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From the DC's Desk

Hello to you all,

As I write this, looking out at the sun shining, I have been reading about *Getting back together* plans. Over the last 12 months, we've seen more time apart than together, and this separation gives the opportunity for us to think about what's important.

Before looking forward, and making our *Getting back together* plans, we must celebrate our achievements over these 12 months and reflect on what we've learned and reflect upon some of the new practices we've adopted too. Meeting virtually via Microsoft Teams or via Zoom, I feel sure will continue to feature in Scouting for some – maintaining communication channels, but often reducing travelling, time away and costs. The same with training and with appointments panels, I think.

As ever, I must thank each and every one of you for your efforts – the Scouting experiences provided in Salisbury and South Wilts are all down to you! So it's with pride of our achievements that we look forward again, to planning, cautiously, a return to face-to-face Scouting. The [full guidance](#) is posted online – the summary is:

- Groups of 15 young people and 5 leaders can meet outside from **29 March 2021** (for all youth sections – beavers to network);
- Groups of 15 young people and 5 leaders can meet inside from **12 April 2021**;
- [Updated guidance](#) for groups of adult volunteers meeting linked to necessity to meet, the activity and the venue;
- [Updated guidance](#) re day trips and activities, which can commence from **12 April 2021**.

Whilst the idea of residential experiences (i.e. camps) be a little further off, maybe if you were looking at attending local campsites or activity centres for camp, could you amend your plans to run daytime only events?

As we begin to make our *Getting back together* plans, we also have our census results in – in our District, the impact of the coronavirus pandemic has been a reduction in our overall membership of 22%, split as follows:

- 29% less beaver scouts
- 17% less cub scouts
- 9% less scouts
- 17% less explorer scouts; *and most significantly*
- 30% less adult leaders, volunteers and trustees.

It's this last statistic that's most concerning. Over the next weeks and months, we will be looking at volunteer recruitment and we will be welcoming the Scouts Regional Services Team back to Salisbury & South Wilts over the coming weeks, to help us with this.

Lastly, over the past weeks, I have received a whole load of adult award certificates – wood badges, length of service and good service awards. Rather than just send these out in the post, I'll be waiting until I can drop into section evenings, or other events, to present these awards. Rest assured you've not been forgotten.

With cautious optimism, I will sign off – stay safe everyone.

Ian Porter, District Commissioner.



Thank you to those who joined us for the Beaver Section Meeting. The number of colonies represented seems to be growing and it is good to have such an enthusiastic group contributing to the discussions.

Notes of the meeting have been distributed to all colonies, please share these with your other adults in the section. A summary of the discussions is below:

1. 35 years of Beaver Scouting. Badge designs from your Beaver Scouts should be with Rachel and Olwen by March 7th, either electronically or by post. Entries have started to come in.
2. Celebrations in the County to mark this anniversary will take the form of a series of challenges for the Beaver Scouts. There will be a choice of challenges and the Beaver Scouts will be asked to complete one each week throughout April.
3. Two booklets were circulated with the meeting notes, both for the use of the young people. One was to help them track progress in their Activity Badges and the other their progress in the Bronze Award.
4. The main discussion was around the forthcoming sleepover. The programme was outlined and an explanation of how the resource packs would be delivered discussed. Along with the fun of the sleepover Beavers should be able to gain the Space and Builder Activity Badges and a Nights Away. 12 colonies and 140 young people are planning to join the weekend 'in Space' on March 20th/21st.

The meeting ended with a thank you to everyone for their contribution to organising and developing this event and an extra 'thank you' to Hannah, Tanya and Emma for assistance in pulling everything together.

**Rachel and Olwen
Adult Support.**



Many thanks for all your ongoing hard work delivering programmes remotely. As I write this I'm on "virtual" camp with my own Pack, 1st Downton, 32 of our Cubs have joined Camp, and was opened by Tim Kidd, UK Chief Commissioner on a weekend before most schools restart, the government's "roadmap" is being navigated and we have hope of coming out of lockdown.

As the pressure of my work starts to, hopefully, ease along with easing of restrictions I very much look forward to delivering, with you, a full District programme of events in parallel with running the Pack at Downton.

Census returns estimate 311 Cubs in the District; each of which (and Leaders) will be receiving, via Pack Leaders, the badge which Alice Minnican (Boscombe Down) designed last year; this badge is able to be worn on uniforms until May 2022.

21 Cubs, since July 2020 have achieved their Silver Awards and we are all being invited to a District celebration, via Zoom, on Wednesday 31st March at 7pm.

Please can you help by making sure that you have forwarded names of those who have achieved, or will achieve, their award this month by Monday 22nd March.

Our next meeting, together, will be on Monday 12th April and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

I have listed those planned events for the District which I hope your Cubs will be able to join in and enjoy

Weds 31st March Silver Awards ceremony via Zoom @ 7pm (for Cubs achieving Silver awards up until 31st March 2021)

Sun 27th June District Challenge Event (all day)

Sat 17th July 5-a-side football competition (times tbc)

Sat 18th September Brownsea Island

Sat 9th October Swimming Gala (evening)

Sat 20th November Chess Competition (afternoon)

17th-19th June 2022 District Camp

**Jonathan Borwell
Assistant District Commissioner (Cub Scouts)
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Chief Scouts Gold Awards:

Congratulations to 1st Laverstock who have two Scouts and 3rd Salisbury who have one Scout that have completed the award.

