



The City Newsletter



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Mothers Day Edition

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Greetings From The Editor

Can we please slow down, it's nearly March, where the Welsh and the Irish have their Patrons Day, it's Mothering Sunday and the clocks spring forward and then it's just a small step into Easter. But no, we can't slow down, Scouting in Portsmouth Marches swiftly forward as our membership officially grows yet again and our Centenary Year builds up and up. Read on and soak up all the great news..

City Centenary Badge Looks Great

Well here it is . . . a picture of our new badge and it's receiving rave reviews and approval from everyone. Everyone should be wearing it above their left breast pocket. Groups and Units should by now have received their badges from the City Secretary, well you get the badges when you tell her you membership numbers and of course you get that number for free. Additional badges can be purchased from badge secretaries in the normal way.



Portsmouth Scout Shooting Team

Firstly congratulations go out to Craig Humpleby and Andy Wood for attaining their national shooting awards and now being able to train our young people in air-rifle shooting. Did you know that the GB Olympic Shooting Team is made up nearly entirely from people who learnt to shoot through Scouting? To start our team The City have provided a grant to start up a Scout shooting club with Craig and Andy able to buy four rifles and building a mobile range. So look out for their advert in the Newsletter and their planned page on our web site as soon as they are fully set up and give your young people a taste of air-rifle shooting.

Service Award Presentation

Congratulations to the following who will shortly be receiving their Service Awards.

5 Years -	Kevin Lee - ADC (CS) & 43 rd ACSL	10 Years -	Craig Humpleby - 70 th SL
15 Years -	Tony Shervill - S/F	50 Years -	Fred Moore - S/F

Wow did we read this correctly, that's 50 years of Scouting Service? That's half the time that Scouting has existed in Portsmouth. Fred is currently the manager of Hilsea Scout Centre which is like most jobs in Scouting, very highly paid with lots of generous thanks. Jokes aside, what a great achievement this is, to be active in Scouting for such a time and still continuing to enjoy what it has to offer is a testament to a great Scouting achiever. We thank you Fred and of course all our Service Award winners, well done.

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Lyons Copse Working Weekend

Thank you for responding to the City Commissioners call for help in last month's Newsletter. We had 64 people from the City turn up out of a total workforce of 184 over the weekend and this meant a great deal was able to be achieved. Alan Crabb the Warden was so pleased he sent out a personal vote of thanks and listed some of the tasks achieved. A copy of his 'A Warden's Thanks' letter you will find as an attachment to this Newsletter.

Fellowship To Become Scout Active Support

We welcome Ron Jacobs as our new Scout Active Support Manager as our Fellowship agrees to become the Scout Active Support Unit for the City from 1st April 2010. It is worth recording here our great thanks to the Fellowship members who have 'Actively Supported' the City for many years. It may be a new name but it will not change how thankful everyone is to these special people who help Scouting in the City so much.

Young People Receive Awards From Lord Mayor

The evening of Thursday 4th February was a very proud moment for 63 young people, their families, friends and leaders when they received their Chief Scout's Award certificates from the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Cllr Terry Hall. The evening, at Springfield School, was very well supported and much enjoyed by all. Refreshments were provided by the Scout Fellowship to whom we give thanks for a magnificent spread. Many other 'thanks' should be given but in particular we must thank all the leader's who helped the young people achieve their awards and also to Mr Bob Miles, and his team, for organising such a splendid 'presentation event'.



City Centenary Event For Leaders

It was a disappointment to many leaders that the Lord Mayor had to reduce the numbers attending the Civic Reception and thus they were unable to attend. We will therefore be planning some form of social event for all leaders to share in and we are asking for your ideas as to what you as leaders would like to take part in . . . maybe a barbeque, perhaps skittles? Please email in your ideas to joharo@ntlworld.com.

Photographic Policy

A formal policy has now been agreed by the City Executive and a laminated copy is in the process of being distributed to all Groups and Units with copies to be in Scout Centres and Shops. We have tried to cover our duty of care and to point out that with our young people having camera-phones etc. how impossible it is to completely resolve the issue. We trust what has been done, which is a similar policy to most schools, that this clarifies the position. A full copy of the policy will also shortly be available on our web site.

Equipment Grant Declined

It is with regret that I have to inform you that the Grass Roots grant that was made for equipment has failed. This primarily was because numerous Groups as well as the City wanted to apply from the same pot. To those of you who submitted requests for funding I thank you for your time and effort. Further Grant requests are currently in the pipeline and it is hoped that we will be more successful with one of these, at which time we will come back to those of you who sent in requests.

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Cubs Battle It Out At 6-A-Side Football

On Saturday 6th February Cubs from 8 Packs took part in the City Cub Scout 6-A-Side Football competition at Admiral Lord Nelson School. The boys and girls showed great enthusiasm and all played in a very sportsmanlike spirit. The first rounds were played as two leagues and then the first and second in each league played in the semi-finals. In the semi finals the 62nd Portsmouth played against the 1st Portsmouth and the 72nd Portsmouth played against the 64th Portsmouth. The 64th Portsmouth and 1st Portsmouth then had a play-off for 3rd and 4th place, whilst the grand final between the 72nd Portsmouth and the 73rd Portsmouth took place. The results were as follows:

Winners	62 nd Portsmouth
Runners-Up	72 nd Portsmouth
Third Place	1 st Portsmouth
Fourth Place	64 th Portsmouth

The 62nd Portsmouth now have the honour of representing the City of Portsmouth in the County Cubs 6-A-Side Finals at Eastleigh on Sunday 21st March - we wish them well.



