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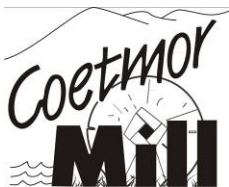

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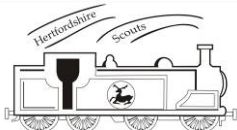
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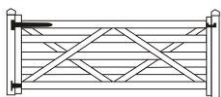


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Front cover—16th St Albans Cubs had come both 1st and 2nd in the St Albans District Night Hike at Lees Wood.



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THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT



Okay, so I went on about butterflies last time as well, yawn yawn, but I have just got back from Switzerland where I was in Butterfly Heaven, they are swarming over my Buddleia as I write, and I have just penned an-

other short piece for Headlines on National Insect Week. So I have butterflies on the brain. You have probably heard the 'chaos theory' maxim that a butterfly flapping its wings in Brazil may set off a tornado in Texas – in other words, a tiny event, through a chain of unpredictable reactions, can have a major impact. I accidentally caught a butterfly in a crab net when I was eight. Through a chain of events that I won't bore you with, if that had not happened I would not be sitting here now writing my piece for Headlines. Rest assured that even the little things you do for your scouts can have the most incredible effect on their lives. Let alone the big things!

So who do you know in Scouting who might be named after a butterfly? I can think of a few painted ladies and purple emperors, plenty of small skippers, even more large skippers, the odd grizzled skipper and maybe just the occasional dingy skipper; a few small coppers and large coppers too. I still just about qualify as a black hair-streak. Get onto the moths and the opportunities are endless. Do we know any beautiful snouts, belted beauties, conformists, nonconformists, confuses, drinkers, gems, little thorns, large thorns, sprawlers? No answers on a postcard please.

Welcome to Jackie and Nigel Millins-Horne, the new DC and Deputy DC for Mid Herts and thanks to Chris Searle for all he has done as Acting DC. Likewise to Dave Morgans, the new DC for Elstree. I'm itching to spill the beans on some other likely appointments but need to wait until the Appointments Advisory Committee has done its stuff. Next time!

I really do hope that you had a great holiday and great camps. Off we go again!

Thanks for all you do.

Rikki

GSLs AND DCs FORUMS

During the autumn of 2010 and the spring of 2011, the Scout Association will be running a series of weekend workshops in Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the eight English Regions.

These events will be aimed at providing targeted support and information to Group Scout Leaders, District Commissioners and Supporter roles as well as giving us an opportunity to hear views on where resources should be focused.

Group Scout Leaders and District Commissioners Forum

The Regional dates for these events are as follows:

South East (West) – 10 October 2010

East of England – 16 October 2010

Greater London 31 October 2010

South East (east) – 6 November 2010

East Midlands – 20 November 2010

The purpose of these workshops is twofold – an opportunity to hear from the UK Chief Commissioner on the work to-date on our vision to 2018 and to help shape the future work and support. Offering larger events means that we will provide you with more tailored workshop opportunities, networking potential and a great all round experience.

This is a great opportunity to have your say about how HQ services and the support you get generally should develop over the next few years and is part of our commitment to get better at listening to the movement – so please come and join us.

For further details visit

<http://www.scouts.org.uk/gslanddcdays>

I am very sorry to have to tell you of the passing of Roger Leach, Warden of Lees Wood and hero of Hertfordshire Scouting for more than 50 years. Several of you will have held many a happy camp at Lees and will be aware of the skill, love and time Roger dedicated to making it such a wonderful place to be. A holder of the Silver Wolf, few have done so much for the youth of Hertfordshire. We mourn his loss deeply and pass our condolences to his wife Shirley, son Ian (DC of Watford North) and daughters Sarah and Frances.

Rikki

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ST ALBANS SCOUTS ALL OF A FLUTTER

Four insect enthusiasts, Ben, Michael, Zoe and Zoe, from the 16th St Albans, were in great demand at the launch of the Royal Entomological Society's National Insect Week at Butterfly World on a glorious midsummer's day. They were representing The Scout Association, which is an official partner for the event



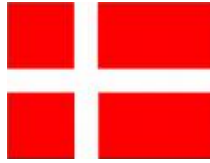
. They were photographed by hoards of local and national press with conservationist David Bellamy and One-Show presenter Mike Dilger.

More on National Insect Week (including the CCs' blog!) can be found at www.nationalinsectweek.co.uk. Butterfly World will make a great venue, especially once the main dome opens in Autumn 2011.



