

# Newslink Notices

## Sevenoaks

### November 2006

**One minute you're running a cub pack meeting the  
next you're collecting an MBE.  
Strange old world isn't it.**



Dudley Barrow collects his MBE from  
Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth

#### **Kent Scouts County Calendar 2007**

NOW AVAILABLE from Sevenoaks Scout Shop.

A brilliant calendar for 2007 with plenty of room to write down those important dates and reminders.

Plus it's packed full of colour photos taken around the County during 2006 by John Hunt, the County PR Adviser.

At only £2.50 each the Kent Scouts County Calendar would make ideal Christmas presents for friends and family too.

Don't delay - get your calendar today as there are limited supplies, once they are gone - they're gone

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks (St.Johns) Beaver Colony

Visit by BOBO the Clown on 11<sup>th</sup> October



The Beavers recently enjoyed a visit from Bobo the Clown. During September and October the Beavers having been following a theme based on the Circus. They have made juggling balls and learnt to spin plates. All of the above activities will go towards their Discovery award and Creative challenge.



All the Beavers were invited to dress up in clown costume for the anticipated visit from Bobo the clown. When he arrived he showed the Beavers some magic tricks which had all the children guessing. Especially when eggs were being produced from behind ears! He then made all the children a balloon gift to take home. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### **Sevenoaks Town Council's Remembrance Day Parade & Service - 12 November 2006**

On 12 November all roads leading to the Vine will be closed at 10.15am so those attending this Service must arrive in good time. Sevenoaks Scout Council will congregate in front of the Stormonts (BMW) Showroom in Dartford Road before walking off at 10.30am to be in position at the War Memorial by 10.45am. As last year, Sevenoaks Scout Council and Sevenoaks Guides Contingents are allocated box 'C' located to the south side of the War Memorial in Dartford Road (just below the Sevenoaks Town Council members).

Those that attended last year were very smart and wore their uniform with pride, they were also a credit to Sevenoaks Scouting. So, if you are attending this year, please wear smart uniform and remember extra layers for the likely weather conditions too.



## **SEVENOAKS SCOUT DISTRICT**

**Are holding a CENTENARY COMPETITION to celebrate 100 years of Scouting.**

**To enter all you have to do is design a Christmas Card for 2007 based on the theme “celebrating 100 years of Scouting”. The design must be no bigger than A5 (A4 folded once).**

**There are three age categories –**

- s 4 to 11 year olds;**
- s 12 to 18 year olds;**
- s Adults**

**There will be one winner from each of the three categories. An overall winner, selected from the three winners, will receive a special “2007 Kent Scout Calendar” signed by our Chief Scout ~ PETER DUNCAN.**

**All entries must detail full name, age, address and contact number on the reverse or back of design.**

**Send entries to: Christmas Card Competition  
c/o 21 Broughton Road, Otford,  
Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 5LY**

**Closing date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

**The following letter has been circulated to all Groups for leaders to pass onto parents**  
If for any reason you have not received it you can copy it from here.



## ***Welcome to Scouting in Sevenoaks District***

Dear Parent,

Now that your child has joined the Scout Movement and will soon be invested in their Colony, Pack, Troop or Unit, it's time to think of buying their uniform.

Whilst uniform is available via a number of High Street retailers, you may not know that **SEVENOAKS SCOUT SHOP** provides excellent service, guaranteed satisfaction and competitive prices. Added to this – our Trading Service is run by local volunteers for the benefit of all Groups within the Scout District, making an important financial contribution to your child's Scouting too.

The District Scout Shop is located in Jubilee Rise, Seal and open Wednesday evenings during school terms between 7pm and 9pm.

So – why not pay us a visit – we are certain that you will benefit and, whilst you will save a considerable amount of money, you will also be supporting local Scouting.

***WHEN YOU BUY FROM THE MOVEMENT  
THROUGH SEVENOAKS SCOUT SHOP  
WE ALL BENEFIT***

For inquiries or directions contact your Section Leader, Group Scout Leader or ring  
Jeanette Schwarz on 01732 761724

Or visit our website – [www.sevenoaksscouts.org.uk](http://www.sevenoaksscouts.org.uk)

### **Cubs Swimming Gala**

Only 1 point in it. The 16<sup>th</sup> took the trophy at the Gala held at Coombe Bank School recently beating 1<sup>st</sup> Braeside into second place by just one point. The evening was not without drama as at one point it looked like being cancelled as there was no lifeguard. However with frantic phone calls around the district the problem was resolved and we started only 45 minutes late!

Thanks to Pat and Kevin Crawley and their band of helpers the rest of the evening went smoothly and only finished a few minutes later than planned. The parent spectators were very patient and good humour prevailed. The 17<sup>th</sup> Westerham got the point for the best banner. Eight packs took part. well done to them all.

At the recent Badge Testing evening at the same venue over 80 cubs were tested in various stages of the swimming badge. Once again well managed by Pat and Kevin.  
If anyone knows of any Lifeguards in the area we would be obliged to have the info passed to us.

## Wet Camp at Riverhead

The new Lambard Scout troop had a weekend camp for Scott to be assessed for his camping permit. The catch phrase for the camp became “ If it ain’t raining it ain’t training” Starting Friday evening and pitching tents in the dark the relatively new troop set about getting under cover as quick as possible, even so they were still putting pegs in by torch light. Saturday saw the scouts making camp gadgets and then setting off for an adventurous afternoon at Treejumpers near West Kingsdown. You guessed it yes it rained all afternoon with the biggest down pour of the day while some scouts were 40ft in the air on high ropes. Did this dampen their spirits of cause not, these kids were made of sterner stuff although I don’t think any had ever been that wet before and then they had to cook their own meal. Bless.

Sunday morning – an unexpected dry spell- get the tents down! Some down then the rain, Oh well Ten Pin Bowling is in the plan this would be a good time.

Finishing at 8pm Sunday evening these kids new they had had an adventure and what good luck –or was it planning – Monday is Half Term Yippee.



*A weekend of wind rain and adventure*



*Something’s wrong- we’re not wet*



What else has been happening?

- Kemsing scouts went kayaking
- Sevenoaks Explores did a D of E hike
- Riverhead Beavers went to Greenwich Maritime museum
- Lambard scouts went caving
- Several groups ran successful firework displays
- The 16<sup>th</sup> have opened a new Beaver Colony- congratulations
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sevenoaks launch their own website.

What's going to happen?

- The 1<sup>st</sup> are having a quiz night –see their new website for details (you can connect through the District site)
- The Cubs are celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 19<sup>th</sup> Nov at West Heath School.
- The new directory is due out – have you completed your return ?
- Remembrance Sunday – see page 2

**The new E mail Address for Pat and Kevin Crawley is [psc.kjc@btinternet.com](mailto:psc.kjc@btinternet.com)**

There are no Directory updates as a new directory is being put together at this moment. On that note could all GSL's or those responsible please make sure that they have returned their directory page to the above e mail .

Training modules available this month within District  
at  
3rd Riverhead Headquarters  
November 26th

9am. Module 5 –Fundamentals of Scouting

1pm Module 12 – Programme Planning

E-mail Rose to book ASAP [Rosepyne@aol.com](mailto:Rosepyne@aol.com)

Deadline for next Newslink the end of November *Let's hear you shouting for Scouting*