

Dorset Jamboree Badges

The Brownsea and Cerne Unit cloth embroidered badges are about 10 x 7 cms in size and are available at £2.50p each. The Dorset metal pin badge is about 4 x 3 cms, has Dorset 100, Jamboree and Scout World membership and other symbols on it and is available at £3.50p each. There has been a brisk market on EBay with many selling overseas for over £20! If you would like to purchase any (or all) of them, please contact Richard Ashdown, ASL Mudeford Sea Scout Group richard@mudefordseascouts.org.uk.



We will remember them



Christchurch Scouts were invited by the Royal British Legion to join them at the Remembrance Day Service and Parade through Christchurch on 12th November. Next year it is hoped to have as many Groups as possible represented in the parade.



Beavers have a fun day Happy Birthday

In celebration of the Beaver's 20th Birthday, a special fun day was held at Moors Valley Country Park on 24th September. It's a shame the leaders cant do as they are told and keep their hands in while riding on the train! Over 100 Beavers attended the event and a good time was had by all.



The picture above shows Mudeford Beavers enjoying their Indian sleepover which was held recently.

Scoutlink News

2nd Christchurch (Scoutlink) held a very successful Quiz evening in September, raising over £100 pounds, and everyone had a really enjoyable time. Brian Davies stepped into the breach and acted as Quizmaster with only a weeks notice, and we were really grateful for that. Scoutlink hope to make this an annual event (giving Brian a years notice this time) and hope to see more of you there next year. The winning team were the Labels. Sadly we had to say farewell to Danny McGrath who is of to Ireland. Danny has been with Scoutlink for many years, and has provided support to the Scout Leaders, and an ideal role model to the Scouts. He and his mum have fund raised for Scoutlink numerous times, most recently swimming around Brownsea Island. We will miss Danny and wish him well in his new life.

Mudeford Beavers hold an Indian sleepover

Diary of forthcoming events

Scout Cooking Competition	Sunday 14th January	Contact ADC Scouts
All Scouter's Meeting	Thursday 18th January	7.30pm CSC
Cub Sixers and Seconders Party	Saturday 20th January	Contact ADC Cubs
Cub Scrapstore Challenge	Thursday 8th February	Contact ADC Cubs
Cub Hike	Saturday 10th March	Contact ADC Cubs
Mayor's Scout Selection Interviews	Thursday 15th March	7.00pm CSC
All Scouter's Meeting	Thursday 19th April	7.30pm CSC
All Scouter's Service	Saturday 21st April	to be confirmed
County St George's Day Parade	Sunday 22nd April	Maumbury Rings, Dorchester

Awards

Congratulations to all those listed below who have received awards from the Chief Scout recently.

The Chief Scout's Long Service Award



Awarded in recognition of 40 years adult service to Scouting
Edward Terry, Member, Fellowship. 6th November 2006



The Bar to the Long Service Award

Awarded in recognition of 25 years adult service to Scouting
Ron Barcham, Member, Fellowship. 11th July 2006
Martin Wester, Member, Fellowship. 6th November 2006



The Long Service Award

Awarded in recognition of 15 years adult service to Scouting
Len Ebdon, Member, Fellowship. 11th July 2006
Anita Penny, District Recruitment Co-ordinator. 11th July 2006

10 year service certificate

Awarded in recognition of 10 years adult service to Scouting

Tony Bolt, Chairman, Braggers Wood. 11th July 2006
Nick Stone, ESL, Mudeford ESU. 11th July 2006
Crispin Farbrother, ASL, 6th Bransgore. 7th September 2006

5 year service certificate

Awarded in recognition of 5 years adult service to Scouting

Sylvia Cumes, Member, Fellowship. 7th September 2006



Wood Badge

Awarded in recognition of completion of adult training

Clare Skitt, ABSL, 8th Burton. 27th September 2006
Robin Skitt, ACSL, 8th Burton. 27th September 2006



Can you help plant a tree? by Mike Taylor

On Behalf of Braggers Wood Dave Tickner made an application to the Woodland Trust to be included in one of the 100 sites that they are planting trees and hedgerow plants in to make Centenary groves to mark the Centenary of Scouting.

I am pleased to announce that this application has been accepted and we are being sponsored by the Woodland Trust to plant 2,000 Trees/Hedgerow plants at Braggers. As the Woodland Trust wishes to promote the countryside and the regeneration of native woodlands and hedgerows amongst the youth of today they stipulate that these trees and hedge plants must be planted by Young People with the help of adults. We are asking for the help of all Groups in the District to bring all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to plant at least one plant. The Woodland Trust will be supplying material that all sections can use to make projects of this and the activities will count towards awards and badges.

The planting will take place on April 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th inclusive and we ask for as much support as we can get to make a success of this activity. We are hoping to invite several dignitaries on Saturday 14th to plant a tree and invite the press to promote Christchurch District, Braggers Wood and 100 years of Scouting. Please keep these dates free and include the activity in your plans for 2007 and help make it the success that it should be.



Directory Updates

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Delete District Chairman details and insert "vacant - refer to District Commissioner"

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Change Gang Show Chairman details to Des Whitney. 30 Hillside Drive, Christchurch. BH23 2RU. Mobile: 07890 290754. e-mail: deswhitney@btinternet.com

Delete Gang Show Secretary details and insert "vacant - refer to District Commissioner"

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Change Camp Warden Mike Taylor's telephone number to (01202) 496414

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Add AESL (SESU) Oliver Maidment. 25 Huntingdon Gardens, Christchurch. BH23 2TW. Tel: (01202) 479070

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Change Scout Leader Gemma Latham's mobile number to 07928 734580 and add telephone number (01202) 474482

Delete ASL Daniel McGrath

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Change Cub Scout Leader Shaun Flynn's telephone number to 07866 677010

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Replace Group Treasurer details
Chris Wilcox
14 Priory View Road, Burton. BH23 7HO
Tel: (01202) 496457
e-mail: chris.wilcox7@ntlworld.com

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Delete Scout Leader Roger Murray
Delete Assistant Scout Leader Mrs Jane Murray
Change ASL Keith Vinycomb to Scout Leader

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Change date of Scout night hike from 24th March to 26th May 2007.

