

gscouts

News and Views for Scouting in Gloucestershire July 2018





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Editorial

It is gratifying to see the number and variety of articles in this edition which tell me that the magazine is becoming more widely known and is better supported. I hope it is successful in spreading news, information and interest across the County.

On a personal note, I have recently, with two ladies from Gloucester and Cheltenham Districts, been able to set up a temporary Appointments Advisory Committee to help Cotswold District, a widespread geographical area for which support is rather thin on the ground. We were able to interview eight new Leaders, all of whom will be an asset to the District.

Apparently the take-up on the contingent to the Harlem Jamboree has been disappointing, so please give it your consideration. The closing date for applications has been extended to 19th October – see page 22 for a form.

Copy date for the autumn edition is October 15th. I look forward to receiving your reports on all the activities in which you have been involved this summer.

Mark's musings

So the last few months have been really interesting with lots of things happening across Districts, the County, the region and nationally.

I was really pleased to see so many people taking part in St George's Day parades across the County, a true celebration of Scouting. I even managed to take part in three myself, having the pleasure of attending Matins as part of the Queen's Scout Award Celebration at Windsor, then hot-footing it to join in at Cheltenham, where I had the great pleasure of presenting a number of awards. As soon as that finished, it was back into the CC-mobile to go to Gloucester Cathedral, where again it was great to see so many taking part in the parade led by two Beavers. I also had the pleasure of presenting a number of awards there too. A great but very tiring day.



Thank you all, in all Districts, for providing the opportunity to your Young People to join in this true celebration of Scouting and to meet with young people from across the District, a key part of a balanced programme. Such a key part in fact that the question in all of the Quality Programme Checker documents is “how often does your Colony / Pack / Troop / Unit take part in National / County / District initiatives?”.



On the topic of programme, you will find that as a County Leadership Team that we want to encourage more conversations about programme and to recognise when it is being delivered consistently well. In September we will be launching our County-wide initiative: The Inspiring Programme award. Details will be sent out in September, but start thinking about what you can do to continue to deliver a youth-led, quality and inspiring programme.

The **quality programme checker** is a great resource to help you understand whether the programme you are to deliver week after week is balanced and achieves the aims and method of Scouting. Why not ask for a conversation with your GSL / DESC or ADC to share your stories and example of what is working well for you? This also gives you the opportunity to understand and discuss what you can do differently to help make your programme even better.

[Click here](#) to access the **Quality Programme Checkers** for your section.

A movement is on the move...

Since the last issue of **gscouts** a whole lot of things have changed at National level. We've got a new ambassador in the form of Warwick Davis (of Star Wars and Harry Potter fame), we have a new brand and we have launched our new strategic plan for the next five years.

You can't fail to have noticed the launch of the new plan and brand, as it's been across all of the Association's emails, all of the social networks and across the national news.

If you have missed it, or want a reminder, there are some really useful resources that can help you consider how the work you do on a weekly / monthly basis helps us achieve the new vision for Scouting, which quite simply is **“By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme.** We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities”.

[Click here](#) to access more information on the Skills For Life Plan 2023.

It's that simple; deliver inspiring programmes which so many of you do on a weekly basis. For those of us that are Managers and Supporters, whether Exec members, Commissioners or Advisors, our role is clearly defined. It is either to help make our Leaders even more amazing or to enable them to deliver inspiring programmes.

The new strategy for the Association aims to deliver this vision by providing tools and resources to bring this all to life. Whether it be looking at how we can make the training more accessible, or helping Leaders access programmes and resources more easily; everything is focused on the simple vision. All the work being considered by the Scout Association to help us achieve our vision falls under three areas:

- Programme**
- People**
- Perception**



Our new County logo using the new brand

Talking of 'Vision', you may remember last September we launched our [County Vision](#) to have:

- Young people regularly influencing and experiencing high quality, balanced programmes, full of adventure, fun and development.
- Adults feeling more supported, engaged and able to undertake their roles.
- More people enjoying Scouting in Gloucestershire than ever before.

Well, as you can see, the national strategy and our own vision are really well aligned, so it's full steam ahead knowing that more support will be coming to help us achieve our vision, both in the County and across the Country. A simple version of our Visions could be articulated as:

Inspiring Programmes x Amazing Adults = Skills for life (and growing Scouting)

It's an exciting time! I look forward to continuing our work together.

Brand refresh

In regards to the Brand, there is no need to throw out all of your resources, there is no need to get a new hoodie just yet. The brand is expected to take two years to implement, so please don't panic if you have polo-shirts left with the old brand with the "Swoosh" on.

If you are looking to update your signage at your meeting place, now is a great time to do it. With the launch of the new brand, there is a launch offer for a 120cm x 80cm branded sign that you can personalise for your own group for **only £50** (other sizes available). *Don't delay as the offer is only on for 100 days following the launch of the brand in mid May.*

For more information, supporting documents on how to use the new Brand, as well as downloads for documents and resources, access the new Brand Centre [here](#).

GDPR

You also cannot fail to have noticed that on the 25th May, the General Data Protection Regulations came into being and became enforceable.

