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Greetings From The Editor

Yet again we have a bumper issue for you to read on those cold nights, that is if you have a spare night when you are not Scouting and there are lots of you who don't . . . In this issue we look back at some of the events that have taken place and forward to what is coming up. We look at fund raising over Christmas, competition winners, new appointments, a leader's reception with the Lord Mayor and much, much more. Please do not forget that this is your Newsletter and you may submit items for inclusion, perhaps detailing what your Group or Unit is up to.

Carol & Christingle Service

Tuesday 8th December, 6:45 pm at St Mary's Church, Fratton, in uniform is the place to be, everyone is welcome including parents. View the website for details of how to make your Christingle and bring it along all you Beavers and Cubs. Please advise numbers for refreshments to Neil Miles. Tel: 07795 160707 or, email: nmiles@avalonnet.co.uk.

New Bag Packing Champion

We are very pleased to announce that Carol Mason has agreed to co-ordinate the Cities bag packing activities. Carol has already written to all the Supermarket contacts to introduce herself and she has already been asked to organise a session in February, therefore if your Group or Unit wants to raise funds (maybe around Christmas time) Carol is the person to speak to. So if you have a Supermarket near you and just want a contact, or, you want to join up with others to raise funds, you now know who to call on. Carol told the Newsletter 'The general public are very generous to the Scouting organisation so I would love to see every Group do bag-packing.' Yes, it is a great way to raise funds for next year's camp or event

Carol can be contacted by phone on: 023 9283 9178 or by email: carolmason244@hotmail.com please remember members taking part must be in uniform and under adult supervision at all times.

Photographing Young People

A full review of our policy has taken place and has now been agreed by the City Executive. The full document will be issued to all GSLs shortly to discuss with their leaders and it will also be available via our web site. A disclaimer statement will also be placed at each Scout Centre and Scout Shop. It is most important that all leaders familiarise themselves with this document which will be reviewed annually.

New Centenary Badge

Well done to the Cub Packs of the 48th and 61st for sending in all of your pictures for the competition to design the badge which will be worn on everyone's uniform next year. We had hoped to publish some of them but trying to copy the hand drawn pictures just does not do them justice. A large tin of chocolates are on their way to both Packs for doing such a great job. The winning design came from Richard Spearing. It was picked for its simplicity of incorporating the scout badge and the city badge into the roundels of the 100.

The badge has now been ordered and one badge will be given free of charge to GSLs to distribute to every member on the new census. Additional badges will be available for purchase from badge secretaries.

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Remembrance Parade Sees Good Scouting Turnout

45 uniformed Scouting members paraded in the Guildhall Square with members of the armed forces and other services to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. It was great to see so many Groups represented and following the parade they marched into the Guildhall for hot egg and bacon rolls. The smart turnout was praised by many who were there. Good show !

City Card Competition

All sections have a winner this month, so prizes galore will soon be on their way to the leaders of the following winners to make those presentations. In the Beavers section Benjamin Hale of the 53rd Colony. For Cubs it was Shane Murdoch of the 43rd Pack. In the Scout section it is Callum Humpleby of the 70th Troop and in Explorers, Aimee Mason from the Pirates Unit. Congratulations to you all . . . But come on leaders there are lots of Groups still not taking part which means it is simple to win. So get your young people logging onto our web site and entering the competition.

Administrators Workshop Report

It was the turn of Group Exec officers to receive some training on their roles. 10 chairmen, treasurers and secretaries met up to discuss such topics as The Structure of the Group, Trustees responsibilities, Child Safeguard Awareness and Finance. There was time for group work to discuss their roles. A big vote of thanks was given to all administrators, as one delegate said 'We are Scoutings crutch and without us it would all fall over.' A further workshop will be run in a year's time if demand is there for it.

