



## Gang Show Audition Dates

Auditions for the 2005 Gang Show will be held at the Christchurch Scout Centre at the following times...

Scouts and Guides Sunday 7th November 3:00 – 5:00

Cubs, Explorers, Networkers, Rangers, Leaders, Fellowship Sunday 14th November 3:00 – 4:30

If you are unable to attend your allotted audition, then please let Steve Potter know and alternative arrangements can be made. Also, if you would like further information then please don't hesitate to contact him.

The show dates for 2005 are 28/29 March (Dress Rehearsals) 30th March - 2nd April (performances).

To be in the show you must be available for all these dates, plus Sunday afternoons for rehearsals. I look forward to seeing you there. Steve Potter (Producer) Tel: (01202) 474297 e-mail: [gangshow@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gangshow@tiscali.co.uk)



## AWACS 2004

The AWACS weekend was held back in May and was a tremendous success. Here are a few pictures to remind those who came to the event of the fun times they had, and perhaps to encourage those who didn't to attend future events.



## Diary of forthcoming events

The following events are to take place over the next few months. If you have not received details yet please contact your section leader, GSL or any member of the District Team.

Gilwell Reunion	3-5 September		Gilwell Park
All Scouters Meeting	Thursday 16th September	7.30pm	CSC
Cub Quiz	Thursday 23rd September	6.00pm	CSC
Swimming Gala	Saturday 2nd October	6.30pm	2 Riversmeet
Beaver Adventure Day	Saturday 16th October	10.30am	Braggers Wood
Mayors Scout Handover Ceremony	Wednesday 3rd November	7.00pm	Mayor's Parlour
Gang Show Auditions	Sunday 7th November	3.00pm	CSC
Cub Football Competition	Saturday 13th November		
Gang Show Auditions	Sunday 14th November	3.00pm	CSC
Mayor's Goodwill Fund Deliveries	Sunday 12th December	10.00am	Council Chamber, Civic Offices
All Scouters Meeting	Thursday 13th January	7.30pm	CSC

## EUROJAM 2005 and BROWNSEA RELOADED



There are two opportunities for groups of scouts to get involved in the preparation for the World Scout Jamboree in 2007. Firstly by attending Euro Jam 2005 which takes place at Hylands Park Chingford where 20000 scouts and Guides will get together between 29th July and 10th August 2005. There is a lot of interest being shown in this so visit [www.eurojam.org](http://www.eurojam.org) to find out further info. Secondly as a group do you want to camp on Brownsea Island as part of Brownsea Reload in 2005 see <http://www.world.scouting2007.org/english/brownsea/reloaded.php> for more information.

## Awards

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



The Medal of Merit

**Awarded in recognition of outstanding service to Scouting.**

Peter Andrews, District Scout Fellowship. 1st April 2004  
Mrs Angela Budd, AGSL, 5th Highcliffe. 1st April 2004  
Mark Flexman, DC. 1st May 2004



The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

**Awarded in recognition of good service to Scouting.**

Barbara Andrews, District Scout Fellowship. 1st April 2004



The Long Service Decoration

**Awarded in recognition of 15 years service to Scouting.**

Miss Anne Ashman, District Scout Fellowship. 21st April 2004  
Nigel Davies, District Scout Fellowship. 21st April 2004  
Ken Randall, District Scout Fellowship. 21st April 2004



Service certificate

**Awarded in recognition of 10 years service to Scouting.**

Ken Savage, Troop Assistant, 2nd Scoutlink. 21st April 2004

**Awarded in recognition of 5 years service to Scouting.**

Miss Nicky Layman, ESL. 26th February 2004  
Mrs Mary Domoracki, Secretary, 5th Highcliffe. 21st April 2004  
Tony Bolt, Chairman, Braggers Wood. 29th April 2004



The Thanks Badge

**Awarded in appreciation of services to Scouting.**

Rev. Hugh Williams, District Chaplain. 16th June 2004  
Mrs Mary Domoracki, Secretary, 5th Highcliffe. 16th June 2004

# District Directory Update

Please update your 2004 District Directory (with a pink cover) with the following changes:-

## Page 5

Remove District Adviser - Special Needs, Mrs Anita Penny

## Page 10

Remove Explorer Scout Leader, Miss Nicky Layman  
Remove Assistant Explorer Scout Leader, Simon Pitcher

Insert Explorer Scout Leader, Christopher Root  
19 Gardner Road, Christchurch. BH23 2DZ  
Tel: Christchurch (01202) 471057  
e-mail: ccroot\_uk@yahoo.com

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Remove Scout Leader, Ian Penny

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Remove Group Scout Leader, Mrs Anita Penny

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Change ASL Mark Barber's telephone number to  
Tel: Christchurch (01202) 777306

## St. George's Day Parade and Service



The annual St George's Day parade and service was held on Sunday 26th April 2004 and was attended by the Mayor of Christchurch Cllr Eric Spreadbury CBE and the Mayoress Mrs Barbara Spreadbury. The parade started at the Quomps in Christchurch after the Mayor completed a formal inspection of all those on parade including the Scout and Guide Band. After taking the salute in Church Street, the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Explorers, leaders and members of the Scout Fellowship and Network went into the Priory Church for a special service, this year organised by the 20th Christchurch (Somerford) Scout Group who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. After witnessing the blessing of the new District Explorer Unit flags and a new specially made District Colour, the parade continued round through to the Priory House gardens for the handing over of

the District Colours to the District Explorer Scout Unit and formal dismissal by the Mayor and the District Commissioner. Over 421 members of the Scouting and Guiding movements in Christchurch took part in the parade and service.