I know first-hand that it can feel overwhelming and confusing. There are lots of resources available on the Association website including:

[This toolkit](#) helps you understand the three key areas affected by GDPR and what you can do about it. In particular I recommend the [FAQs](#) to you.

For most members there are a few key principles that you should follow:

Consider data about people as personal and sensitive and treat it in the same way you want information about you treated.

Never share personal or sensitive data with anyone who does not need it.

Only keep information for as long as you need it.

Unless you have permission, you now cannot send marketing e-mails or communications (e.g. District-wide mailshots inviting to your group quiz night).

Only use data for the purpose they were created.

Our communications with you

With the implementation of GDPR, we need to make sure we can continue to communicate with you so that you can receive this and other useful updates. If you haven't done so already, please complete this [short survey](#) to OPT IN to our County Communications.

If you do not, you will shortly stop receiving the County-Wide GScouts updates.

In the same way, if you haven't done so already, please log on to Compass, to update your Communication preferences so that you continue to receive the right information that you want. Simply log in, click on "My Profile" and then "Communications" to edit your preferences.

Help us
stay in
touch!



For all of us Leaders giving up weekends with our families, for our Scouting children :

We are only Leaders – we are not experts – we are your next-door neighbours – we are not perfect, we are parents, just like you. We don't have any more spare time or energy than you do, we all work full time and juggle our families and our schedules and try to keep it all together as best we can.

The only difference between us is that we believe passionately about what Scouting has to offer. So much so, that we contribute our time, our efforts and our talents to help our children – and your children – grow in Scouting.

We complete authorisation forms, budgets and records and fill our homes with boxes of paperwork you will never see. We are required to take 13-20 hours training in our first year, as well as planning meetings every month, so we can meet our greatest challenge – providing a variety of programmes and activities which meet the needs and interests of very individual boys and girls. We try to involve parents, who want us to understand that they don't have the time to drive on outings or help at meetings. We rejoice in the generosity of others.

Sometimes we find ourselves going in too many directions – we run out of steam – we have memory lapses – communication lines break down – time slips by – but that doesn't mean we don't care. So many evenings we spend on the phone seeking help and advice from other Leaders, when disappointments or problems occur. “How do I hold my Scouts' attention?”. “How do you cope with Scouts of different skills levels?

Our dining tables are covered in bits of rope, menus, permission forms and record cards for each and every member of the Group. A couple of them won't show up and don't think to call to let us know – sometimes we feel unappreciated.

Yet these boys and girls can fill us with pride at their determination and accomplishments. Their smiles and laughter fill up a room, and when they say “thank you” it makes it all worthwhile. We help these boys and girls build relationships. Some struggle more than others. Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly....all these traits are encouraged by the Scout Promise and Law – and sometimes we too must learn these lessons over and over again with the Scouts – but we are willing to keep learning.

Please be patient if we appear distracted or frustrated or overwhelmed at times. Forgive us if we are not always the kind of Scout Leader you would be – if only you had the time. Instead, provide us with your encouragement – a kind word, a thank you – or offer us your help. Keep us always in your thoughts.

(Posted by Carol O'Donnell , DC, Cotswold Vale)



Recent Awards

Anthony Hall, DESC, receiving his Award for Merit, Cotswold Vale AGM

Joe Cullis, a Meyer (Cotswold Vale) Explorer, receives his Explorer Belt at their AGM



Photo courtesy of Ruthie Stennett. Will done Joe Cullis for achieving your Explorer Belt following expedition to Poland. [See more](#)

You, Chloe Hall and 18 others

3 comments



At Tewkesbury Abbey on St. George's Day, Tom Anderson & Will Earl, Bob's Dinosaurs Explorers, now Leaders, receiving Gold DofE pins and badge from Chris Lodwig, DC Tewkesbury.

Tom is now at Swansea University and Will at Sandhurst.



