



BOURNE AGAIN



CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUTS NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER - STEVE FRENCH

By the time you read this report 2014 will probably only be a distant memory. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year celebrations and are looking ahead to the undoubted challenges of 2015 with enthusiasm and excitement. Certainly the World economy and current affairs all play a large part and greatly influence our lives, however as members, friends and supporters of Scouting, and in particular Croydon Scouting, we can influence even more lives by our own actions. There is much to be proud of on our own doorstep and I would like to thank each and every one of you for the part that you play in offering the adventure of Scouting across the Borough of Croydon.

GROUP AGMS

Recapping over 2014, it was a full year involving many District events and activities. I believe the District team attended in the region of 35 Group AGMs and I would urge all Groups to plan early and let me know your dates ASAP. Also consider changing the structure of the evening.

YOUTH OF CROYDON

Since the October edition of Bourne Again the District attended the Croydon Civic Remembrance Parade and Service at the Fairfield Halls. We joined with Croydon Guiding and put on a good show of



29th Purley Scout Group on parade for Remembrance Day

the youth of Croydon on this very special occasion. I am well aware that many Groups also attended local services in New Addington, Crystal Palace, Thornton Heath, Purley, Coulsdon and Woodcote. Well done to you all.

Several Groups also took part in parades and events marking the official turning on of Christmas Lights in New Addington and Purley. See separate reports (Raising the Profile and Special Report).

1ST NEW ADDINGTON

We started a new Scout Group in November. The 1st New Addington Scout Group was born out of sheer determination and hard work. The Group opened a Cub Pack on 3 November and currently have a full Pack of 24 Cubs. Hopefully after the February half-term we are looking to open a Beaver Colony, followed shortly afterwards by a Scout Troop.

DIARY DATES

The **Annual Awards Night** for 2014 will be held at Whitgift School on Thursday 23 April. This date is now booked and you are asked to liaise in your own Groups to ensure maximum attendance. Please remember to write this in your personal and Group diaries.

Mandatory Safety Training: Can I please remind all GSLs/Group Managers that this training can be offered in your own Groups. Please liaise with me to book dates. (Ideally I would be looking for a minimum of 10 to 12 people with refreshments).

Nights Away and Activity Notification Forms: My sincere thanks to all Leaders in our Groups and Sections for completing and submitting these forms throughout the year. This has enabled the District and Sectional ADCs to have a greater understanding of what is being offered across the District. The central email addresses nanforms@croydonscouting.org.uk and activityforms@croydonscouting.org.uk are both well established and will continue to operate to collect this information in the future. This information together with attendance at District events, activities, District Leader and GSL meetings also helps us to identify possible winners for new awards being presented this year.

Steve French District Commissioner
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NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR GLSW

You may be aware that Ian Newbery stood down as County Commissioner with effect from Christmas 2014. Croydon benefited greatly from the interest and support shown by Ian Newbery and after seven years as County Commissioner he is taking a well-deserved break.

With effect from 1 January 2015 we welcome Theresa Jeffrey

as our new County Commissioner for Greater London South West. Theresa is well known to Croydon as ex-DC and has previously held various Section Leader and Commissioner roles, and in her past roles has positively influenced Scouting in Croydon. We welcome Theresa into this new and exciting role.

Steve French DC

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On behalf of the District Beaver team, I thank you for everything that you do week in and week out to run activities for our Beaver Scouts in Croydon. I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and managed to get some time out with your families. As you read this report Jenny is still recovering from her operation, which went well.

DOUBLE APOLOGY

Now for a couple of apologies! I am sorry that we couldn't hold the Christmas party as planned in December. The school had raised the charges and we would not have been able to meet the costs.

I am also very sorry that we had an issue with the last Beaver Leaders meeting. This was because Beryl had booked the hall out for another meeting and Jenny only discovered that there was a problem when she tried to collect the keys.

Unfortunately, I understand that the message didn't reach you

all in time and this did cause some inconvenience for those of you who travelled up to Bears Wood. The good news is that although we didn't manage to hold the Christmas party, we do plan to hold a Founder's Day Party in February.

