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District Camp 2005

Willesden's Wonderful Weekend

The triple W weekend

Dates: 27th - 30th May, Venue: Chalfont Heights

This year sees the return of Willesden's District Camp after an absence of four years. The Weekend has been totally planned and is ready to go, the leadership team of Peter and Nick Blundell are primed and ready for action. So far we have four Groups that have confirmed interest in the event, these are the 14th, 20th, 28th and the 37th, and the District Explorer Scout Unit has been alerted and is awaiting the call to action.

We have based the programme around the idea of earning badges while having fun, with the inclusion of the Cub and Scout Campers and Camp Cooks Badges, plus activities on the Saturday for Beavers. For further details please contact Peter Blundell (Peter.blundell@willesdenscouts.org.uk or 020 8451 1521)

We also have other activities including.

BBQ Saturday night, Wide games, Camp fire, Beaver games, Pioneering, Comp Hike on Sunday, Plus lots more.



SO COME AND ENJOY YOURSELVES, THERE IS STILL TIME TO BOOK

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Development Weekend

The date for the Leaders' Development Weekend has changed. The event will now be held over the weekend of **29th and 30th of October.**

The venue for this is the **Training Complex at Chalfont.**

As last year's weekend was a success, we feel that a practical training weekend is something that all of the Leaders in the District would benefit from and enjoy.

We are now starting to collect ideas for this year,

and would appreciate any that you may have.

So please contact Nick Blundell, Peter Whitehead or Ted Pack with your ideas.

All ideas will be taken seriously.

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Development Coordinator

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Clothing Express LTD (THIS IS A ADVERT)

Dear Leader,

As a past AVSL in Ealing and Hanwell, I am delighted to be asked to sponsor this circulation. Appreciating just how difficult funding in Groups can be, I hope that some of the prices we can offer to groups for their Polo shirts, Sweat shirts, Hats and other items, will be of help in financial terms. We are manufacturers, Embroiderers and screen printers of clothing and other promotional items. We supply a full range of clothing and other uniform items such as outdoor trousers in sizes to suit all. We carry huge stocks in a wide variety of colours and carry out all artwork, origination, Embroidery & Printing in our own Factory using modern state of the art equipment. We do not sub contract any work so continuity and quality is assured. Price indications are as follows:

ALL INCLUDE EMBROIDERED LOGO	Order Qty Under 50 pcs	Order Qty Over 50 pcs
UC103 Kids Polo Shirts (22" - 34")	£6.50	£5.25
UC101 Adult Polo Shirts (XS - 4XL)	£6.95	£6.15

We look forward to hearing from you soon - Cliff Brooke

Unit 4, Central Depot, Forward Drive, Harrow, Middx, HA3 8NT, 020 8909 2713

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT YOUR BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS AND EXPLORERS TAKE TO CAMP IN THE WAY OF CLOTHING?

WELL NOW YOU CAN BUY CUSTOM MADE T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS AT VERY LOW PRICES.

PLEASE SEE THE ARTICLE ON THE LEFT.

Beaver and Cub Fundays at Gilwell

Gilwell Park are famous for their Cub and Beaver Fundays

Dates are Saturday 18th and 19th of June 2005

The theme for this years fundays is "Magic".

The cost is £7.50 per participant and £3.50 per leader. Leaflets are available from the Information Centre (0845 300 1818) or click onto the website.



www.fundays.org.uk

to download all the information. Bookings must be in by 31st of May 2005



Pilgrimage to Makkah (Mecca)

The international team are looking to appoint an individual to lead a group of UK Muslim Scouts on a trip to the Hajj (Pilgrimage to Makkah / Mecca) in late December 2005 / January 2006. The pilgrimage will be hosted by the Saudi Boy Scout Association. Further information, including a role description and person specification can be found on the international web pages of Scoutbase at.

[Http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/inter/news/index.htm](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/inter/news/index.htm)



Scout 5-a-side Football Tournament

It was a cold and slightly wet morning when I finally arrived at Queens Park Community School at 08.30, only to be greeted by the lovely warm hearted smile of Mary the School caretaker. After the usual embarrassment of not knowing who each other was, she showed me where the Sports Hall was and also where the changing rooms were for both boys and girls. As she left I set about getting ready for the Scouts to arrive.

The Scouts started arriving from the 20th, 28th and 37th Scout Troops, 08.45 rolled around and it was time for registration after which the tournament really got underway. The tournament ran seamlessly with the amount of high spiritedness that you expect at a Scout event. After refereeing all of the games what impressed me the most was the skill level and the passion shown by the Scouts who took part in the event. Special

thanks goes to Peter Blundell for doing the time keeping all day at the event and also to Freda Watton for writing out the certificates at the end. Thanks also go out to the members of the Eurojam contingent for selling drinks on the day to help raise money for their expedition and for working with the Scouts all day. From all of the Leaders that took part in the day we feel that the 5-a-side should be an annual event.