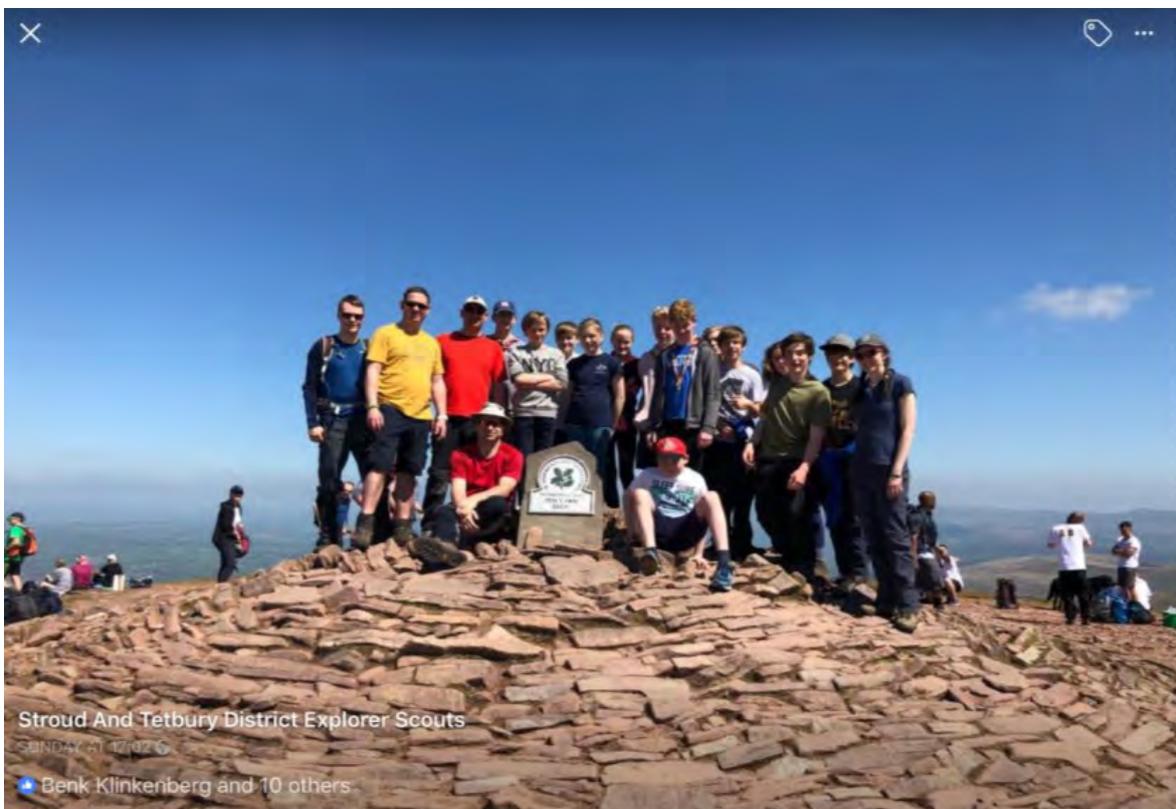


Red Wolves ESU at their St. George's Day service at Tewkesbury Abbey



Stroud & Tetbury Scouts prepare for St. George's Day fun

Stroud & Tetbury Explorers May Day Weekend, Plas Dolygaer



Pen y Fan, in the Brecon Beacons National Park, is the highest peak in South Wales, 886 metres above sea level



Following much debate, the Gloucestershire Jamboree unit are delighted to announce that from now on we will be known as The Severn Boars.

During the last few months we have completed a range of fundraising events, from fêtes and summer fayres to race nights and the renowned 'Farriers Challenge'. The Jamboree leadership team decided to take the Stroud and Tetbury event on tour to the Forest of Dean, we saw over 80 cubs take



part in the event. The cubs had to take part in an incident hike and complete a series of challenges on the way. Congratulations to Stonehouse Ironfists! All participants will receive a badge and certificate to mark their participation.

During our April training day, we began to learn

some of the skills we will need to use in America. We started off talking about personal development. After all, the World Scout Jamboree is not just a two-week camp, but an

eighteen-month journey of personal development, providing all participants will new skills for life. Some of our members attended a consultation day to share their ideas about the optional kit that we will receive or be able to buy for the Jamboree. We heard their feedback and looked at pictures from their day before thinking about our branding and unit kit. To finish the day, the



participants learnt how to hand-wash their clothes. The participants were given a white t-shirt and asked to make it as dirty as possible. Once successful, the participants had to wash their top and make it as white as possible. Many of the groups did well, but we think we still need to do some more of this!

We are now selling tickets for our summer raffle, please visit the website

www.glosjam.org.uk.



First Aid Myth Buster Article

For Leaders, Managers & Supporters:

Module 10 First Response (6hrs or 2hr refresher) - Leaders, Managers and Supporters in Scouting must hold a current First Aid qualification at the time of gaining their Wood Badge and at their Appointment Renewal. However, they are encouraged to keep their qualification up to date at all times. The minimum standard for this qualification is First Response. You may already hold a certificate that meets the requirements of Module 10; factsheet [FS120052](#) will be able to provide you with those that fulfil the requirement.

POR 9.56d - All groups undertaking a nights away event must have immediate access to someone who has a current First Aid qualification, minimum First Response (6hrs or 2hr refresher). The level of First Aid competence required for each event will be determined by the event risk assessment. The permit holder is not required to hold a First Aid qualification.

POR 9.7i - All groups undertaking adventurous activities must have immediate access to someone holding a relevant and current First Aid qualification. This need not be the permit holder. The detail of the first aid skills required will be identified by the risk assessment, but the minimum qualifications (or equivalents) are:

- Terrain 2 – A full First Aid certificate as defined at [FS120052](#) (14-16hrs / 2days)
- All other adventurous activities inc Terrain 0 & 1 – First Response/Module10 (6hrs or 2hr refresher)
- See [POR 9.28, 9.29 & 9.30](#) for Terrain Definitions

For Young Leaders/DofE/Top Awards:

Irrespective of the DofE/Top Award Level, e.g. Bronze/Silver/Gold/Queen Scout Award, First Aid requirements for Young People are Level 4 / Young Leader Module K (3-6hrs) as a minimum (which happens to be the same as Module 10 First Response for Adult Leaders). Wild Country Expeditions will likely require Level 5 (6-8hrs) and potentially Expeditions in Terrain 2 the full First Aid certificate (14-16hrs / 2 days). Plus ensuring any additional elements are covered for specific modes of transport (Canoeing/Kayaking/Horse Riding).