In 2015 we will also be running several other activities and we are keen to make these as exciting as possible. Therefore we would welcome any ideas from the Colonies for events that you would like to see the District team organise, so please do contact the team with your ideas (ASAP).

A new calendar for 2015 will be circulated early in the New Year and we can include your ideas. We will contact you with the date of the next meeting once that has been confirmed.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of the District Cub team I wish you all a very happy and successful New Year. Thank you for all you did over the past 12 months for the youngsters of Croydon, both locally and with District events.

BALOO TROPHY

Due to deadlines, the results of the Baloo Trophy could not be included in Autumn's Bourne Again. A great day was had by all who took part and good weather ensured another successful event, which was again won by 11th Purley. Well done to them and to the others for the close competition. For the record 1st Purley were second and 7th/12th Croydon came third.

CUB CALENDAR 2015

No sooner has one year finished than we are straight into the next; 'no rest for the wicked,' they say (some of us must have been awful in the past, that's all I can say!).

You will have all received your copy of the Cub Calendar 2015 by e-mail from Mandy at the end of November and I hope you have all decided to take part in as many events as possible and returned your 'intention to take part' form. This will allow us to start planning as soon as possible to help to keep evolving and improving these events.

The introduction of the Air Activities badge days was too good to miss - sorry for the relatively short turn-around in booking etc, especially at that busy time of year, but I am sure that you understood the reasoning behind it and I thank you for your cooperation. I am also sure that the two days will prove to be really good and worthwhile.

DISTRICT QUIZ

The District round of the quiz will soon be upon us and the pack round should be completed in the next two weeks. Enter your winning six to Mandy before 23 January or sooner.

GOOD NEWS

Finally, two more pieces of really good news: 17th Selsdon & Addington Cub Pack has been saved by really strong parental backing and they now have new Leaders plus numerous Exec Members. Well done to them. Also, as mentioned by Steve French, in October a new pack opened in New Addington and already has a waiting list! Every success to them all.

Our next District Leaders' Meeting is on Wednesday 21 January 8 for 8.15pm at 31st Croydon HQ, rear of St. George's Church Hall, Elstan Way, Croydon CR0 7PR. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Martin Greenwood ADC Cubs

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GREAT FEEDBACK

As another year comes to a close and what a great one it has been for Croydon Scouting. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part and helped out during 2014. This year we have had a lot more young Scouts attending our events as well as new Leaders, and some new Groups. We have had some great feedback from participants and visitors, which is very pleasing to the Scout team.

We have recently finished off our planned programme for next year and a copy of our



A Purley Scout prepares dinner whilst at camp during the Summer 2014

annual calendar of events will be circulated shortly. We have added in two new events to our 2015 programme, which will be Fire Safety and a Leaders' Skills Day.

As previously mentioned, we will also be collaborating with Lewisham Scouts for some of our events next year and running these as joint activities. These events will be highlighted on the District Scout programme.

I would like to finish by saying on behalf of myself and the rest of the Scout District team a very Happy New Year.

Dave Martin ADC Scouts

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COMFORT ZONE

In October a few Explorers ventured to the GLSW Base in Bethesda for a mountaineering weekend where they successfully conquered Tryfan, which is a mountaineer's mountain, more scrambling than walking. All participants enjoyed themselves even if some were outside their comfort zone. Unfortunately we only had a few attendees and we could have taken many more but being half term, we also had a number of DofE expeditions in progress.

I know some Units are rounding off the year with winter camps and annual dinners and I hope that all these events go successfully and we can again reflect on another successful year in our Units and for Croydon Explorers Scouting.

My sincere thanks to all Leaders and helpers in the Explorer Section for another active year in 2014 and please enjoy the well-deserved break over Christmas and the New Year.

Richard Goad DESC

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Croydon Explorers white water rafting in Switzerland during the Summer of 2014

NETWORK

DODGEBALL AT AIRHOP

The latter months of the year are always difficult for Network as a number of our members head off to university, but as luck would have it we have welcomed some new members who have helped us enjoy some fun-filled few weeks in the run up to Christmas.

