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Willesden Scouts

A new Beginning

SPECIAL LEADERS MEETING 10TH MARCH

Our next Leaders meeting for all leaders who are involved in running a section in the district, is on Thursday March 10th. We want to start promptly at 8.00pm. So please turn up a few minutes early if you possibly can.

We will have our usual section meeting for about 45 minutes and then a few minutes tidying up any loose ends of organization. Then at 9.00pm we will have our welcome Peter Whitehead to our new DC reception with a light supper provided.

We have asked you to bring along a poster display of the sorts of things

that your Group / Section have done over the last year or so a way of introducing ourselves to Peter. Nothing to alarming; a few photographs perhaps and the odd drawing as an illustration or work done by Cubs and Scouts or Beavers.

The poster can be as big or small as you like - but do join in and produce something.

The County Commissioner Chad Lake is hoping to be with us as well, so it should be a very pleasant end to our evening and the beginning of a new era. If you were able to do so, uniform would



be appropriate wear for the occasion.

For any further information regarding the leaders meeting please contact either.

Ted Peck on

ted.peck@willesdenscouts.org.uk

Or Nick Blundell on

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The Eurojam 2005 contingent will also be at the

CENSUS - WELL DONE 25TH WILLESDEN

Census—Thank you to everyone that was involved in collecting or collating information for the census. This year it all went very smoothly and I was very grateful AND we got the prize for being first in the county to complete the return. The results were a mixture of good

and OK. The bottom line is that the numbers were down by seven overall. The 25th put on the most growth with an extra 6 Cub scouts. The Explorer Scout total also kept up numbers well. The membership fee will be due shortly. This year there is no District levy and the

fee for all adults and young leaders is being paid out of District funds. This should be a help to hard pressed group funds. An invoice will be with groups shortly and payment will be required before the end of March.

Thanks Ted Peck.

The Scout Association— Tsunami Appeal

Together with our Scouting Family around the world, our thoughts are with our brothers and sisters Scouts across the Asia Pacific Region. I have traveled both to Sri Lanka and Sumatra. I have fished with men from Galle, and worked with Oxfam to provide pumps to provide fresh water in remote villages in Indonesia. I have been thinking about the disaster with vivid personal memories of the places I went to and the people I met.

Many of our UK Members have been asking how best we can offer support and solidarity to the countries affected by the Tsunami. **The Scout Association - Tsunami appeal** is part of a

— global Scout effort to help Scouts rebuild their Communities.

All the money raised will go to fund work in the affected countries. For supporting the immediate disaster relief effort, we encourage anyone who wants to make a donation to do so direct to the Disaster Emergency Committee. Since Boxing day, there has been close contact with the organizations in those countries, and with the Asia Pacific Regional office. Scouting in the Asia Pacific Region will be preparing a coordinated plan for the months ahead. This will prepare not only for the reconstruction of Scouting in those areas, but also for how Scouts can

— assist with the wider task of community regeneration.

I know that you will give generously to the appeal. In the meantime, I know that all Scouts here in the UK join me in offering your thoughts and prayers to the brothers and sisters across the world.

Peter Duncan, Chief Scout

[Wwww.scouts.org.uk/tsunmaiappeal](http://www.scouts.org.uk/tsunmaiappeal)

How to donate; The best way to donate is online at the above address. Please tick the gift aid declaration as it increases your donation by 28% if you a taxpayer. You can also send a cheque payable to.

The Scout Association Tsunami Appeal, The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E4 7QW

MAKING THE BEST USE OF DISTRICT RESOURCES

Most will be aware that we have been able to provide much more financial help to groups because of the sale of the old 8th Willesden HQ that has provided a wonderful heritage by which we can continue to benefit from the spirit of that group.

— The Executive Committee is to invite all Willesden groups to contribute to the debate on the best ways we can use the funds to ensure that Willesden scouting gets the most from this wonderful opportunity. A letter will be coming out to you shortly.

Please do have your say.

— The Executive wants the views of everyone to be reflected in the decisions made, if at all possible.