Access to First Aid Training:

The strategy going forward is to centrally manage, as part of the “Training Provision”, all First Aid Training at a County level to maximise on economies of scale. Shell Vaughan will lead this team, supported by ACC Activities. The team can be contacted by email firstaid@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk.

Delivering First Response (up to 6hrs Courses):

First Response courses (including Levels 1-4 and Module K) can be run by any externally qualified First Aid trainer, or by Adults in Scouting who hold a Full First Aid Certificate (14-16hrs / 2days) and completed or working towards The Scout Association’s Presenting (29) and Facilitating (28) Modules. Please contact Shell Vaughan if you want to be a part of the County Training Delivery Team.

Adam Griffiths, acc.activities@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk

A Short history of the Explorer Badge

My first involvement with the Explorer Badge was in 1989 when Bryan Wright, Warden at Chalfont Heights, invited me to take over from David Hollier, who had run the course for several years previously. We inherited a very young Paul Huntley who had helped David on previous courses.



Right from the start, Neil Roberts was involved, along with other Leaders from Middlesex. The course followed a similar format to that we still use. The first weekend was held at Chalfont Heights with the Scouts sleeping in a bunkhouse or sometimes camping out. We used the old Rowallan, Maclean or even the Gladstone buildings. Catering was provided by Fred Webb who always ended up with Scouts in the kitchen helping. During the first weekend the Scouts all went out on a compass exercise



Early Explorer Badge at Cranham.

taking them to the **Neil Roberts & Geoff Broadis (Warden before Ken Clapton) in background.** other side of the M25. They did this just using compasses and measured distances, no maps. They were also sent out to complete a survey of a local village. Denham, Gerrard's Cross and Chalfont St Peter were all used. They then needed to complete a project and display on their findings. If there was an adult training course at Chalfont, they would be invited to come and view the results.

Paddy Langham

Support Mountain Rescue — Get Lost

Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Expedition Trial

In March, the DofE announced that they are running a Bronze Expedition Trial during 2018. As previously communicated, each Licensed Organisation has to make a decision about being involved and which of the five options they want to make available to their participants.

The Scout Association have agreed to trial three of the proposed five options within the DofE Bronze Expedition trial in 2018. The decision on what options to trial was not taken lightly, and consideration was given to the complex structure in how Scouting operates and the ability to provide adequate support to those using these options. All member feedback was also considered.

The options that we have decided to trial are:

- Option 2: Leader set generic aim
- Option 4: No presentation
- Option 5: Training

The options that we have decided that we are not going to trial are:

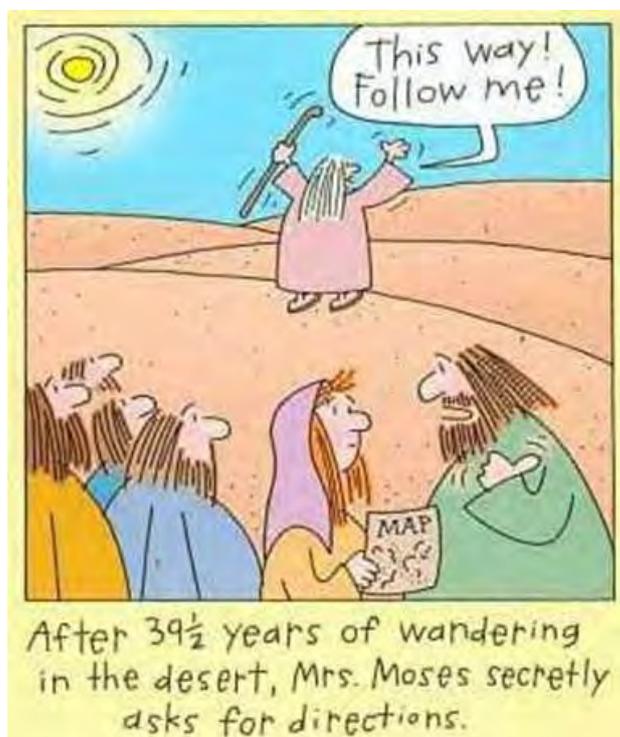
- Option 1: Indoor accommodation
- Option 3: Combined Supervisor/Assessor

For more information on what this allows, TSA reasoning and how to take part in the trial please see this link <https://members.scouts.org.uk/dofeexpeditiontrial>

Or get in touch dofe@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk

Adam Griffiths

acc-activities@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk



I read that, by law, you have to turn on your headlights on when it's raining in Sweden.

How the heck am I supposed to know if it's raining in Sweden?



Gloucestershire Scouting taking part in our 1st Bell Boating Regatta at Fladbury,
Saturday morning, 19th May.

