



Newsletter 2 2006.

Latest news and views from the 21st World Scout Jamboree.

At Camp

No fresh news as yet, more expected after Christmas
At Home in the County.
As I said at the County AGM, next year is not just about the World Jamboree. It is important, but the publicity and exposure we will get by celebrating the 100th-birthday of Scouting is potentially huge. The County have appointed Ian Carnell as an ACC with a responsibility to oversee the Counties 2007 events.

A County day is planned on the 16 June at the Civil Service sports ground in Elmdon. This event is open to all sections. I know that separate section events are also planned – more details from ADC's in due course. The section specific booklet 'Join in Centenary' can help with programme ideas, which support the birthday celebration and are age specific. If we are clever we can grow the movement in the county, with more adults and youngsters wanting to become part of the family of Scouting.

Soljam Notice Board

Peter and Victoria recently attended the Young Spokespersons Course at Blackwell Court. They will now be able to advise us on how best to sell ourselves (bit like below!) in the forthcoming months.



Back to my favourite topic money. We have in the banked, to date, about £12,000. We need to send the next payment to the Scout Association to fulfil our payments schedule. In order to accomplish this we need a further £50 per person as soon as possible. This should then complete each individual's personal commitment. The County have supported our fee payments to date, we need to knuckle down to serious fundraising to pay this money back. If you have any ideas on fund raising events contact any of the leaders.

Future dates and events

Fund-raising Events.

6 November: 6th Solihull Bonfire at Hatton
Details from Naomi.

11 November .
Beer and Skittles evening at 8th Soilhull HQ Gaydon Road
Details from Gareth

28 November – 2 December
Solihull Gang-Show, Library Theatre Solihull
See note – more details from Steve

2 December: Tour-de-trigs
A 50-mile navigation exercise sponsored event
Details from Steve

December Christmas Music Quiz. Quiz sheets will be provided to sell during the month
Details from Andy

February date to be arranged we are looking at another Greek meal.
Details from Roy

Scout / Social Events.

30 October Team Meeting 5th Soilhull HQ 7 – 9pm

9 December: Team and Parents Christmas Beech Party at 1st Shirley HQ
Details from Naomi.

20 January 2007
Team meeting at 1st Shirley HQ time TBA
Details from Steve

'We know what you did last summer'

Well quite a few of you went on summer camps – the one we want to discuss was the Camp Drake and 6th Shirley Scouts attended at the international Scout Centre in Switzerland.

The reason, well surprisingly enough its not because of the superb alpine activities, or the majestic views, or meeting Scouts from all over the world, or getting our flag higher than any other UK Scout (Roter Totz Mountain height 2628mtrs):



Its not even about the rain and cold weather that washed out the camp! The reason is HoHo! (home hospitality) Er?

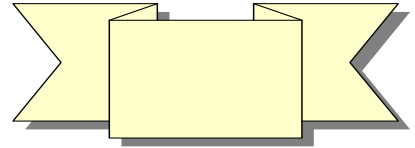
Before and after the Jamboree our County will be hosting Scouts from foreign parts. We do not know who will come after the camp but before the Jamboree starts, we will host Scouts from Switzerland - ah... that's the connection!

Paul Preece is looking for families to host these youngsters and leaders (40 in total) at homes across our borough. If you can take two people for three days please contact Paul on paulpreece@blueyonder.co.uk.

We recently attended Solihull Police Station to collect a Certificate and cheque from the Police. They have been so impressed with our community support and involvement, that they have given us £300 towards our Jamboree fund. Below are unit members in company with Birmingham Scouts and Guides collecting the money from Chief Superintendent Scobbie at the Police Station.



Future dates and events Continued:



Congratulations

Congratulations to Gareth and his team from the North of the County. Over the summer period they have raised in excess of £1,300 to support us at the Jamboree. The money was collected by completing bar-boot sales and car-washes as well as being on the local radio! They have kept the money coming in, over the past few months, so well done to all involved. Its now down to the rest of us to play our part

You will have noticed the abseil in October didn't take place. This was due to not finding a suitable venue. We will be doing an abseil but in the new year. Watch this space.

Andy has an idea of a sponsored ski down Everest. Well a local ski centre really but with the total skied the height of Everest – anyone interested?