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The Spur

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A NEW CHIEF SCOUT

Headquarters will announce the name of the new Chief Scout at 00.01 on Monday May 18th. HQ wants as many people in the Movement to know directly from them as soon as possible who is taking on this important role.

It is obviously important we tell our youth Members as well as our adult leaders. If you work directly with young people please encourage them via email or your local Scout website to register their details at www.scouts.org.uk/scout1000 (*Reprinted from ScoutingPlus*)

The Committee of the Council, the decision-making body of The Scout Association, has been openly and actively searching for a successor to Peter Duncan as Chief Scout for the past several months.

This process will be completed when a formal Ordinary General Meeting of the Council of The Scout Association takes place on the 17th May.

It is at this meeting that the next Chief Scout will be appointed by the full Council and an announcement confirming the name and the details will be made shortly after.

A formal hand over will take place later in the year at a date and time to be arranged. You will appreciate how important it is for the process to be respected and we thank you for your patience while this important decision is made. (*From the Scout website, www.scouts.org.uk/noticeboard*)

FROM THE BOROUGH COMMISSIONER

So there goes April and with very little to impart I will move on to St George's Day. I am told I have been the first DC to visit

Totnes for a long time and a very good turn out its was, Thanks to them all for making my visit so enjoyable and demonstrating what St George's day is all about.

Then to the main event in Torquay and again Thank you to the 6th for leading the Parade with The 11th and 14th following and a fine sight they were. The Chair of the Borough Council was very impressed and you should all congratulate each other for such a good show.

I know other Groups had your own services and with the best will in the world I could not have got to them all. Well done everyone.

May is Ten Tors and I know those of you who are taking part have been working so hard it is incredible to imagine what you have put into this event. Please have a good challenge and enjoy the event to the full. I wish you ALL the BEST. *Tony*

BEAVER SCOUT NEWS

Another of the popular Night Hikes is arranged for Friday May 8th, meeting at Clennon Valley car park at 6.15pm.

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.

Saturday 4th of July is the Borough Cub Scouts First Aid Competition. Details and entry form are attached to this Spur.

LEADER 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.

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.

Please note Tracey Samways new address: 324 Lichfield Avenue, Torquay, TQ2 8AH. New phone number and e mail address to be confirmed.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Since taking over the chair at the fellowship, I have noticed things from the other side of the fence and I no longer sit on my hands but get in touch with other members of the group.

My other hat as First Aid Advisor/Trainer has started to bear fruit, not only inside the district, but outside as well. This is a spin off of wanting to know more. I have, since January, been going on module training both in Teignbridge and Plymouth District training centres and picked up work to help the Fellowship funds.

As with my Advisor Hat I have a role with the district, not to tell them where to go for training, but to help with what book is good value and what equipment they need and our general help, so come on you trainers, let's use the same hymn sheet.

Cub First Aid Competition 2009. We need your teams! Get on to Dave Parnell for your place; he is waiting to hear from you. *John Hampton*, Chairman. (An entry form is attached to this Spur - editor)

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.

The April edition of the Scout Fellowship eNews is attached to this Spur.

SCOUT SHOP NEWS

www.torbayscoutshop.co.uk

The on-line shop will be back in operation as soon as I have completed the recent price increases. I will hold the current prices in the scout shop until 14th May while stocks last, any new orders will be at the new prices.

I am looking to retire from the shop as soon as possible so if anyone would like to come and help for a while with a view to taking over the running of the shop, please contact me.

The Borough executive has agreed that there are to be no more credit facilities at the shop. There are still some amounts outstanding if these could be paid as soon as possible.

The scout shop will be closed on the 21st May as I am away on holiday & the shop will also be closed on the 28th May for the school holidays.

The new prices are as follows:

Beaver sweatshirts	£10.50
Cub sweatshirts	£11.00
Scout shirts	£16.00
Sea scout/adult shirts	£19.50
Leather belts	£11.00
Boys activity trousers	£15.50
Adult trousers	£26.00
Activity badges	45p
Challenge badges	52p
Chief scout awards	56p
Patrol badges	56p

For other price increases please see the new catalogue out shortly.

