

Scouting

December 2011

In Surrey Heath District

Beaver Section

I would like to thank Kate Cox for all she has done for the Beaver section over the last two years. Kate is standing down from the role of Assistant District Commissioner Beaver Scouts from the end of the year. Until the post has been filled any issues within the Beaver section should be directed to myself.

David Hawkins

District Commissioner

Scout Shop Xmas Opening

The District Scout Shop will close at noon on Saturday 17th December and re-open at 7.00pm on Thursday 5th January.

Don't forget you can place any order via email at scoutshop@surreyheathscouts.org.uk

Scout Community Week

From 14 - 20 May 2012, up to 40,000 Scouts will take part in a massive community volunteering and fundraising initiative, on a scale not seen since Scout Job Week ceased 20 years ago.

Scout Community Week, supported by our corporate partner B & Q, will see Scouts working on community projects, from volunteering in hospitals to building wildlife hotels and campaigning on community issues.

To find out more, or to register your own Group, visit: - www.scouts.org.uk/scoutcommunityweek

What is your Group going to do?

District Directory No 30

The latest edition of the District Directory is being distributed this month. A copy is sent out to members of the District Team and to each section within a Group. If any further copies are required please contact: - secretary@surreyheathscouts.org.uk

Items for forthcoming issues to be forwarded to:
e-mail: editor@surreyheathscouts.org.uk

NEXT ISSUE COPY DATE
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Congratulations & Well Done!

**Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Services
has been awarded to**

Kate Cox - Assistant District Commissioner Beaver Scouts

Wood Badge has been awarded to

Philip Harriss - Cub Scout Leader, 1st Bisley

Occasional Helper v Sectional Assistants

There is often some confusion about the difference between these two appointments. The key differences that you should be aware of are that Sectional Assistants receive a number of additional benefits including a higher level of insurance cover and training to support them in their role. They also accrue service for their role in Scouting. This is important when a Group wishes to recognise the service a person has given and recommend them for an award.

The differences are summarised below: -

	Sectional Assistant	Occasional Helper
Function	Support the leaders (requires CRB)	Provide occasional support (requires CRB)
Uniform & Promise	Optional	No
Training Required	Yes (modules 1 & 3)	No
Scouting Magazine	Yes	No
Scouting Plus	Yes	No
Public Liability Cover	Yes	Yes
Personal Accident Insurance Cover	Yes	No (unless purchased separately)
Membership Fee Required	Yes	No

**We wish a ll our readers a very
Happy Christmas and a Peaceful
New Year.**



Diary Dates

December

6 Team meetings St Mary's

2012

February

18/19 PL Training Weekend Walton Firs

March

3 **Cub Night Hike - tbc**
11 Scout / Explorer Expedition Training Day
13 **Pack Scouters' Meeting**
24 **Cub Ready, Steady, Grub - tbc**
24/25 Scout / Explorer Expedition Weekend

April

22 St George's Day services
27-29 Sixers' Camp Polyapes

June

13 **Pack Scouters' Meeting**
16 Bazzaz Cranleigh

July

28 **German Camp (Mini-Mundo)**

September

17 **Pack Scouters' Meeting**

October

13 **Cub Great Egg Race - tbc**

NOTE to GSLs & Group Chairmen

Please take these dates into consideration when you are planning your Group Meetings and camps / outings so that section leaders do not have a dilemma on their hands.

First Response

The next First Response course to be run in the District will be held on Wednesday 1st February 2012 from 7.00pm to 9.30pm at 4th Camberley Scout HQ. Anyone interested in attending should contact secretary@surreyheathscouts.org.uk to secure a place. Places are limited.



Census and Capitation 2012

Scout Insurance Services have confirmed the renewal of the Personal Accident Insurance for members under the age of 70 will remain at £7.20 per head.

Log in details will be available within the next month for registering Group census numbers. Please start to gather Group information together in preparation.

Beaver News

On Saturday 19th November 200 Beavers descended on Bisley for the annual District Beaver Night Hike and Campfire. A large number of Colonies headed out on to the Bisley ranges to complete a short hike in the dark before returning to 1st Bisley HQ for hot dogs and hot chocolate, courtesy of Jean Cooke, Joan Heath, Christine Hughes and David Hawkins. Once fully refreshed the Beavers gathered round the campfire, expertly built and managed by Simon Lovell-Smith and Graham Corser, for a sing-song expertly led by our own Neil Braybrooke-Tidy. For many this was their first experience of a large group campfire and much fun was had by all the Beavers singing and shouting responses to the songs. Thanks also to Terry Metcalfe for the sound system which ensured that most of the local residents also enjoyed the proceedings from the comfort of their houses!

The evening was rounded off with a chorus of 'Happy Birthday' to mark 25 years of Beaver Scouting in Surrey Heath.

A big thank you to all the leaders who organised their Beavers coming to this event and to 1st Bisley for hosting us. I had a great evening (with so many people volunteering to help I was able to sit back and enjoy the proceedings) and felt it was a great way to round off my time as Assistant District Commissioner for Beaver Scouts.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me during my time as ADC. I will still be around, resuming my role as Beaver Scout Leader at 1st Bagshot, and will be happy to lend a hand whenever the occasion arises.

Kate Cox

Assistant District Commissioner Beaver Scouts

Chief Scout Challenge Awards

The Bronze, Silver and Gold Chief Scout Challenge Awards are the ultimate achievement for a young person within their section. It is only right that the gaining of the award should be marked in some way. The sectional Assistant District Commissioner or the District Commissioner should be invited to present the young person with their prestigious award. Please make the occasion special.

Changes to personal details

All members, whatever their role in Scouting, are asked to let me know if they change their name, address, phone number or email address (particularly email address!) in order for the District records to be kept up to date. It is one thing to amend your details on the HQ database but I need to know as well.

Christine Hughes

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