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**ON-GOING TRAINING** both Safety & Safeguarding will be held on the morning of Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January at Tangier.

**MODULE 36 - SPECIAL/ADDITIONAL NEEDS TRAINING** will be held at Tangier on the evening of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. To book a place on any of these courses please contact [training@somersetScoutsLeaders.co.uk](mailto:training@somersetScoutsLeaders.co.uk)

**County Dates for Explorers and Young Leaders – all at Huish Woods**

26<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> January - YL training/social weekend. Modules A, D, F, I & J - just a few places left  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March - YL training/social weekend. Modules A, B, E, G & H  
1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Moot Camp for all Explorers and Young Leaders. Save the date - more details will be posted on the Somerset Scouts website. Explorer Scouts and Young Leaders can book to attend individually (if not linked to a Unit) or as part of their Unit.

For future and more details on the above please visit the Somerset Scouts website or email admin Tracey Hyman [explorers@somersetscouts.org.uk](mailto:explorers@somersetscouts.org.uk).

**FROM THE DC :-**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

This is going to be an interesting year. We have young people and adults preparing for their trips to Kenya, the World Scout Jamboree in the USA and Madagascar. We shall look forward to their tales when they get back.

What we do need is more adults so we can offer more young people the Scouting experience - you are providing such varied programmes that a large number of the sections in the District are full. So please keep reminding people how good Scouting looks good on their CVs, and encourage them to come and join us.

**Programmes** Thank you to those of you who have already sent me your Spring Term programmes. I shall look forward to receiving the rest

**EUROPEAN SCOUT JAMBOREE 2020, POLAND.**

Somerset is looking for participants, leaders and IST for attending the European Jamboree 2020 in Poland. Please do forward this to anyone in Somerset Scouts who may be interested. For current information and details on the application criteria and process, please refer to the County website: <https://www.somersetscouts.org.uk/european-scout-jamboree-2020> The deadline is midnight on **5th January 2019** so please act promptly

**YOUNG LEADER TRAINING** - a Module A on Tuesday 12th March 19.15-21.15 at Tangier. This course is mandatory for all working with the younger sections either as part of their D of E volunteer section or because they are a Young Leader. It is the responsibility of the section leader to make sure that the young person has this training. Bookings to be made via Vicki Venn [desa.blackdown@gmail.com](mailto:desa.blackdown@gmail.com)

**GDPR - General Data Protection Regulations TRAINING.** All leaders, assistants, SAS and Executive members should have completed the online GDPR training. If you haven't then it can be found at <https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4800> Please complete and send a photo shot of the e-certificate, which you will receive, to show that you have completed it to [dc.blackdown@gmail.com](mailto:dc.blackdown@gmail.com) to update your training records.

**Photography, video and audio recording at Scout events** – With the implementation of GDPR have you read the following guidance?

[https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/3095/photography-video-and-audio-recording-at-scout-events?cat=299%2C304&moduleID=10&fbclid=IwAR1bltwj226K39bNzGO5rsZc9u6A7BemjW4efV2DWzOLOjLfMTA\\_6nMIEbU](https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/3095/photography-video-and-audio-recording-at-scout-events?cat=299%2C304&moduleID=10&fbclid=IwAR1bltwj226K39bNzGO5rsZc9u6A7BemjW4efV2DWzOLOjLfMTA_6nMIEbU)

**HUISH WOODS** - The outside water has now been turned off for the winter. If any is required please collect it from the laundry room or the sluice room in the gent's toilets. Please note the gate to the site will now be locked when there are no site team on site. The number to enter the site is available from the office and please ensures that the gate is locked when you leave.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES** for 2019 will be HQ = £28, County = £14, District = £13. Huish Woods fee is £8. The census needs to be completed as at 31/1/19 and Groups will get their log in details as soon as they are available. Final date for completing the returns is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a 50p discount on the District Fee if the Group's bill is paid by March 3<sup>rd</sup> or will need to be paid by March 31<sup>st</sup> without the discount.

