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The Spur

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CUB SCOUTS HELP AIR AMBULANCE

On the evening of Friday 28th November 2008 over 200 Cubs, Leaders and Helpers hiked along the coast path from Broadsands



Beach to Paignton Harbour, where they had Soup & Hot Dogs at the 6th Torbay HQ. It had been decided that the balance of funds from the hike be donated to the Devon Air Ambulance. So on Saturday 14th February, at the 6th HQ Paignton Harbour, a presentation of £258.93 was made to Mr Piers Le Cheminant the Education Officer for Devon Air Ambulance. *Carol Hayden, District Cub Scout Leader*

FROM THE BOROUGH COMMISSIONER

First of all it is with great pleasure that I can announce I have decided to appoint Paul Bailiss (DESC) as Deputy District Commissioner. As you all know my job has been taking me out of the Bay for weeks at a time so it was inevitable for there to be a gap where I was needed to make an appearance or decision. This will now fall to Paul and since our world is smaller on the Internet and mobile phone networks, communication is not an issue. If it needs a personal touch then this is where Paul will take my place and make the necessary decisions for me. I have every confidence in Paul's abilities and would like you all to welcome and assist him whenever or wherever he calls.

One pleasure we all get is Cold Camp and from the fun that the Explorer's got at theirs when I visited in February at Watcombe, it was well worth joining in. Explorers from as far afield as North Devon (he got here on the bus I am told) and a Unit from Southampton, all had a good time with the activities arranged by Paul Bailiss, DESC and his team of helpers and with any luck there will be far more attendees next time from the Bay's own Explorer population.

Paul's enthusiasm has also been evident in the arrangements for the 'Run To The Fun' camp in May. This is a taster camp for Scouts 12 and up, and Explorers to sample a Mini Jamboree and get them into the idea that they can be eligible for selection next year and going on the next World Jamboree Contingent for Devon in 2011. ALL Scout Leaders need to make sure THEIR Scouts are trying out new challenges and the RTTF camp is one way to do this. If they are not booked in already, GET THEM IN NOW. Contact Paul Bailiss who will help you in the process.

I finally had a meeting with some of the Scout Leaders and it was a nice familiarisation and information exchange exercise, which was needed as part of my role as DC. Thanks to all who attended but I will try harder next time to have everyone there.

Apart from all that, things are going well and I will meet more of you in the future. If you are on Ten Tors or Expedition training, have a lot of fun and Good Scouting. *Tony*

BEAVER SCOUT NEWS

Saturday July 11th is to be Beavers' 999 Day. Details later, but please put the date in your diary.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

The Borough Cub Scout swimming gala will be held on Saturday June 6th. Please keep the weekend of June 19th to 21st free for the Borough Cub Scout camp. Details of both events later.

SCOUT/EXPLORER NEWS

Cathie Hewitt writes: I have been in contact with a local fishing boat owner who is willing to help out with a Mackerel fishing competition. We can enter either teams of up to 12 or individuals. The idea would be for the boat to go out for approx 2 hours and whatever is caught is weighed either as a team or individual catch on the harbour side. Fishing rods will be provided. The winning team or individual would either win a prize or trophy. The boat owner has advised that he will only charge half his normal cost (although I will still negotiate on this!) and the competition would be run on a Saturday in September or if there is enough interest the Sunday as well. The boat must have a minimum of 2 adults supervising.

I would appreciate some feedback if you think this a good/bad idea and whether your Scouts/Explorers would be interested. I will only go ahead with this if there is enough interest.

Cathie also informs us that the Scout and Explorer Cooking Competition will take place on Saturday the 19th of September, so get cracking on your menus and practising with your woks etc. Further details nearer the time.

TRAINING

Here are the dates for training sessions for 2009, please contact *Tracey Samways*, comet.samways@blueyonder.co.uk the local training manager for further details and application forms.

Sat 7th March - Module 10 - Plymouth

Tue 17th March - Module 13 - Plymouth

Wed 18th March - Module 1 - 10th Torbay HQ

Mon 23rd March - Module 16 - part one - 11th Torbay HQ

Wed 1st April - Module 3 - 10th Torbay HQ

Fri 17th to Sun 19th April - Module 16 – pt 2 - Watcombe Campsite

Tue 21st April - Module 14 & 15 - Plymouth

Tue 19th May - Module 19 – Plymouth

Tue 9th June - Module 8 - Exeter

Sat 20th June - Module 10 - Plymouth

Thurs 10th Sept Module 16 - part one - Date and location TBA

Tue 15th Sept - Module 18 - Exeter

Fri 25th to Sun 27th September - Module 16 - pt 2 - Watcombe Campsite.