Jumpers Cubs and Scouts cross the water

by Brett Jones

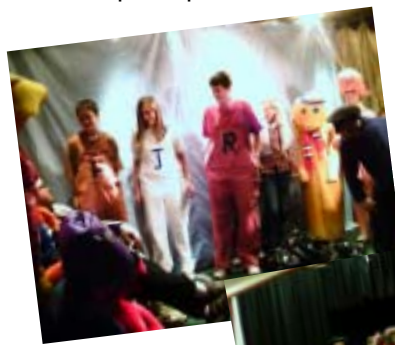
This year for our autumn camp the cubs and scouts joined forces to visit the Isle of Wight and go to the adventure centre run by PGL called Little Canada. 32 cubs and scouts waited for the ferry at 5pm Friday 3rd November. Having finally said good bye to all the mums and dad's we started our journey. Little Canada is run on similar lines to all the PGL centres, cabins (log cabins here) for 4 to 6 young people and bigger cabins for the leaders. Food is plentiful and the instructors are well capable of dealing with any issues youngsters can throw at them!!

The cubs and scouts enjoyed a whole series of activities including go-carts, low ropes, swimming, aeroball and team games designed to get the teams working together. The Scouts also enjoyed climbing and high ropes (you wouldn't get me on top of that pole !!) Some of the scouts really fought through their fears and did incredibly well. We left late Sunday afternoon with parents waiting at 5.30pm

While this is not the cheapest weekend camp (£75 including transport) it was certainly worth the money and with a little fund raising we reduced the cost per head. We all enjoyed the camp and we have had very good feedback for the cubs and scouts, so we can thoroughly recommend the experience.

Somerford and Burton "Show off" for Christmas

Somerford and Burton continued their annual tradition of Christmas Shows in December and delighted friends, families and supporters with their talents. Somerford held three performances of their show, the third including an interval serving of Christmas lunch to the senior citizens of Somerford. Burton performed a one of a kind spectacular which included Christmas Carols and an alternative rendition of the 12 days of Christmas with audience participation!



Send your items for the April Newsletter to info@christchurchscouts.org.uk or by post to 20 Portfield Close, Christchurch. BH23 2AH by 9th March 2007



Cubs visit birthplace of Scouting to celebrate 90 years

The Cub section took a visit to Brownsea Island to celebrate 90 years of Cub Scouting on 16th September. Over 100 cubs took the trip over to enjoy activities including nature trails, viking camps and pottery making. The day ended on the site of the original camp with a birthday picnic, the cutting of the cake and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday"



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Happy Birthday to us!

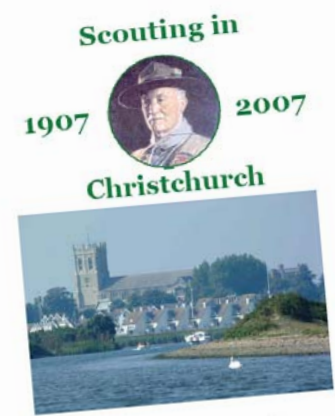
After years of planning, preparation and growing anticipation, the Centenary year of Scouting has arrived! Happy Birthday to us! This year will be packed full of activities, events and celebrations and not just here in Christchurch but also throughout Dorset, nationally and of course Internationally. Did you know that there are only six Countries in the World who don't have Scouts? There will be many opportunities available to us all to be part of this very special year and I hope that all our members, supporters, friends and families will join us throughout the year and enjoy everything that Scouting has to offer. Enjoy your Scouting and enjoy the celebrations!

Operation Christmas Child 2006 by Nicola Haskell

For the fourth year running, the 1st Christchurch (Town) Cubs have prepared shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child to send to less fortunate children across the world. This year we managed a record 8 shoeboxes, which were received by David Hewitt on behalf of the Rotary Club, who told us that our boxes are heading off to Montenegro where we are sure they will be greatly appreciated.



It must be noted that each Cub provided something to go in a shoe box and for most of them that is on top of boxes they have prepared at school or in other organisations. Well done Cubs, I am very proud of you all.



The History of Scouting in Christchurch

The second limited edition publication of the District's history book will be available soon. Containing 87 pages in full colour, this book details the full history of Scouting in Christchurch from 1907 to the present day and includes pictures and information on Scouting in Christchurch never before seen. The book was first published in 1999, and now after 6 years of further research and investigation by Stephen Head, the District Archivist, this new version will soon be available. Look out for details coming soon on how to get your copy!

Design a badge competition

As part of next year's celebration Braggers Wood is going in partnership with the District to create a blanket badge to mark the Centenary of Scouting and the District Centenary Camp in May.

All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are invited to design a badge and a special panel of Judges will choose the best design to be made into the blanket badge.

The badge design must include a deer/stag's head (as featured in the Braggers Wood logo) and the words "Christchurch District", "Braggers Wood" and "100 years of Scouting". It must be either 80mm round or 80mm square and consist of no more than 5 different colours.

Time is tight! All designs must be returned to the District Commissioner by 31st January and must include your name, age and scout group on the back.

The winner will have their design turned into the Centenary Badge and prizes will also be awarded to the two runners up.

