec
8-10	County Beaveriee
16-17	Island Beach clear



I have heard about some busy sections running with too few adults for the number of members present and also leaders with out of date training. I may sound like a stuck record but please check compass and keep your safety, first aid and safeguarding in date, thanks.

The new data protection regulations will be upon us soon. There is not enough space here to explain all about it. Responsibility for the GDPR rests with each respective Executive Committee. As a start ensure your group knows where you are storing any information about people young or old, that you have properly secured and stored old paper records and that you can explain why you are storing that information. More information can be found [here](#).

We had a great day on 22nd April for St. Georges Walkie Talkie, with help from the Army Reserves, Fire and Rescue and Citizens Advice plus some shop window space in the High St. Victoria has gathered more information for youth shaped development. Thank you as well to all the team that helped me run the day and congratulations to Ed Ingham on being invested as SL for 1st Newchurch.

I am just starting the search for new District Commissioner for East Wight. If you would be interested in the role or have someone else in mind please contact me as I want to generate a list of names we can approach. John Dickinson will be staying with Scouting but in a slightly less busy role. He has managed the district through many years of growth and I hope his successor can drive the team and continue to offer fun and adventure to even more young people.



Please check the dates for upcoming events, I look forward to seeing you over the next few months and hopefully there might be sunshine involved! I should be able to tell you about our Harry Potter Scout camp in June's publication.

We've got a busy month of activities ahead, so I hope you all have a great time Scouting!

Paul

West Wight District Commissioners May 2018 Report

Hello

I had the privilege of attending 7th Newport Beaver Colony meeting in the Salvation Army Hall last Friday evening, to celebrate a few achievements. The beavers were entertaining their members and guests with a talent evening. Some of the members played the ukulele, did some stunts, and sprinted around the hall, to name a few. Even Jane, one of the leaders, was showing off her juggling skills!!



The beavers finished by singing the bumble bee song altogether!! A buffet was provided by Glenda Coward, and her daughter Jill Sharpe, as there were a few family celebrations taking place. Sadie Spiers, Glenda and Phil's granddaughter made her promise as an Assistant Beaver Leader. Amanda Rendell received her 20 year long service award. Phil Coward received his Assistant Beaver Leader Woodbadge and a whopping 50 years long service award. The evening finished with a cake cutting ceremony to celebrate the awards, and a rendition of happy birthday to 'Woolfie', Phil's beaver name, as he was celebrating his 70th birthday. Well done everyone, it was a great evening, and thank you Amanda and Phil for your long service to Scouting.

CONGRATULATIONS to Becky Steen for being successful with her application as part of the International Service Team for the World Scout Jamboree in 2019. Good luck with your fundraising!

Well done to all the campers, the weekend of 28th/29th April. 1st Brighstone were enjoying relay races, team skiing, egg and spoon races and mallet throwing at my time of visit. 1st Freshwater and Totland had an enjoyable camp and were packing up by the time I go to them, and I hope 8th Newport scouts had a successful weekend in their bivvi's in Calbourne.

Congratulations to two leaders at 7th Newport Scout section who have received long service awards: Roy Fleming 5 years and Rob Kingswell 10 years.

Congratulations to Mary Case who has been awarded the Award for Merit for her dedicated service to 1st Brighstone Scout group.

**You are invited to attend the
Annual General Meeting of the West Wight District Scout Council.
To be held at the Mattinson Centre,
Corf Camp, Shalfleet
On Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.30pm**

Refreshments will be available after the meeting.