Perhaps next year we could try and have more young people taking part.

The results were as follows;

1st	37th A
2nd	20th A
3rd	28th
4th	20th B
5th	37th B



Nick Blundell (organiser)

Register for the BT Giant Sleepover

There is still time for Scout Groups across the UK to take part in the 2nd giant sleepover on the night of Saturday 18th June 2005

Along with Schools and Girlguiding UK, the organizers hope to attract 100,000 young people and smash the Guinness World Record, which was set last June. There are

also opportunities to raise funds for local Scouting and other chosen charities.

The event is aimed at the Cub Scout section. There are two ways to register for the event, either via the web at

www.giantsleepover.com

or by calling the Giant Sleepover hotline on

0870 240 1640.

There is a £10 registration fee per group and £1.00 per person. In return the organizers will receive a step by step guide and a free treasure chest. Every young person receives a free goodie bag.



Bluebell Railway 2005

The District Cub Scout and Scout Day Out to the Bluebell Railway continued this year's theme of learning while having fun.

One hundred Cubs and Scouts went back in time to the great days of steam, when they visited the Bluebell Railway in Sussex. It was a great day,

sunny and hot. We arrived at 11.30 and the first Groups went to catch their train whilst the others had a quick look round before boarding at 1 o'clock. During this time we managed to get many of the young people and enthusiastic adults onto the footplate of the locomotive waiting to take out the special Pull-

man Train. Some of them obtained a piece of coal as a souvenir and we hoped that the engine didn't run out of coal during its journey. We managed to upgrade to the First Class Observation Car for the return journey, for which we were joined by the District Commissioner and his wife. It appeared that eve-

ryone enjoyed themselves as I didn't hear one complaint. Even the staff at the railway commented how well behaved the Willesden Scouts were, so well done, and I'm looking forward to next years outing.

Ross Hemson



The Adventure of a Lifetime

Would you and your Scouts like to mingle with 500 Scouts and Guides from all round the world? Experience the culture and scenery of Switzerland from crystal clear lakes and soaring mountains to picturesque villages and historic cities?

Following the success of previous expeditions the County are off to Switzerland in the summer of 2006 when Kandersteg is our destination. Kandersteg is the international centre set high in the Swiss mountains near the Italian borders and the City of Bern. It offers some amazing scenery and adventures. The last expedition was incredible.

The expedition will run from August 7th to 18th and is intended for Scouts and Explorer Scouts and Network members. We expect over 400 people to take part and it will certainly be a wonderful experience for the young people of Willesden.

But is it for you?

The great thing for Leaders is that there will be helping hands and experienced staff all along the way from making the site bookings to arranging the transport and food.

The fee? Around £300.

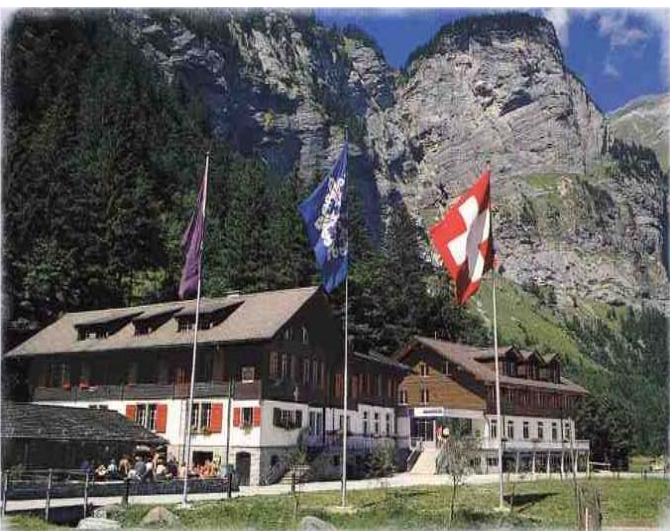
The transport? Train and Boat

Want to know more? Then email

pauldickson@glmwscouts.org.uk

or speak to Ted Peck

ted.peck@willesdenscouts.org.uk or 020 8954 1392



Another Adventure of a Lifetime

For Scouts and Explorer Scouts aged 11 to 14 and born between 9th August 1989 and 19th July 1993

In the summer of 2007 the UK will host 40,000 scouts from all over the World at the World Jamboree. It is a particularly significant jamboree as it is to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of Scouting. Competition is fierce so if you are interested, look out for the presentations that are taking place around the County on the programme and how to become part of the County Jamboree Unit. For more details contact Peter Blundell, DESC

peter.blundell@willesdenscouts.org.uk or 020 8451 1521

Electronic Communications

Does your Group/Section have a Willesden Scouts email address? You could join those who know about things first and fast. Call Ross Hemson on

Ross.hemson@willesdenscouts.org.uk or 020 8968 9081

and join the revolution. All the best people are in it!

