

Phew !

Well what a time that has been; from a sunny walk through the heart of Sevenoaks for the St Georges Day to a rather wet, cold and muddy walk around a field for the international Carnival at the Mag7 camp, and all in the course of 7 days!

St Georges Day Parade.

A brilliant day for a brilliant event, but the question remains “Was it as well attended as last year?”

Looking back along the High Street the Parade seemed to be endless and what a magnificent sight that was but when it came to fitting in the Church there did seem to be much more room.

This is explained by the fact that all the flags were displayed at the front of the Church (we’ll quickly move on here) leaving room at the back for scouts, and also the Gallery was occupied by the Explorer Section where in the past parents were allowed to use it.

So the answer to the question “Was it as well attended as last year?” We don’t know but the clever money goes on the option of it being much the same. In any case a bloomin’ lot!

1st and 3rd Sevenoaks shared the Group Trophy, 4th took the Dudley Barrow Trophy 7th lifted the Sajo Trophy 10th walked off with the Mickey Speary Trophy and Hugh Field recieved the Explorer Trophy.

Penny Smith (Beaufighters) awarded Chief Scout Platinum Award

Richard Vigis (Guzzlebrook) awarded Bronze D of E

Johnny Mead was given the first Mag7 camp badge for winning the design competition back in January.

The whole event went off with a relaxed and happy atmosphere and on the parade back the District Colour Party showed the public that Scouting is a fun thing to do and even when parading our colours we can mix ceremony with laughter. Our DC, (Arlene Phillips?) choreographed and encouraged the colour party to do a little routine that got a chuckle every time it was performed, perhaps next year we can get 700 scouts and scouters to follow suit.



Some Award winners

Mag7 Sevenoaks District camp

And so after saying goodbye and rounding off the previous year at the St Georges Day Parade it was straight into a new season with hardly time to take a breath. This was going to be a very busy week for everyone who was getting ready for District Camp. A week where almost every bit of kit was got out of stores for whole groups to camp together, a week when last minute payments were processed, last minute forms were handed in and filed and a week when shopping for dozens instead of the usual family of 4 took place. Trailers were dusted of, vans appeared and car boots were filled with everything imaginable even an old tin bath!

All of you reading this report will know that the weather turned against us Big Time but should also have learnt that Sevenoaks Scouters belong to a *bloody* fantastic (can you think of a better word) group of people.

Did anyone complain about the conditions? NO.

Did everyone get stuck in and carry on? YES

Did the kids have a great time? YES

Would it have been better if the sun shone and there was no mud? A resounding YES

But did the kids care? NO ,but some clearly do not like spreading wet straw over oodles of mud.

From a personal point of view as it was me that pushed for this to happen I want to thank everyone for helping me out over the weekend. There were those that helped with the general camp, there were those that helped me out as ADC cubs and there were those that helped me out with the Halstead Pack. I cannot begin to name everyone but needless to say I will not be visiting any pubs in the near future as I couldn't afford the drinks I would need to buy to pay back the favours.

The thing I wish I'd never said.? In the opening flag break I really wish I hadn't said "Boys, you can pee up a tree but if you need a poo you must use the loo!"

The thing I'm glad I said? Predicting the sun would shine at 2pm .On Tuesday it did!

There are many things that could be said about Mag7 but the following pictures tell the story.









Here are a few comments from the Ide Hill Troop

Best moment – Rifle shooting

Mud
Mud
Mud
Mud

**Funniest moment –
sumo wrestling ;when they
were stuck on their backs
like turtles**

When Stan fell into the straw.
The fake farting

MUD!

Worst moments. The Rain, The wind, The Rain
and Mud, The Rain, Tent soaked, The rain,
The Rain The straw spreading job. The rain

Clay pigeon shooting

**Helping the sumo wrestlers
up by holding their manboobs**

Worse moment –
When my parents
rejected me when I
wanted to go home

Best Moment
*I can't choose a best
moment ,it was all
so good*

Touch rugby with
cubs and beavers.

Olympics!

Going to sleep.

Spooky stories

My warm house



The Lone Beaver - and her trusty friend Tonto



“OK you’ve got the hang of that, now you just have to learn to rob the rich to help the poor” *Or vice-versa depending on the colour of your tie.*

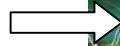


Well if you have Christmas as your theme it's bound to be cold!

