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Scouting sunrise on 1st August was to celebrate 100 years since the trial camp on Brownsea Island.

SCOUTING SUNRISE



Membership of the BCVYO Ltd is afforded to the actual leaders of groups within the London Borough of Bexley and they are entitled to vote at the AGM, although anyone with interest in the BCVYO Ltd can stand as a trustee.



BOB'S BIT

What an exciting summer with scouting in the headlines for all the right reasons. Thousands of Bexley Scouts celebrated the centenary with ScoutFest100 at Welling Football Club and 40,000 Scouts from nearly 200 countries celebrated at the 21st World Scout Jamboree where a few of us were lucky to attend. But the whole world of scouting celebrated the sunrise on August 1st as 28 million Scouts were invited to renew their promise as the sun rose. In this issue are a couple of articles which hardly touch the surface of what has been an incredible centenary.

The Scout Exhibition at Hall Place over a period of nine weeks was a resounding success. Hundreds of visitors from all walks of life came to see the fantastic array of exhibits lent by so many people.

Watch out, as the BB is 125 next year with Guiding 100 the year after.

As ever I have to chase those groups who still have not claimed their grants. A form can be downloaded from our website - it is still a very easy process. See on for further funding ideas.

Our regularly updated website www.bcvyo.org.uk is well worth a visit. The AGM was the poorest attendance ever... What are we doing wrong? Shall we have a party instead? Hopefully you have all had a fabulous summer and have plenty of stories to tell. Why not send in an article to feature in 5to25? It could brighten up our Christmas issue!

That's right - Christmas is coming!

FUNDING IDEAS

The [Local Network Fund](#) is closing soon but there is one last deadline for applications, 7th September 2007. Up to £7000 is to be spent in the next four months! It has been advertised for some time so here is your last chance: Phone [0845 113 0161](tel:08451130161) for an application form. (Sorry if you got this too late, but I have told you before!)

Here's something new... [The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust](#).

According to recent publications, money is possibly available for LEADERS OF OVERSEAS EXPEDITIONS, as well as normal things! See www.wcmt.org.uk or call [020 7584 9315](tel:02075849315). Applications close on 16th October for travel beginning from 1st April 2008.

Another one which has been around for sometime is the [William Kendall's Charity](#). There is a small grants programme for Bexley and you can get information from Olwyn Sinclair at the BVSC on [0208 304 0911](tel:02083040911).

SUNRISE CELEBRATION

Joining fellow Scouts all over the world, 250 members of the East Wickham and Welling Scout District renewed their unique Scouting Promise at Woodlands Farm, Welling on Wednesday morning.

At 8 o'clock local time all around the world, the Sunrise Promise ceremony heralded the start of the second century of the world's largest youth movement. When Lord Robert Baden-Powell opened his experimental camp on Brownsea Island, in Poole Harbour, at 8 am on 1st August 1907, with just 20 young lads from a cross section of society, little did he realise how big his creation would eventually become. Today there are over 28 million members worldwide.

The renewal of the Promise at Woodlands Farm, was led by the newly-appointed District Commissioner for East Wickham and Welling, Nick Crowe. He was joined at the top of a specially

constructed Sunrise Tower, by representative young members from the Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

At the same time that Nick Crowe mounted the Sunrise Tower, so the Chief Scout, former Blue Peter presenter Peter Duncan, made his way onto the Friendship Bridge on Brownsea Island to lead the Scouting Promise to those gathered there, with a live link to the 21st World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, where Explorer Scouts from Welling, East Wickham, Bexleyheath, Sidcup, Erith, Crayford and Bexley were enjoying the 10 day fun and adventure with Scouts from over 200 other countries.



The last issue's
Wordsearch winner is:

HELEN SHAKLEFORD

from the 2nd Barnehurst Rainbow
Unit. Congratulations, a £20 cheque
for your unit is in the post!

WE ARE ONLY LEADERS

From Kevin.

(This applies to all associations, not just Scouts. Show it to the parents... ed.)

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 out 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 to 20 hours training in our first year as well as plan 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 and prayers.

We are, after all, only mentors... role models... leaders... volunteers who have made a Promise to give these young people, your children, the most precious gift we have to offer - the gift of time.

MORE CELEBRATIONS...