Tue 29th Sept - Module 5 - Plymouth

Tue 10th Nov - Module 8 and 9 - Plymouth

Tue 17th Nov - Module 14 - Exeter

Sat 21st Nov - Module 10 - Plymouth

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

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

A lot of help will be needed over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend for the Devon Mini Jamboree. If you can help you should contact John Hampton or Paul Bailiss (DESC)

The last quiz night was a great success and it has been decided that it should become an annual event. The next one will be held on Saturday March 28th. See the attached flyer. The next Fellowship meeting will be Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm at 5 Maple Court, Grange Rd., Goodrington. Please come along to the meeting with a view to joining us.

FIRST AID TRAINING

Dave Parnell writes: For personal reasons I find it necessary to step down as Borough First Aid Trainer/Advisor, with immediate effect. I have enjoyed the many years I have been doing training, but the time has come for me to hand the job over to someone else.

The new Trainer/Advisor is *John Hampton (Geordy)* who is also the new chairman of Torbay Scout Fellowship. Many of you know him as he has years of experience as a first aid trainer and assessor and he has been involved with first aid training in the Borough for many years. I wish him well in his new job. John can be contacted at: john@tq10.wanadoo.co.uk.

I will still be organising the Torbay Cub Scout First aid Competition in conjunction with Jordy. This will be held at Watcombe Campsite on 4th July 2009. Full details will be in a later Spur.

The next First Aid Training will be held at the 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) HQ, by Otter Nurseries, on Saturday 14th March from

9.30 to 16.00 hours. The cost, which includes all training, handbook and tea or coffee, is £15. Contact *John Hampton* as above.

DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS

Please notify any additions or changes to the directory to *Roger Avenall* at roger.avenall@blueyonder.co.uk

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

www.torbayscoutshop.co.uk

The new website is now up and running and I know that many of you have taken the time to look at it.

Just to clarify a few queries. The badges are all listed but as they are restricted items, to see them you need to log in with your user name and email address and wait for me to upgrade your account to 'local leader'. Once this is done the next time you log in you will be able to see all the badges and have access to the leaders discount prices. If a group wishes to order online but pay on account this can be arranged; you only need to talk to me. My stock is held at the shop and I have no intention of running down there everyday so don't expect orders to be posted the next day. I go to the shop on Thursdays and order my stock on Friday mornings.

I hope this becomes a useful tool for all to use. I have already had three orders successfully completed. *Christine Price*, scout shop manager. christine@christineprice7.wanadoo.co.uk
sales@torbayscoutshop.co.uk 01803 201270

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Wed 11th March – Scout Fellowship meeting, 7.30pm

Tue 17th March - Training Module 13 - Plymouth

Wed 18th March - Training Module 1 - 10th Torbay HQ
 Mon 23rd March - Training Module 16 – pt 1 - 11th Torbay HQ
 Wed 1st April - Training Module 3 - 10th Torbay HQ
 Saturday 4th April – 3rd Torbay Barn Dance
 Fri 17th - Sun 19th April - Module 16 – pt 2 - Watcombe Campsite
 Tue 21st April - Training Module 14 & 15 - Plymouth
26th April – St George’s Day Parade.
 Tue 19th May - Training Module 19 - Plymouth
 22nd to 25th May 2009 – Devon mini Jamboree
 Sat 6th June – Borough Cub Scout swimming gala
 Tue 9th June - Training Module 8 - Exeter
 Fri 19th to Sun 21st June – Borough Cub Scout Camp
 Sat 20th June - Training Module 10 - Plymouth
 4th July – Cub Scout First Aid Competition
 July 11th – Beavers’ 999 day
 Thurs 10th Sept Training Module 16 – pt 1 - Date and location TBA
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3rd TORBAY (SHIPHAY) NEWS

You are invited to a Barn Dance on Saturday the 4th of April, 7.30pm at St. John’s Hall, Cadewell Lane, Shiphay. Come along and dance to the music of the Random Mackerel Band. Tickets are £5 (including supper) and £3 for children. Tickets from Cleo Allen on 01803 212048 or from any section leader. Come and join us and have a good time. *John Todd.*

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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.

All twelve issues of the 2008 'Spur' are available on CD. If you would like a copy, please send a recordable CD disc and a stamped addressed envelope 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 request with 'Print the Spur' as the subject heading and I will Email you back the instructions.

Scout Fellowship Quiz

Saturday 28th March

Book your team in now!

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**camping walking
clothing & equipment**

**90 High St Totnes
01803 862737**

Footnote from the Editor

Closing date for contributions to the **April 2009** issue of
The Spur is **Wednesday 25th March 2009**

Contributions can be e-mailed **in Word please** to:

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