COUNTY EXPEDITION

DENMARK 2011



A County expedition will take place to the island of Zealand, Denmark in the summer of 2011. Based at Næsby Scout Camp, the camp will enable participants to:

- Benefit from an international Scouting experience
- Fulfil parts of the Global section of the programme
- Participate in the European Lands of Adventure programme
- Visit the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden and various local attractions

The camp will be open to the following members:

Scout Troops or Explorer Scout Units with their own leaders. (Units or Troops could be formed in Districts just for the expedition.)

Individual Scouts or Explorer Scouts aged 14 or over in August 2011. (Participants will form a Unit led by a small team of leaders from around the County.)

Scout Network members and groups of adults in Scouting



Current planning is for a 10 day trip, including travelling overland and overnight by ferry, camping fees, food, a day out in Copenhagen and a day at the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden for less than £600. It is not possible to give exact dates or prices as travel companies have yet to publish their 2011 timetables or prices. Other on and offsite activities will be organised by Troops and Units.

An application form will appear on our website shortly but if you wish to register your interest now, please contact Colin Rivett on 01442 266129 or

Email: rivetts@aol.com

3rd Ware Scout Group have been collecting school supplies to send out to The Gambia in a container that a local charity are shipping this summer.

3rd Ware have been twinned with the Scouts of Medina Sering Mass since 2007 and in the past have provided uniforms, sports equipment, mosquito nets and general hygiene and household supplies to the Gambian Scouts. This summer a need was highlight for school equipment. In The Gambia most of the Scouts usually only attend school for half a day, the other half is spent helping family or working to earn money to pay for school, uniform and school supplies.

Many of these Gambian children find themselves in school where they have to share books, paper and pencils between groups of six, taking turns to use the items. Clearly this is not conducive to getting the most from their time in school. 3rd Ware challenged every member of their Group (adult and child) to provide and fill a pencil case with all the items a child could need in school. These will now be taken out

PENCIL CASE PLEA

to The Gambia and the Scouts will be able to choose one for themselves and will be able use their own personal items in school and not have to it to use the shared ones, which will benefit both them and the other children in the classroom.

Other items such as reams of paper, glue, school uniform, plimsolls etc have also been collected and will be shipped out to be used by the Scouts and their siblings.

The leaders are very proud of the young people and their families for rising to this challenge and providing around 150 pencil case. The young people who took ownership of the project had great fun choosing items to put in the cases and are looking forward to seeing photographs of the Gambian Scouts receiving them. One Cub commented, "I chose all the things I would like to get and then gave my mum some of my pocket money to help buy them".

More details on www.3rdwarescouts.org.uk





On October 10, 2010, thousands of individuals, families, schools, businesses and other organisations will take simple steps to save energy and reduce emissions. These ordinary actions, combined with a series of bold, iconic stunts, will make an extraordinary difference. Not only will they cut carbon directly; they will also send a powerful message to world leaders that people and organisations everywhere are ready to tackle climate change.

Here are some ideas for you to adopt on 10:10:10 day

1. Saddle up: Why not use the week of 10:10:10 to launch a cycle to group scheme? Look into getting a bike maintenance expert to come in and give a talk and obtain local cycling route maps from your local council to give away
2. 20 minute audit: Take 20 minutes out so members can race around your group meeting place, searching out areas where the place can be made more efficient. Have all the light bulbs been changed to energy-saving models? Are there machines left on evenings or weekends? You could even reward the most energy-savvy member with a prize.
3. Stick it on: Create a lasting legacy after 10:10:10 by taking time out to put switch-off stickers on light switches, plugs and phone chargers.
4. Spread the word If you do one thing for 10:10:10, take time out to tell ten friends about what you've been doing to reduce your emissions and the positive effect its had on your life. This could be a good time to work out how much money you've saved on your energy bills and treat yourself with the proceeds?
5. Share a lift: After getting settled into the new school year, now is a great time to think about lift sharing and how you can team up with other parents to ferry each others' kids around.
6. Swish: With the autumn/winter season approaching, freshen up your wardrobe for free by encouraging members to bring unwanted items of clothing in to swap
7. Lunch local: Is there a cafe near you that does a great job of sourcing local, seasonal food? Why not recommend them in your group newsletter?
8. Cut food waste: Make sure there's less food going to waste full stop by making sure members think about what goes into their home fridges.
9. Amen to that: Are you a faith organisation signed up to 10:10? Maybe talk about your efforts to your congregation in a 10:10:10-themed service.
10. Veg out: Reducing your meat intake is a great way to reduce your emissions – so why not make sure your Sunday roast on Sunday 10th October is meat free? Check out the Meat-Free Mondays website for some great tips.

