

# WIZZY WILLESDEN NEWS

## DC DOODLES

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## Stop Press

- **X country run**
- **District Exec**
- **St Georges Day**
- **Don't forget to reserve a place on the county family camp 2004**

As the weather and the clocks are due to go forward it is time again to look forward to a new 'spring time' in Willesden. As you know by now I will be standing down as DC from the end of the month and it will be time for someone new to take the mantle and take Willesden forward into the next few years. Whoever this turns out to be I wish them well and my wholeheartedly support. Our census figures were only slightly down on last year which compared with the current trends in the association is very good news. The number of groups has reduced, but this does give us the opportunity to concentrate on our stronger groups to enable them to be come stronger and fitter. The strength of the District is wholeheartedly in the quality of the programme. Exciting activities and good organization prove time and again to be enhancing individual Scout Groups. It is also very important that a Beaver Scout knows his or her route through to their Queen Scout Award and now that the Explorer section is up and running it would be great to see the prospect of a few Queen



Scout Awards this year. There are still a few 'new' things on the agenda but now that the greatest changes are now in place these changes will seem almost insignificant. The camping permit comes in this year, as those who were at the development weekend will know, and exact way this is going to work will be sent out shortly. Stuart is working hard as our Local Training Manager, with Terry, the County Training Manager, to ensure that the new multi-method learning scheme is up and running. The new way of training is going to be far more relevant and exciting. Lastly, and most certainly not least, I would like to thank all of you I have worked with over my 10 years in Willesden and have put in so much hard work and time into Scouting. I would also like to congratulate all those who have received national awards in the St Georges day

list this year. Unfortunately I am unable to name them until April edition of Scouting Magazine comes out..... So please have a look through the awards section in the April edition of Scouting.

David Bloomfield....

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Ted Peck.  
District Chairman.

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Well, the programme changes are settling down and Explorer Scouts are up and running. I have been very impressed by the positive approach to the new scheme. Change is never easy I know. The District is now looking at new ways of Developing activities to support the programme. District events can also be an economic way of getting your members out

and about. There are for example, a number of international and camping opportunities and days out are coming up and help with taking part in these exciting events can be provided by the District. Do look at the information that comes out from the Development Office and you too can "Win With Willesden". I have already received some invita-

tions to Group Annual Open Evenings and look forward to getting others— I love Annual Meetings. A help sheet will be done on how these events can help your group will be coming along early next term. If you need urgent Help ring the office. Finally, thanks for the help with the census figures— Brilliant. Ted Peck....

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

**Welcome to the world of development.** So far I have been working for the Daggers group for approx. 9 months and in that time I have learnt a hell of a lot about the way the District works. So I apologise if you all thought I was moving along at a slow speed to begin with. But as I hope you will all agree things are starting to move along well. These are just some of the activities that we have been up to since I started. **Festivals**— Kilburn and Queens park. Both festivals were a big success for the team attracting a large number of families to the District, and also helped to raise the pro-

file of Scouting in Willesden. **Raising the profile**— We have started to place posters up in libraries and in police stations, and we have also made more use of the front of Scout house, we have also had some advertising put up in the local McDonalds, If there is any where that you would like to see more advertising work being done please let us know. **Groups**— For this project we decided to follow on with the development work that has been before. Although this project will have a larger focus at group level. Supporting and developing the groups is going to be one of our main priorities. If there is

We have also produced some very **new resources** to help you, in your quest to make your group stronger.

1. **Welcome to Willesden Pack.** With some great ideas in it.
2. **A recruitment ideas sheet .** Which was the result of the leaders conference in Jan 2004
3. **Willessden recruitment policy** information
4. We have also produced a leaflet to help **GSLs** when they are meeting people who are interested in being leaders for the

## PROGRAMME IDEAS

**1 Urban outdoors.**

Do you have your copy of the fantastic new resource urban outdoors?. If you don't then order your copy from Headquarters today. As it is full of ideas for Scouting in the city. [www.urbanoutdoors.org.uk](http://www.urbanoutdoors.org.uk)

**2. Scout Base.**

Scout base is available for any Leaders to use at any time, And it is full of useful programme ideas, Campsite listings.