Membership Fees & Annual Reports

The City Treasurer has asked all Groups and Units to try and get their membership fees to her before the end of February as there is a tight timescale to then pass the funds on to Headquarters. Should your Group or Unit have a problem with this timescale then you should contact the City Treasurer as soon as possible to let her know what the problem is and discuss the way ahead. Also if you have not sent in a copy of your annual report to the Treasurer then please do so now, together with details of any changes to your accounting / Banking systems such as any changes or new bank accounts opened during the year and any change to signatories on accounts. Please contact Margaret Johnson Tel: 023 9267 1776 or email: magsjohnson@ymail.com.

Bag Packing Champion

A number of people have been asking where to go to for information on Supermarket contacts. Remember this is a great source of fundraising and with Summer Camps not that far away now may be the time to get your team earning. Carol Mason, our bag-pack champion, really can help your fund raising take-off. You can contact Carol on Tel: 023 9283 9178 or email: carolmason244@hotmail.com. Please remember members taking part must be in uniform and under adult supervision at all times.

World Jamboree Representative

We can now announce that we will be represented at the Swedish Jamboree in 2011 by Sonnie who is a member of the Pirates Explorer Unit and aged 16. Sonnie successfully completed the selection process and we send him our congratulations and best wishes as he prepares for what can only be described as a life changing event.



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City Barbeque & Trailer Available

With the better weather hopefully not too far away, do not forget that the City has a large gas barbeque with tow-able trailer. If you would like to make use of the barbeque please contact Steve Milsom who looks after the gear. A small fee will be charged to cover gas.

Contact Steve on Tel: 023 9235 9116 or email: steve.milsom@ntlworld.com

Free Mugs

I have been given a quantity of three quarter size mugs by a company that has changed its logo. The mugs are brand new but possess the company's old logo. If any group would like some can they contact me either by email or phone. (Please note these mugs do not look like the one pictured below)

Alan Burgess – SL 8th Portsmouth



Southsea Fayre Planning Meeting

Our annual City fundraising and fun event which will be held on Sunday 12th September on Castle Field, Southsea is now starting to be formulated. We need your views, ideas etc on how the event will run, what will appear in the arenas and the best way of getting our young people there and involved. With these aims in mind there is a planning meeting scheduled for Monday 22nd March 2010 at 7:30 pm at Hilsea Scout Centre. It would be great for all Groups and Units to be represented so everyone's views can be taken on board. We hope to see you there.

New Baby Congratulations

Ian Porter was the last recipient of The Queens Scout Award in the City and he is now part of the team leading Hampshire Scouts to the World Jamboree in Sweden next year. Well now Ian has been busy in another direction, wife Elaine and he are proud to announce that last Monday they had a baby daughter 'Hannah Alice Joan' weighing in at 8lb 5ozs. Our reports say that Hannah looks just like her Dad . . . better put her on the Beavers waiting list right away then Ian.

Twickenham Rugby Stadium To Have Parade Of Colours

The St George's Day Rugby Match on Saturday 24th April 2010 between London Wasps and Bath is to have Scout Troops parading their colours. If your Troop would like to take part in the days programme of events, to parade your colours on the hallowed ground of English Rugby, to have a great family day out and receive a special commemorative badge to mark the occasion then get your application in now by telephoning 01494 531122 and quote 'SCOUTS' or email communitySGD@wwfc.com. The link for more information is <http://www.stgeorgesdaygame.co.uk/139.php>. It would be great to have a photo in your Newsletter of your flag being paraded. We wait and see what the May issue will bring?

Membership Numbers Grow

Yes it's official, Scouting numbers in Portsmouth have increased again. The membership has increased by 96 over last years census numbers, giving us a total of registered Scouting people of 1130. Group figures on their own also made it over the 1000 mark with a total of 1006. These figures do not just 'happen,' it is down to every leader and helper who has worked so hard over the past year in creating more interesting, demanding and adventurous programmes for our young people. So here is an official 'Well Done' to you all.

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City Card Competition

Lots of entries, but non from the Cub Section this month, gosh that means if only one cub had taken part he or she would have automatically won!!! So who won this month? In the Beavers section it was Benjamin Hale of the 53rd Colony. In the Scouts Section it was Lee Mason of the 8th Troop and for Explorers it was Aimee Mason of the Pirates Unit. Your prizes, which this month include special key rings donation by Job Site (sponsors of Portsmouth FC) will shortly be on their way to your leaders to be presented to you at your next meetings. As to the prizes . . . well what would you like to receive? Usually the prizes are some scouting badges, a chocy bar, and some type of scouting momento, but are they what you want? Please email in your ideas for future prizes to joharo@ntlworld.com.

Lord Mayor's Reception

To commemorate Scouting in Portsmouth reaching 100 years our Lord Mayor, Councillor Terri Hall together with her Consult, opened up The Lord Mayors Parlour to our leaders, to formally recognise this great achievement. Presentations were made to Scouting in Portsmouth of original documentation detailing the first camp on Portsea Island (this will be displayed in our archive room at Southsea Scout Centre shortly). In reply a framed picture of our City and Centenary badges together with an engraved rose bowl were given to The Lord Mayor in recognition of the event and to give thanks for her great support of Scouting over her term in office. It was apt that it was Lord Baden-Powell's birthday on the very day of the reception and a toast was given to the start of Scouting and to the next 100 years of Scouting in Portsmouth.



The City Commissioner presents Portsmouth's Lord Mayor with the City Badge and Centenary Badge.

Next Months Newsletter

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