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SOMERSET COUNTY AGM Sunday September 17th 3pm at Wells & Mendip Museum, Wells. If you would like to attend please contact countyadmin@somersetscouts.org.uk

GANG SHOW 2018- Work shop /Audition will be held at Norton Fitzwarren Primary School on Sunday 15th October 2pm to 4.30 pm. Participants need to be 9 years and over as at 31/8/17 and must be active members of the Scout/ Guide movement. 2018 show dates at the Brewhouse Tuesday 27th March -Saturday 31st March. We are keen to recruit some new members especially males .The work shop /audition is an active fun way of learning what Taunton Gang Show is all about and also what show rehearsals involve. Registration forms will be available soon. Contact Dave Mullen 01823 276886 jackieanddave3@gmail.com

FROM THE DC - I hope that you have all enjoyed your Summer? Thank you to those who have sent your **programme** in for next term. I shall look forward to receiving the rest - remember you need to let me know when you will not be in your normal meeting place.

YOUNG LEADER TRAINING Saturday 23rd September (Module K) First Ai – First Response 9am-4pm at Tangier. Bookings please via DESA, Vicki Venn, desa.blackdown@gmail.com. Also please let Vicki know when any YL starts in your Section. Registration forms are on the District website.

It was good to see 9 of you attending the **TRAINING TEPEE** to validate your training or to get your Personal Learning Plan. If you could not make that date, you can always contact Marian or myself to arrange a time to meet up and move your training on. Everyone taking up a new or change of role immediately goes on a provisional appointment and has 5 months to complete their Getting Started to move onto a full appointment. There are several people out there who are overdue completing this so we would like to see you arranging to complete what is required ASAP.

Explorer Young Leaders again joined Huish Woods staff and volunteers for **BUSY WEEK** this year at Huish Woods. During the week they received training for the Young Leaders Award and for their roles. They assisted with the running of activities for visiting groups and worked on a number of tasks required on the site. Visiting leaders commented on the high quality of the support given by them and of the work they did.

DISTRICT BEAVERS - Just to say Welcome back after the holidays and hope that everyone is feeling refreshed and looking forward to the new term! Our next District meeting is Wednesday 13th September at Tangier. The Handicraft Competition will be the District Beaver event for the forthcoming term! It would be lovely to have every Colony placing entries (please) ! **JACQUI**

Future **DISTRICT SCOUT** events include the **raft race** on the 24th September and **Robot wars** on the 14th October. **GRAHAM BELL DSL**

The next **CUB COUNCIL** is on Tuesday October 3rd 8pm at Tangier.

CAMP FIRE – BURNING! A local GSL has shared this;- At campfire last night “*can you turn the fire down Akela it’s a bit hot now.*” When leaving “*where do you switch it off?*” GSL – says “Wasn’t like that in my day”



The APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE met 5 times during August all at Tangier

We welcome to Scouting



Janine Needham-Kamm	Colony Assistant	Wellington
Will Barnet-Jones	Troop Assistant	Central Taunton
Tara Buzwell	Pack Assistant	Central Taunton
Lee Troake	ACSL	Wellington
Igor Sanchez Cornejo	Pack Ast.	Rockwell Green
Charlotte Dennehy	Pack Ast.	Rockwell Green
Rina Cottrell	ABSL	Wiveliscombe
Peter Stewart	BSL	Wiveliscombe
Phil Cookson	ABSL	Wiveliscombe
Jon Tofts	Pack Assistant	Henlade
Zak Fitzgerald	ACSL	West Monkton
Paul Chiplen	Pack Assistant	Staplegrove
Ben Preston	SL	1 st Chard
Pascale Preston	ASL	1 st Chard

CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT

Jonathan Littlewood	from Troop Assistant to ASL	Bishops Lydeard
Owen Tribe	from ACSL to GSL	Wellington
Mark Leech	from Colony Ast.to Pack Ast.	Bishops Lydeard
Joanne/Jo Jones	from Troop Ast To ASL	Bishops Lydeard
Val Lambert	from ABSL to ACSL	Bishops Lydeard
Caroline Ruler	from ABSL to CSL	Stoke St Gregory
Andrew Maynard	from Group Sect Ast. to CSL	West Hatch
Romy Stanton	from BSL to ABSL	West Monkton
Gav Sadler	from CSL to Group Sect. Ast.	Stoke St Gregory
Nick Westmancoat	from AESL to ESL	District Explorers

ADDITIONAL ROLE

Gail Downton	Group Administrator	West Hatch
Jenny Norman	Unit Assistant	District Explorers

KENYA 2019

Would you like to be part of a very new and exciting project taking a group of 14 to 24 year olds



to a remote village in Kenya for a 10 day trip of volunteering, meeting fellow Kenyan Scouts and enjoying being part of a very special project that will have a long last effect in a 3rd world country?

