



# Wizzy Willesden News.

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- \* 6th of June **Nomad Challenge.**
- \* 17th of June GSL meeting at **Scout House.**
- \* 20th of June Beaver/Cub Fun Day at **Gilwell.**
- \* 24th Of June District AGM **Scout Hse.**
- \* 26th of June top Six at **37th HQ.**
- \* 10th of July Cub 5 - a - Side at the **28th HQ.**
- \* 8th of July Leaders BBQ at the **37th HQ.**
- \* See inside for more Details.
- \* **Enjoy the summer! !**

## Willesden goes camping - this term.



### The 37th Experience.

A Chocolate lovers Dream. Chocolate, Chocolate and more Chocolate. From the moment we told the Children we were going to campo at our Headquarters and visit the Cadbury's Chocolate factory in Bourneville, they went mad. It was the fastest ever time to fill up the spaces for a camp within 1 week all of the 25 spaces were gone. We even had the parents phoning us at home and work to try and get their child on the event. The plan was to stay at our HQ Friday night after ST Georges day and leave for Cadburys in the morning. All was going to plan until it took 1.5 hours to get back from Queens park school to our HQ. The children were excited and tired so it was straight to bed. Saturday dawned far to early at 4.30am and once again the children were excellent they were up and washed and dressed by 5.30am. Bruce arrived with the minibus to take us to Brent Cross and we were off. We arrived at Euston at about 7.10am so we had time to waste, a good opportunity to take photos and sleep (not a chance) many of the children were worried because they couldn't see our train in their station. However a quick chat with a member

of staff and we found out where it was. Once on board we settled down to a relaxing 2.5 hour train ride. As this was one of the new Virgin pendolinos there were radios at each seat and of course the children had to listen to it so they cleared the train of headphones they were selling in the onboard shop. We arrived at Cadbury's at about 11am and went right on in. There was so much to see and do I couldn't possibly write about it all. However, everyone will remember the tasting and free samples. We left the main part and went to the restaurant for lunch Freda and Lorraine had spoken to them beforehand, and had a whole area in the centre of the restaurant reserved for us for when we arrived, and again we were given free chocolate by now our arms were aching from carrying the bagfuls of chocolate we'd already been given. After lunch it was off to see the rest and then home. We left Cadbury's at 4pm and headed for our train, we arrived at Birmingham, we had arrived the same time as the football crowd and when we boarded the train unfortunately our reserved seats had all been taken. So once again a quick chat with on board staff and we were told to follow the guard. She lead us right to the front of the train and into first class where she cleared the carriage of the people who were already in there and

told us we have the whole carriage to ourselves. So for the whole return journey we traveled in our own first class carriage which was great however, the coffee wasn't. We arrived back at our HQ at 10.30 so it was a very long but very enjoyable day we are already planning our next adventure by train.

### The 20th Experience.

This year's Easter Holidays brought a new experience to the leadership team of the scout section of the 20th Willesden Scout Group (Nick B, Bob C, Ketan P, Ishmael A). For this year we decided to head to the wilds of the Oxfordshire countryside. To a Scout Campsite known as Youlbury International Scout Campsite. Where we had a very enjoyable time. The hospitality that was extended to us on our visit was fantastic. The purpose of our visit to this lovely part of the world was to extend the knowledge of our PL'S and APL'S. This was done by providing a series of activities that would go on to see them achieving two activity badges the Campers and camp Cooks. On the Friday 9th of April. We left the HQ in the early hours of the morning to make a good start, arriving at the campsite and after the usual check ins that you have to do on camp, we pushed, pulled and grunted the trailer over to our Campsite, and said to the

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Scouts right here's your spot you have two hours to erect all of your tents and present your campsites to us. Well three hours later and finally everything is ready. After lunch they continued to design their camping areas as everything had to be just right as this was also a camping competition. With all of the meals being cooked by the Scouts themselves. On Saturday it was time to time to introduce the skills bases. With an anything goes attitude the Scouts took part very well in everything from the likes of Uranium Rods, Heavy Water, and cutting a log with a bush saw without using their hands. After lunch saw them taking part in Bob's own Compass bearing Easter Egg hunt, that evening again saw the whole troop, plus Leaders taking part in the on sits Campfire. With the traditional Oggie, Oggie, Oggie from the troop. Sunday was taken up with a trip to the local swimming pool (Because scouts start to really smell after two days) and game back on the campsite including the famous 20th Scavenger hunt. A very enjoyable time was had by all and all of the PL's and APL's passed their awards.

Before I sign off we would like to thank the other leaders that were on camp who supported us throughout the camp Peter B, Joyce B, Hannah V, Adrian P.

## THE DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND PLUS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

### NEWS JUST IN !

The Development Weekend has been moved to the following dates 8th to the 10th of October 2004. This years Weekend is going to be based upon Scouting Skills weekend to yet further your knowledge in these areas. So far a First Aid course (first response) has been booked for the Saturday. Plus a range of other activities are in the pipe line. We hope to see you all there, see this section for any further developments.