Well blow me down- I've got it to fly!



The first person to call me the Pied Piper goes home!



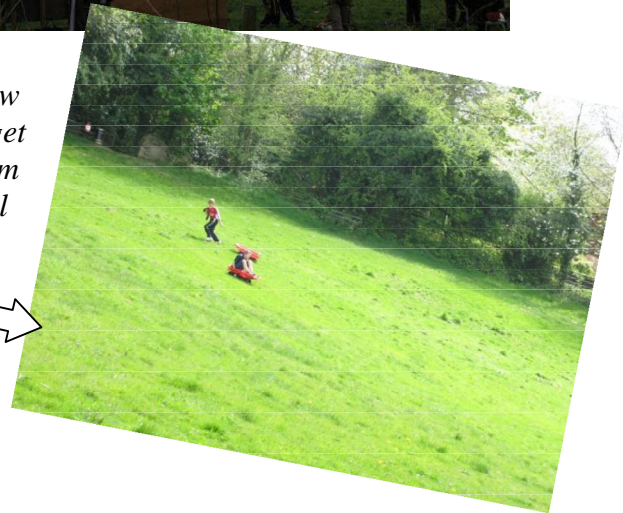


I know that the cubs built their own carts but this is much more fun

Don't bother coming up ,the tuck shop is closed.



You'll know when you get to the bottom 'cause you'll stop



"It was World Cup year that I took up Spacehopper football and I have never looked back. Coach told me don't look back or you'll fall off. One day this will be an Olympic sport" Bobby Charlton, September 1967



I know you have to test them to see if they are safe, Akela, but 45minutes?

If I ring the bell will I get room service tonight?



And so the story goes on.

There will be some discussions around what was good and bad about the District Camp, about what to do with kit that was bought and about what should happen to excess money from the charges.

Hopefully you will pass comments to your ADC's or GSL's. All constructive criticism and comments are helpful and will have an effect on how and when (not if but when) we do this again.

So let us know what you think about

- The site
- The format of the programme
- The type of activities on offer
- The cost
- Time constraints around booking and paying
- The date of the event
- The length of the camp
- The space you were allowed for your site
- The evening programme
- The First Aid Team
- On site facilities such as toilets, marquee, water, rubbish disposal.
- Security
- Parking arrangements
- Whether you want to help on the 'Mag7 Rides Again' camp
- Or anything else you can think of

Next time there will be a full team working on this camp. It will be bigger and it will be better and the sun **will** shine at 2 o'clock!

Fellowship / Sevenoaks Active Support

The Sevenoaks Scout Fellowship held it's last AGM on 13th May and formerly changed to Sevenoaks District Active Support. For some this was a sad moment for it was the end of a name that they have had good times under but as with all things times change and what better way for the Fellowship to spend their final days than supporting two events that included every member of the District, those being St Georges Day and District Camp, Mag7

But what next? What is Active Support? Why the change? How does it affect me?

The Fellowship section and now the Scouting Active Support exists for the same purpose as all other sections within Scouting ; to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

We heard recently from the County Chairman of the Scout Fellowship that some Groups around the country exist only for their own social life, this cannot be said of Sevenoaks, but nationally it does seem to be a problem.

Perhaps a dream Active Support Team will have climbers, canoeist, walkers, swimmers, campers, archers, shooters, etc on its books as well as people with experience of Scouting and scouting ways and dare I say some experience in catering.

The Active Support can still run a social calendar for those that want and have time to take part but it's first priority must be to support leaders where possible when they need someone to take archery or climbing or even zorbing at their next camp or activity and help in general.

Active Support members may be people that cannot make a regular commitment to Scouting but want to stay involved; they can be people that already have a role in Scouting but offer to help with other events, they can be parents within a group or complete outsiders who want to get involved with what we do. ***Normal checks will apply.***

So, yes we can be sad at the end of this era but hopefully we welcome in the new with open arms.

A bit like going from cubs to scouts; scary but what an adventure.

Appointments in Scouting

IMPORTANT CHANGES

All of the current Appointment forms used in Scouting are being replaced. After 30th June please destroy any CRB forms, Adult Application forms and Occasional Helper Forms that you have in stock.