We have an information evening on 18th September, 7pm, at Tangier Scout and Guide Centre. If you will be between the ages of 14 and 24 during August 2019, then this is your chance to find out all there is to know about this amazing opportunity.

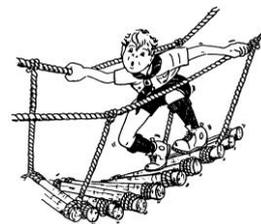
We will linking with Younique travel adventures for this long term project. If you would like to find out some more about the projects and countries they are involved in please have a look at <https://www.facebook.com/YouniqueTravelAdventures>

JAMES LOWE DESC.

PIONEERING WEEKEND TRAINING AT TEDBURY CAMP SITE, NEAR FROME

29th September – 1st October. Cost £35, plus take a cake, closing date 15/9/17

<https://www.somersetscouts.org.uk/upcoming-events/pioneering-weekend/>



WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE ROADSHOW DATES –

Tuesday 19 th September	Burnham On Sea Scout HQ - 7.30pm
Thursday 21 st September	Watchet Scout HQ - 7.30pm
Monday 25 th September	Shepton Mallet Scout Hall – 8 pm
Monday 2 nd October	Tangier 7.30 pm
Tuesday 10 th October	Manor Court, Chard. 7.30 pm
Sunday 15 th October	Holy Trinity Scout Hall, Yeovil 7pm
Monday 16 th October	Wells Scout Hall 7 pm

WSJ YOUTH SELECTION dates - 9-11 March at Huish Woods) and 23-25 March at Tedbury)

ROVERWAY 2018 - We are looking forward to application from 16-22 year olds (Information can be found here <https://www.somersetscouts.org.uk/roverway-2018/>)

COUNTY YOUNG LEADER TRAINING WEEKEND, 7-8 October, Huish Woods, cost £20, more information explorers@somersetscouts.org.uk

Enquiries about any of the above to Peter Sampson, Assistant County Commissioner (14-25) acc14-25@somersetscouts.org.uk

WILTON Cubs and Scouts had a fantastic summer camp in Torbay, with 48 children enjoying five days of camping on the English Riviera! Some said it was the wettest camp ever, but that did not stop us enjoying the delights of Babbacombe model village, Coasteering, Raft Building, Splashdown Water Park, Woodlands theme park and Paignton Zoo. Lots of water both in the activities and from the sky, but the children didn't seem to mind and worked as one fantastic team.



Thanks to all the leaders who came and helped run a successful camp – roll on next year.

**Mark Maynard,
Wilton Scout Group**



EXPLORER BELT EXPEDITION TO NORTH-EAST UZBEKISTAN

A party of 11 Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members from Somerset, together with one from Devon and two from Cornwall, have just returned from an amazing 10 day trek in the remote Chimgan mountains in North East Uzbekistan. The youngest was 16 and the oldest 22. There were 2 girls in the party. The young adventurers, who learnt some Russian before the trip, trained for 18 months for the expedition.

They walked in groups of 3 and 4 with young people from Uzbekistan's Green World organisation. They covered up to 16kms a day in rugged and arid terrain carrying all their equipment. They trekked in temperatures of over 30 Celsius, and purified water from rivers along their routes. They immersed themselves in the local culture - staying in traditional Shepherd's huts and Yurts, and drinking fermented mare's milk.



They also undertook projects - for example comparing the lives of Uzbek and U.K. children. Now home from this adventure the young people will present reports on their experiences and in November they will be presented with their prestigious Explorer Belts which they can wear at all their future Scouting activities. Explorer Belt Expedition – Uzbekistan.

Three (Matt Green, Sarah Howarth and Jack Horton) Blackdown Dragon Explorers undertook a three week trip of a lifetime to Uzbekistan, where they trekked through the Chimgan mountain range on the Kyrgyzstan border, sleeping in yurts, milking horses and working with a local youth group "Green World".



DRAGON EXPLORER DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD EXPEDITION.

Over the bank holiday weekend a group of 13 Dragon Explorers successfully completed a 100km 4 day canoe expedition along the river Wye. After an orientation day at Glasbury Scout hut, they paddled to Monmouth, braving the Symonds Yat rapids in two groups. Along the way they undertook various projects sampling the river water quality and measuring it's discharge. They were very lucky, having beautiful weather for the first three days.

They are all well on their way to completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and Queens Scout award.

DAVID HOWARTH - D of E support team

