



DRUM BEAT

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Editorial Comment:

IT IS 17 MONTHS AGO SINCE WE FIRST LAUNCHED 'DRUM BEAT' and in that time we have seen a good number of new Groups come into being. Therefore, a brief resume of why we chose the title of our Newsletter would not come amiss.

The Theme was chosen to emphasise the importance of 'communications' and whilst in developed countries like the UK there is a variety ways this is done (TV, radio, satellite, computers, etc) there are still a large number of communities in 'developing' countries who rely on more primitive methods, and parts of Africa still depend on 'tribal' and traditional ways.

This is where the drum comes into it's own, using local materials wood and skins to make a variety of instruments. The beat of drums throughout the African bush would be a familiar sound to our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, particularly in Ghana where he served in the British Army and learnt many of the bush-craft ideas which are still taught today and have found their way into our Scouting 'backwoods' training.

Having lived in Ghana for a number of years I can vouch for the importance of such primitive but effective means of communication by the use of drums (referred to as 'talking drums'), and the principles are the same: such messages **cannot be ignored, they can be heard by everyone, and they carry essential and important news!**

It suggests that our sharing of news and plans be as vibrant and clear as those drum-beats! Likewise, your acknowledgements and sharing of such information can be vital to the progress and welfare of our Movement in this part of Devon.

This is the purpose and function of our Newsletter, 'Drum Beat'; thank you to all who have supported and shared in the work of it since it's inception.

Many of you will have seen the somewhat 'dramatic' scenes at the recent TV show: 'Britain's Got Talent' when an unknown singer (Susan Boyle) brought tears to the eyes of many who watched and listened when Susan, with the 'voice of an angel' surprised her listeners by the quality of her singing.

I must admit that I too was surprised when Susan, looking far from the glittering image of a 'super-star', appeared on stage, and the looks on the faces of the judges showed a total lack of interest until the singer began, and the natural and un-forced sounds took the panel by complete surprise. The talents lying latent in the young people within our Groups can remain dormant until opportunities are presented to them, and part of our remit as leaders is to provide those opportunities and help facilitate their development.

May we never fail them in this duty!

J.John Roberts, Editor

From the District Commissioner, Alan W.Partridge

'TIME TO SAY 'THANK YOU'

We are all very familiar with the ceremonies that occur regularly in our various sections. The thrill of receiving a badge to indicate that he or she has attained a certain standard in the many activities and interests there are in the various programmes we offer members.

We have all witnessed the pride of parents and leaders when the various charges have come forward to receive an achievement award. What pleasure is experienced by all.

We forget all the behind the scenes work that is put into making these achievements possible. We forget

the inconvenience for the leaders, the time they give to en-

sure that the members are not disappointed, that the

appropriate badge is at the right place at the right time.

We all expect that no one will be disappointed. Next week the badge will be paraded with pride on the recipient's uniform.

On the 7th May we are holding a "PRESENTATIONS EVENING" when we can reverse the normal procedure and take time off to say "Thankyou" to the many people who have earned an award for their diligent duty and commitment to the "Teignbridge Scout District":-

- We will be awarding Leaders with warrants. These will be new leaders who have joined us since the last AGM in September 2008. In awarding these warrants we are saying 'THANK YOU' for their offer of help.
- We will be awarding a number of Leaders with service awards. These indicate the length of time they have been leaders and are in multiples of 5 years. This is our chance to say 'THANK YOU' for staying with us, **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO US THE MEMBERS.** Without you there would not be Scouting.
- We will also be awarding a NEW REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE for a new Scout Group opened in February. With this we acknowledge the dedication that the Group Council and the Leaders of this new Group are giving to Scouting. We all say **THANK YOU!**

Without these dedicated people there would be no Scouting, and the community we work in would be poorer for our not being there.

