



BLACKDOWN DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
PUBLISHED BY BLACKDOWN SCOUT COUNCIL



WEB SITE <http://www.blackdownscouts.org.uk/>
FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/pg/blackdownscoutdistrict>

ISSUE 48

September 2018



It is with great sadness we report the death of **CLIVE WELCH** on 27th August. He was taken ill towards the end of Big Camp – a camp that he was thoroughly enjoying – but died later that day. At the time of his death Clive was CSL with West Hatch, a member of Tangier Management Committee and a SAS member with the Huish Woods Unit. The Cub Section was the age group he loved working with for nearly 30 years having held the role of ADC Cubs for 7 years and numerous other Cub Section roles. The number of youngsters he must have met and influenced are immeasurable but we are sure his legacy will live on for years to come.

His funeral will be on Tuesday 11th September, 12.30, at the Crematorium. Followed by tea & cake at Huish Woods a place that Clive knew so well. All are welcome to attend wearing uniform & medals if appropriate or bright colours please. Family flowers only but donations to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Service would be greatly appreciated. Our thoughts & prayers are with the family and all that knew him.



CLIVE has GONE HOME!

FROM THE DC

Clive has been involved in Scouting for nearly 30 years. He has had a positive effect on the many young people and adults he has worked with over the years. We are all going to miss him and his wisdom. I would like to thank all those who since Monday have supported his family, the leaders and young people from West Hatch. At times like this we should all stop and think about the wider picture. If there is anything I have learnt from Clive, is that we should all live life as well as you can and if a thing is worth doing, then you do it as best as you can. I hope we can all live by Clive's philosophy and our Scout Promise – to do our best!.

PROGRAMMES Thank you to all of you who have sent me next term's programmes. I shall look forward to seeing what the rest of you have decided with your young people that you are doing next term.

TOP AWARDS Please remember that you will need to record the number of top of awards that have been awarded on the census in January. Top Awards is very much a priority of HQ, so please can we try and facilitate so as many young people as possible gain theirs.

TEN TORS 2019 There is going to be an information evening on Monday 24th September 7.30pm, tbc, at Tangier. This event is open to anyone from Year 9 upwards. More information will be out soon

COUNTY AGM – Sunday 23rd September 3pm at Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon. TA11 6PQ All are welcome to attend and reflect on a busy, vibrant & exciting year of Scouting in the County

DISTRICT LEADERS MEETINGS

CUBS Monday 10th September. **BEAVERS** Tuesday 11th September & **GSL's** Thursday 13th September. **SCOUTS** Monday 17th September. Please try to support these meetings and help plan the future District programme.

FLOWER SHOW RESULTS – WELL DONE!

Class 1022 For Beavers only: Make a model of an IGLOO

1st Arran McDonald

2nd Jayden Bhurtun

3rd Arlo Norbury & Quinn Warwick

Class 1023 For Cubs only: Make a model of a CAMPFIRE.

1st Daniel de Vere Moss

2nd Nicholas Waymouth

3rd Charlie Robin

Highly Commended Lydia Howse & Callum McDonald



These are pictures from 1st CHARD Scout Group's Beaver trip to Pecorama at Beer on the 12th August.

We had a lovely day playing crazy golf, a ride on the train and even took part in a circus act

A pleasure to be told how well behaved our group was around the park two very proud leaders

KERRY AND NIGEL



APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
8th & 29th August at Tangier

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Teresa Foster	Colony Assistant	Trinity
Richard Allard	ACSL	West Hatch
Gemma Hawes	Pack Assistant	West Monkton (Thurs)
Selina Shaw	Exec Member	Trinity
Nicola Bingham	SAS	Wilton
Andrew Coleman	Colony Assisant.	Bishops Lydeard (Mon)
Simon Hanbidge-Moore	Pack Assistant	Trull

CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT

Val Lambert	from ACSL to CSL	Bishops Lydeard (Acorn)
Steve Smith	from ABSL to ACSL	North Taunton
Jana Truby	from ABSL to GSL	Bishops Lydeard
Henry Vickery	from Troop Ast to OH	West Taunton
Mark Hughes	from BSL to GSL, Trull	
Mark Denman	From SL to ASL	Wiveliscombe
Abbie Cook	from Grp Sectional Ast. to AGSL	B Lydeard
Richard Cook	from Grp Sectional Ast to SAS Manager	B Lydeard
Mitch (David) Mitchell	from ACSL 1 st Chard to SAS	Huish Woods

ADDITIONAL ROLE

Matt Franks	ABSL	West Hatch
Jill Groves	SAS Member	Huish Woods

ADVANCE NOTICE - In 2019 Taunton Gang Show will be marking its 30th Anniversary and will be an entertainment spectacular an event suitable for all ages, Brewhouse Theatre Tuesday 16th April to Saturday 20th April inclusive. Leaders why not plan this event into your Spring 2019 programme? For more information contact Dave Mullen on 01823 276886

jackieanddave3@gmail.com

THE GANG SHOW PRODUCTION TEAM write

We are looking for cast and crew members for our 2019 show. If you would be interested in taking part in our special 30th anniversary show at The Brewhouse Theatre from 16th-20th April 2019 then please get in touch! We are looking for adults and young people (must be 9 years old by 31/08/2018) to join our 60 strong cast to make the 2019 show our best yet.



Auditions will be taking place on Sunday 14th October at Norton Fitzwarren Primary School so please get in touch by emailing info@tauntongangshow.co.uk to book your place.



We are also always looking for backstage help, set builders/painters, programme and raffle ticket sellers etc.

So please get in touch if you think you could help and would like some more information.



SUMMER CAMP 2018

35 Scouts, 6 Explorers and 20 Adults from **CREWKERNE, ILMINSTER, ILTON AND BROADWAY SCOUTS AND RAINBOW EXPLORERS** had their annual summer camp over the week, 28th Jul – 4th August. They camped in a green field near Corfe Castle in Dorset.

During the course of the week the young people took part in many on and off-site activities as well as working on their patrol sites. We had a couple of sessions at a local water park having great fun on some inflatable obstacle courses. We had sea kayaking and a beach day where we paddled out to Old Harry, a stack at the end of Studland Bay. We had a day out at Corfe Castle, where we climbed the castle and met people re-enacting life in the medieval era.

We hiked from the camp to Brownsea Island and the home of the first Scout camp, where we took part in several activities and met Scouts from around the world. We had a day of onsite challenges and camp sports. We had camp cinema and camp fire in the evenings.

The Scouts and Explorers camped under the stars on the final night. At the end of the camp the County Commissioner and the Scout's Parents and Carers had a chance to inspect the sites and view a video of the camp highlights before the final camp awards and several Gold Chief Scouts Awards were presented. Everyone had a great time and all are looking forward to next year.