We enjoyed an evening at Airhop the new trampoline park in Guildford, where trampoline dodgeball proved to be a particular favourite. We have also made tin-can lanterns, buddy burners and catapults, as well as making and moulding our own snow from shaving foam!

During the October half term we took the opportunity to get out on various Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, some of us

completing Bronze practice expeditions while others completed their Gold training. Some of us also took the time to renew our Archery Leader qualifications.

Our focus over the next few months is to spread the word about Network and contact as many people as possible in the District so that we can answer any questions and get as many people as possible involved in the fun.

Don't forget, Network members can be aged between 18 and 25 which means you can be a Leader and a Network member at the same time!

Cari-ann & Andy Bailey

Scout Network Leaders

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YOU'RE VERY WELCOME!

Croydon Scout Active Support Unit will be supporting 'Redflare' in 2015 as a County in collaboration with Wimbledon & Wandle SASU. I would also like to remind you that ALL members of the District – Leaders, regular and occasional helpers and parents alike – can also participate in Active Support activities and you are heartily encouraged to do so.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about the Croydon Scout Active section or to find out how you can get involved.

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GILWELL REUNION



Gilwell Reunion is an event for all adult members of the association and an ideal opportunity to meet old friends and hopefully make some new ones. Last year's event was held over the weekend of 5 to 7 September.

Pictured is Wayne Bulpitt (UK Chief Commissioner) who met 'Shirley the Seahorse' courtesy of some Croydon Leaders.

NEW SCOUT GROUP

What do you get with sheer grit, determination and lots of hard work? After many years of 'want and desire', and more recently several months of networking and local marketing, we were finally able to open a new Scout Group in New Addington.

The 1st New Addington Scout Group initially opened with a Cub Pack on Monday 3 November with six young people. By week two the Pack had 13 young people and by week three this had grown to 20. In week five the Pack had a full complement of 24 young people on the books and finalised plans for its special investiture event held on Monday 15 December, followed by their Christmas Party.



1st New Addington Cubs - Emergency Aid Badge

While the Pack is still new, its programme is certainly exciting, well balanced and offers all sorts of opportunities to the Cubs, from making go-karts to walks around the local area, the Cub Scout Emergency Aid badge (pictured) to hikes to Frylands Wood for activities and cooking.

The short-term plan for the Group is to develop and open a Beaver Colony after the February half-term in 2015, with a Scout Troop following either at the same time or very shortly afterwards. The longer term plan is to evaluate the local need and open other Scouting Sections running as satellites elsewhere in the New Addington area, all supported by the developing Group structure and the District.

SPECIAL TROPHY: PETER POCKNELL CHALLENGE CUP PRESENTED TO XAVIER OBAH

For those that remember Peter, you can share with us one of the lasting memories we have of him. As ADC Cubs his passion was for running the yearly District Cubs Challenge Camp. It gave all the Cubs in the South and Upper Norwood Scout District, which eventually became North Croydon District, a chance to have a camping experience, learn new skills, and what's more have fun.

Every year we would park up at Buckmore Park and spend all Friday night trying to drive tent pegs into the granite and flint that was our campsite!

The weekend would be full of activities, one of the highlights being Cub's Own, when we would be handed a mildew-ridden, dog-eared hymn sheet, and after Peter's intro of "One, two, three, sing!" we would mumble out the words of a God-loved praise, because at Buckmore our Cubs' thoughts were more directed to getting out and running amok!

Peter was a lifelong member of the 23rd Croydon Scout Group

and we felt it only fitting that we should remember his name by inaugurating the Peter Pocknell Challenge Cup. This cup will be awarded yearly to the Cub who, on camp, shows outstanding skills in leadership, but more importantly, fellowship.

Our first award was made to two Cubs, Grace Lewis and Xavier Obah. Grace has recently moved north but will continue Scouting in her new home. Cub Xavier, who showed exceptional skills in six control and camp management, has now been presented with the Cup in memory of Peter Pocknell (Grey Brother), who would have been so pleased.