FRANK'S JOTTINGS

On my way to a reunion in Cumbria with my old Scout Group, I visited the site of the 1929 World Scout Jamboree at Arrowe Park in Birkenhead where Hertfordshire attended with its largest ever contingent of 171. Remarkably, by today's standards, there were only 4 Leaders with the Troop. As 1929 was also the twenty-first anniversary of Scouting, the B-Ps were presented with a Rolls Royce motor car and the caravan "Eccles" as a birthday present. The funds for this were raised by the 71 countries attending the Jamboree. Lord and Lady B-P were also given a portrait by David Jagger and a cheque for £2750.00 for Scouting purposes. It was during this event that the King conferred on B-P a peerage, becoming Lord Baden-Powell of Gillwell. B-P changed the name to Gilwell soon afterwards. The "Jam Roll" as the car is known, has had 10 owners since 1929 and is now safe in the hands of a UK Scout Trust. Eccles is housed at Gilwell Park.

cil at Goosnargh. Michael and I have been meeting up at functions since we attended the Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield in 1957. This is the only *Story of Scouting and Guiding exhibition* anywhere in the UK and I do recommend a stay or visit if you are in the area. It is highly rated. Michael can be reached on 01253 354244 or michael-loomes@sturgessnet.co.uk



Grace Hoggett, Life President of the Fifth North Watford Scout Group received an award for 70 years of service as a Leader from CC **Rikki Harrington** on 5 June. Grace is only the third person in the County to receive this award and remarkably the second in the same Scout Group. Five of her former Wolf Cubs were present among other Scouting friends. Grace is one of the few remaining people in the county who was a leader when B-P was Chief Scout of the World.



I was invited by an old friend, **Michael Loomes**, who is Curator of *Be Prepare - The Story of Scouting and Guiding*. His museum is at the 36 acre Waddecar Activity Centre run by West Lancashire County Scout Coun-



Tring. On a glorious day, **Ian Hines** the GSL received his Silver Acorn Award from **CC Rikki Harrington**. Their extensive collection of artefacts and hand written log and minute books was on show and were enjoyed by the many old and current Scouts who attended.

I also assisted Letchworth & Baldock District with a 2-day event put on by the Heritage and Arts Centre to remember the many organisations involved on the Home Front

I was pleased to help the First Little Heath and Potters Bar Group with their centenary at the end of June. This was held at the HQ on land donated by **Miss Sanderson** of the wallpaper company. She built the hut in 1924 to the memory of her nephew who was killed in WWI. Many old Scouts attended including **Joan Slow, Les Rowland, Dennis Sprake, Audrey Nichol** and many others. The event was organised by GSL **Nigel Hickson** and his Team. Deputy Mayors **June and Peter Knell** were joined by **CC Rikki Harrington and DC Charles Dace** as VIP guests.



during WWII. The organiser was **Gavin Conder ADC (S)** and his helpers were **Abbey Northover** of 11 and **Jamie Neighbours** of 12 Letchworth Groups and were dressed as WW2 Rover Scouts. There are seated each side of **Laurie Cook MBE** a former Leader with 1/3 Letchworth Scout Group and current President of Letchworth & Baldock Scout Active Support Unit.



The First Tring Scout Group celebrated their centenary on 3 July at the Rugby Club in

FRANK BRITAIN

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GLOBAL
(INTERNATIONAL)
MATTERS



At the time of going to press, over 60 applications had been received at County Office to take part in the 2011 County Camp near Copenhagen in Denmark.



Application forms for individuals, Troop or Unit can be downloaded from the Hertfordshire Scouts website or contact Colin Rivett (Camp Chief) on 01442 266129 or email rivetts@aol.com for an application form or if you would like further information.

Also we are now booking in Explorer Scouts, Leaders, Network members and Young Leaders for Ukubuyela Afrika 2011 – a unique opportunity to visit Southern Africa next year and, perhaps, take part in the Explorer Belt expedition or get involved with African Scouts from Swazi-



land and Lesotho on sustainable projects. Application forms can be downloaded from the Hertfordshire Scouts website or contact Melvyn Teare (Expedition Leader) on 01727 868086 or email Melvyn.teare@btinternet.com with any questions.

