



Haslemere District

January/February Twiglets

DC's News Roundup - Breaking News & Reminders - Steve Thames, DC

Diary Dates

	West Sussex	Surrey	Hampshire
Spring Term		3 rd Jan to 31 st March	
Half Term		13 th to 17 th Feb inclusive	
Easter		3 rd to 17 th April inclusive	

29 th Jan	Beaver Leader Training Modules 11, 12, 14 & 15	17 th June	BAZZAZ (Beaver Fun Day)
5 th Feb	Beaver Leader Training Mod 5, 7, 8 & 9	18 th June	SCRAM (Cub Fun Day)
11 th Feb	Scout Leaders Training Mod 5-9 (excluding special needs)	23/25 June	Scout Activity Camp
12 th Feb	Scout Leaders Training Mod 14 & 15 (including special needs)	9/11 July	County Scout Camping & Cooking Challenges
21 st Feb	District Exec	18 th July	District Exec
26 th Feb	Scouting Skills & Young Leader Training	19/30 Aug	District Explorer Camp to Switzerland
7 th Mar	County Beaver Meeting	23/24 Sept	Cub Leader Training Course B, Part 1
11/12 Mar	Cub Leader Training Course A, Part 1	29 th Sept/1 st Oct	District Family Camp
16 th Mar	Scout Leaders Training Mod 12 & 17	30 th Sept	District AGM
17 th Mar	Scout Leaders Training Mod 11, 13, & 19	28 th Oct	Scout Leaders Training Mod 5-9 (excluding special needs)
25 th Mar	Beaver Leader Training Modules 13, 17, 18 & 19	29 th Oct	Scout Leaders Training Mod 14 & 15 (including special needs)
8/9 April	Cub Leader Training Course A, Part 2	4/5 Nov	Cub Training Course B, Part 2
22 nd April	Beaver Leader Sleepover Training	11 th Nov	Young Leader Training (Practical Skills)
13/15 May	County Scout Expedition Challenge	12 th Nov	Scouting Skills & Young Leader Training
23 rd May	District Exec (annual accounts)	25 th Nov	Scout Leaders Training Mod 12 & 17
		26 th Nov	Scout Leaders Training Mod 11, 13, & 19

Failed Email addresses

A large number of my emails to you are being returned. I need to be sure that you are getting information in good time, so I have printed a copy of Twiglets for everyone this month.

If you are able to receive information by email, and you collect your mail regularly, please send a short confirming email to dc@haslemeredistrictscouts.org.uk. Otherwise Twiglets will be printed and distributed with other information at the start of each month, and more urgent information will be posted directly to those concerned.

Swimming Gala

The gala will be held on Sunday 5th March at the Herons, from 5 to 7 p.m. Please see the list of events, and at the end of this newsletter. A copy of the rules and entry forms will be distributed to section Leaders with this distribution. Copies will also be available from the Members Page on the web site.

Training

I hope you have booked up your training. Please refer to the dates above and contact Sue Kirby or me for more information.

These courses are likely to be popular, so please book early!



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BAZAZ (Beavers) – 17th June & SCRAM (Cubs) – 18th June

Thank you all for agreeing to help run the activities for the weekend activities. As you have not advised me that you are unavailable I have included your name on the rota list. I will let you know in due course what you are helping with, where the activity is, and the time you need to be there.

2007 World Scout Jamboree

By now I will have received all the applications for the Haslemere participants to the World Jamboree. Each person will be contacted individually to discuss the opportunity in more detail.

Please remember that the Jamboree organisers are looking for adult (over 18) support for the event. Please refer to the Jamboree web site for details and an application form (or call me!).