Southsea Fayre Plans Ahead For 2010

A wash-up meeting of the Scout Fayre was held at the Hilsea Scout Centre on the 16th of November for anyone to 'have their say.' Four people turned up, Joe Harbour the City Chairman, Ken George, Dan Hicken and Richard Spearing of the Scout Fellowship, we also had one apology. We, the four present have decided that the fayre should go ahead next year, with the hope of a larger committee to run the event than the three this year

It was also decided that everyone should be informed of the purpose of the Fayre and the objectives, as it is not run on the same basis as the one held at the school or on those same guidelines. This fayre is run with the purpose of raising as much money from the **general public** and not the **mums and dads**. This is achieved by getting as many market and small stalls at the event as possible, by charging them a reasonable amount and thus making a good profit. To then get a good catering setup and giving them sole rights to sell food and drinks so that they will give us a good return. To also get the volleyball to continue with their tournament, so they contribute to our cause.

This event is not free to run, it costs nearly £880 to put on, what with the Castle Field fees, raffle ticket printing and prizes, Spearhead and rubbish collection. It was therefore pleasing that we made £700 from the Caterers, £590 from the Volleyball, £700 from the stalls and Scouting in the City contributed £375. This is why from a financial viewpoint the market stallholders must get priority over Scouting. We can make this work and have Scouting as the focal point if we get your support at next year's event. Please respond when we ask for Scouting help and look ahead to what the end results can achieve. **You in your Groups can make money at this event if you start planning now. Next year's event will be on the 12th of September 2010.**

Ken George - Event Organiser



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New ADC Cubs

I am pleased to announce that with effect from 1st January 2010, Kevin Lee, currently an ACSL with the 43rd Portsmouth Group, will take over the responsibilities of Assistant District Commissioner for Cub Scouts. Both Chris Adams and Ken Parkin who have undertaken the role for many years as DCSLs, will continue in these appointments and assist Kevin in his new role.

Programme Delivery Report

Following the very successful series on workshops held on 12th September, dates have now been agreed for the follow up workshops for those unable to attend the first ones. Tuesday 2nd February 2010 will be primarily for Scout and Explorer Scout Leaders and Thursday 11th February 2010 for Beaver and Cub Scout Leaders. Both will be held at Hilsea Scout Centre and start at 7:30 pm finishing at 10:00 pm. All Section Leaders who need to attend these workshops will receive detailed invitations early in the New Year.

Resources Register

Modern Scouting needs a wide range of skills for any Leader to have and life can be much easier if we share our skills and resources with others in the Movement. In addition to technical skills such as climbing, shooting and archery there are a variety of skills such as pioneering, knotting, first aid, expedition planning, in fact anything in which we train our young people that we can share. The District are therefore going to expand the page for 'Specialist' on the web site to include a full range of skills and resources which members are willing to share. Anyone who has a skill and is prepared to be listed please send the DC their names, contact details (email or phone) and a brief description of their skill or resource and their availability and method of sharing it. We can then publish copies of the Resources Register as well as have it available on line on the web.

Lottery Return

We are registered with Portsmouth City Council to undertake society lotteries. A return has to be made covering any sale of draw tickets over the year. Therefore if you have used the Cities registration a return should now be made to the promoter. Please contact joharo@ntlworld.com for a return form and forward it to Joe Harbour. If you require details of how you can use our registration in the future please enquire via the above email address.

Leaders Social Event To Celebrate 100 Years Of Scouting In Portsmouth

The office of the Lord Mayor, after reading last months' Newsletter (it goes everywhere you know) has offered to arrange a reception in the Banqueting Room of the Guildhall early next spring-time for all of our leaders to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Portsmouth. Details of the time and date will be announced shortly on your RSVP invitation. Just in case you think our young people have been overlooked in our celebrations we hope to have a big party for them all, possibly linked to St Georges Day celebrations. Keep reading your Newsletter for details soon.

Chief Scout Award Presentation

Our second evening to celebrate our young people's success will be held on 7th January 6:00 pm for 6:30 pm start at Admiral Lord Nelson School. Bob Miles is again organising the event and he will be seeking from Groups those young people who are to be honoured.



Child Safeguarding Awareness

There are two new free brochures which are highly recommended for all leaders to read. One is called 'Safe & Sound' and the other discusses bullying. Get your copies from the Information Centre at Gilwell now.

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Lyons Copse Clean Up Weekend

Being the biggest owner of the camp site we want to be the biggest contingent to help 'clean-up.' The weekend of 30/31st January 2010 has been set aside for just that at the site. You can go out for the whole weekend or just a few hours, there will be lots of work to do with I am sure some fun thrown in. So please get this into your diaries now.