Young people today live in an increasingly mobile and multi-cultural society that demands a deeper appreciation and knowledge of our neighbours geographically, culturally, economically and politically. Thus, the aim of the international dimension of our programme is to help develop a progressive and widening awareness of the world and its people.



Building international understanding is one of the cornerstones of the world-wide Scout Movement. Its truly international nature is one way in which we differ from other movements and it gives us many unique opportunities to help young people to learn about the world in attractive and exciting ways.

We offer young people:

- the fun of experiencing other cultures through activities, projects and exchanges;

- the experience of belonging to an international movement;
- an awareness of global issues, trends and conditions, so encouraging a questioning of spiritual and social values in their lives and actions.



September is the time to celebrate travels abroad with Expedition Reunions and remembering to thank those who have helped Hertfordshire Scouts on their way in Croatia, Poland or other distant places overseas. It is also the month to plan ahead to make sure that our young people do get opportunities to experience the truly international dimension of Scouting.

Small prize offered to first reader to identify the Scout Membership badge at the top of this text. Send your solution to my email address.

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JOIN THE BIG ADVENTURE

Great Amwell Assistant Cub Leader Austin Lill recently took on an even bigger role at this summer's Gilwell 24 Explorer camp. Bushcraft Magazine organized a stand at Gilwell 24 and as a magazine subscriber Austin was more than happy to assist them last year when Bear Grylls was made Chief Scout at this national Explorer event.



David Gillard, Gilwell 24 organiser invited Austin to organise the running of a Bushcraft base which he did with two other experienced Scouting bushcrafters (or is it bushcrafting Scouters?!). The Explorers and leaders got to see a wide variety of skills including charcoal making, a rock oven, homemade meths stoves (which Austin made over a 100 of out of old drinks cans), cookers and firelighting all under a suspended parachute. . Dave Gillard said, “The fantastic Bushcraft zone team far exceeded my expectations with the amount of work and thought that had gone into their activities! “



Austin said, “I planned the basic format with the other two leaders I recruited and we fine tuned it on the Saturday morning. I also ran some ideas past the Bushcraft magazine editor too”.

Due to the success of the Bushcraft base it looks highly likely that it will move to the large fire circle for next year. Bushcraft Magazine will be running a piece about the base in the September/ October issue.



GET READY FOR

GREEN BERET CHALLENGE

The Green Beret Challenge is a weekend competition for teams of six Scouts. The event is open to all Scout Troops, who may enter as many Teams as practically possible. You may combine with other Troops to enter composite Teams if you wish. Teams from outside Hertfordshire are very welcome, and compete for their own Trophy To achieve the Green Beret Challenge, teams compete in FOUR elements:

- Orienteering
- Assault Course
- Challenge Incidents (daytime)
- Night Exercise

The Challenge is designed to test a group of Scouts through a range of physical and intellectual activities. It also proves to be a significant challenge to their Leadership and Teamwork skills.

No doubt about it, IT'S TOUGH !! However, you can survive, provided you are prepared for the weather, and have trained beforehand.

The Challenge is held in November, cold and wet weather is the normal for this time of year. This only adds to the challenge.

Hillwalking in North Wales. Hillwalking for Leaders - October.

1st to 3rd October 2010 Held at Coetmor Mill, Bethesda.

A Weekend for leaders and network over 18years who want to see what it is all about. This is a taster event for novices, a chance to broaden experience if you have done some walking before or an opportunity for permit assessment for those looking to lead their own days out in the hills.

HILLWALKING

Winter Hillwalking in Scotland. Advanced Mountaineering Course – New Year.

26th December 2010 to 2nd January 2011

An advanced version of the IMC for anyone over 16 years. This is a challenging week developing existing skills and learning how to survive the Scottish hills in winter conditions. Not for novices!

Week long course held at Lochearnhead Scout Station. All transport, catering, accommodation, equipment and instruction included in the cost of each course. Activity permit assessment can be arranged. Attending a course will allow you to sign off several elements of DoE and Scout Awards.

Contact: Andrew Rice for more information and an application form

andrewjrice@hotmail.com

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Born 2B is based around the Outdoor & Outdoor Plus Challenge badges.

Scouts camp as a patrol (leaders you get the weekend off or come and practice your skills). As a patrol you will pitch and strike camp, cook on both fires and stoves, as well as working together on various activities and bases.

The cost will be £70 per patrol of 6, plus your own food and transport.

For more details:-

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Richard Thomas on 01727 847090

ADVANCE NOTICE



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**OFFICIAL SCOUTS
AND GUIDES DAY**

SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2011

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