...with some of
the 16th Erith!
We started off
at the dungeon,
walked to
the eye, had a
flight on the
eye, caught
the boat back
to greenwich
where we met
with the beavers
and cubs and
reaffirmed our
promise on the
meridian line (so
it was 8 o'clock
somewhere
in the world!)
and then we
caught the train
back home and
stuffed our faces
with pizza!
Zoe (SL)



2ND BARNEHURST RAINBOWS 'OVERNIGHTER'

On Friday 2nd March 2007, we held our second 'Overnighter' at Paxwood House, Wilmington. Rainbows are only allowed to be away from home for 24 hours including travelling time. The Rainbows aged 5 and 6 were very excited when they arrived at 5.00pm. I think the parents were more concerned than the children.

Some of the Rainbows had come on our previous 'Overnighter' and were soon busy showing the newcomers where everything was to be found. Our theme was 'Down on the farm' and all of our activities were based around this theme.

After tea, the Rainbows decorated piggy banks, and made animal masks and placemats. At 8.30pm, although it was raining, we went outside to have a campfire although after fifteen minutes this had to be abandoned and we continued our singing wearing our camp blankets, sitting around an electric campfire!

The Rainbows got ready for bed, and after drinks and animal stories, at about 10.30pm settled into their dormitories. The last Rainbow fell asleep at about 11.15pm after having her torch confiscated!! Nothing was heard from them until 7.30am the next morning. There was great excitement as the Rainbows went outside to collect eggs to eat later. They still are

not sure how cardboard chickens were able to lay so many eggs!

After breakfast and washing up, more crafts and games were undertaken as well as a wide game around Paxwood grounds.

After lunch, the Rainbows were so surprised when they were told to go and pack their belongings so that they would be ready to go home at 3.00pm. They couldn't believe that it was time to leave. The last activity was the adventure playground and all too soon, parents started to arrive to collect their daughters. The Rainbows excitedly related all that they had done and after many thanks from Rainbows and parents, all was quiet in the house, leaving a tired staff, who had very happy memories of their 'Overnighter'.

Snowdrop, Moonbeam, Frosty, Daisy, Farmer Bob and Rainy!



SCOUTFEST100

On Sunday 20th May, four Districts of Scouts; East Wickham & Welling, Sidcup, Bexleyheath and Erith & Crayford, gathered at Welling Football Ground to celebrate 100 years of Scouting at ScoutFest100.

People were standing on the pitch or at stalls at the side when people carrying flags paraded through the gates. A brief speech was said introducing the gathering. Our group, 3rd Welling Scouts, were split up into two groups. Joe, Nicola and Ollie, and Shauna and I. We walked around the stalls mainly but ended up in the stands cheering for East Wickham and Welling because the Explorer Scouts were doing a competition.

After, a show came onto the stage with people doing dances and acts etc. However, Shauna and I left to have our faces painted orange with 3rd Welling painted black on our cheeks.

We had another walk around and we went on the bouncy castle, then we finished with a speech. A big net was filled with little helium balloons and then we let it go and it floated up in the air and they all separated. That put the cherry on the cake and marked the end of the Fest. I really enjoyed myself. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

Michael Keeley, 3rd Welling Scout.

Just a brief note to thank you for this morning and to ask you to pass on my congratulations to those that organised ScoutFest100.

It was great to see that Scouting in the Bexley Borough is so popular and that so many of the families and supporters turned out for the day. Many thanks.

Wayne Bulpit, Assistant Chief Scout.

OTHER OUTINGS...

What a good time we had! We fed the elephants, were taken around by the zoo keeper, introduced to some of the residents and had a 'close encounter' with some of the smaller species. In all we had

a great day out. The weather was beautiful and the Rainbow behaved impeccably!