We are immensely proud of Peter's contribution to Scouting and to the 23rd in particular. He is sadly missed, but will always be remembered. It's our privilege to pay this special tribute to him.

Peter R. Pocknell, 1938 – 2013. R.I.P

From all of the 23rd Team

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1914

To commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1, as part of an event in Purley to switch on the Christmas lights, Scouts from the 7th Purley acted out the account of the famous Christmas Eve football match in 'no man's land' in 1914.

The 10 Scouts split into two teams representing the British and German forces on the Western Front, as the narrator (a former member of the Army and coincidentally the wife of a former Scout from the 7th) introduced the story to the crowds gathered in the centre of Purley.

Re-enacting the story of the soldiers emerging from the trenches, the Scouts shook hands and began to play football while the narrator continued the reading. As the story finished, the Scouts shook hands and froze in that position while a soloist sang 'Silent Night'.



WW1 Football - 7th Purley Scouts

The 7th Purley were pleased to have supported this together with other WW1 events this year, including a commemorative day at Kenley Memorial Hall. They have also been awarded a community grant to create and plant a WW1 memorial garden in the grounds of Kenley Memorial Hall, which they will carry out in the spring.



Xavier Obah



RAISING THE PROFILE

As part of the celebrations surrounding the annual switching on of the Purley Christmas Lights on Saturday 29 November the 7th Purley and 29th Purley Scout Groups were involved and represented Scouting in different ways.

The 29th Purley provided one of the District marquees for use during the occasion. The Group ran a treasure hunt, a 'hunt the beaver' board game, and provided refreshments.

They were also able to sign up three new members, as well as agreeing to help run the older children's activities at the Purley Festival in 2015 – so a successful day and a great opportunity for the future! Well done to the Group and a fine example of working in your local community and for Vision 2018.

29th Purley Raising the Profile of Croydon Scouting

REAL-LIFE MONOPOLY

When you played Monopoly did you ever wonder what the places on the board actually look like? Some of our Scouts did and asked if they could visit the properties on the board, so we decided to make a game of it.



Monopoly Cards & Money

HOW IT WORKS

Each Scout is given a property card and £1500 Monopoly money. As we arrive at each property, the owner steps forward and a dice is thrown. Depending on the number, the Monopoly rent calculator chart shows how much each Scout must pay. Every so often, the banker hands out £200. The winner is the Scout with the most money, which can be spent on anything they wish.

THE GAME BEGINS

On Friday 5 December 2014, the 39th Croydon Scout Troop met at our HQ to drop off sleeping bags and overnight kit. We trundled off to Thornton Heath station to catch a train to Victoria, then on by tube to our start point - Park Lane. Then up Piccadilly to Mayfair and

the Ritz, (Old) Bond Street, Vine Street and Piccadilly Circus with Eros. On the Bakerloo line to Oxford Circus, where Oxford Street, (Great) Marlborough Street and Regents Street are ticked off.

Though not on the board, there's time for three investitures by Paddington Bear, as the film's out. Back to Piccadilly Circus, Pall Mall, Coventry Street and Leicester Square. Along Charing Cross Road for Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Northumberland Avenue and the Strand. Phew! Then it's just a Northern Line tube to Balham and train back to Thornton Heath.

Finally hot dogs and a sleepover at 'The Quest', where onesies were the order of the day. After a lie-in and a cooked breakfast, we played a game or two. At 10am the parents arrived, although some Scouts didn't want to leave. Even though it had been a very late night, a fun time was had by all.



Investiture in London

Stephen Kingston-Lee (SL) 39th Croydon Scout Group

UPDATE – PROJECT COMPASS

COMPASS IS HERE

After a rather painful birth we now have a new national record system covering both Adults and Youth Members.

ADULTS WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO REGISTER

Have you registered? Have you logged on and checked your personal data? Please remember it is your responsibility.

ADULTS WHO HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS BUT HAVE NOT BEEN INVITED TO REGISTER

Perhaps the system missed you, or perhaps you missed the invitation by email – maybe the message went to your junk mail, or there is an error in your email address on the system. Whatever, please contact your Group Scout Leader or other line manager in Scouting. They should be able to tell you why you haven't had an invitation and put it right, or you can contact me.