EXPLORER SCOUT EVENTS

Uk Explorer Scout Ten Pin Bowling Competition 2005

Following the success of last years' competition which saw 170 units from 58 counties take part, organizer Rick Cooper is kindly arranging this event once more. This is a competition for Explorer Scouts and is designed to allow EVERY member of the Explorer scout unit and many others to participate (YES that does mean Leaders) without hassle of

Team Sizes / Age Restrictions and more importantly Date and Venue restrictions. Quite simply you choose the Venue and Date (providing you bowl between August 1st and 31st December 2005). The choice is yours. It's flexible and YES it's a great Summer Holiday / Autumn Term / Winter Term Programme Idea. !!!

Simply Download copies of the Entry Form and Score Sheet and get ready to Play.

For further details just log on to Scout base Explorer Scout Section

Two Dates from the District Calendar for Explorers.

1. Promise Renewal event. 22nd of April

2. District Camp

27th until the 30th of May

For more details please contact Peter Blundell, DESC

Peter.blundell@willesdenscouts.org.uk

THE BIG KICKABOUT (DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKET)

The Big Kickabout, a day of football themed entertainment, promises to be an event to remember for young people of all ages in Scouting. Taking place on 22 May at the home of Queens Park Rangers, the fun will include mascot, celebrity and professional matches, live music and special guest stars. **Tickets for the event go on sale on the 1st of February.** Ensure you don't miss out on the

best seats by booking your tickets as soon as you can. An early bird discount applies throughout February— Save £1 on the £9.99 full ticket price. To book your tickets call 0870 112 1967. For more information see the back page of February / March Scouting

or go to www.scouts.org.uk/bigkickabout<<http://www.scouts.org.uk/bigkickabout>>

If any Scout Group is planning to go to the event, please write back to let me know how it went, and get a piece placed in the next edition of "Wizzy Willesden News"



THE 23RD GO COLLECTING IN DECEMBER 2004

The 23rd Willesden Scout Group started recycling when the Group Scout Leader realized that Toner Cartridges (and therefore potential money) were being thrown away at his work place. He luckily had space to store them and realized how quickly they were building up, and decided to join the recycling scheme. After publicising the scheme throughout the parent base, and recruiting neighbouring companies, a vast range of cartridges and phones

came in and eventually the hoarding paid off as the first batch of 5 boxes were collected. This "rubbish" raised the sum of £115.90, not bad for the comparatively little effort required and made the group one of the top collectors of the month in December 2004! Being an inner city group and meeting at a school has it's own challenges, not least of equipment storage and ability to personalize the meeting place, but I am sure that with a little effort

any group can achieve similar or better results. Phase two of the project will be to publicize the results, widen our collecting circle and start building up the stocks again. We are also starting to look at raising the profile of recycling by linking the project with the award scheme and using this theme to expand our awareness and collecting skills.

Trevor Toombs, GSL 23rd Willesden

WILLESDEN DISTRICT CUB AND SCOUT OUTING



COME ON THE TRIP TO THE BLUEBELL RAILWAY AND EARN THE HERITAGE BADGES.

ON SUNDAY THE 17TH APRIL

COST £7.50 per Person

THIS IS THE FIRST IN THE NEW BREED OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE HANDS OF THE NEW DISTRICT ACTIVITIES TEAM

This is a unique opportunity to travel back in time and experience life as it used to be on a traditional steam train. Have an opportunity to see how they are restored first hand.

Everyone is to meet at Scout House for 08.45 ***in full uniform***. We will be returning at approx. 18.30 where parents are to collect their young people. ***(Please make sure that everyone brings a packed lunch and waterproof jacket)***.

Note : To all Cub Scout and Scout Leaders, will you please give either Ross Hemson or Freda Watton both your numbers and payment by the ***25th of March (No Later)***. As they need to confirm the numbers with the coach companies.

The contact details for both Ross and Freda are.

