

APRIL 2017

The Spur

The Newsletter of Torbay Scouts Est. 1953
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ST.GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

Our parade will taking place this year on St.George's Day itself, Sunday April 23rd 2017, with great thanks going to Nicki Parham for bringing together the District and organising this great event. We will meet up and assemble alongside Torquay harbour side, over by the Harvester towards 11th Torbay water headquarters, near Haldon pier. We will meet up at 2pm onwards parade marching off at 2.30 prompt.

Mr Terry Porter has agreed to perform tasks on the day as parade Marshal and organise the District marching off slowly enabling beavers to keep up. I will be taking the salute in parallel to Torquay's war memorial, once at the theatre we will go inside to have our service and re-affirmation of promises. The service should last around 45 mins approximately. We will allow as many parents/guardians and other family members as possible to come and join in with the service. A collection will be taken by the whole District for the benefit of a worthy cause. (TBA)

Paul Bailiss, Q.M District Commissioner Torbay

SCOUT SHOP

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCOUT SHOP WILL RE-OPEN ON SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2017.

Becky Fuller, Scout Shop Manager



Hi, are you looking for a new challenge, change or to step up in 2017? If so we at the 10th Torbay Scout Group need YOU.

We are a group of 123 children (1st march 2017)

23 leaders and helpers and a large list of children waiting to join us.

We have at present 1 pack of Beavers, 2 Cub packs, 2 scout troops (1 Sea & 1 Land) And 1 Troop of 17 explores.

We are looking for Leaders and Helpers in most sections and are looking to start a brand new Beaver section in September. We have planning permission in place for a new HQ on top of our old scout building doubling our hall space for section meeting and with about £65,000 in the bank and a bid in for the remainder, 2017 could see this built.

Most of our camping equipment has been renewed in the last two years or so as has most of our sailing equipment.

With a brand new sailing boat and 6 new kayaks planned for summer 2017.

We also intend in the near future to bring all packs and troops bang up to date with new computers, I.T and work stations.

There is no reason why with our new HQ built, we together cannot double our intake of children at the 10th

And with YOUR help we can start to make this happen NOW.

For an informal chat please ring Richard on 07805578690

Or email rjhale@hotmail.co.uk

Ps our HQ is not used at all on a Wednesday day or evening so if you have a plan or idea and would like to make it happen (even if you are only 17/ 18 years old) please come and talk.

Adult Training



Welcome to your Adult Training 'bit' for the Spur

I have a couple of 'bits; for your diaries this month

First Aid

Teignbridge HQ has been booked for Sunday 7th May for an Adult Leaders first aid training (first response). Start time 09.30.

If you need to complete a First Aid course please book your place on the course by emailing simon.squires@devonscouts.org.uk

Please can you spread the word around the leaders within your group.

Module Validations

Do you need modules validated or a PLP completed?

If so, I will be at the Campsite during the morning of Saturday April 29th. It would be appreciated if you could let me know that you would like modules/PLP validate so I can book a time to see you

'Getting Started'

'Getting Started' Modules 1, 2 & 3 should be completed within the 5 months of receiving a provisional appointment, we need to make sure that

all leaders whether new or changing roles have an up to date Personal Learning Plan (PLP).

There are 45 Adults in Torbay that require a PLP validation.

Once you have agreed your role description with your line manager you need to create a plan for your own training called a Personal Learning Plan.

The plan will detail not only those modules that you need to do, and some others you might like to do, but also how you will do the learning required for them.

For most roles there are a number of modules to complete.

You can either create your plan on your own using a workbook, which can be found at:

http://staging.scouts.org.uk/documents/Adult_Training/Module2/Module%202%20PLP%20Workbook.pdf ,

or create it with a Training Adviser. You may wish to discuss the process of developing your plan, or meet with a Training Adviser before starting step one of the workbook, but this is not essential.

Whichever route you choose, you will have to agree your plan with a Training Adviser before you start carrying it out. A Training Adviser will help you split your plan into manageable parts. They should also meet with you regularly to review your progress.

Or contact Simon squires or myself for all things 'Scout training' on the email addresses below.

simon.squires@devonscouts.org.uk

ian.fisher@devonscouts.org.uk

Please note that my blueyonder email is being phased out and will not be monitored on a regular basis

Polite Reminder:-

For all local Scout Groups - If you wish to use any of the campsite facilities on your section evenings, can you please ensure that a booking is made via email to: watcombebookingmanager@gmail.com This email address is to be used for all camping availability enquiries.

Thank You

Elaine Harrison, Centre Booking Manager

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WOODLANDS 2017- Badge Competition

As part of the planning of Woodlands 2017, we want to get you involved in designing our badge! Design a badge you'd love to see on your uniform, or your camp blanket, and we'll look at all the entries and make our favourite one the official Woodlands2017 badge!

The badge needs to:

- Say the words: 'Woodlands' '2017' and 'Devon Scouts'
- Be brightly coloured! Make it exciting!
- The words should be clear, so it's easy to read
- It can be circular, or you can draw your own shape!
- Be made up of no more than 8 colours-including black and white
- Be submitted to woodlandsbadge@gmail.com or your District Youth Commissioner by APRIL 18TH 2017. Include your name and group! Good Luck!

Footnote from the Editor

Closing date for contributions to the **May 2017**

Issue of **The Spur** is Monday **April 24th 2017**

Contributions should be e-mailed **in Word please** to:

dhjohnson@blueyonder.co.uk or can be posted to

David Johnson, 11, Boundary Road Chelston, Torquay. TQ2 6LR or by telephone (evenings 8 to 9.30) on 01803 605417