46th Gloucester Cubs, Scouts & Explorers, along with Joy Turner, Rob Green and Kat Turner
out on the water, as well as other Leaders along for a fabulous morning.

2nd place awards achieved by two teams.



Gloucestershire Water Weekend at Croft Farm - September 2018.

(See also Scouting on the Water Gloucestershire Facebook & <http://activities.gscouts.org.uk/>)

Dates are released for this year's Gloucestershire Water Weekend at Croft Farm, Tewkesbury. This will be our 6th year of Gloucestershire Scouting on the Water.

15th to 16th September: Kayaking, Canoeing, Stand Up Paddleboarding.

What's on offer:

- * paddling experience,
- * British Canoeing Awards,
- * Scouting Paddle Awards,
- * Leader permit assessments,
- * or just enjoying a paddle on the River Avon.

Cost of the weekend is £40, to include camping and launch fee, Saturday lunch and evening meal, Sunday breakfast and lunch.

These two days are open to all Scouts, Explorers, Network and Leaders. If your interested then email :- scouting-on-the-water@outlook.com

Are you a Leader willing to help us over the weekend? We need assistance with camp setup, cooking, camp clear-up, water-permitted Leaders, etc. Every year we have to limit the numbers on the camp due to the number of Leaders who attend the weekend. If you can help or want to know even more about this weekend:

email :- scouting-on-the-water@outlook.com

If attacked by a mob of clowns, go for the juggler.





The massively popular bike ride around the beautiful Cotswolds countryside back for 2018. Geared up for friends, family & Scouts together taking on the 30 or 50 mile routes.

Lovely to talk with Alec & Betty aged 78 & 79 on their 37th Cotswold Bike Ride. Cheltenham District Explorers have run 1st Water Point at Whittington since 2006 and Temple Guiting Water Point since 2015.



Wotton and Dursley Beavers near Slimbridge 20.5.18



Gloucestershire Scouts going to Haarlem

We plan to take a party of Scouts and Explorers from the County to join the 2019 Haarlem Jamborette held near Amsterdam in the Netherlands. The County has a long tradition of attending Haarlem Jamborettes. This means we are drawing on experience of the camp activities and organisation and have great relationships with the Main camp organisers. This helps our contingent to be prepared for an amazing Scouting experience.



The Jamborette is an opportunity for Scouts aged 11+ and Explorer Scouts to:-

Travel to a foreign country; Meet Scouts and Guides from all over Europe and beyond; Take part in the exciting and varied programme of activities arranged by the Jamborette team for over 5000 young people

This is NOT a camp for entire units/troops. We target individuals and small groups from many units and troops. We then have an epic event, which results in the contingent becoming a group of friends.

Accompanying Scout Leaders: The main leadership team will consist of Leaders who have been invited because of their previous experience. Further leadership opportunity is available, however this will be limited and decided by the Contingent Leaders, to ensure we have the best adult team. Leaders who would like to offer their support, please contact us via email glos.haarlem@outlook.com.

Dates: Jamborette dates are 28th July to the 6th August 2019. We add travel and camp set-up to this. Provisional dates will be: **Depart: Friday 26th July (afternoon/evening).**
Return: Thursday 8th August (pm)

Cost: The cost of the camp will be **£700.00**. This includes –

Transport from Gloucestershire to the camp; Jamborette camp fees; Insurance; All food;

Activities and trips-out organised at the Jamborette; UK Based Pre Camp;

Contingent polo shirt, badge and necker

There may be a small cost variation due to the exchange rate and confirmation of travel fares, however the fee shown includes a level of contingency fund to accommodate normal variations. The cost will be split into a £100 Deposit and 3 Payments of £200, spread over the Oct-June period.

Deposit & cancellations:

£100.00 [non returnable] deposit for all Scouts/Explorers and Leaders to be paid by 20th July 2018, **extended to October 2018 half term 19/10/2018**. The preferred method of payment is by bank transfer: sort code **55-61-08** account number **66 58 63 99**. It is a NatWest account. If this will present a problem to you, please contact the team on glos.haarlem@outlook.com

Places are limited and we are not intending to run a selection process. Places for young people will therefore be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pre Camp: Included in the cost is a pre-camp weekend; this is an opportunity for everybody to meet each other, Scouts/Explorers to work with their patrols and for parents to meet the leadership team and discuss any potential issues.

Further details: To find out more about the Jamboree:

Visit the Jamboree website at <http://www.haarlemjamborete.nl/>

Contact glos.haarlem@outlook.com for a DVD of the last Jamboree.