Swimming Gala At Mountbatten Centre – 14th November 2009

This year was a year of firsts, with a new venue and a new organizer. The event was held at the newly modelled Mountbatten Centre and was run by Neil Miles, again with the support of the Fellowship. Despite the changes the event was another great success. It was a smaller event than last year with only 55 races but the enthusiasm was just as great. Thanks to all the Fellowship members who helped to make the event a success as well as the Leaders and Parents. Not forgetting the swimmers who make this event a success every year.

RESULTS

Cub Scout Trophy

	1 st	8 th	22 nd	43 rd	44 th	48 th	54 th	62 nd	64 th	70 th	72 nd	73 rd
TOT	57	58	36	67	33	4	53		93		48	75
Pos	5	4	8	3	9	10	6		1		7	2

Scout Trophy

	1 st	8 th	22 nd	43 rd	44 th	48 th	54 th	62 nd	64 th	70 th	72 nd	73 rd
TOT		30	14	93			56	15	65	53	31	
Pos		6	8	1			10	6	11	9	8	

Explorers

	54 th	Traf
TOT	53	54
Pos	2	1

Group Trophy (Points from the Cub Trophy & Scout Trophy are awarded this year on a descending scale from 12, as 12 Groups entered).

	1 st	8 th	22 nd	43 rd	44 th	48 th	54 th	62 nd	64 th	70 th	72 nd	73 rd
Cub	8	9	5	10	4	3	7		12		6	11
Scout		7	5	12			10	6	11	9	8	
TOT	8	16	10	22	4	3	17	6	23	9	14	11
Pos	9	4	7	2	11	12	3	10	1	8	5	6

This year sees some new winners to the event. Well done to the 43rd Scouts, Trafalgar Explorers (very close result, only 1 point in it) and the 64th Cubs and Group as a whole.

Just one final thank you to everyone who helped make the Swimming Gala a success.

Neil Miles

Deputy City Commissioner - Activities & Resources

Membership Fees

The figure for next year has just been confirmed. County have increased their fee by 50p and Headquarters is unchanged, as is the Cities. The total cost therefore will be £27.60 for all members under 18, which includes the £2 City fee and £25.60 for all adults. This information is passed to you so that you can write this into your budgets ASAP. The figures quoted include 50 pence per head reduction for payment being made on time, so if you do not get your funds in by the due date this will be increased by 50 pence per head.

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Training / Learning (Please Read)

Hi Everyone out there who have done learning in the City or even the County this year, how are you doing? I have not heard any mumblings, or rumblings about the learning, so I am assuming everyone is good with it. You are ALL in control of your learning, gone are the days when the Leader Trainer would chase you with the application form and watch while you signed it. Time I know can be a problem, but when you took on your role you agreed to make a commitment to do the learning in which ever form you choose. It is up to me to ensure you work to gain the skills to do a proficient job within the Scout Association rules. If you can endeavour to complete your learning in the 3 years stipulated it will help me and the City to have good competent qualified Leaders in all Sections, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Group Scout Leaders and Group Managers. I am at present looking for a small team of leaders/supporters to take on an extra job as Training advisers. It is a County Appointment although it is done in the City. There is no extra pay, but you will need to complete Module 25 (Assessing Learning) if you take up the offer.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and look forward to working with everyone in 2010. Happy New Year.

Beryl

Hilsea Scout Shop

The Scout Shop will be closed on Tuesday 8th December due to the City Carol Service. The Shop will also be closed for the Christmas holiday from Saturday 19th December and will re-open on Tuesday 12th January 2010. The staff would like to thank all leaders and parents for their continued support over the past year. Again we ask for GSL's to inform your new parents of how to get to the Scout Shop at Hilsea Scout Centre as so many seem to get lost trying to find us. Great thanks go out to Jean and fellow Scouters for their support in keeping the shop running smoothly whilst I have been absent through ill health over this past year. Sending season's greetings to you all.

Hazel Paice - Shop Manager

Next Months Newsletter

Copy date for items to appear in the January 2010 issue should be with the editor by 20th December 2009 at the latest. Martin Phillips:- email scoutnewsletter@gmail.com or details as City Directory