The new BIG ADVENTURE 09 BADGE @ £1.00 is now available to order (I will not be keeping it in stock).

Christine Price, scout shop manager. sales@torbayscoutshop.co.uk
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FUND RAISING

Would you like to raise funds for your Scout Group? The Preston Rotary Club is again running a special **Fun Charity Day** on **Sunday 19th July** on **Paignton Green**.

The day is designed to provide an event for charities to make money for themselves. We make no charge for the pitch but provide a focal point for lots of "customers"

The event is centred on a Junior Champions' League Cup Finals 7 a-side football competition with 2 sections (9 years and

under/ 12 years and under) running from 10.30am to around 4.30 pm.

We will also have charity stalls, side shows/games and a funfair. We expect around 160 players and lots of supporters plus the general public and holiday makers. Pitches can be used to sell things (good quality) or preferably games/ competitions.

I know that most groups have had stalls/games for the Scout Fair in August and we would like to give you the opportunity to earn some funds by doing the same at our event. Rotary would be very happy to give you this chance.

I am coordinating the list of participants and perhaps you could let me know at your earliest opportunity whether you would like to reserve a pitch and also how you would like to use it - we will try to avoid duplicate activities. Hope you can come. Details and Entry Form for our football competition are attached to this 'Spur'. Please contact me with your enquiries. *Keith Wilby*, Rotary Club of Preston. (Email: keith@wilby100.freereserve.co.uk, tel 01803 663177).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 8th May – Beavers' Night Hike

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

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GROUP NEWS

The 3rd and 10th Torbay Scout Groups held a joint St George's Day service at St John's Church, Shiphay on Sunday 26th April. Both groups assembled at Kenneth Court and paraded to St John's Church. The service was attended by over 100 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. The church was full to capacity with



over 300 parents, leaders, friends and residents of Kenneth Court attending the service which was run by Nicky Parham and Jenny Brennan, the 3rd Torbay Chaplain. Becky Poat led the Beavers promise renewal, John Todd led the Cubs and Brian Williamson led the Scout and leaders renewal. A collection was held for 2 local charities, Shekinah and The Haven, who help homeless people in Torquay. After the service the young people paraded back to Kenneth Court for refreshments which was

shared by the residents of Kenneth Court!

The 15th Torbay Beavers enjoyed a sleepover at Watcombe Campsite, the first since the re-formation of the colony. Fun and games on the Saturday were followed by a campfire and hot chocolate before turning in for the night. Sunday dawned wet, but soon dried up so that grass sledging and caving could be enjoyed.



After lunch came a surprise that even the best Beaver leader would have found it hard to arrange when a helicopter landed in the top field, bringing in the big-wigs from Burton Albion Football Club. (Well done the Gulls, the only team, I think, to do the double over

top of the league Albion, which ensured their place in the play-offs). As you can see from the photograph, the Beavers were allowed to get up close and talk to the pilot about his machine. Afterwards, the Beavers joined the rest of the group at All Saints Church, Torre, for their St George's Day Service, conducted by the group Chaplain, Father John Lee.

The differences at the **10th Torbay** appear to be reaching a resolution, and I have it on good authority (no less than the County Commissioner) that the two Scout Leaders and the Group Chairman have been re-instated to their posts. See the attached letter from Sally Yeo.

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Group News
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ADVERTISE IN THE SPUR

Do you run a shop or business, or know anyone who does, which might benefit from advertising in 'The Spur'. For a modest donation, an advert could be placed here that could help in these hard times. If scouts know that a business is run by scouts they would surely be inclined to give support. Contact the editor to discuss your requirements.

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.

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Footnote from the Editor

Closing date for contributions to the **June 2009** issue of
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Contributions can be e-mailed **in Word please** to:

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or by telephone (evenings 8 to 9.30) on 01803 605417