### **APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING 19<sup>th</sup> December at Tangier**

#### **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

Tom Goldsworthy	Troop Assistant	Bishops Lydeard
Daryl Scribbens	Active Support Member	
Michele Chirossel	Executive Member	West Taunton
Anne-Marie Kitchener	Chair	West Monkton
Kate Kitching	Executive Member	Central

#### **CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT**

Victoria Shattock	From ABSL to OH	Wilton
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### **COME & SEE THE PANTOMIME CINDERELLA with 1<sup>st</sup> Wellington Scout Group**

They are taking their Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to see the 10am performance  
on Saturday 26th January 2019, Wellesley Cinema

The cost is £11 for adults and £8 for Children/Seniors 60+

If your group wants to go, you can book online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellingtonartscentre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellingtonartscentre)  
or call 01823 240063 or visit Odette's tea room, High Street Wellington

(Note: If you use Ticketsource, there is a booking fee, but if you phone you can send a cheque or visit Odette's and pay by cash, either of which avoids the fee)

Explorers from Blackdown and neighbouring Districts have been busy on the lead up to



Christmas by bag-packing in Exeter (Marks & Spencer), Ilminster (Tesco), Wellington (Waitrose), Bristol (M&S), Wells (Waitrose) and Taunton (Sainsburys). They are all members of the **KENYA 2019** team and were raising money for their trip taking place in August.

They worked really hard and all money raised was well-earned! They had lots of very

nice comments about how polite and well-mannered they were, their great packing skills and how they were great ambassadors for Scouting. **WELL DONE**



**1st CHARD** had a good end to the year during December.

**Beavers-** Went on a visit to St Gilda's care home in Chard to spread some Christmas joy by handing out cards they made, singing Christmas carols to the Residents and also telling the Residents all about their Beaver Section and what they do.. They then finished the year with a Christmas Party



**Cubs-** Finished the year by making their own Snow Globes and some armpit fudge during their Christmas Party. We also awarded 4 Chief Scout Silver awards and 3 new Cubs who came from Beavers were awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Award.

**Scouts-** They decided to make their own Videos towards their Media badges. One patrol made up a Christmas Song and the other patrol made a video showing what they get up to in Scouts.

We would like to wish you all happy New Year, **BEN PRESTON, SL**



**WEST HATCH SCOUT GROUP** enjoyed their Christmas Camp at Huish Woods. Friday and Saturday was full of activities ranging from disco, film nights and activity bases. We had traditional Christmas lunch on the Sunday with a visit from Father Christmas. Presentations of Silver Chief Scout awards were presented by Alison Welch in Clive's memory and Gold's presented by our DC. Congratulations to Lewis Andrews for gaining his Wood Beads. **GAIL DOWNTON BSL**



## WEST TAUNTON SCOUT GROUP

**The Beavers** made some snowman pencil toppers to take home, either for themselves or as a present. We also discussed ideas of things they would like to do at Beavers next term. The Christmas party ended the term with plenty of fun and games and sweets!

**The Cubs** had a visit to Taunton Fire Station to complete the Fire Safety Badge, they also made some impressive Reindeer pencil toppers. They spent some time in their sixes coming up with items to be included in next terms programme. The Christmas party was very festive, with Christmas music for musical statues, a balloon relay, hot dogs and chocolate biscuits and a good display of Christmas jumpers and hats!

**The Scouts** continued their theme of problem solving and team challenges. The return of the 'minute to win it' night was very popular. This was the final Christmas party with just as many games, sweets and fun! They all contributed to the party food and had a 'secret Santa' with a difference organised by Ja, with the help of a pack of cards and 24 wrapped presents.

Several Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and parents helped with bag packing at Sainsbury's, which raised some funds for our Group. Some of the Scouts also did some impromptu carol singing which brought a smile to the shopper's faces.

West Taunton Scout Group would like to wish everyone a Happy and healthy New Year.

**ANN PORTER CSL**