Judith Fairbairn
3rd Barnehurst Rainbows

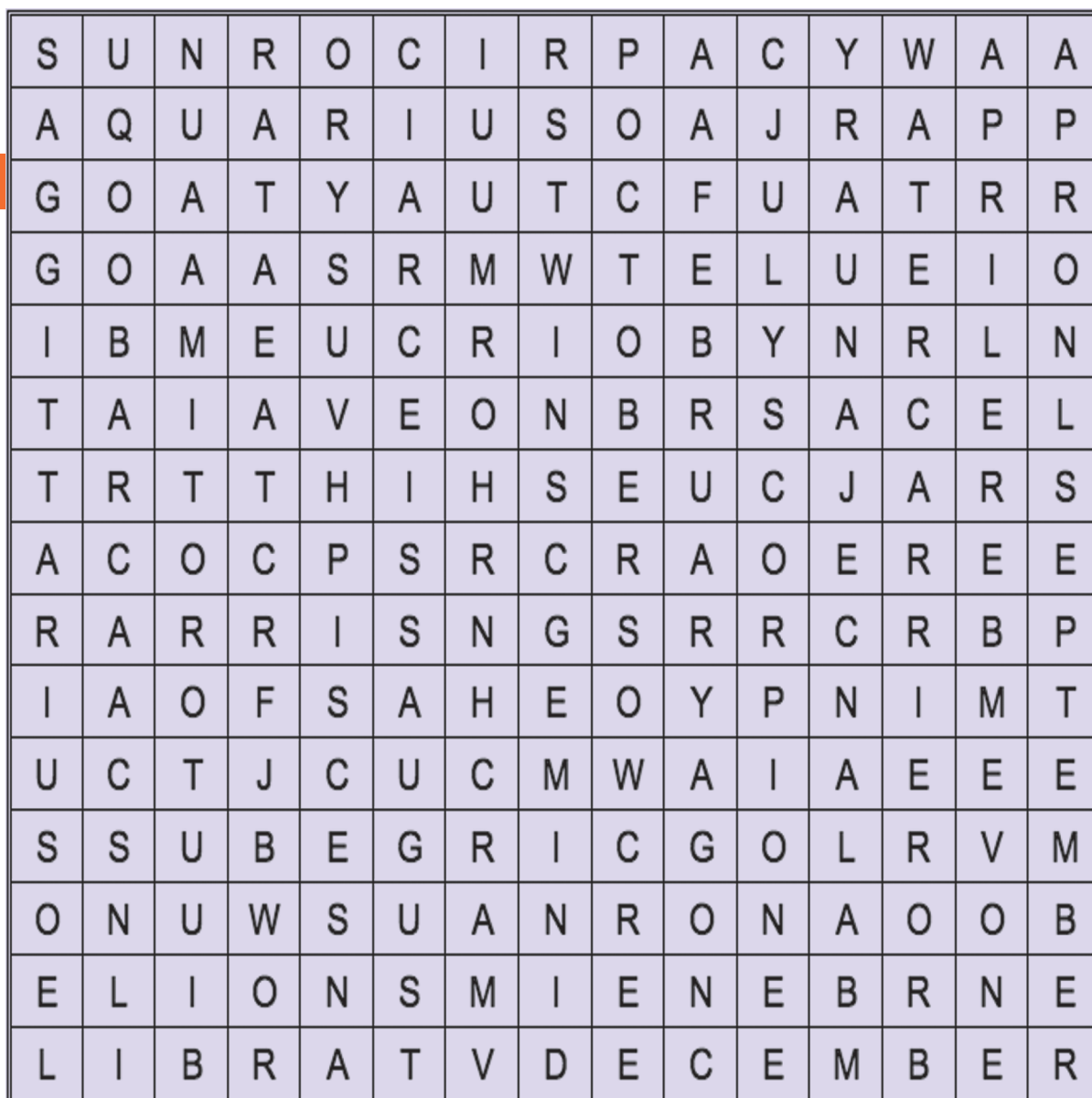


WORDSEARCH COMPETITION

A prize of £20 will be awarded for the first correct entry drawn out of the hat. All you have to do is find and mark each of the words shown below, then return this page with

your name, address and the name of the voluntary youth organisation of your choice. There's no limit to the number of entries from an organisation, so why not let all of your

members have a go? The deadline for returning completed entries is 15th December 2007. The winner will be announced in the next issue of '5 to 25'.



Stars in their eyes? All these words relate to astrology!

ARIES • TAURUS • GEMINI • TWINS • BULL • RAM • JANUARY • CANCER • CRAB
 MARCH • FEBRUARY • LION • APRIL • MAY • JULY • JUNE • VIRGIN • BALANCE
 LEO • VIRGO • SCORPION • FISH • LIBRA • OCTOBER • ARCHER • SCORPIO
 AUGUST • PISCES • DECEMBER • SAGGITTARIUS • GOAT • SEPTEMBER
 AQUARIUS • CAPRICORNUS • WATER CARRIER • NOVEMBER

Name:

Address:

Youth Organisation:

