



Sevenoaks Scouting Newslink

June 2006

Important Announcement

Sevenoaks District Scout Council AGM - Change of Date

Will you please note the change of date of the District Scout AGM from Wednesday, 7th June 2006 to
Wednesday, 12th July 2006.

The time and venue remain unchanged at
7.30 pm (for pre-meeting light refreshments), 8.00 pm the meeting in the
Undercroft of St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks.

The evening will end with a **short illustrated talk on the 2005 District Scout Expedition to Kandersteg, Switzerland.**

As some maybe aware, June Johnson has been unwell for some time and unable to run the shop, therefore, I've stepped in for the time being.

Unfortunately I'm not superwoman and need assistance. It's not an onerous task and, at times, the shop becomes a bussing environment for two hours on Wednesdays. All that's required is a willingness to assist customers and make a sale with a friendly disposition!

If you've a free Wednesday in your diary (during term time only) then give me a call or drop me a line.

Extra "brownie points" guaranteed!

Jeanette

District Website

Have you visited the district website yet. Not sure what it's all about, then read the Newslink interview with Simon Corrigan for more information.

Newslink articles

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“For Whom the Bells Toll” – Wm. Shakespeare (well, nearly)!

Fellowship Members enjoyed a day off from Scouting and visited the “Globe Theatre” and the “Whitechapel Bell Foundry”



Nearly an hour was spent being escorted around the Globe by an enthusiastic guide. We heard how the original Globe theatre came to be on the South Bank of the Thames, how it burnt down and eventually how, hundreds of years later it was rebuilt as close to the original method as possible, to present Shakespeare’s Plays in the original manner. The whole building is timber built, with all the main timbers mortised and tenoned together, and all held in place with 12,000 wooden pegs! Audiences still sit on wooden benches, and the cheapest tickets only allow you to stand in the yard, to come and go as you please, even during the performance.

From the Globe, the group progressed north of the Thames into Whitechapel to one of the few remaining, working, Bell Foundries.

Here we were treated to a tour of a works which can trace its beginnings back over five and a half centuries. We saw how the moulds for the bells were made. And, yes, they still use horse manure and goat’s hair in the moulding loam! It works best. The foundry manufactures bells of all sizes, from raw metals, to the complete supports and ringing mechanisms. From tiny clock chime bells, to hand bells, and to church bells weighing up to 12 tons each.



A truly enjoyable and informative day out.

Newslink Interview - Simon Corrigan

*Hello Simon and thank you for agreeing to this interview.
What position(s) do you have within Scouting?*

In Sevenoaks I'm an ASL at the 3rd and a member of Scout Network. I'm a Kent Jamboree Contingent Leader and have also been doing some work at Gilwell on Scouting resources for 2007 onwards.

Kent Jamboree Contingent Leader. What's that then?

Well in short I am a part of the team that will take 108 young people from Kent to the 2007 World Jamboree. We're working to prepare the participants for the experience of going to such an event and to help them get the most from it.

There will be a series of camps, fundraising schemes and fun events designed to bring the group together.

Is fundraising important for the contingent.

Yes each member of the Kent Contingent has to raise money towards the cost of the Jamboree fee and equipment so you will see us all over Kent over the next year – keep a look out for us at Kent County Show and please help where you can.

If you would like to know more about the Kent Contingents progress visit www.kentcontingent.org.uk or even better become a 'Friend of the Jamboree' and receive regular newsletters with information and comments from the young people themselves.

Are you looking forward to the Jamboree?

Yes. All the leaders are, at least as much as the kids, this will be the biggest event staged for young people in the world EVER!

Your list of jobs didn't mention it but you were responsible for designing the new district website.

Yes, using ideas from the District Team I put the site together and launched it through my company 'Spectulise'.

So how do we get to use it?

The website has two areas one is for general public use to find out about Scouting in our area, the other is the Scouting area which will be used by Scouters and committee members to keep up with news, ideas, training modules and events.

How do Scouters etc. get into their half of the site?

Because there may be things on the 'in house' side of the site that we don't want the general public seeing each Scouter, committee member and anyone with a job in scouting can contact the *webmaster* for a log in code. This will allow them to visit all pages of the site.



So all leaders, Fellowship members, committee members, young leaders everyone in Scouting should contact the Webmaster.

Yes

Who is it that keeps these pages up to date?

Different areas will be kept up to date by those responsible for that area. For example, on the Group page for say the 1st Sevenoaks the GSL for that group will be given the ability to put details on for their group. ADC's will be able to put things on for their sections and so on. If you have content that you would like adding simply contact me or your ADC.

Although the site is up and running it will not be of full benefit until people start to use it.

Members need to use the site to make it work, and if your pages aren't up to date mention it to the person responsible.

If there are any suggestions or ideas, feel free to email me. There are additional features and ideas which will be brought online further down the line.

.Getting back to you, how long have you been in Scouting?

I joined 16 years ago. When I went to Uni I did some activities with SCOGUI and continued at the 3rd in the holidays. SCOGUI is an organisation at universities a bit like Network. I didn't do full time scouting while away as did lots of other things (not all drinking!) but like to think I kept my hand in.

During the time you were away from mainstream scouting the programme changed somewhat. What differences did you notice on your return?

Having girls in the Troop is great, its brought a new dynamic. The PL's are all so much younger now because of the new age range and this puts a lot of responsibility on them. With younger PL's the teaching of skills and running of meetings are much more leader led.

Do you think the new age range has made a difference in retention of members?

I don't think it has made much if any difference.

You mentioned that you were on a team at Gilwell working on 2007 what does this involve?

Each section in September will receive a 'Join in Centenary' pack with information and programme ideas for your Group to get really involved in the 2007 celebrations. I've been working on part of this for the Scout section which will involve a challenging competition between Troops Nationwide. I've also done some work with the Scout Support Team on future resources.

Simon thanks again for this interview, one last question; If you were Chief Scout for the day what would you do, money no object!

I knew you would ask this, I'm not sure that I can beat the Dome last month. I think I would create a mass UK gathering of all Scouts and try to meet as many as possible, followed by drinks in the evening with the leaders. At the end of the day, there is only so much one man can do, its all the leaders that make the difference, so it would be a pleasure to buy them all a pint!

Thanks

Jean Barrow would like to express her thanks to her many friends and colleagues who sent the large number of get well and best wishes messages during her illness. She is most grateful to everyone for their kind thoughts.

Following Jean's major operation in Kent & Sussex Hospital about three weeks ago she subsequently spent a little time at a nursing home in Groombridge to recuperate. She returned home last Thursday to continue convalescing. She is still fairly weak and needs time to fully recover.



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