ADULTS WITHOUT EMAIL ACCESS

You should ask your Group Scout Leader or other line manager in Scouting to print a copy of what is on your records, so that you can check it. Whoever does this should also be able to make corrections on your behalf.

ACCESS TO YOUTH RECORDS

By the time you read this we expect that most if not all Youth Members will also be recorded on the system. Every Group and Section Leader must decide who is going to maintain this data, and

must make sure that the parents concerned (and for Explorers the young people themselves) know what information we have on their records and how to get corrections made. It is no good you having an out-of-date mobile phone number when the emergency arises, whether because it was mistyped or because the parent didn't know you kept it on file, or didn't know how to get it changed. Ask yourself what can go wrong, and take action before it does.

Youth Records are only visible to Group Scout Leaders, Assistant GSLs and Group Administrators (for the Group as a whole) and Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders and Sectional Assistants for their own Sections. For Explorers the corresponding roles apply. Other than that, Headquarters specialist safeguarding staff are the only people who have access rights. So you can't ring up an ADC or an Appointments Secretary or Info Centre or whoever when you need access to a youth record.

YOUNG LEADERS WORKING WITH SECTIONS

If you have Explorer Young Leaders, or young (under 18) volunteers from DofE or Girlguiding UK, you will not YET have them on the system, so remember to collect and keep details separately, particularly for use in emergencies. Section Leaders still have a duty of care for these young people.

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SERVICE DAYS

During the coming winter we will be running 4 'Service' days at Pinewood. There are several site improvement projects ready to roll and we invite Scouts, Explorers, Leaders and Parents to join us for what should be enjoyable and productive days.

The types of projects that will be taking place will satisfy the following badge/awards requirements:

- Community Award, all of it.
- Environment Partnership Award, most of it.
- Foresters Activity Badge, most of it: tree felling, dead hedge laying, tree planting, plus forestry management theory.

SATURDAYS 24 JANUARY, 21 FEBRUARY, 14 MARCH

The days will run from 10am - 4:30pm and there will be a BBQ for the hungry workers at the end of the day. All tools, equipment and supervision will be provided, so why not make use of these opportunities and put the 'OUT' into Scouting. e: gopinewood@gmail.com or call **George Campbell** on t: 07841 329721.

ACTIVITY DAYS

Next spring and summer we will be running Activity Days at Pinewood, at which the following activities being provided: Climbing, Crate Stacking, Archery & Kayaking/Raft building.

Attendance at a one day will meet the requirements of the following badges/awards: Scout Adventure Award and Time on the Water Staged Activity Badge 1.

SATURDAYS 25 APRIL, 23 MAY, 18 JULY

All the activities will be supervised by National Governing Body qualified instructors and will run from 10am until 5pm.

Costs are £20 per Cub/Scout/Explorer per day and spaces are limited to 40 per day. e: gopinewood@gmail.com or call **George Campbell** on t: 07841 329721.

SAILING/OPEN CANOEING – SOUTH NORWOOD LAKE

After a successful 2014 season where Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from Croydon and Bromley Districts enjoyed dinghy sailing and open canoeing sessions at South Norwood Lake, we are now taking bookings for this year's sessions, which will run from Saturday 2 May to Saturday 17 October inclusive.

There are several ways in which Beavers (open canoeing only I'm afraid), Cubs, Scouts and Explorers can get involved.

• Individuals can book Taster Sessions on an ad hoc basis at a cost of £6 per session.

• Scouts wishing to complete the Dinghy Sailor Activity Badge should book a place on one of the three sets of four-week slots, on the following dates:

Saturdays 2, 9, 16, 23 May

Saturdays 13, 20, 27 June, and 4 July

Saturdays 5, 12, 19, 26 September

These sessions will run alongside the normal ad hoc sessions but will be limited to six participants and will have a dedicated instructor allocated to them to enable the youngsters to meet the badge requirements.