Garden Birdwatch:

Following on from the RSPB BIG Garden Birdwatch did you manage to take any bird photographs? Send in your best photos and we can publish them in the Yellow Peril.

Self Defence Evening:

1st Laverstock held a Zoom self-defence demonstration on Friday 05 March 2021 to which all were invited.

Vegetable Growing Competition:

Now is the time to start growing vegetables and I thought it would be a good idea to hold a vegetable growing competition. You don't need a big plot as many vegetables can be grown in a pot or container. So, get sowing and send in photos for each stage of growing. You could grow carrots, onions, turnips, beetroot, potatoes, lettuce, radishes, runner beans, peas etc etc.

Mark Warner
ADC Scouts

Explorer Scouts
Chef Badge on Zoom



Next is a sweet or savoury tart
Probably will not last to end of lockdown
But there is more to bake yet

ADULT TRAINING



Modules available for the training weekend on the 27th and 28th of March organised by County have now been finalised and details of these and how to apply will be (or may already have been) sent out to Leaders and Assistants. There are also some Modules available during the week. Whilst some people who receive these details do not need to do training for their role anyone can do training if they would like to. Please don't forget to let us know if you have applied to take part in any of these Modules.

Please would everyone also check their records on Compass to make sure that the details are correct and that Safety, Safeguarding, and GDPR training are completed and/or in date

Finally if anyone does any training or validating during lockdown please don't forget to let us know and send any relevant certificates to murrellswoodstock82@gmail.com

Graham and Elaine
CLTM. DTA



A group of us got together on Zoom and had an enjoyable Bingo evening, with prizes.

On Wednesday 24th March at 7.30pm there will be an opportunity to join with other SASU members across the County, for a Quiz evening, run by Sharon Cottrall and Kelvin King. This is the first of two sessions planned.

The joining email will be sent out nearer the time, but anyone over 18 may join us, and if you don't normally receive our newsletters, please contact me for details.

The DMH team are busy while we are closed, repairing the hall floor damaged by flooding, and installing new toilet facilities.

Meanwhile go for your vaccinations if you are called and let's hope we will be able to gather together in the summer.

Barbara White, Service and Social Team Coordinator.

The shop remains closed, but all the preparations are in place for later in the year when we can reopen.

Meanwhile orders are being placed on a click and collect basis and charged to the Group Account.

Orders can include Uniform, where parents will refund the cost to the Group Bank account; additional tokens are awarded for each uniform item ordered this way.

Thank you for your support, where any profit is returned to Scouting in the district.

Deana and Barbara.



We have had an offer by private sale of a few acres of woodland between Dinton and Teffont for £100,000. This is the first real offer we have received so a visit has been made to see what it looks like.

First impressions are it has some merit but a lot of work to do but definitely Green Field only at this stage. It might not come to anything, but it does give an idea of what two acres looks like and what is available.



Books, CD.s, DVD's continue to flood in and are being sold almost every day at the moment. Keep putting the word out there. John Wyeth has now arranged for DMH and Wilton Scout Hut to be registered as Charity Book shops so we now have hand scanners which should save the blistered fingers. Old Coins and notes are also flooding in, so far £35 has been raised from a few coins to local collectors and the remaining 15Kg are being sorted into countries before sending to the coin dealers.

That's it for this month. Springs coming, freedom looms so who knows where we will be this time next year?

Camp Site Quest Team

Have books,

CDs, DVDs/Blu-rays and video games
that you no longer want?

**Help the Scouts by donating your
unwanted books CD's DVD's etc**

Bring them to your Beaver, Cub, Scout or Explorer Scout
meeting and we will do the rest



Further information from

johnwyeth@btinternet.com david.waspe@btinternet.com

All items should be in good condition and not damaged or soiled in any way.

Fund raising for The Wilton Mayor's Appeal supporting

Have Coins or Notes,

Foreign, Pre Euro, Pre Decimal, Out of date,
that you no longer want?

Salisbury & South Wilts Scouts
are raising funds to purchase their own
Camp Site.

We are doing well but need more.

**Help us by donating your unwanted coins to
the**

Camp Site Quest

Bring them to your Beaver, Cub, Scout or Explorer
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WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR LOTTERY PAGE

Buy Your Tickets From Our Page - We Get 50%

- CAMP SITE QUEST
- We are now part of the lottery and have a Scouts Salisbury page supporting our CAMP SITE QUEST.
- We have plans to purchase a camp site and are raising funds to do so.
- We are over a third of the way there and with your help we can achieve our goal.
- Support our cause and maybe win prizes of up to £25,000 for only £1 a week
- 50% of all tickets sold from our page go to us! 10% goes to other good local causes.

To Start Supporting, Visit:
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And Search For:

Scouts - Salisbury



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

Books, CD'S, DVD's

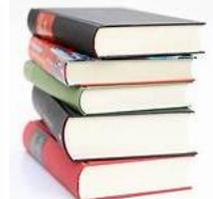
Another scheme to raise money for the
Camp Site Quest

which is being supported by the
2020/2021 Mayor of Wilton Appeal.

See the poster elsewhere in Yellow Peril.

Please distribute the poster to your GROUP's parents
and supporters and receive the books and CD's etc
when they arrive.

They can be brought to RMH for the attention of
Rave Waspe, Alexandra Kinsey and John Wyeth





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