Jean Buxton – Camp Lead

Gloucestershire Scouts Haarlem Jamborete Application Form Return by 19th October 2018

Please complete/photo and send to Glos.Haarlem@outlook.com

SnailMail option return to Jean Buxton, 2 Brickhouse, Bussage, Stroud, Glos GL6 8BA

Name Of Scout Explorer		Date Of Birth	Male / Female
Address		Postcode	
Home Tel	Parent 1 Mobile	Parent 2 Mobile	
Current Troop / Unit			
Special Dietary of other needs			
Camp Communication is mainly via Email ~ All emails will get messages			
Scout/Explorer Email (if desired)	Parent 1 Email	Parent 2 Email	
Passport Number	Passport Expiry	Need to get a Passport	
EHIC Number	EHIC Expiry	Need to get an EHIC	
Deposit Payment Via Bank Transfer – Please use reference Haarlem <Participant Name>			
Transfer Date	Please Confirm Reference Used	Account Name	
Signature of Parent/Guardian			
Current Leader Detail			
Current Section Leader Name		Current Section leader Contact Detail (email/Mobile)	
Current Section Leader Signature			
<p>The Haarlem Jamborete is an international activity over almost 2 weeks. In my opinion the young person named above has the capability to enjoy this activity as part of a large group from Gloucestershire.</p>			

GlosCamp 2020?



Would you like to see GlosCamp run again? Is there enough support from Leaders in the county? You are invited to contact me at:

badges@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk with your views. Let us know if you would support such an event (no commitment required at this stage).

GlosCamp was a week-long camp for Scouts. The last one was held at Rydd Covert, near Kidderminster. If there is enough interest, we can move ahead with plans.

Paddy Langham

Operation Bald Eagle

2018 Camp Dates: Friday 12th to Sunday 14th October 2018

A great weekend for all Scouts and Leaders – run by Hereford & Worcester Scouts with Gloucestershire Scouts.

This event is a full weekend camp, from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon Based on Teamwork and Fun.

Friday Evening: A special team activity challenge for Scout Teams to complete during the evening. A Trophy is awarded for the team with the most points.

Saturday Morning and Afternoon: Day bases from which Scout Teams can pick-and-mix to earn points towards the Day Base Challenge Trophy.

Saturday Evening: A night hike from 6pm till early!! Scout Teams will participate in an incident hike around the Wyre Forest area, stopping at and attempting numerous night-hike exercises as they go to earn points towards the Night Base Challenge Trophy. Certificates are also given for the best team for each exercise.

The Operation Bald Eagle trophy is for the best team overall. Everything you do counts!!! Never been before? – Your Scouts are missing a great adventure. More details, including pictures of last year's event can be found on the website:

<http://www.baldeagle.hwscouts.org.uk/?q=node/12>

PADI Open Water Scuba Diver

September 14th/16th AND October 12th/14th £450

There is a lot of enthusiasm out there for scuba diving this year. Is it the blue sea, crystal clear water, beautiful multi-coloured fish swimming happily just inches away from you? No? Well it must be the fun and sheer delight of making the Leader team struggle to crow-bar you into the wet-suits. For whatever reason, this year's Open Water course in April / May was fully booked with enough on the waiting list to make a second course viable in 2018 – so here it is!

Our close relationship with the JCScuba Dive School means that the Octopus Scuba Explorer Unit will again be running the PADI Open Water Scuba Diver course for those Scouts and Explorer Scouts wanting to gain this lifelong qualification and embark on thrilling holiday adventures well into the future.

Our course set-up consists of two Scout weekends. Prior to the course you will be sent the training manuals. During the first weekend, the friendly instructor team from JCScuba will then take you through a review of the manuals and also give you training time in the pool, before heading off to some Open Water dives at a local site. Weekend 2 is similar but has the added bonus (?) of two theory exams, leading to the full qualification on completion of the second weekend. (Don't worry, nobody has failed the exams on our courses.....yet!)

The course also has the potential to deliver various Scout activity badges and these will be agreed with Scouts and their Leaders. For Explorers, gaining the qualification is listed as one possible route for completion of the DoE Physical Activity section.

The course is residential, based at a Scout HQ in Gloucestershire, over both weekends with training manuals, PADI registration, equipment hire, accommodation, food, transport and entrance fees to the training and dive locations all included. The cost for 2018 is £450 for the whole course but it can be paid in instalments by arrangement with the Course Director (see booking form for contact details).

The two weekend dates are: 14 – 16 September AND 12 – 14 October, 2018

Booking Form available here: [2018 Scuba OW09 Application form](#)

PADI Advanced Open Water and Specialisms Weekend

5th/7th October

OK, so you've got your PADI Open Water Scuba Diver – where to next? Well, there are plenty of specialisms available in Gloucestershire Scouting from the Octopus Scuba Explorer Unit in conjunction with our usual dive school JCSuba. This weekend we will be running the PADI Advanced Open Water course, as usual, but we will also be running specialisms. You tell us which specialism you want and we'll see what we can do!

Examples:

- Enriched Air (Nitrox) (1 day)
- Dry Suit Diver (1 day)
- Diver Propulsion Vehicle (1 day)
- Wreck Diver (2 day)
-more?

Price will vary depending on the courses chosen – some are one-day so you can mix and match to get two qualifications, and some require the full weekend to obtain. For some courses there are also pre-requisites before you can be accepted on the course.

As usual with our scuba weekends the price includes all travel, accommodation, food, equipment hire, instruction and PADI registration. The maximum price for the whole weekend will be £340.

If you only want to do a one-day specialism, that's fine. On the other day you can do two of our Experience Dives – don't forget every dive logged counts towards the minimum number required for your Master Scuba Diver qualification.

