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# *The Spur*

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## **WITCHES AT WATCOMBE**



Halloween night saw lots of witches, wizards, ghosts and goblins descending on Watcombe campsite for a 'monster rave-up'. A bonfire was lit, followed by a super firework display in the top field, whilst a disco was rocking in the hall. Burgers and hot dogs were available and a good time was had by all. About 140 people were there, and if you were not one of them, you missed a treat.

Thanks must go to The 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) for the organisation of this event.

## FROM THE BOROUGH COMMISSIONER

I have to start this 'bit' with an apology for the change of date for the Team Meeting, because of Half Term and a lot of you were away I have changed the date to:

**Tuesday 10th November**

**At the 20th Torbay (Grammar School) Scout Headquarters  
starting at 1900 Hrs.**

All District Staff, Commissioners, Group Scout Leaders/Leaders in Charge and Members of the Scout Fellowship are invited to attend the meeting.

Agenda Items so far are:

1. Scout Fellowship Changes
2. Training
3. Safeguarding.
4. Membership Database

If you have anything you would like put on the agenda for discussion please let me know as soon as possible.

If any Group Scout Leaders/Leaders in Charge I would like to bring along their Group Chairman feel free to do so as they will also be most welcome.

**Membership Database** It is now possible to record activity and night's away permits using the online tools at [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk) Details of permits can be added and edited under a new tab entitled 'permits' on any member's record on the database.

This system should allow simpler viewing and management of permits and permit holders. This is also an opportunity to review all the permits within the District to ensure we are all up to date. With this facility available we are encouraged to start transferring records of permits from any local systems currently being used to this central system.

If you have an authorization please let me have a copy making sure that the expiry date is recorded and I will transfer it to the database for you.

The Torbay Scouts web site, [www.torbay-scouts.com](http://www.torbay-scouts.com), is looking good and packed with a wealth of information, but could be even better if you all use it to communicate your ideas and programmes to each other, if you have any ideas or comments on the site please contact Dave Parnell. *Jan.*

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



The Torquay Remembrance Parade takes place this year on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Those wishing to attend should be at Vaughan Parade by 10.15.

Please support the Poppy Appeal and wear your poppy with pride. **'We will remember them'**.

## BEAVER NEWS

The next **night hike** for the Beavers will take place on Friday 20th November. Details are in the attached flyers.

This years hike will be in aid of Rowcroft Hospice and in addition to the money raised from the walk, I have arranged to collect a number of collection boxes from Rowcroft so that the Beavers (and other sections) can collect and fill them up with loose change each week at their meetings.

If you would like a box for your group, please contact me on 01803 555519 or [windsweptjulie@googlemail.com](mailto:windsweptjulie@googlemail.com) and I will get one to you ASAP. Please try and help this worthwhile cause, even if you do not want to attend the hike.

Please note, it is the responsibility of each group to arrange their own home contact and the permission forms should be retained by the individual groups for their own use - not sent to me.

Money and numbers for the hikers should be sent to me, no later than 10<sup>th</sup> November please, to 29 Borough Road, Paignton, TQ4 7DH. Please make cheques payable to Torbay Borough Scout Council. Hope to see you all on 20th and keep everything crossed for good weather!

**Christmas Party** - I am still in the process of putting this together and will send details in the next few days via the Spur distribution list. *JulieSheppard* District Beaver Leader.

## CHRISTMAS CAMP

A Christmas Camp is to be held for Explorers, PLs, APLs and older scouts (13years and over) on the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of November. This will be a free camp and includes a cooking competition - Can *you* cook a Christmas Dinner on an altar fire?

Full details are on a flyer attached to this Spur. Bookings and enquiries to Paul Bailiss (DESC) on [bailisslodge@btinternet.com](mailto:bailisslodge@btinternet.com)

## LEADER TRAINING

Will all TA's get back to me with the names of leaders who need to do the 'Getting Started' modules 1-3? I need some numbers so that we can get some courses up and running in Torbay. We are now working on a supply and demand basis.

Also, could the TA's let me know if they have a number of trainees needing a particular module? If there are enough people, then we can run one locally. I am currently looking into a module 5 - 'Challenging Behavior', so anyone else is wanting this module then please let me know.

Here are the dates for training sessions for 2009, please contact *Tracey Samways*, the local training manager for further details - [training.torbay@virginmedia.com](mailto:training.torbay@virginmedia.com)

Tue 10th Nov - Module 8 and 9 - Plymouth

Tue 17th Nov - Module 14 - Exeter

Sat 21st Nov - Module 10 - Plymouth

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>/Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Manager/Supporter Modules 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24/26 Venue TBC, An application form for these modules is attached.

All Plymouth dates are held at Blindman's Wood 7pm start (except for the Saturdays which are 9.30 - 4)

All Exeter dates are held at Little Silver 7pm start. Torbay dates are 7pm start.