Welcome again to the world of development. As I sit here in my little cave that's called scout House contemplating the world outside, and the kind of things that we can do to assist you to making you Scout group stronger.

**Raising the profile—** : After the last newsletter we have progressing with the level of work that has needed doing to now include, having a presence in the following places. 1. Willesden, Cricklewood, Kilburn Libraries. 2. Anson Primary School, 3. Willesden and Kilburn Police Stations, 4. The front of Scout House, has been improved if you would like anything to be placed in that front noticed board, please let me know. 5. **Mc Donalds—** All three of the local McDonalds are going to be putting up my advertising boards in their restaurants over the coming months, also at the branches I have now put a new adult recruitment leaflet in each one of the staff rooms. McDonalds have also agreed to provide refreshments for the Cub 5 a side football tournament and also the District Swimming gala for this year. A quick note for the 37th and 34th Scout Groups the Neasden branch has agreed to do an Environmental presentation to both groups, so if you could both get together and supply me with a date that would be great. 6. We now have a Scouting presence in the following places Windmill Dentist, Inspire Dentist and the Clarence Road Dentist plus the Chichele Road Dentist.

I am planning to go to do the same work over the Kensal Rise and Neasden areas so if you are a group in one of those areas please contact me with some ideas of where to place items in your area.

**Groups—** In continuing to support our quest to support our groups; we have come up with a few more ideas that we think would help you to run a stronger group. Parent Rota, After the leaders conference that was held in JAN 2004. The main thing that stood out for me was that the District was asking for a parent rota, so we went away and came up with two new ideas. At the moment two groups are using them with great success. If you think that you need more help in getting parents support in your group, please give me a ring. PTO.

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**Three new Adult and young persons recruitment flyers. :**

We have just designed three new flyers for both adults and young people alike. Again these flyers are available for you to use at any time.

**For the future. :** Quite a few of the groups that I have been to visit have asked if we could go to local Schools in their cathment areas to put on a visual display of Scouting in the local area to try and encourage both adults and young people alike to take up the challenge of Scouting. I have also been asked by the DESC to help to organize a programme to run on Scout nights across the District to help to better the understanding and to encourage the growth of Explorer Scouting in Willesden.

I am at Scout House between 2pm and 7pm Mon to Thurs on 020 8459 3737 or Email me at [nick.blundell@willesdenscouts.org.uk](mailto:nick.blundell@willesdenscouts.org.uk). Please come in and give development a go and see the difference.

Nick B  
Development Co coordinator



This is a note for all Scout Leaders out there don't forget to encourage all of your Scouts to take part in Willesden's Explorer Scout programme being run by Nomad , Phoenix , and the 14th Willesden Explorer Scout Sections

**Explorer Scouts are from 14 to 18**

**Contact Peter Blundell on 020 8451 1521**

**Or by Email**

**[Peter.blundell@willesdenscouts.org.uk](mailto:Peter.blundell@willesdenscouts.org.uk)**



This is the New Young Leader award, If you have any young people who are helping (assisting) in a section at the moment and are interested in taking part in the young Leadership scheme then please contact:

**Simon Walsh on 020 7328 6081**

**Or by Email**  
**[simon.walsh@willesdenscouts.org.uk](mailto:simon.walsh@willesdenscouts.org.uk)**

## Betty clay - 16th April 1917 to 24th of April 2004

Betty Clay who died aged 87 on 24th of April was the youngest daughter of our founder Baden Powell and was the last surviving member of his direct family. As a vice president of the Scout Association she took great interest in the movement and had a great affinity with young people. One Scout Leader friend of mine running summer camp some 15 years ago was surprised When a large car drove into

their camping field on a farm in Somerset. Out jumped Betty Clay who was passing and had seen the tents. She introduced herself and insisted on meeting all then (boys) and was able to put everyone at ease. She was truly touched with that sparkle and magic that people who knew BP talks about.

Ted Peck



## St Georges Day

A change of venue and a change of day but still the same fun and friendship was observed at our annual St Georges day and promise renewal celebration. A break from tradition saw this year's event held on the actual day, Friday 23rd April and at Queen's park Community School. There was a good showing with nearly all Groups represented with around two thirds of the District in attendance. Peter Blundell warmed us up nicely with his campfire while Ted held everything to-

gether with master of ceremonies and conducting of the National Anthem. The venue lent itself very well to the more formal part of the evening with promises led by Simon, Chris and Trevor. Well done to the flag bearers who managed to parade the flags almost effortlessly... it is not easy holding one of those flags when you are a Beaver Scout! A well run evening with lots of people taking part and thank you for all those people who made it such a success. Trevor also renewed his promise

again at the national parade in Windsor on the Sunday, in recognition of his bar to the sliver acorn. Another excellent event and with great weather to go with it; although it was a little hot for some on the parade.. But as always St Johns were on hand to burst into action.