Hope to see you there

Mandy

Data Protection Law Changes

As Paul says there are a lot of potential problems coming into effect this month. Here are the important facts:

- 1) If you as an individual or an organisation breach the new laws, you may be liable for a huge fine.
- 2) You must have a valid reason for keeping anyones' contact details.
- 3) You as an individual do not have a valid reason to keep any current or old copies of the County Directory. Publication of the directory has ceased. Please make sure that you destroy all current and old copies of the directory you may have, including backups on old media, or hardcopy.
- 4) We will continue to use the mail pyramid for information distribution, although we hope to phase this out in favour of using Compass.
- 5) We would like you to register for "Newsletters" on the County Website. In the near future we will only be distributing News, reports and event details via the website newsletter. By agreeing to this you agree to the County keeping your email address within our website/webmail system.
- 6) In support of this we are offering every Section leader, Group leader and manager in Isle of Wight Scouts their own unique email address provided for Scouting Purposes. We would like to offer this to EVERY adult member over the next few months, but we can't deal with everyone at once. We'll keep you posted.
- 7) Make sure that you have photo permission forms for all of your Scouts, adult members and helpers. The forms must allow the taking of photos for Section, Group, District, County and National PR use and archiving both within and outside the Scout movement.
- 8) There will be more advice to follow, although in some areas the law is not detailed enough to make concrete rules at this time.

Increasing Use of the Website for Communication.

As explained above, we will be basing more and more member communications on our website and our County mail system.

The County Media and Communications Management Team have examined the options available to us to minimise the potential risks to Leaders and suggested this approach, which was then approved by the County Executive Committee.

The Communications Management Team is:

- Paul Savill – County Commissioner
- Malcolm Cox – Media Development Manager, County Communications Manager
- James Cooper – County Communications Manager (Social Media)
- Victoria Lawton – County Youth Commissioner, Wight Rovers Media Team Coordinator

Corf Open Day

We've reluctantly taken the decision to cancel open day on Saturday 12th May as the ground is so waterlogged. The field we normally use for parking looks like it may not be usable and we don't want to jeopardise any of our Scouting events by churning up the ground for a PR event. We hope to reschedule the open day later in the year, maybe the tide will be more in our favour. Apologies once again, Paul, Barrie and the Corf Management Team.

Upcoming Events

You may have noticed that we are using the Event pages on the website to release detailed information about events. Please regularly check out the events pages to see what's happening. In the meantime, let us know if you want to join in with or if can help with any of the following events - there's information about all of these events on the Events page of the website (and it will be updated):

- Wednesday 23rd May: County AGM – contact Paul
- Friday 25th May – Monday 28th May: County Scout Camp – contact Mandy or Paul
- Friday 8th June – Sunday 10th June: Beaveree – contact Graham or Amanda
- Saturday 16th June – Sunday 17th June – Beach Clean weekend – contact MaC
- Thursday 21st June to Sunday 24th June – IW Festival PR Team – contact MaC or Victoria
- Friday 29th June – Sunday 1st July: County Cub Camp – contact Mandy or Paul
- Saturday 21st July: IW Pride - contact Mark Hughes
- Saturday 25th August: Teddy Bears Picnic at Northwood House – contact MaC, Victoria or Paul
- Friday 7th September – Sunday 9th September – Eklectica PR team – Contact MaC or Paul

If you have a Scouting skill or activity that you can package into a gazebo sized tent and you want to help with PR and fundraising then bring it along to one of our events.

- Teddy Bears Picnic (fundraising 50:50 split between your group and our 3 charities: IW Scouts, Northwood House and Children in Need),
- Eklectica (fundraising 50:50 split between your group and IW Scouts Media team) and
- POSSIBLY IW Festival (fundraising 50:50 split between your group and IW Scouts Media team)

We haven't set a date yet, but we will be running a Wight Rovers training course in the near future. It'll be open to Scouts of any age, and Victoria and I would like to suggest that anyone working on a PR event this year tries to get along and join us. It'll help you get more out of the event and it'll help you give a more professional image to the team.

Sid the Scout joins the Website with some friends.

At the Walkie talkie event, some of our younger Scouts pointed out to us that since they are under 13 they can't follow Sid's exploits on Facebook. Well we're going to put this right! Sid's launching his new page on the County Website on Saturday 12th May.



Just room to squeeze in one more photo from the St Georges' Day event: Youth Commissioner Victoria gave some of the visitors to her base a magical sparkling activity.

That's all for this month – have a great time Cheers MaC

And from Sid: Keeeeepppp Scouting!