THANKYOU EVERYBODY, particularly the recipients of these awards, for your continued support. And we look forward to being able in years to come to present further awards to you all to mark your services rendered to Scouting.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION EVENING

Thursday 7 May, 2009, 7pm

In the District Scout Headquarters

Presided over by the District President, Lord Clifford of Chudleigh supported by the Mayor of Newton Abbot and County Scout Staff

List of Awardees:

WARRANT PRESENTATIONS:

4th Teignmouth: Alison Richards, Peter Condliffe, Adrian Wills

1st Bovey Tracey: Mark Gale, Peter Harvey

River Teign: Simeon Benson, Kathryn Passmore

1st Moretonhampstead: Astrid Ashford, Alison Long, Jane Sanson, Catherine Newall

1st Ipplepen: Fabian Hurford, Richard Vooght

1st Highweek: Samantha Dishart, Damion Dishart, Paul Evans, Christine Harvey

1st Dawlish: Graham Rendel

1st Chudleigh: Graham Jenkins

1st Bishopsteignton: Samantha Hamilton

1st Ashburton: Ian Ritson, Clare Ritson

1st Teign Valley: John Lund, Paul French, Helen Worthy

NEW GROUP REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES:

1st Teign Valley Group

SERVICE AWARDS:

1st Dawlish: Ed. Salter (now retiring from Scouting), David Bird, Peter Gourd

1st Ashburton: Ian Ritson

1st Highweek Village: Ruth Hiscoke

MODULE AWARD:

3rd Newton Abbot: Dennis White

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT AWARD:

1st Bovey Tracey: Jason Hassall, Elliot van der Veer, Brandon Kemble

1st Ipplepen: Megan Barr

1st Dawlish: Jed Jackson

AIR AMBULANCE FRAMED LETTERS:

1st Bovey Tracey

1st Ipplepen

1st Dawlish

DISTRICT RECOGNITION FOR GROWTH: The Teignbridge Scout District has been identified as being in the 'Top 15 Nationally' for Growth in the latest Census of Scouting in the UK.

DISTRICT DIARY & CONTACT LIST

May:

Weds.6: District Team Meeting (District H.Q.) 7.30pm

Thurs.7: DISTRICT 'PRESENTATION EVENING' (District H.Q.) 7pm

Tues. 12: Initial Meeting at Liverton. 7.30pm

Thurs.14: District Scout Fellowship (District HQ) 7.30pm

Weds. 20: Initial Meeting(4th Newton Abbot) (District HQ) 7.30pm

Thurs.28: District Executive Meeting (Dist. HQ) 7.45pm

June:

26 - 28: Hurdlestone Weekend

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COUNTY NEWS

ASSESSOR PULLING Tom Pattichis, the Amateur Rowing Assoc. South West Coaching and Development Team Leader has agreed to be an External Assessor for Pulling and Rowing for us in Devon.

Applicants need to have read Fact Sheets FS 120660 - Pulling & FS 120661 - Rowing & Sculling before sending their Activity Permit Application Form together with Assessment Checklist AC 120929 - Pulling & AC 120930 - Rowing & Sculling with a Self Addressed Envelope, to:-

TOM PATTICHIS, Room Lower East 18, Quadrangle, Seale-Hayne Campus,

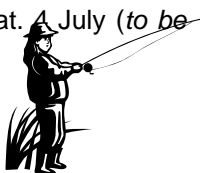
University of Plymouth,

Newton Abbot, TQ12 6NQ

Tel: 01626 333020 or 07879 070873

DISTRICT COMPETITIONS FOR 2009

District 'Fishing Day & Competition' Sat. 4 July (to be confirmed)



The Newton Abbot Fishing Association has offered to organise Tutors For a day for Scouts to include a Competition. Application forms will be available soon but because of the high demand for places and the limited number of Tutors and space at the fishery it will be necessary for Scouts to complete an 'Entry Quiz' of fishing-related questions so that the first 20 correct papers can be considered.

(SEE BACK PAGE FOR 'ENTRY QUIZ')

District Cub Scout 1st Aid Competition

In conjunction with the Torbay Scout District, 3 Teams from Teignbridge are invited to take part in this learning/fun day.

Date: SATURDAY 4TH JULY

Venue: TORBAY CAMPSITE

Time: 9 am

Cost: £1.00 per person

Team: 4 Cubs, plus 1 reserve

1st Aid Bases: 'Bleeding, Fracture, Recovery Position, and an Exercise in Teamwork'



The first three teams to apply to 'Lefty' will be entered in the event. Entry fee to be made payable to 'TORBAY BOROUGH SCOUT FELLOWSHIP' and to be enclosed with the entry to later than 5 June, 2009.