Camping Permits

The only way to get authority to take Cubs and Scouts away these days is to have a Camping Permit.

Have you applied for your camp permit yet? All Leaders who have past experience of taking Cub Scouts or Scouts to camp or pack holiday can apply to be "fast tracked" to the new permit. (New Leaders can do so after taking the training modules and gaining some experience.)

For further details and an application form contact Stuart Hogge

stuart.hogge@willesdenscouts.org.uk or 020 8909 3498

Willesden Scout Shop

For all your Scouting needs, the shop opens every Wednesday evening from 7pm to 8.30pm. If your item is not in stock, then we can order it for you!

The Shop Manager is Wally Hooper and he can be contacted on

01895 675801

Programmes Made Easy

This is one of the new sections that has been added to "Wizzy Willesden", entitled "Programmes made easy". If you have any programmes that you would like to share with other Leaders please send them by email to

nick.blundell@willesdenscouts.org.uk

Over a two month period we were asked to run a further education programme for the young people of Donnington Road Primary School. We chose a theme of First Aid with the idea that at the end of the four week period all of the young people would have passed the badge. The programmes were designed by Nick Blundell, Peter Blundell and Bob Cox and we thought that we would share our programmes with you. The first of the four programmes follows..

Programme Week 1: This weeks programme covers sections one and two of the Cub Emergency First Aid		Time Taken
13.45	Introduction to Leaders / Flag Break	15 mins
14.00	Scouting History and Background	15 mins
14.15	Game - Ladders (High energy) (Or a high energy game that you know)	15 mins
14.30	Emergency Aid Badge One Leader to Collapse on the floor - Assessing dangers; making the area safe; knowing how to make a 999 call from a home telephone and mobile telephone. Discuss what has happened and what you have learnt in Sixes	25 mins
14.55	Game - C.U.B.S get all of the Cubs to sit in a circle and give them all a letter. A letter is called out, they run round the circle coming back in through their gap, and try to grab the bean bag	10 mins
15.05	Finish session / flag break - Cubs to take questionnaire home to answer questions to return next week to assess how much that they have learnt.	10 mins

From the DC

Willesden District Scouts Web Site

Don't forget to visit the new Willesden Web Site when it goes live at the beginning of May 2005.

www.willesdenscouts.org.uk

Many thanks are due to Ross for his efforts in designing it and gathering together some content. Now we need your help to make it really effective. We need everyone



in the District, from Beaver Scouts upwards, to send their contributions to us so that they can be added to the Website. Web sites are the way today's children communicate and get their information. We do not want to get left out!

Promise Renewal

Congratulations to everyone involved with the Promise Renewal Celebration held at Queens Park Community School on the 22nd April. It was fantastic to see just under 300 people at this event, which I will willingly admit was one of the best events of its kind I have seen. It is never too early to start planning so do let me have any ideas and suggestions for next year.

Meet the DC

Over the last few weeks I have met individually with nearly all the GSLs and ADCs in the District and have been very impressed with the friendliness and dedication to Scouting of everyone of them.

Marilyn and I have also met many of you at the Cub Handcraft Competition, the Bluebell Railway and the Promise Renewal events and we would like to thank everyone for welcoming us into your District.

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Forthcoming Events

DATES TO REMEMBER

cubs There are four events for Cub Scouts that are happening over the next two months.

It's a Knockout	Saturday May 7th 10.30 to 3.30 28th Scout Headquarters Stember Hall Leighton Gardens Kensal Rise, NW10 3PR
Top Six Competition	Saturday May 21st 10.30 to 3.30 37th Scout Headquarters Rear of 121/123 Randall Avenue Neasden NW2 7SX
Five-a-side Football	Saturday June 11th 10.30 to 3.30 28th Scout Headquarters. Address: see above
Sports Day	Saturday 4th June 2005 Queens Park Community School

For further details on events please contact Freda Watton ADC
cubs@willesdenscouts.org.uk or 020 8452 7602

Leadership Training 2005

Nights Away

THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 10TH / 12TH
 CHALFONT HEIGHTS SCOUT CAMPSITE

For further information regarding this course please contact the Training Manager Stuart Hogge.

This is one of the most important Leadership courses as it enables those that have completed it to take young people away to camp.



Modules

Our Training Manager is Stuart Hogge and if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in contact with him.

stuart.hogge@willesdenscouts.org.uk or 020 8909 3498

Coming up over May and June we have:

- Module 3 Tools for the job (Section Leaders)
- Module 15 Challenging Behavior (Section Leaders)
- Module 19 International (Section Leaders).

All of these Modules are going to be held on Saturday May 21st at Chiswick

Module 10 First Response - Sunday 22nd at Chiswick

Module 16,17,18 Night Away Package (Section Leaders)

This Course will be held at Chalfont Heights Scout Campsite on the weekend of 10th - 12th of June

Contact Liz Travis (Training Administrator) on 020 8908 2548 for application forms