Welcome

Hi, thanks for watching.

We have seen more communications from HQ this week with news on the national membership fee and some changes to training

A good number of groups have begun the process to start meeting face to face and many have also completed it and been approved to meet. Thank you and well done for your work in doing this.

We know it feels as though there is lots of hoops to jump through, but they are all important, after all your safety and the safety of every young person and all the families is paramount.

The last thing we want to do is make a mistake and end up having to cease our plans because there are growing numbers of cases of Covid-19.

If you haven’t started thinking about returning yet, don’t worry, as we have said many times, there is no rush. It should be when you and your leadership team are ready.

You must follow the guidance and make sure that you have your Risk Assessments written and approved by your DC.

Thank you to everyone that has supported this journey, for your patience and diligence.

There is more and more guidance available, so do keep checking on the websites for information.

Recently all GSLs, DESCs and DCs received an email asking for more information about adults coming back to Scouting, young people continuing and funding. This information is really needed so that The Scout Association can seriously consider where they need to support, whether that be financially or with other resources. Please do try and complete this at your earliest convenience, this information is really important.

Don’t forget the brilliant team at Cranham are back and willing to welcome you to use their space for outdoor Scouting. Just email the wonderful team and they will do everything they can to help.

Coming up

GOOOSE – The Gloucestershire Online Out of the Ordinary Scouting Experience is taking place on the 18th – 20th September.

Don’t forget, we need you still to sign up to say if you want to hear more about it, you’ll be the first to know when we announce our programme and activities.

If I was to describe what our plans are at the moment, it is safe to say if you take a pinch of The Great Indoors Weekender, mix it with a smidge of our We Will Survive Camp and blend it with a little of S&E at home and finally and a block of the Gilwell Reunion you’ll have something close to what we want to achieve. This event is aimed not just young people but also all of you too…

To help us put this on, we would like to ask for some young people and adult volunteers to help us lead some activity sessions over the GOOOSE weekend, if you think you would like to be involved in this please email Callum on…

Latest blog form Carole is focused on Summer Holidays, as ever you can find it in the news and blogs section on our homepage at GScouts.org.uk

The Next World Jamboree due to take place in South Korea in 2023, they are looking for a UK contingent leader to lead the experience for thousands of young people from throughout the UK. You don’t need to be a previous manager of this kind of role, just have the passion, enthusiasm and leadership skills to inspire others.

And finally…

I have received another necker from 1st Tetbury, so a huge thank you to them, Jean, their Scout leader wrote to tell me about the amazing things going on with them including a curry night where they each cooked a curry and flatbread whilst being instructed over Zoom!

What a great idea.

Jean also wrote to tell me the story of the Tetbury Scouts group badge. Legend has it that a member of the Breuse family who were Lords of the manor in Norman times was sailing in the Irish sea when his ship was holed and started to sink. After a great deal of prayer, the ship did not sink and made it to land. When they arrived to everyone’s amazement there were two dolphins wedged in the hole! Hence the dolphins, which you will also see all around Tetbury.

Thanks Jean.

If you want me to wear and talk about your necker, please do drop me a line and I’ll give you my address.

Also if you want me to drop into any virtual camps over the summer, just let me know, or I am happy to record a video message if you prefer.

Finally, finally… I’d like to take a moment as I feel inspired to share something a little extra.. A short poem for all of you:

Dedicated hearts like yours

Are not so easy to find.

It takes a special person to be

So generous and kind.

To care so much for so many young people

Is a quality all too rare.

Yet you give of your time and talents,

For all in need to share.

So thank you for being a volunteer,

I’m privileged to work with you.

I want you to know how appreciated you are,

Not just today, but the whole year through.

I hope where possible, you are able to rest and take some time to recharge over these summer weeks.

There will be another video later in August, until then please continue to stay safe and again, thank you so much for all that you do.

Bye bye