*Tracey Samways* local training manager: 324 Lichfield Avenue, Torquay, TQ2 8AH. Tel: 01803 324434.  
Email: [training.torbay@virginmedia.com](mailto:training.torbay@virginmedia.com)

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Our next fellowship meeting will be on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November at the Willow Tree, Torquay starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

The main item on the agenda will be the change to the Fellowship set-up. In effect, the Fellowship will cease to exist and its replacement will be called 'Scout Active Support' (S.A.S.?). We hope to have this up and running in the Torbay District by the end of the year.

The change will work at two levels: 1. As a district group under a manager appointed by the Borough Commissioner. 2. As a unit of a Scout Group with GSLs appointing their own manager.

I understand that the scout shop has a list of new uniform bits that can be ordered, but these may not be compulsory. *John Hampton*, Fellowship Chairman.

## SEA SCOUT NEWS

The Admiralty Manual of Seamanship is to be published on 4<sup>th</sup> November, price £95.00. It is available from Amazon at £45.00. To order use this link: [Admiralty Manual of Seamanship](#).

## ***KINGSWAY LODGE GUEST HOUSE***

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## CAMPSITE NEWS

After several years as bookings manager, Dave Parnell is standing down. I am sure you will all join me in thanking him for a good job well done. The new bookings manager with immediate effect is Sue Baker. See the attached notice for details of how to contact her.

Now that the camping season is coming to a close, a lot of help is urgently needed at the campsite to repair the wear and tear of the season and ready it for next year.

To this end, there will be a working party every Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Anyone of the age of 13 years or over will be

welcomed. Contact *Brian Williamson*, the campsite warden on 01803 201270 if you can help, even for only one of the Saturdays.

### SCOUT SHOP NEWS

[www.torbayscoutshop.co.uk](http://www.torbayscoutshop.co.uk)

The on-line scout shop is working well with many successful orders. Some of you have said that all the activity badges are not listed but this is not the case. All badges are listed but as they are restricted items and only leaders can buy them, they are hidden from general view.

Please log on to the site and email me so that I can upgrade your account, then next time you log on you will be able to view all the badges and order them. *Christine Price*, scout shop manager.  
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*Your Campsite NEEDS YOU!*

*Saturdays 10 till 4*

**HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED**

*Contact Brian on 01803 201270*

### APPOINTMENTS

The following are recent new appointments:

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## BOROUGH DIRECTORY

The 2009 directory is available at Rock Road. It is lilac in colour so please destroy any earlier versions.

An electronic version is available on request. Please help me keep the directory up to date by notifying me of any changes.  
*Roger Avenall.*

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fellowship Meeting

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Sunday.

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – District Team Meeting**

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Nov - Training Module 8 & 9 - Plymouth

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - Training Module 14 - Exeter

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Beavers’ Night Hike

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Training Module 10 – Plymouth

Fri & Sat 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Christmas Camp.

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Rocks at Watcombe campsite.

## **VISIT THE NEW TORBAY BOROUGH SCOUTS WEB SITE**

**[www.torbay-scouts.com](http://www.torbay-scouts.com)**

### **PAIGNTON ZOO OFFER**

Please remember the great offer for Paignton Zoo whilst planning over the summer for your return in September!!

**For an organised event we have secured a price of £2.00 per child and leaders go free!!!!** Visits must be pre-booked and a cheque for the total amount made payable to “Torbay Borough Scout Council”. This great deal will run from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010.

Visits can take place at anytime the zoo is open and uniform should be worn. Places at these prices are limited, so, to express an interest or to book your places please complete the attached booking form and return to *Cathie Hewitt* either by post or email. After payment your ticket will be sent out to you near to the time of your visit.

Any questions please contact Cathie on 01803 557455 or [cathiehewitt@btinternet.com](mailto:cathiehewitt@btinternet.com)

### **10<sup>TH</sup> TORBAY NEWS**

85 members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Scout Group took the opportunity to visit Paignton Zoo under the scout group discount scheme and a very enjoyable visit it was. One of the keepers commented on the good conduct of the group members and said they would certainly be welcome to come again. Another visit is intended in the not too distant future. *Richard Hale.*

### **THE BIG BAND SHOW**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Belgrave) Scouts proudly present 'Christmas Rocks' at Watcombe campsite on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>. The evening will feature three bands and lots of other entertainment. See the attachment for full details. Please distribute the flyer to all in your group. *Ian Stapleton.*

***Send Your***  
**Group News**  
to  
**The Spur**

### **SPUR DISTRIBUTION**

If you know of anyone in your group - Leader, older scout/explorer, helper, committee member or parent - who would like the 'Spur' by Email, please send me addresses. The more people who read 'The Spur' the more interest may be generated for Scouting in the Torbay District. *David Johnson, editor.*

Anyone without Email can get a paper copy of 'The Spur' by applying to the editor.

Some people have asked me how to print 'The Spur' as a booklet. If you want to know how I do it, send me an Email with 'Print the Spur' as the subject heading and I will Email you back the instructions.

Should you no longer wish to receive 'The Spur', please Email or telephone the Editor.

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### **Footnote from the Editor**

Closing date for contributions to the **December 2009** issue of

**The Spur** is **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009**

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