Scout Activity Camp – 23rd to 25th June 2006

This camp is organised by Godalming District, and will be held at Bentley Copse. The cost of the camp is £32. They have invited us to support and attend the event, so apart from making a note in your diaries, is there a Leader that could spare some evenings between now and then to liaise between Godalming and the rest of Haslemere District? The next meeting is on Wednesday 1st March at 7.30

District Phone Number

If you wish to publish a phone number on any publicity documentation, or put a number on a sign outside your HQ, but don't want to use your own, please feel free to use **07717 615454**. This mobile number will be monitored, messages taken, and information forwarded to the appropriate Group and/or Section. This number will also be used as a way to contact the organiser of any District Activity whilst the event is in progress.

Activities

Please make use of the new Activities Guide that has been recently distributed from the County. There are many willing and able specialists just waiting to provide activities for your children.

If you want to pass your RYA Stage 1 & 2 Dinghy Sailing why not enlist on the Monday evening course in May at Papercoat Sailing Club, Ripley. The District still has a Sailing bursary available, and applicants should contact the DC as soon as possible to make use of it.

There will also be another Skills Training Day held this year in October, this time in Easher.

Centenary Scarf

The County is going to produce a giant scarf, made up of all the scarves from around the County, to use during The Centenary Year 2007 to promote Scouting in Surrey. It would be nice if we could also produce a smaller version just for the District.

We therefore need to collect in 2 scarves from each Group in the District. Please can you arrange for 2 new scarves from your Group to be delivered to my address before the middle of March, so that I can forward one on to the County, and arrange for the others to be joined up for the District.

District Directory and Web Site

Most of you will be given a paper copy of the District Directory with this month's distribution. This will be the only copy printed this year. Remember that the "Members" page of the District web site will contain the most up to date version. Any changes will also be mentioned in future copies of Twiglets.

If you would like to publish your own group details on the District web site, please arrange to send me a copy of the details in any format (even paper would do, but preferably HTML) and I will arrange to get the information posted,

Just to remind you the web site address is www.haslemeredistrictscouts.org.uk then follow the link to the "Members" page.



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First Aid – First Response Courses

Further courses will be arranged to suit you. Please let Mrs. Carol Spicket (01428 607222 or cspick@fsmail.net) the best day & time for you so a course can be arranged.
Remember, as a Warranted Leader, you are required to hold a valid First Aid Certificate.

National Scout & Guide Symphony Orchestra

The NSGSO brings together between about 70 young people every year for a seven-day course, which normally ends with two public concerts. The music played is varied and challenging and has in the past included - Hoist's Suite "The Planets", Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No.2, Shostakovich's Symphony No.5 Op 47, Grieg's "Peer Gynt", Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" and much more.

The Orchestra also embarks on a tour abroad approximately every four / five years, past tours have taken the Orchestra to USA, Greece, Germany, The Czech Republic and Estonia. The Orchestra has also been found performing in such prestigious venues as Westminster Abbey, St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle and The Royal Albert Hall as well as performances for Royalty. All members of the Orchestra are active members of the Scout Association or Girlguiding UK and are aged between 13 and 30 and are proficient players of at least one orchestral instrument.

The 2006 course will be held in the south-west, venue yet to be confirmed, from Sunday 30th July to Sunday 6th August. Application Forms for the 2006 course now available.

Enquiries to the organiser Derek Jackson. Tel: 01189 341 939 E-mail: djnsngo@yahoo.co.uk

PLUS Badges

A new range of Activity badges is soon to appear. A Scout may opt to do additional work for a badge and gain an additional silver background to their badge. Watch out for articles in "Scouting"

Spelthorne Scout & Guide Gang Show

When – Thursday 16th at 7:30, Friday 17th at 7:30, and Saturday 18th February at 2:30 and 7:30
Where – St. Paul's College, The Ridings, Green St., Sunbury, TW16 6NX
How – Tickets at £5 from Martyn House at 01784 251452 or martynhouse@btopenworld.com

Regional Tourist Board Information

I have been sent information that would assist Leaders in conducting visits within our area as follows -
"As the regional tourist board we arrange three regional exhibitions every year. The aim is to enable group organisers, coach and tour operators, teachers, educational and youth group leaders to access the information they need to arrange their visits.