District 'Photographic Competition' 2009

This will run until September 2009 when it is hoped that every Group in the District will submit their entries!

Each Group can submit up to 6 (six) photos, 2x Beavers, 2x Cubs, 2x others (Scouts, Explorers or Leaders).

Theme: this can be 'Scouting, Nature, or General (NO FAMILY PHOTOS PLEASE!).

Entries: must indicate which Group, name of photographer, and date taken, with a 'Title'.



Judging will be by members of a local Photographic Club.

Prizes: these will be awarded to @ 'Best Overall' (b) 'Best From a Beaver' © 'Best from a Cub' (d) 'Best from Others'

A Shield will be presented to the Group submitting the 'Best Overall' entry.

Send your entries to 'Lefty', c/o The Scout Shop

Raft-Building Competition for Scouts and Explorers

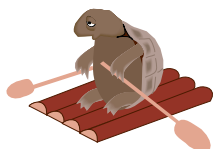
How would you like to enter this 'Raft-Building Competition' to be held on Sunday 7 June on the Lake at Ugbrooke Park

(by kind permission of our District President, Lord Clifford)?

This will be held in conjunction with the Annual Lifeboat Fete being held at Ugbrooke nPark.

Entries will be FREE and details must be received of Teams on or before **1st May, 2009.**

Send your details to 'Lefty', c/o The Scout Shop



DISTRICT TRAINING PLAN : May - Jan.2010 DATE:

MODULE:

13 May	1/2/3	
10 June	17	Outdoor Activities
19 August	1/2/3	
16 Sept.	12	Balanced Programme
14 October	6	Changes in Scouting
14 October	9	Working with adults
25 October	1	Committee training day
28 October		Training Team Meeting
11 November	14	Young People Today
2 December	8	Skills of Leadership
15 December	1/2/3	
6 January 2010	5	Fundamental Values

NOTE: Please contact Chris Solway for Course information; Email: chrissolway@googlemail.com
Unless otherwise stated the venue for Modules will be at the District Headquarters, from 7pm - 9pm

FROM 'SCOUTING +

GET READY FOR THE 'BIG ADVENTURE'

The beginning of May to the end of August sees Scouting's 'Big Adventure' taking place across the UK.

If you're planning a camp, sleepover or other outdoor event this summer, you can make it part of 'The Big Adventure'.

What is 'The Big Adventure?'

Scouting is growing and to keep up with the demand we need more adult volunteers.

'The Big Adventure is all about encouraging parents and others connected with your Group to experience the fun of Scouting as an active part of the leadership team.

Why should I get involved in The Big Adventure?

Research has highlighted how powerful camps and residential experiences are in showing parents and other adults on the edge of Groups what we do and encouraging them to become more involved.

The Big Adventure will help to turn what you are already doing into a recruitment opportunity. If you're planning an event this summer make it part of The Big Adventure to benefit from resources and support that will help your Group recruit more adult volunteers.

Look out for more information in the February/March edition of Scouting magazine or visit The Big Adventure website.

Win a Garmin Handheld GPS

Take part in The Big Adventure and you could win one of the 250 GPS Garmin Handheld GPS devices. Sign up to find out more at **The Big Adventure website**

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADES AROUND THE DISTRICT

1st Highweek Village: The Group paraded from its H.Q. And proceeded along the top of Highweek to the Parish Church, with the Beavers carrying their newly-made St. George Shields. At the Church they were greeted by the Minister, Rev. Micahel Thayer, who is also a member of the Scout Executive. During the Service each section renewed their respective Promise.

Rev. Thayer's 'sermon' on the Good Samaritan was illustrated by a volunteer leader (Jeff Hiscoke) who acted as the 'man set upon by thieves' and was duly bound up in bandages by volunteer Beavers and Cubs.



Outside the Highweek Parish Church



The Colour Party leaving the Church

The Mortonhamstead Group invited the Teign Valley Group along to share in St. George's Day as it was the Teign Valley's first year as a Group.

The Group Scout Leader, John Lund, said that "Mortonhamstead looked after us very well and treated us to a fantastic tea!"