Old Forms

The last date that the above forms will be accepted in District is 30th June 2010. They must be in the hands of the appointments chairman by this date (not in the post)

New Forms

The new Adult Application form and Occasional helper form will START from 26th July 2010 and will now incorporate the questions required for applicants to acquire a CRB and be registered on the new Vetting & Barring Scheme.

New Revised Adult Appointments Form: - who is this for?

ADC's, Group Scout Leader, Explorer Leader, Scout Leader, Cub Scout Leader, Beaver Leader, Assistant Scout Leader, Assistant Cub Scout Leader, Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, Group Sectional Assistants, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary (any full appointment or Colony assistant, pack assistant, troop assistant) etc.

New Revised Occasional Helper Form: - who is this for?

All other adults who help on an add hoc basis. This includes all the parents that you used to have CRB'd in case they helped at an event.

When will these forms be available?

The new forms will be available from 14th June 2010 but can not be used until 26th July 2010. Hopefully we will be able to get some to all groups by this date.

All completed forms need to be sent to: Appointments Chairman: Rose Mears @ 95 London Road, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks, Kent. TN13 2UJ.

Currents Appointments – Do I need to complete a new AA or OH form?

No current leaders do not need to complete any forms until their 5 yr review is due or overdue, at which time you will need to complete the NEW RCRB form (Repeat CRB Check form)

Changing Roles – What form do I complete?

From 26th July any volunteers changing their Adult Role will complete the NEW CR form (Changing Role) providing they have a Valid CRB.

Between 30th June and 26th July – what do I do?

No CRB checks or Appointments will take place during this period – Get them in before 30th June 2010 or plan your adults to start after 26th July 2010.

Registration on the VBS (Vetting and Barring system)

In Scouting, anyone required to complete a CRB check will be registered on the scheme. This means that anyone who is over 18 and:

- Wishes to become a member or associate member; or
- Will have unsupervised access to young people; or
- Will have involvement with the handling or management of funds; or
- Will be assisting with overnight activities (including Nights Away); or
- Will be helping out at meetings, events etc that involve young people

Will be registered on the VBS

PLEASE NOTE

In order to comply with the **LAW**, new volunteers will need to be registered **BEFORE** their 4th weekly meeting or **BEFORE** undertaking any overnight activity, whichever occurs first.

Sevenoaks Scout Shop

The dates for the Scout shop and duty rota are

May Open 8th 15th (22nd Closed) 29th 7th Halstead

June Open 5th 12th 19th Closed 26th 10th Weald

July Open 3rd 10th 17th Closed 24th 31st 12th Edenbridge

Those eagle eyed Scouters amongst you may have noticed this has changed from the previous list as the shop will now be closed on 22nd May due to staff commitments.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Please give any parents, that you think may want to visit the shop, this information.

Adult Practical Skills Day

Hope Hill Meopham

Information – Programme – Application Form

Saturday 5th June 2010

**Open to ALL Adult Leaders, come and learn,
improve and share your skills!**

ZONE 1 - HAVE A GO!

The main idea of this ZONE is to allow Leaders to experience activities such as Archery, Air Rifle Shooting and Climbing (on Hopehill's Tower or the County simulated ice tower) and the pedal carts, etc. Information will be available about how to become qualified to instruct and to arrange for the young people to experience such activities. Representatives for the County Land, Sea and Air Activities teams will be present with information, leaflets and events planned for this year.

ZONE 2 - IN THE STORES

This ZONE will cover all aspects of quartermastering, including camp gear general storage tips, use and maintenance of stoves, cookware, axes, saws, canvas, etc. Practical "have a go" sessions will include stove and lamp lighting, use of saw and axe; and to make a tent peg or a mallet.

ZONE 3 - SCOUT NAV.

The ZONE will include basic instruction about maps and map reading, through to more advanced navigation. Information on making simple maps or building relief models from maps will all be available, combined with associated games. Also covered will be use of compass; how to take and use bearings, plus orienteering, for all Scout sections, Beavers through to Explorers. You can follow the simple Orienteering course, which demonstrates the simplest of routes or hone your compass techniques out in the field with some straightforward exercises.