[www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk)

**3. Go Green.**

This year Headquarters are pushing the group environment badge, and have produced an excellent publication called **Go Green** that gives you ideas to get you started on your way. Plus it also gives you information on who the right people are to get in touch with for help on your project. If you would like a copy please contact Nick at the office. Or use the website link.

[www.gogreen.org.uk](http://www.gogreen.org.uk)

**4. Jessops and Chubb**

Are now sponsoring the Scout Fire safety and photographers badges, to receive your free resource material on these badges please phone **0845 300 1818**

**Keep your programmes fresh.**

## ROUND UP OF ANY DISTRICT EVENTS

**1. The District Handicraft Competition.** The District Handicraft Competition was held on the 7th of March this year. At the 37th HQ. And was attended by 27 Cub Scouts who had a great time, The day was themed on Mothers Day. They took part in various activities, For example making flowers in jars, Kitchen roll people, Folding paper into baskets and many more. Freda would especially like to thank all of the Lead-

ers that helped on the day, and to the three young Leaders that gave up a Sunday to help. Please see the inserted poster for any more information on the event.

**2. Cross Country event.** The question was would it or would it not rain? It was Fryent Country Park on Sunday, the 14th March and it was cold, dull and overcast. The next question was would they turn up or would we be the only ones in the car-

park together with a few dogs and their devoted owners? We should not have doubted Willesden Scouts for one moment as the cars began to arrive and a tent was erected. Yes, we all got wet and there was plenty of mud around, but we all agreed that we had enjoyed ourselves. Even the parents braved the elements and were much in evidence at the finishing line. Thanks to everyone who didn't let the side down. Next year I hope

*St. Georges*

*Day 23rd of  
April*

*2004*

*The Beaver*

*Bonanza*

*9th May*

*2004*

*Gillwell*

*Park*

*Do not  
forget the*

*Annual  
AGM at*

*Scout  
House*

*June 24th*

*Watch here  
for further*

*Dates.*

## ADCS AND DESC REPORTS



The cub Scout Section in Willesden is made up of seven Packs with an average of 17 members per section. The young people in Cubs lead a varied life enjoying the "Balanced programme" to it's fullest. So far this year the Cub Scout Section has taken part in two District events that were enjoyed by all. As usual the District calendar is full of events that I hope you will support with the passion that you have shown in pervious years. These are a few of the Events that are coming your way in the near future.

- June 20th Cub and Beaver Fun Day At Gilwell.**
- June 26th Top Six at the 37th HQ**
- July 10th Five a Side Football at 28th HQ.**
- Sept 26th Cubs it's a knockout at**

**28th HQ.**  
If you are a Cub Scout or Leader you don't want to miss out on any of these activities.

At this time I would like to thank all of the Cub Scout Leaders in the District for all of their hard work through out the year.

**Freda Watton ADC CUBS**



Explorer Scouting in Willesden consists of three sections, Phoenix, Nomad and the 14th. They provide a full and exciting programme for 14 to 18 year olds. In the Three months of this year two sections have been to Paris. One to Euro Disney the other to Camp on the banks of the Seine in the heart of Paris. One unit has been on a mountain biking trip to a very muddy Epping forest. They have also

Provided service and back up teams on various hiking and outdoor activities. The Sections also provide Young Leaders for some of the Groups around the District. A very full and exciting Programme id planned up to the summer break including Pot holing, camping, visits and organizing the District hike competition. The season closes with a summer camp to the lake district. If you are interested in taking part in any of these plans and helping to plan for the next season please contact the **DESC or any Explorer Scout Leader**. Phoenix meets at 37th HQ, Nomad meets at 20th HQ, the 14th meets at 14th HQ Kilburn.