Ross Hemson - ross.hemson@willesdenscouts.org.uk

Freda Watton - Freda.watton@willesdenscouts.org.uk

Ross - 07904 421 280

Freda - 07941 878 505

For any other information regarding activities please contact Nick Blundell,

Development coordinator, 020 8459 3737

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WILLESDEN DISTRICT EXTRAS

Calling all secret record keepers

You know who you are out there, people who just love producing and maintaining lists of information, especially on computers. When they get fed up with keeping lists in alphabetical order from A to Z, they can, with a quick stab of the correct icon, turn the whole thing upside down so that it reads from Z to A. Wonderful stuff. We need such a person in the District to do a serious and important task. We need to maintain **Explorer Scout records, The Nights Away permit scheme plus an interactive (yes sir) adult database that will need updating and maintaining.** Indeed the task could be as large as the person doing it wants it to be since the District is on file, as are the adult training records. You could have a ball!

It needs someone who is keen on computers, has an eye for detail and has access to email.

All expenses paid of course. Interested?

Might you be interested in the role?

Give Ted Peck a call on 020 8954 1392 to discuss.

Thanks

Ted Peck

District Chairman

EUROJAM 2005

The Willesden District "Dragon" contingent, has been locked away for several months coming up with a design that they wanted to turn into a t shirt. Finally at last they have been made, and will be on sale at the District Leaders meeting on the 10th of March, for only £10.00 per t shirt. We have all sizes so

Please don't be shy. The contingent themselves will be wearing the t shirts at the event. Please dig deep and support them on their quest for summer glory.

Thanks

Nick Blundell, Expedition Leader.

COMIC RELIEF

This year sees Comic Relief taking place on Friday the 11th March. This year Scouting is recognising the involvement the thousands of Scouts have in the event. We have done this by creating a special web site containing a whole range of activities and programme ideas that can be used in all sections. These programme ideas will help you bring Comic Relief to life.

For more information check out this link
www.scouts.org.uk/rednoseday/

Comic relief have also created a special page on their website specifically for Scouts. This is ready now.

FESTIVALS

Living in such a diverse community as Willesden and embracing the fact that Scouting is an association that has an active programme designed for all races and creeds to take part in equally. I thought that I would have a look out for some websites that might help us to celebrate different types of festivals:

www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/

Www.3.Kumc.edu/diversity/ethnic_relig/ethnic.html

Www.interfaithcalendar.org/

Have a look and good luck with your programming.

Let us know what you come up with

Nick Blundell



CUB SCOUT HANDICRAFT COMPETITION

The Annual Willesden Cub Scout Handicraft Competition was held at the 37th Willesden HQ, Saturday 12th Feb, This year Four Groups entered the Comp. The theme for the day was Valentines Day. The day Started at 11am with an hour for lunch, and the day closed at 3.30pm. I thought that the Cubs worked very well together on all of the bases and to a very high standard. This year we had six bases which consisted of making;

1. 3D Heart Pictures - ran by Joyce Blundell George.
2. Book Marks - ran by Karen Doyle and Catherine George Only four groups attended on the day, 20th, 23rd, 28th, 37th
3. Making Roses - ran by Sinead (Phoenix) The results where,
1st 20th with 49 pts,
2nd 37th with 46.5 pts,
4. Cake Making - ran by Lorraine Draper 3rd 28th with 46.3 pts,
4th 23rd with 41.2 pts
5. Pop up Cards - ran by Jim Russell and Patrick Maslowski There where 9 Leaders, 2 Explorers from Phoenix and 22 Cubs
6. Potato Printing - Chris Latcham and Rosalind Thanks for taking part this year.
Freda Watton ADC Cubs



WILLESDEN DISTRICT EXPLORERS

We welcome the addition of the new arm to the District Explorer Scout Unit that will meet at the 28th HQ at Leighton Gardens in Kensal Rise. This completes the geographical coverage of the meeting places for Explorers in the District. Peter Blundell has been officially appointed the District Explorer Commissioner and we congratulate and

thank him for taking on this important role. Peter B and David Bloomfield our then District Commissioner, spent a lot time and effort ensuring that Explorer Scouting in the District got off on the right foot. We hope that Peter B will receive his warrant along with our new DC, another Peter, on March 10th See you there.