For further information (and customised price for the course combination), without obligation, please contact Derek to discuss which courses you are thinking about (01452 614633)

The application form for AOW is here [2018 Scuba AOW Application form](#)

Don't grow up—it's a trap!

PADI Scuba Enriched Air + Dry Suit Diver

12th/14th October

Spend the weekend with the Open Water trainees and gain your dry suit and Enriched Air (Nitrox) qualification. The two go well together and allow you to stay down longer and more comfortably (providing you keep the suit zipped up!). £340 for this weekend covers all transport, food, accommodation, kit hire and the qualification registrations.

For this course you must be at least 12 years old and hold the (Junior) Open Water qualification.

Book using this form [2018 Scuba Generic Application form](#)

Thinking....I want to do something different, but what? Ever tried scuba diving? Do you get enthralled watching Blue Planet and other underwater exploration programmes? Do you want to be like the teams producing these shows? You NEED to be a scuba diver!

Come along and give it a try. Our one-hour session in the safety of a swimming pool is an ideal way to decide if scuba diving is something you would like to do – and our professional instructors make sure it's a fun event too. Cost is £27 including kit hire.

Oh – and you earn the Water Sports Activities Badge too.

You can find the application form here : [2018 Scuba DSD Application form](#)

PADI Scuba Dry Suit Diver

September 14th/16th

An opportunity to gain the Dry-Suit qualification. Join the Open Water training weekend and gain your Dry Suit qualification whilst showing the new Scout and Explorer trainees that scuba diving is fun. £210 covers transport, food and accommodation and hire of all equipment. To book a place please use this booking form

[2018 Scuba Generic Application form](#)

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Scout Paragliding Club

20th & 21st October

This exciting opportunity is provided by Greater London South West & Surrey Scouts at South Cerney. Click [HERE](#) for full details.

- 14th & 15th July
- 22nd & 23rd September
- 6th & 7th October

Caving Permits

Are you interested in gaining your caving Leadership Permit? Then contact Greg Jones for more information: greg010760@gmail.com

Mountain Activities Team Events



23-25th November - cost depends on numbers but should be approx **£120**.

The County Mountain Activities Team are pleased to be running a hillwalking training weekend, where Leaders will be able to learn the skills required for a hillwalking permit. The goal of this weekend will be for instruction to be provided on the skills required for a T1/T2 Hillwalking Permit. It will be run in terrain suitable for candidates who want to pursue T1/T2 summer permits. The weekend will cover the following topics: navigation (including night navigation), group management, group equipment, personal equipment, planning, risk assessment process, weather, emergency procedures, crossing water hazards, steep ground use of confidence ropes and equipment. Competency in all is required for successful recommendation for a permit. Each day will be a mixture of the instructor exploring what the candidate is already capable of and of providing initial training of best practice where required. Two instructors will be available throughout the weekend to help tailor training to candidates' requirements. We will be staying in a Bunkhouse both nights. Accommodation, transport and all meals included in the cost. If you are interested please contact Glenn Hemsley (glos.ma.team@gmail.com).

Scouting in Hong Kong

Much of the following is extracted from *Scouting in Hong Kong 1910—2010* by Paul Kua.

“Scouting came to Hong Kong just a few years after it started in Britain. Informal Scout training was introduced in 1910. The first formal Boy Scout Troop was started in late 1913. In these early years, Scouting prepared a few British boys in the colonial outpost of Hong Kong for citizenship in God’s kingdom and the British Empire.

“Scouting prides itself as an international brotherhood. Yet, except for a short time, due to the exclusion of many youngsters based on rules imposed by the colonial authority along both racial and nationality lines, the movement served only a small minority of British, Portuguese and British Chinese youth. Scouting teaches duty to God. Yet religious and sectarian concerns played a significant role in both retarding the start and hastening the end of Scouting.

The movement has been praised by its enthusiasts (and accused by its detractors) as militaristic. Yet war waged by the empire provided an excuse, first for excluding non-British, Chinese and Portuguese boys and expatriate British boys and then for abandoning Scouting entirely”.



Old colonial badge

As part of his world tour, B-P visited Hong Kong in April 1912, but surprisingly did not meet the few Boy Scouts there with enthusiasm. This was probably because they had evolved deeply connected with the Boys’ Brigade and B-P wanted to see Scouting develop as a separate movement with different ideals. Because of the looming war, the Governor thought it more appropriate to encourage military training in the Cadet Corps.

Paul Kua continues: ‘Whereas the Union Church had failed to establish a Scout Troop for English Protestant boys, St. Joseph’s College succeeded in setting one up for boys regardless of creed or colour. That the college

was able to secure official recognition for the first Boy Scout Troop in this British colony can be viewed as a Catholic coup. This is especially remarkable, given that initial efforts and initial encouragement were all aimed at Protestant or Government institutions, and also because the Catholic church was, generally speaking, not particularly enthusiastic about this movement until after the war. The most desirable youth group, in the eyes of the local authorities, was the Cadet Corps, open only to ethnically British boys. Boy Scouts were downgraded to second-class status, available to British subjects who were not fortunate enough to be ethnically British. Non-British nationals were not to be given training through either the Cadet Corps or Scouting. This exclusion policy ran counter to Scouting ideals. Nevertheless racial exclusion was common in some colonies.