ZONE 4 - CANNY CAMPER

Camping Skills and all that goes with them, is provided by this ZONE. Tent pitching, site layout, camp gadgets, fires, cooking, survival camping and 1001 other things you need to know about whilst camping. All levels of skill catered for during the session. This is a very "hands on" ZONE: with suggestions for foil cooking over the camp fire, with your diy lunch treat as a result.

ZONE 5 - KNOTTY SOLUTIONS

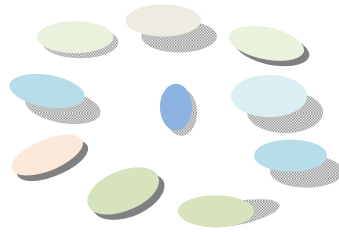
All you wanted to know about knots, how to tie them and know of their uses. The ZONE will include information and instruction on basic knots right through to more advanced ones. Have some fun with table-top and mini pioneering, then follow on to the full size and learn and use blocks and tackle. There will be a large pioneering project (e.g. monkey bridge) for you to help build or just have a go. Safety, whilst using ropes, spars, etc will also be emphasized. For a quieter session, learn how to whip or splice rope ends or splice a loop in a rope.

ZONE 6 - TAKE YOUR PICK

This ZONE is a miscellany of topics and will include items as diverse as, Games for all sections; Wide games; Ceremonies – all sections; Scouts Own; organizing and running craft and model making; etc. There will be a camp fire "workshop". Learn how to lead a campfire and to suggest appropriate material for all sections.

Email Rosemears@hotmail.com To book on to this Skills Day.
Further details at [Kent scouts](http://Kentscouts.org.uk)

Gone Home



It is with great sadness that I report the passing of two of our Scouting colleagues
Jean Casey and Brenda Liley

From David Reburn

Jean Casey left us on 24th April 2010. We all send our deep sympathy to Sean; Sean and Jean have had a close husband and wife relationship for as long as most of us can remember, and their service to Scouting goes back a long way. Jean was born on 10th April 1930 and in her youth she was a Girl Guide and a Ranger. At the age of just 18 years, in 1948, she was exceptionally appointed CSL (Wolf Cub Mistress) of a second Pack in the 15th Edgware (St Andrew's Church) and ran the Pack , helped by a friend, on a new estate in Edgware . Sean started Scouting with the 12th Edgware Group but it was some considerable time later that he met Jean and they were married in St Andrew's Church in 1971. Together they worked at schools with young people with special needs. Their first interview was with Swaylands School for the Educational Sub-Normal (run by Barnet CC) at Peshurst, which had the 16th Tonbridge Scouts, and they remained there for almost four years, having set up a home in Crown Road, Edenbridge. In Sevenoaks Jean will be remembered, in association with Sean, for the leadership of the 26th Sevenoaks (Valence School) Scout Group, near Westerham. She was warranted as ASL in July 1975 and during the 1980s, she was awarded the Medal of Merit and later a Bar to the Medal of Merit. The Jean/Sean team ran the Valence School Scouts as normally as possible, with meetings and camps, until their retirement, and changes at the school caused the Group to close. Jean, with Sean, then became founder members of the District Scout Fellowship.

Further sadness comes with news of the death of Brenda Liley on 2nd May 2010. Brenda was born on the 27th July 1927 and had a very long service as a leader in Scouting. Her first appointment, when she was aged 18, was ACSL with the 1st Southall (St George's) Pack, and eight years later, in 1953, she was appointed CSL until 1971. In parallel she was also District CSL (Southall, Middx) for 10 years. She then moved to Alderbourne where she was immediately appointed CSL of the 1st Iver (Iver & Langley) Pack until 1986. In 1988 and 1992 she was awarded the Medal of Merit and the Silver Acorn. After a couple of years as ASL with the 1st Uxbridge (GLNE), she came to Sevenoaks in 1989 with her husband Derek. Derek became Sevenoaks District Commissioner by 1990 for a few years while Brenda joined the 12th Sevenoaks (Edenbridge) Pack as ACSL(skills). She was very active with Cub Scout Training and was an ALT with Buckinghamshire, GLSE and Kent. She was also an active member with Sevenoaks Scout Fellowship. After the loss of Derek she moved from Sevenoaks to be close to her son at a place near Reading, but has always kept in touch with members of the Sevenoaks Fellowship.

David Reburn. (Chairman, Sevenoaks District Scout Fellowship)