**WE WELCOME
A NEW ARM
TO THE
EXPLORER
SCOUT UNIT**



PROMISE RENEWAL EVENT—ST GEORGE'S DAY

One of the few times in the year when we all get together: young people, leaders, helpers and administrators is around the time of 23rd April to renew our promises as Scouts. This will be a joyful event along similar lines to 2004 and again at Queens

Park Community School. We want the evening to be just a little longer than last year. If your young people would like to “do something” A play let or a song or mime. If you have any ideas about what you and your young people would expect from the evening, then Simon Walsh would be very

pleased to hear from you. Do not leave it to others. Be Creative.

The date of the event is **Friday the 22nd April**, time and programme to follow.

Simon Walsh 020 7328 6081

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NEWS FROM THE FRONT - OUR NEW DC

Just before Christmas, I was taken completely by surprise when I was asked by your Chairman to consider becoming the District Commissioner of Willesden. After much soul - searching whilst on holiday in Vancouver, I decided to accept the offer and so, from the 1st of February 2005, I officially became you District Commissioner.

I have already had the opportunity to meet a number of "Willesden people" having attended two District Executive meetings and a Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting. Everything I have seen leaves me with the impression of a well run and friendly District and I am looking forward to working with you all to further develop the District.

On Saturday 12th March I was privileged to attend my first District event - the Cub Scout Handicraft Competition. It was great to see all the Cub Scouts having a thoroughly good time and I would like to thank all the leaders who gave up their Saturday to make the event such a success.

I hope that you all know about the special meeting on the 10th of March at Scout House and that you will make every effort to be there. This gives me an opportunity to meet you all and for you to show me and everyone else in the District what your group has achieved over the last year or so. I might even be tempted to join in and create my own poster display.

Over the next few weeks I will be arranging one - to - one meetings with the ADC's and GSL's subsequently I will be visiting all the sections. However, in the meantime if anyone wishes to contact me, please feel free to send an electronic mail to p.whitehead@willesdenscouts.org.uk, leave a telephone message on 020 8429 4468, or use conventional Royal Mail. If you use electronic mail, it would be appreciated if you start the subject line with the word Willesden.

Thanks

Yours in Scouting

Peter Whitehead

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Shouting for Scouting

Just remember that no one is going to do it for you.

One movement one world

If you would like any articles to be published in the paper please let the editor know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, as this is only a sounding board for you and the young people that you work with every week.

Nick

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The Willesden District Website is under going an overhaul.

Ross Hemson is gradually getting to grips with the District website and email system that was managed by David Bloomfield. If you have any ideas on how our website should look, then please contact Nick in the office and he will pass the idea on.

Thanks Ross

Email system.

If you haven't yet had your personal email address changed to the Willesden System please let me know ASAP, so that information can be accessed as quickly as possible.

Nick B

EUROJAM 2005 "THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT"

Has the time really gone that quickly, it only seems like last week when I had Ted on the phone, asking me who I thought would be the right Leader to take a group of Explorers to Eurojam 2005. (unbeknown to me he had already decided) so then it was down to me to get it off the ground in a short space of time. After contacting the groups, we finally managed to put a team of seven Explorers from a combination of Nomad and Phoenix ESU members.

Aaron Prendergast, Simon

Mills, Thomas Shannon, Daniel Burns, Kirstie McGirr, Hannah Woods, Kinicky Chohan,

So far we have had two meetings, and as July gets closer you can feel the excitement in the air as everyone begins to realize that the party is just around the corner.

The fund raising has been going well so far with a Xmas Disco at Nomads HQ and a T shirt that has been designed by the members of Dragon. This is now on sale for £10.00, Also

the members are planning to sell sweets and drinks at various district events to help to raise money for Eurojam.

This is a very special event for young people of Willesden, and myself, and I feel very proud to have been asked to lead such an activity, I only wish that more Explorers/young Leaders had been able to take part.

Nick Blundell

Expedition Leader