These Fairs are held at attractions within the region, enabling all visitors to the fairs to enjoy a day out whilst experiencing what the venues also has to offer for groups.

Please find enclosed a small pack of information including invitations to the event, press releases and posters on each of the venues. I hope that you will be able to distribute this information to the relevant contacts and leaders within your organisation and display on your notice board.

As the regional tourist board, I am sure that we can assist in many areas of organising days out and trips and I am keen to build a relationship in line with our work. I am also happy to enclose a Group Travel Guide, with many ideas and suggestions.

I look forward to your response and to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely

Fran Downton, Travel Trade Officer Tel: 023 8062 5409 Fax: 023 8061 8018

Email: fdownton@tourismse.com

I have the travel guides available for you (just ask) and they will also be available on the web site.

New national Scout section web pages for young people

Please let your youngsters know that there are some newly created pages designed specifically for them at www.scouts.org.uk/scouts .



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Sailing opportunities

Please note that Haslemere District still holds a "Sailing Fund" that may be used to help finance attendance to this type of opportunity. Please feel free to ask for more details.

The Ocean Youth Trust South is one of six linked regional registered charities that uses sail training to promote the development of young people from all backgrounds. They operate a 72-foot sail training yacht (with all the inspections licences, qualifications, CRB checks etc that you would expect). The boat has berths for 12 crewmembers, plus five or six adult sea staff, which are provided for every trip. The crew berths are primarily for young people aged 12-25, but if an organisation book all twelve berths they can, if desired, divide the places between young people and Adult Leaders - so a Scout Leader could come with members of a Scout Group. However, it is not necessary to book all twelve berths - young people can come as smaller groups or individuals and mix with others.

In 2006 the programme based largely in Southampton, but there are also voyages to Europe. (these have a minimum age of 15 rather than the usual 12). The voyages can be used for the residential section of the DoE Gold Award. It is also possible to work towards RYA Start Yachting or Competent Crew qualifications. Find out more at www.oysouth.org.

Swimming Gala – Events List

1. Beavers	Freestyle – 1 length	15. Scouts	Backstroke – 1 length
2. Cubs	Freestyle – 1 length	16. Beavers	Backstroke – 1 length
3. Scouts	Freestyle – 1 length	17. Cubs	Backstroke – 1 length
4. Beavers	Boat Race – 1 length (3 competitors per Colony)	18. Scouts	Bendy Float Race - 2 lengths (2 competitors per Troop)
5. Cubs	Pegs on a Line Race - Shallow end only (4 competitors per Pack)	19. Beavers	Football Race (adult in water) (4 competitors per Colony)
6. Scouts	Breaststroke – 1 length	20. Cubs	Bendy Float Race – 1 length
7. Beavers	Pegs on a Line Race - Shallow end only (4 competitors per Colony)	21. Scouts	Boat Race – 1 length (3 competitors per Troop)
8. Cubs	Push/Tow Rubber Ring Race length (3 competitors per pack)	22. Beavers	Freestyle – 1 length
9. Scouts	Football Race - 2 lengths (4 competitors per Troop)	23. Cubs	Freestyle – 1 length
10. Beavers	Breaststroke – 1 length	24. Scouts	Freestyle – 1 length
11. Cubs	Breaststroke – 1 length	25. Beavers	4 x 1 length Freestyle Relay
12. Scouts	Push/Tow Rubber Ring Race 1 length (3 competitors per Troop)	26. Cubs	4 x 1 length Freestyle Relay
13. Beavers	Bendy Float Race – 1 length	27. Scouts	4 x 1 length Freestyle Relay
14. Cubs	Football Race – 2 lengths (4 competitors per Pack)	28. Beavers	4 x 1 length Freestyle Relay
		29. Cubs	4 x 1 length Medley Relay
		30. Scouts	4 x 1 length Medley Relay
		31. Leaders Race	Freestyle – 1 length

Just think...

Love & friendship are the greatest things in life.

Any information to be included in the next copy of Twiglets should reach the D.C. before 10th February 2006.



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