**Peter Blundell DESC Explorers**  
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### CHIEF SCOUTS AND QUEENS SCOUTS AWARD

**To all Leaders,**

With the launch of the "Balanced Programme" and the introduction of the Chief Scouts award running through all of the sections, We have decided to have a section in the newsletter dedicated especially to the Chief Scouts and to the Queen Scouts award, with this in mind if you have any young person in your Group that you would like to be recognized in the paper then please let the Editor know ASAP.

Congratulations to Freda Watton on being awarded the Medal of Merit. The Medal of Merit is in recognition of outstanding service of not less than 15 years. Freda has worked very hard for over 15 years within 37th Willesden as Cub Scout Leader and Group Scout Leader. Freda has also contributed a great deal at District level as ADC (Cubs) and also on the District Executive Committee. That is a highly deserved recognition of the emence amount of time and effort that Freda has put in over the

years. Congratulations and thank you Freda from all in Willesden District.

David Bloomfield.

*Would like any of your*

*Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or*

*Explorer Scouts*

*Achievements to be recognized*

*in the newsletter*

*Please let the editor know*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS, FROM BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS, EXPLORERS

**1. Cross Country run** This event is for Cubs and Scouts and it will be at the usual venue at the normal time, so lets support this event as much as we can to make it a great success.,

**2. St. George's Day** .This year's St George's day is going to be held at Queens Park Community School, Willesden.

On Friday the 23rd of April, the Ceremony is due to start at 7.30pm and due to finish at 8.00pm. Trevor is looking for a Colour party, so if you have anybody in mind for the job please let him know ASAP. Can you please encourage parents

to be at the school for 7.15pm. This is an opportunity to really show to parents that Scouting in Willesden is still going strong.  
**3 Beaver Bonanza** The Beaver Bonanza this year is going to be held at Chalfont Heights on the 9th of May 2004, and the theme is going to be National Costumes. If you would like your colony to go on the event then please contact Liz Mitchell on her website at liz-mitchell@glmwscouts.org.uk. Or ADC Beaver Scouts.

**ADC Willesden Simon Walsh**

**4. Nomad Challenge** This is a new event on the District calendar. Nomad Explorer section are going to be holding a Competition Hike for the Scout Section. Dates 5th of June 2004. Please Contact : Adrian Prior Nomad ESU  
nomad@willesdenscouts.org.uk

**If any of the Leaders know of any other events that are happening in the near future the please let the editor know ASAP.**

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Hunt for a new DC, if you have any ideas on who should be the next DC please let the hunt for a DC team know ASAP.

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Ted Peck

**We would like to thank everyone for there contributions to the first Wizzy Willesden News letter.**

**Editor Nick Blundell**



Hello from the county training team.

At the moment we have these modules available for you. to help you to get through and complete your wood badge training for your relevant section.

- 1 = Compulsory
- 2 = Section Leaders
- 3 = Managers

**Sat 27 March** 20 Admin for Managers.

23 Safety for Managers. **3**  
24 Managing Adults.

5 Fundamen-  
tal values of Scouting.  
9 Working

With Adults.  
**Sun 28 March** 6 The  
Changes in Scouting.

7 Valuing  
Diversity **1**  
8 Skills of  
Leadership.

10 First Aid (all Day)

**Sat 3rd April** 25 Assessing  
Learning

**3** 26 Support-  
ing Adults

13 Growing  
the Movement (Section  
Leaders) **2**

14 Young  
people Today

19 Interna-  
tional

**Sun 4th April** 11 Admini-  
stration (Section Leaders)

12 Providing  
a Balanced Programme

**2** 15 Chal-  
lenging Behavior

10 First Aid  
(All Day) **1**

If you would like to find out about any further dates for any courses then please ask Nick at the office for a **GLMW Training Programme 2004**

If you have any further ques-  
tions regarding the new training  
scheme the please do not hesi-  
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