With many Leaders and older boys volunteering for war service, and the Governor, Sir Francis May, instigating a policy of directing boys into the Cadet Corps, Scouting in Hong Kong was wound up in 1916.

In 1920, Sir Reginald Stubbs, the then Governor, concerned with strengthening colonial rule, took a keen interest in expanding Scouting and gave the Movement a new start, followed by

his successor, Sir Cecil Clementi, who adapted the Scout Promise to enable the integration of non-British Chinese boys.

The 1st Hong Kong Troop was reformed at St. Joseph's College and 90 boys were soon recruited, with an ambitious plan to see them through their Progress badges without delay. By the end of 1920, there were four Troops with some 140 boys, though at this stage only one had Portuguese, Chinese and boys of other races.. The first three Chinese Troops were formed in 1921. When the Prince of Wales visited the colony in 1922, he was greeted by six Troops of several racial groups. 1923 produced Hong Kong's first King's Scout, Henry Choa.

From 1923, Scouting for Scottish boys was introduced by the two dockyards. "Kilted Scouts and bagpipe bands were to become a Hong Kong tradition, one eventually even taken up enthusiastically by a few Chinese Troops, creating something of an anomaly, perhaps unique among Chinese Scout Troops around the world".

"In 1923, Hong Kong was ravaged by a deadly outbreak of smallpox, which cost over 1300 lives". Boy Scouts were mobilised to assist in a vaccination program and in total vaccinated 14000 people.

"A significant milestone in Chinese Scouting was the progress made in non-elitist rural and private schools in the late 1920s. In 1927, the 25th Hong Kong was founded in Yuek Chee College, the largest of hundreds of private vernacular schools". In the 1930s, more ethnic Chinese were able to join Scouting, which was needing to be wary of both Chinese nationalism and communism.

By the late 1930s, Japan's advance into China resulted in a flood of half a million refugees into Hong Kong. War was imminent and the supportive attitude of local Chinese saw membership of the Scouts double and the relationship with Japanese Scouts under the fourth Scout Law broke down. Many European women and children were evacuated.

In December 1941, the Japanese invaded Hong Kong. Several Scoutmasters were interned and later transported to Japan. However Scouting could and did continue in the internment camps, though uniforms were not allowed and meetings had to be held in secret. During the occupation, some former Scouts helped with organised resistance. Many Scouts and Scoutmasters died for Hong Kong.

Japan surrendered on August 15th, 1945 and Hong Kong was formally restored as a British colony on September 1st. Scouting was soon re-established, though some Troops were registered with the Scout authorities in China, where nationalism had become stronger. From 1950, the first Chinese Commissioner, F.E.C.C. Quah, was appointed and made considerable progress in the Movement. "The government embarked on a systematic process of denationalising local education, in an effort to reduce the influence of both the Nationalists

and the Communists. A similar denationalising process also took place in Scouting, starting with the removal of Chinese nationalist icons from official ceremonies. Significantly, on St. George's Day in April 1950, only the Union Flag and the British national anthem were involved". However, in 1955 the alternative Outlander Promise was introduced, duty to the Queen could be replaced by duty to "the country in which I am now living".



Emblem introduced in 1959

When the Communists gained control, Scouting ceased in mainland China, but continued in Taiwan under nationalism, though this was not comfortably accepted in Hong Kong.

"Race and class became less significant obstacles to involvement as Scouting was fully indigenised. By the mid-1960s, Hong Kong Scouting was no longer a niche movement for a small number of elites, but a budding, if not yet fully developed, mass youth movement, as evidenced by its aligned (albeit denationalised) ideologies, inclusiveness, rapid growth, professional support, and capacity to host major events and participate in international Scouting".

"Unlike in other commonwealth countries, Hong Kong Scouting broke away from the British movement fully twenty years before Hong Kong's retrocession of sovereignty to China through a combination of favourable metropolitan, international and especially local factors".



Jamboree Contingent 1997

By 1989, the Scout Headquarters, Morse House in Kowloon, was badly in need of refurbishment. However the land it occupied was extremely valuable. The Government approved the use of another site in Kowloon and with a grant and several generous donations, Hong Kong Scouts were able to build their own new Scout Centre. It is a magnificent high-rise building with a conference hall and offices for the Scouts but also a 500-room commercial hostel. A bus station, telephone exchange complex and multi-storey car park were added, providing a substantial and continuing income for them.



Post-1997 badge

While the British Gurkha Regiment was garrisoned in the colony a discrete Scout District was established for their young people and they paraded under the Nepalese flag.

When Hong Kong reverted to being a province of the Republic of China in 1997, Scouting continued under the "one country, two systems" agreement. There are now just under 96,000 members, organised in 48 Districts in 7 Regions, including the New Territories and the outer islands.

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