The costs for these groups of sessions is £25, which includes the cost of the Dinghy Sailor Activity Badge.

• Sections/Groups can also book sessions for their Section/Group.

The sessions run from 9.30am to 1.30pm, of which about 2.5 hours will be spent on the water so that each session counts as another 'Time on the Water' experience and thus counts towards the 'Time on the Water' Staged Activity Badge.

All equipment and kit is provided, and all sessions are supervised by National Governing Body Qualified Instructors.

We had to refuse late requests for sessions last year so please do not leave it until the last minute to book.

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Croydon Water Activities at Norwood Lakes

ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT FOR 2014

We have now been able to confirm a date and venue for this exciting and high-profile event in the calendar of Croydon Scouting. I am very pleased to announce that our annual District Awards Night - reflecting on events and achievements in 2014 - will be held on Thursday 23 April 2015 at Whitgift School in South Croydon.

Please make a note of this date in your Group and Section diaries – invitations will be issued in the New Year.

We are currently working on the theme for the evening, booking our speakers and looking at the possibility of introducing some new award categories.

Email invitations have already been sent to the Mayor's Office and our local MPs and Councillors to secure their support for this important event.

Steve French (DC)

SAFETY COMMITTEE

We are looking to recruit new members to join the committee to help with the safety audit of Group meeting places. It would be helpful if you have some kind of Health and Safety background, e.g. NEBOSH or Membership of IOSH, or a workplace appointment or safety training.

The District Safety Committee exists to offer help, advice and support to Scout Groups in the District on their statutory responsibilities and duty of care for safety of persons using their premises. These responsibilities are not Scout Association rules but Health and Safety Legislation.

The committee meets approximately four times a year. If you would like more information please contact Tony Grogan on 01959 523649 or email: tonygrogan93@gmail.com

Tony Grogan (Chairman)

UK YOUTH COMMISSIONER

We officially welcome Hannah Kentish as our new UK Youth Commissioner, supported by her two deputies Jay and Jagz. These are new roles created by the Scout Association to kick-start the most exciting development yet in helping Scouting become more youth shaped, which is of course a key strategic aim in our 2018 Vision.

Hannah was recently heard saying that her favourite quote is that 'young people are 20% of our population and 100% of our future'.

This quote was also recently used in the address made by Tim Loughton MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families in July at the 12th Annual meeting of the UK Youth Parliament in Nottingham.



Jagz, Hannah and Jay

I am sure that everyone in Croydon welcomes Hannah, Jay and Jagz to their new roles and we all look forward to their future input, drive and enthusiasm.

Steve French (DC)

DISTRICT CHAPLAIN

No Groups have shown interest in the proposed Christingle Service on 7 December so this event will be held over until 2015.

The planned programme of visits for this year are:

Croydon Minster	March
Mosque in South Norwood	June
Hindu Temple	September
Christingle	December

I discussed with Croydon Minster the possibility of a Scout Memorial plaque in recognition of the Scouting efforts during the two World Wars. This could involve applying to the diocese for a 'faculty' and would most probably require a formal application.

The background to this was that the SAS held a talk at Pinewood about the Scouting effort during World War I and it is quite clear that there are a substantial number of Scouters and older Scouts who lost their lives during both World Wars, creating a desire to have a memorial.

This is something that could take a long time to resolve properly. The anniversary of the ending of World War I is in 2018 and I would like to plan a Church service for the commemoration to be wherever the plaque goes, linking in with the Mayor of Croydon and the Bishop of Croydon.

I will be travelling to Zimbabwe in February in my Church role and wonder whether there were any Scouts out there. The DC has offered to get some information before the trip.

If any Section would like me to visit them or any Leaders want to chat to me about problems or ideas, I would be more than happy to do so. I should be more available during 2015 and would be very pleased to be invited to Group AGMs.

Revd Andy Dovey

District Chaplain

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CROYDON DISTRICT MARKETING KIT



The District has invested in and now owns three fully-branded and professional compact gazebos. One unit is **4.5m x 3.0m** and the other two are **3.0m x 2.0m**. We have also purchased two 'Feather Flags' 3.4m overall height and ideal for outdoor marketing opportunities. These items are in addition to an assortment of existing roller banners and leaflets with the Croydon website and the District **0845 2658311** telephone number on display.