GSL John Lund and section leaders with Beavers and Cubs of Teign Valley

4th Teignmouth Group attended a St. George's Day Service at the Teignmouth Baptist Church. The Cubs brought along Shields they had made and the Scouts each took a George flag they had made, and the Explorers wore 'dragon costumes' they had made. The Church leader, Brian Hodge, wove these emblems into the talk during the Service and, being a magician, made a 'suit of armour'

from modelling balloons for one of the Cubs to wear! Members also provided music for the singing, playing their trumpet, saxophone, flute, clarinet, piccolo, guitar and banjo.

Also during the Service people were given silk red roses, and a parent, Geoff Rose, was presented with a Thanks Badge by the Group for his help in organising the 'Annual Rabbit Run' during the Easter weekend.

Many people expressed their thanks for a splendid 'lively and enjoyable' event.

1st Newton Abbot (Sea Scouts) invited along the Bishopsteignton Group to join with them for the St. George's Day Service at the Parish Church in Kingsteignton.

GROUP REPORT: River Teign Sea Scouts- the Assist.Beaver Leader Alison Miles, writes (concerning their participation on the 'Terrain Zero Training Day, 19 April) "We started the day in the classroom at Bovey Tracey, firstly listening to Adrian Partridge's most helpful talk about orienteering and walking with groups of children. We were then split into groups and asked to take turns in plotting our routes which were to take place on Dartmoor in the day. We then made our way by car to the lower car park of Haytor. We gathered in our groups and started our course, stopping for a pleasant lunch. I found Adrian to be full of useful information about Dartmoor. He gave many tips and hints on dealing with groups of small children walking on Dartmoor. He also provided plenty of historical information e.g. about Bronze Age settlements, in order that we might pass this onto our children during walks in future.

Not having done any orienteering since my college days, I was a little rusty, but by the end of the day I felt I was back on track.

The day was most useful and enjoyable and I certainly feel more confident and able to assist with taking groups of children out.

(Seven leaders from the River Teign Sea Scouts 1st Shaldon took part in the above Day and found the exercise and setting out timescales and quick alternative routes to safety and warmth very useful; Adrian and his two helpers were excellent - GSL Ben Miles) .

If you would like to find out more about 'Terrain Zero Training' contact Adrian Partridge, , ADC Development, on Tel: 01803 812280, email: adrianpartridge@jpplepen2426.freeserve.co.uk

DISTRICT POSTER COMPETITION

IN JANUARY 2009 the District launched a 'Poster Competition' for all Groups to end in March/April with a Judging and Awarding of trophies and certificates. This is the first time such an event has been held in the District and the outcome was uncertain, but little by little news began to 'filter' through of Groups getting started with the project.

The aims of the Competition were to encourage members to think around the Theme: "MY SCOUTING CAN BE YOUR SCOUTING" or "JOIN THE ADVENTURE" or "I'M HAVING FUN - SO COULD YOU" to produce a poster which might appeal to other young people to link up with a Group. Each poster was to include a picture of some Scouting activity such as Climbing, Canoeing, Cooking, Swimming, Camping, etc. and each poster was to be completed on a sheet of card/paper measuring 24" X 18" (60cm X 45CM). and using pens, paint brushes, or other orthodox method of colouring. Before the final poster from each Group and Section was received each Group was asked to determine their best entry by judging finished posters in their own Groups and then submitting the final entries for judging.

The Poster Competition finals were held at the Headquarters of the 1st Newton Abbot (Kingsteignton) on 4 April, 2009 and twelve posters were brought for the final selection.

The guest Judge for the Day was Mrs. Diana Lewis, Chair of the Newton Abbot Art Club (which meets at the District Scout Headquarters). The following Posters were awarded places:-

BEAVERS: 1st: Cameron Dishart (1st Highweek Group)
2nd: Oliver Allen (1st Ipplepen Group)
(no third place)

CUBS: 1st: Anna Scott (1st Chudleigh Group)
2nd: Robert Cock (1st Ipplepen Group)
3rd: Alana Jones (1st Newton Abbot Group)

SCOUTS: 1st: Charlie Dinnie (1st Bovey Tracey Group)
2nd: Joe Reed (1st Ipplepen Group)
3rd: Sam Stowell (1st Ipplepen Group)

'BEST OVERALL' Charlie Dinnie (1st Bovey Tracey Group)



THE 1ST for each Section is awarded a Trophy, plus one for 'Best Overall'; also each of the above places will receive a Certificate. Trophies and Certificates are held at the District Headquarters For respective leaders to collect and arrange presentations at their own Headquarters.

