



The City Newsletter

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Greetings From The Editor

It is 3 pm on Christmas Day, you have just had that leg of turkey with umpteen veggies followed by Christmas Pudding, all washed down with some sparkling vino and you manoeuvre your body in front of the telly to see and hear the Queens speech, hoping the washing-up will go away. Sounds like usual? Well we haven't got the goodies but we do have a Christmas and New Year Message from the City Commissioner and Chairman . . . "Great thanks to everyone who has contributed to Scouting in Portsmouth by their continued hard work and dedication over the past year, whether you are a Scouter, helper, supporter or friend, thank-you. May you have a very happy Christmas time as we look forward with your help to 2010 being the year we take Scouting to the next level in Portsmouth."

Christingle Service Report

St Mary's Church, Fratton once again hosted this year's City Christingle Service on Tuesday December 8th. Approximately 350 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Leaders and Parents attended a very lively service. Thanks must go to Father Bob for allowing us to use the Church and also for his very interesting Address, which involved all the congregation, to Neil Miles for organising the event and to the Fellowship for serving refreshments after the Service and, of course, to everyone who braved the weather to attend.

Service Award Presentations

Congratulation to the following people who will shortly be presented with the following Service Awards. Thankyou for the work you have done for Scouting in Portsmouth.

Samuel Milsom	23 rd A.S.L.	5 years Service
Rachael Tomlinson	Carpe Diem E.S.L.	5 Years Service
Faye Sexton	21 st C/S Assistant	5 Years Service
Sarah Fuller	Scout Fellowship	15 Years Service
John Craddock	70 th Occasional Helper	20 Years Service
Nick Thorpe	28 th S.L.	25 Years Service
Dave "Biff" Griffiths	Scout Fellowship	40 Years Service

Solent Scout Training Centre (Lyons Copse)

Your site recently held its AGM where a further £18,000 was agreed to be spent on improvements over the coming year. If you have not got out to the site recently you may be surprised by the work done and the additions made! Lyons Copse newsletter should be out next month which will detail future plans. Check out the sites website www.lyonscopse.org.uk for details of new charges for 2010 and wardens duty rotas. Don't forget the clean-up weekend which is scheduled for 30/31st January 2010, remember you can camp there all weekend or just go out for a few hours to help make the site ready for the new season. Let the Warden know when and how many of you are coming and he will discuss what jobs you can help with. Welcome and thanks to Craig Humpleby who has volunteered to represent us on the SSTC committee for the coming year.



Southsea Scout Shop

Please note that the Southsea Scout Shop will re-open for business in the new-year on Monday 11th January. A very merry Christmas to all our customers.

City Card Competition

There were numerous entries in all sections this month so we really did have a competition on our hands. Congratulations to the following winners who correctly found the answer on the City web site, they are:- Benjamin Hale of the 53rd Beavers Colony, Ciaran Donnelly of the 43rd Cub Pack, Lee Mason of the 8th Scout Troop and Glen Humpleby of the Trafalgar Explorer Unit. Your prizes will soon be on their way to your leaders for them to present to you. Don't forget you leaders who have not had a winner yet, your young people can only win if they take part, so get them logging into www.portsmouthscouts.co.uk it's great fun taking part and great fun winning the prizes.

Group / Unit Membership Returns

The City Secretary will shortly be writing to all Groups and Units requesting membership data. Please complete your return as soon as possible. Once we have received your details you will be sent sufficient numbers of the new Centenary Badges, one for each member. Yes the new badges have just arrived so the quicker you get your return in the quicker your free badges will be sent to you for your members to proudly wear on their uniforms during 2010. Additional badges may then be purchased from badge secretaries.

Recruitment Equipment Available

Andy Jacobs (our ADC Recruitment) reminds us that he has leaflets and some display boards that can be used by Groups for AGMs, parents meetings, camps, etc. You can contact Andy for this equipment or to discuss you recruitment needs at portsmouthscouts.recruitment@ntlworld.com. Andy is planning recruitment workshops early in 2010 to help all Groups, details will be in next month's issue of your Newsletter.

City Website Has Upgrade

Yes it is now even better and more user friendly than before. If you are not a regular visitor to our site please take a look now and find out what you have been missing www.portsmouthscouts.co.uk.

Scout Panto

The Evil Baron De Humpa plots to kidnap and murder the Babes in the Wood but he doesn't reckon on the daring Robin Hood and his gang of archers. Outlaws galore, men in tights, fun in the forest, adventure, mystery and suspense . . . A hugely talented team will provide, once again, a perfect serving of festive fun . . . comedy, dance, colourful sets and costumes with music expertly provided by members of the Farnborough Concert Band of the Royal British Legion. One of only two official Scout Pantomimes in the UK and probably the whole world! In 2009 ODSF won the right to wear the Red Necker first awarded by Ralph Reader. A Red Necker is a prestigious award bestowed by the London Gang Show Fellowship recognising scout shows carrying on the very best traditions of Gang Show and the theatrical arts. Performances at Court Moor School Fleet January 14 – 17, 2010 & Oak Farm School Farnborough January 23, 2010 Tickets Adult £8, Child (scout age & below) £5 For further details & tickets please contact the box office: Tel: 01252 687658. or, email: boxoffice@odihamscouts.org.uk.



Next Months Newsletter

Copy date for items to appear in the February 2010 issue should be with the editor by 20th January 2010 at the latest. Martin Phillips:- email scoutnewsletter@gmail.com or details as City Directory