## 50 years and still going strong by Dennis Miller



Saturday 24th July saw Somerford celebrate their 50th Birthday at Hurn Bridge Sports Club. All members, past and present, were invited to come along and join the celebrations and talk about old times.

It was nice to see some old faces as well as the current members. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves with lots of old photo's, disco and buffet. Thanks to everyone for whatever part they played!! Here's to the next 50 years!!

### Mayor's Scout

At a ceremony held on 5th May, the 56th Mayor's Scout was presented with the sash of office. Samantha Evans, an Explorer Scout takes over from fellow Explorer Scout Scout James Tallant. Samantha currently goes to Bournemouth School for Girls and is a member of the District Explorer Scout Unit. Samantha is also a Young Leader with the Bransgore Brownies. She lists her hobbies and interests as sailing, travelling and art. After taking her GCSEs, Samantha plans to take her A levels before studying medicine. She also plans to work on a Scout Camp in America and travel abroad, possibly helping in under privileged schools or hospitals. In November, Sam will handover the sash to fellow Explorer Scout Beth Allebon.

### SITUATIONS VACANT

The District Team are currently looking for adult volunteers for the following positions. Job descriptions and further information is available from the District Commissioner. If you know of anyone who could fit the bill and would relish a new challenge then please get in touch with the District Commissioner by e-mail on mflexman@christchurchscouts.org.uk or by calling 01202 267593.

Candidates must be aged over 18 years of age, **there is no maximum age.**

Group Scout Leaders (for Scoutlink, Burton and Highcliffe Groups)  
Explorer Scout Commissioner



### Nights Away Permits

A reminder to all Leaders that the old Form PC (permission to camp) system has now been discontinued. All leaders wishing to take young people on a nights away experience must now hold a Nights Away permit. Full information has been given in previous editions of this newsletter. For an application form or further information please contact one of the four nights away advisers (as listed in the new directory) or your GSL.



Send your items  
for the January  
Newsletter to  
info@christchurchscouts.org.uk  
or by post to 25  
Thorncombe Close,  
Bournemouth. BH9 3QL  
by 10th December 2004



## BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT by Jade Newman

The morning begins at 6:30am as it is was very early start. It was now time to wake up and begin to get prepared for one of the most important days in our lives. During the previous week Maureen Milton had washed and pressed every single uniform which includes shirts, ties, berets, gloves, trousers, socks and black leather shoes which have been polished beforehand. Every one of the instruments also had to be cleaned and polished these were also done previous to the performance. On the journey to the performance we were listening to 2CRFM and they were talking about the whole thing so I rang them up and explained that the Christchurch Scout & Guide band would be in the performance - talk about good publicity for the band.



When we arrived at the entrance to Kings Park there was an official waiting at the road entrance to check all the invitations.

We were not the only band there the Bournemouth Salvation Army Band was also there so we were not playing for the whole two hours, they played for a bit whilst we got set up. They then stopped playing after about ten minutes and then we played for about ten minutes and we went on like this for about an hour and a half. Then the Queen and Prince Phillip arrived in their helicopter. They met a group of people that were gathered behind the trees where the band was stationed. During their landing we were performing and when they interviewed Prince Phillip he said that he could

hear the band playing as they were arriving.

As the Queen and Prince Phillip began their walkabout we completed the piece of music that we were playing and the Bournemouth Salvation Army began to play as we had a well earned rest. Again after another ten minutes we commenced playing again until the Queen and Prince Phillip were just metres away from us; of course we had to quickly cut short our performance so that they could hear and talk to other people properly. When they reached us the Queen did not stop to talk but carried on but there was still a sheer thrill of nerves, excitement and of all around success because we had done a performance strictly for the Queen of our country and that was such a huge honour for everyone of the members in our band and of course some of the members of Bournemouth Scout band that came along to help us out because we did not have quite



enough members. When Prince Phillip reached the band he stopped and spoke to the Bandmaster Roger Milton (my granddad) and asked him many different questions such as "How long have you been involved with the band?", "How old is the bands youngest member here today?" After the Prince had finished talking to the Bandmaster he then walked across to the Drum major Oliver Maidment and our band mascot Paul Milton was stood by the side of Oliver and the Prince came up to him and began to talk to him the crowds were silent. Then everyone broke out laughing including Prince Phillip, much to our amazement we soon found out what had happened Paul had stuck his tongue out at Prince Phillip and of course being six he had no recollection off who the Prince was so he thought that he had done no harm until shortly after that Oliver the drum major told him that the person he stuck his tongue out to was the Queens husband he was shocked he could not believe what he had done. It wasn't till later on in the day after the performance and

the Queen had left we found out that Paul was sticking his tongue out at his mother until Prince Phillip came along and as Paul and Oliver were waiting Oliver apparently said to Paul "I bet you won't do that to him!" You guessed it he did; I mean what do expect a six year old boy to do when he is practically dared to do something funny like that. Another highlight of the day was that AFC Bournemouth were there and Paul and I had our photo taken with them twice, they were signing autographs having photo's taken right up to last minute just before they left I guess they had to get back to training or some thing. The whole day was just such an experience I don't think that anyone in the band on that day will ever forget.