A big 'Thankyou' to Mrs. Lewis for giving time to judge the Posters and to the GSL 1st Newton Abbot for the use of the Headquarters and display boards.

John Roberts,
ADC Public Relations

Mrs. Lewis and John Roberts

NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

Due to the change-over from the old to a new computer the Editor apologies for any delay in you receiving copies of the MAY edition of 'Drum Beat' It is hoped that normal schedules will be back in place in time for the JUNE copy.

Thankyou for your patience in this!

DISTRICT 'FISHING COMPETITION DAY'**THE DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP****ENTRY QUIZ**

Every Scout member applying for a place in the above Day should complete and return this QUIZ to the address below NOT LATER THAN Thursday 4th June, 2009:-

1. How much is a 'Junior' Fishing Rod Licence? (from Post Offices)

ANSWER: _____

2. Name 5 different fish you might catch from a Lake

ANSWER: _____

3. Name 4 different parts of fishing tackle used in Lakes

ANSWER: _____

4. What kind of bait would you use for Roach-fishing?

ANSWER: _____

5. Why is a 'keep net' useful?

ANSWER: _____

SIGNED (Scout Member applying)

Name _____

Age _____

(I confirm that the above answers have been my own work)

Section / Group Leader's endorsement:

PLEASE NOTE THIS DAY IS FOR SCOUTS ONLY AND IS A 'WATERSIDE-BASED SUPERVISED ACTIVITY WITH TRAINED TUTORS OF THE NEWTON ABBOT FISHING ASSOCIATION' AND WILL QUALIFY FOR THE 'SCOUT'S ANGLING BADGE'

FORWARD THIS APPLICATION TO:-

**John Roberts, ADC PR,
14 Broadway Avenue, Kingsteignton,
Newton Abbot,
TQ12 3EN**

NO LATER THAN: 4th June, 2009

The District Scout Shop can be found within the District Scout Headquarters on Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot, not far from the ASDA Supermarket. It is open every Saturday morning from 10 am to 12 noon.

For further information and for emergency requirements please contact David Wright on Tel: 01626 336947.

- **Please note:** All badges must be purchased from your District Scout Shop. If a section is requiring a large number of an individual badge, it would help in ensuring that the quantity is readily available to purchase if these are ordered in advance. This will avoid an unnecessary journey to the Scout Shop should the stock be low or exhausted.
- Orders for any item not regularly stocked can be ordered for you and collected by arrangement. Orders can also be forwarded by post on payment of the appropriate fee.

Have you an up-to-date Catalogue? These are available from the Shop. Just ask for a copy.

**'SCOUT'S OWN'
'Lessons from Nature - Trees'**

The lessons this month is a little different in that it is a 'fable' of trees!

It is a story of three trees each with an ambition of what would become of it when the time came for the forester to cut it down. The first tree had an ambition to be made into a fine chest which would be used to house treasures of rubies and diamonds; the second tree's ambition was to be made into planks which would be built into a fine ship strong enough to sail across the oceans visiting many strange and wonderful places. The third tree wished that when the day came for him to be cut down that he would be fashioned into a fine big house, pointing to the sky as a monument to his builders.

But each tree's ambitions were to be different and more than they had expected:

- The first tree was cut down and made into several animal troughs to hold food; and one day a special baby was placed into it (as a manger) - the Baby Jesus!
- The second tree was felled and made into planks of wood from which a certain small boat was fashioned which eventually was used on the Sea of Gallilee by the disciples of Jesus.
- The third tree was cut down and made into planks and placed to one side for a few years; when brought into use it was to fashion a rough Cross of wood on which the Saviour of the World was nailed.

Each tree had it's own ambitions, it's own 'agenda' for life, but overriding events change it all for them to become much more than they had planned for.

Our own realisation of life and it's ambitions can fall short of what we can be, but divine ambition brings true purpose and meaning to our lives - if we will let it!

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