David Bloomfield.

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## District— Annual General Meeting

Please make a note in your diary that our Annual General Meeting is on **Thursday 24th of June at Scout House**. We are expecting Paul Botang our local MP and the county Commissioner Chad Lake. We will be making some important presentations and hopefully some interesting announcements to make about the future direction of our District. A light supper will be served after the actual business. A good turnout for this important social and

business occasion will demonstrate to all what we already know, that Willesden is going places.

Ted Peck  
District Chairman.



## Congratulations

It was a delight to learn from the Association St. George's Day honors that Trevor Toombs GSL of the 23rd, had been awarded a bar to his Silver Acorn and that Peter Russell our appointments Secretary had been awarded a Silver Acorn. Both these awards are made "in recognition of specially distinguished service" to the movement over many years. We were also delighted to learn that Freda Watton GSL of the 37th and ADC (Cub Scouts) has been awarded the medal of merit for "outstanding service" We offer to each of these good people our warmest congratulations. And thanks for the work they have done which has been formally

recognized in these awards the awards will formally presented at the District Annual Meeting on June 24th. (This is when you get to learn their full middle names!!)



To all Leaders, Please don't forget that this years programme push is the Environmental Award, I now have copies of the Environmental Award book that has been published by the Scout Association, So if you need any help with your projects then please give me a call. Nick 020 8459 3737.

## Email@willesdenscouts.org.uk

Last year you may remember a letter regarding the set up of our corporate email addresses and how to access and use them. Every group is set up with an email address, this is either a stand alone mailbox, accessed through the internet or an address that forwards to your personal email account. There is no need to worry if you do not have access to the internet as you can access the internet at Scout House. Email is very fast and convenient way to communicate, it cuts down on administration costs and using the corporate addresses

means that every message is automatically virus checked and you do not need to publish your personal account. We are now at the stage where the District would like every group, and the District to use email. The Group email address can be directed to anyone the GSL chooses, this might be a good job to ask a parent to perform. The address can even be forwarded to more than one person if that is what the group would like. All group email addresses are in the format of group@willesdenscouts.org.uk, e.g

23rd@willesdenscouts.org.uk and there are also individual addresses that are listed in the District email directory. The letter last May outlined if you have a forwarding email and if so where that gets forwarded to. It also gave usernames and passwords along with outlining how to access a mailbox style account, which is repeated below. If you have any queries or would like to add any other leaders to the email list please contact email@willesdenscouts.org.uk Continue below.

### Email— continue.

How to access email on the web for mail box type email:

Go to <http://webmail.willesdenscouts.org.uk> and login using your login password below. (n.b there is no www in this address). Alternatively there is a link on our website [www.willesdenscouts.org.uk](http://www.willesdenscouts.org.uk)

When you have finished click the logout button.

### Gilwell Reunion 2004 3 - 5 September

Reunion may seem a long way off, but preparations are already well underway! This year, for the first time, you can book all your meals in advance (except breakfast) for your stay at Gilwell. Booking in advance will ensure your choice of is available and at a slight reduction in cost. A separate queuing system will also be in operation allowing you to get through quicker! If you and others are interested and would like to know more then please email Gil-

well.reunion@scout.org.uk with your name, email address, postal address and daytime telephone number. As a rough guide, a lunch will cost no more than £3.00 per person and a dinner no more than £4.00 per person. Please note, at this time we are only providing information about booking your reunion meals in advance. More information and detail regarding the event itself will be available shortly.

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### Shouting for Scouting



### District Development Service

This service provides support in the following areas. Recruitment. Public relations. Training. Programme resources for adults and young people. Help with forthcoming activities in the District and beyond. A one stop shop for general enquiries.

The District Development Co-coordinator is Nick Blundell and can be contacted by any of the following methods Telephone 0208 459 3737

In person at Scout House during term time from 2.00pm till 7.00pm Mon to Thurs.

Nick is also in the office during Scout Shop opening hours on the first Wednesday ever month.

Email [nick.blundell@willesdenscouts.org.uk](mailto:nick.blundell@willesdenscouts.org.uk)

## GLMW TRAINING OPPERTUNITIES

Hello from the county training team.

These are the modules that we have available for you this term. So please don't be shy and book your place to further your training.

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

Sat 12 June 1 10 First aid (all day)

Sat 12 June 2 16 Nights Away

Sun 13 June 2 17 Activities Outdoors  
2 18 Practical Skills

Sun 13 June 2 13 growing the movement

2 14 young people Today

2 19 International

How do I book a place?

Please contact your local training manager, or download an application form from the training website.

[www.glmwscouts.org.uk/training](http://www.glmwscouts.org.uk/training)

For further information contact.

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