Other items like special tables with branded table covers, laptop, projector, projector screen and petrol generator are also available. Various media files can also be provided for your use on outdoor or Group events.

To support Scouting in your Groups we also have copies of the recent GSL support booklet and the Executive Committee support booklet entitled 'Executive Power', giving real time support in the important GSL

and Executive Roles. We also have booklets available for both Bears Wood and Pinewood, plus leaflets advertising the Pinewood Water Activities to help Section Leaders to arrange and book activities and programme ideas.

Please contact our PR Committee on pr@croydonscouting.org.uk to discuss any local marketing opportunities or with requests to use the gazebos, banners or publications. A deposit and/or small charge will be made against the gazebos and feather flags.



TRAINING REPORT

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have the gained their Wood Badge appropriate to their current role. (Unfortunately, due to backlogs and teething problems with the on-line ordering of Wood Badges via Compass, HQ has advised that they are unlikely to be issuing any Wood Badges until early 2015).

Charlotte Sharp (ACSL) 8th Purley, **Alison Edmonds** (CSL) 10th Croydon, **Chris Seaman** (GSL) 61st Croydon, **Carole Phillips** (BSL)

6th Croydon, **Pam Tarrant** (CSL) 1st New Addington.

Below is a list of the dates for training modules being held in the District for 2015. Hopefully by the time Bourne Again is in print the County dates will be available on the County website.

A provisional date of 31 January 2015 has been set aside for a GSL training day, run by County when training will be offered to complete all the modules 21 – 26, most likely at Sutton District HQ. More details to follow.

DISTRICT TRAINING 2015

Wednesday 28 January (evening)	Module 5 Fundamentals
Sunday 15 February	Module 7 Scouting For All
	Module 14 Young People Today
Validating	Module 6 Changes in Scouting
Thursday 12 March (evening)	Module 11 Administration
Sunday 19 April	Module 8 Skills of Leadership
	Module 9 Working with Adults
Validating	Module 6 Changes in Scouting
Tuesday 19 May (evening)	Module 5 Fundamentals
Sunday 7 June	Module 7 Scouting for All
	Module 14 Young People Today
Validating	Module 6 Changes in Scouting
Wednesday 8 July (evening)	Module 19 International
Tuesday 22 September (evening)	Module 11 Administration
Sunday 18 October	Module 8 Skills of Leadership
	Module 9 Working With Adults
Validating	Module 6 Changes in Scouting
Thursday 26 November (evening)	Module 5 Fundamentals

Venue: Scout Hut, Alverston Gardens, South Norwood SE25 6LR (Opposite Clifton Road and off Selhurst Road)
Time: Weekday 8pm start Weekend 10:30am start. Bring packed lunch **Cost:** Nil. **All courses are not in uniform.**
To Book: Contact **John Seaton** District Training Manager t: 020 8325 1879 e: seatonj@ntlworld.com

YOUNG LEADER TRAINING 2015



Sunday 1 March	Module(s) TBA	Venue TBA
Saturday 3 May	Module(s) TBA	Venue TBA
Sunday 5 July	Module(s) TBA	Venue TBA
Saturday 13 September	Module(s) TBA	Venue TBA
Sunday 16 November	Module(s) TBA	Venue TBA

The Modules for the relevant sessions will be advised as soon as possible along with the venues.
 All sessions start at 9am, run until 12 noon and uniform is not required. Information is sent out 2/3 weeks prior to the Training Session.
 Any queries please contact **Vicki Armitage** at vicki_armitage@hotmail.co.uk or **Margaret Tyler** at margarett Tyler@o2.co.uk

NAN FORMS:

MUST be emailed to the address below.
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Any enquiries or queries regarding nights away experiences or 'Nan Forms' - should be directed to Dickie Ball (ADC – Nights Away Support)
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ACTIVITY FORMS:

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