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THE 20TH

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the eighth edition of
The 20th.

Inside this issue you will find articles
from the Cubs and Scouts and also
events we have attended and events
coming up.

Please see the last page for dates for
your diaries and contact details.

I hope you enjoy this issue and
please spread the word about the 20th
Lewisham South Scout Group.

Penny

Penny Hann
Scout Leader

If you have any articles ideas,
contributions or news then please
email me at:
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GROUP PARADES

Come and see your
child receive badges
and awards that they
have earned whilst in
the Beavers, Cubs or
Scouts.

It means a lot to them
to have you there
cheering for them.

CHURCH PARADES

It's fun, interesting,
and a way to say
"Thanks" to the
Brownhill Church for
letting us use their
facilities.

Make every effort to
attend each one, and
show your support.

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WHAT'S NEW?

Group Scout Leader

Time has flown by again since the last newsletter. In fact if you're reading this at our AGM, today is our Connie's 1st birthday and again it's unbelievable that a year has passed already. Before we know it she'll have her turquoise Beaver uniform on!

It's also been a busy time for the 20th. I won't steal the thunder from the Section reports below and in the Annual reports but the take home message is that our young people at the 20th are having fun, adventure and making lots of friends.

On the note of adventure you may have heard in the press that Bear Grylls has just been announced as the new Chief Scout. Penny and I were fortunate to meet Peter Duncan on his penultimate official engagement when he opened the Mizen Masts at Frylands Wood. Peter was very approachable and had an excellent rapport with the young people. Bear Grylls is an ex-SAS man and known for his famous adventure programs so I'm sure he'll inspire more to join the growing Scouting family. It's great to see HQ being ambitious and really spreading the word!



As I've mentioned in the Annual Report, numbers in the Beavers & Scout sections have been variable but have recently picked up. We've been dropping leaflets through local doors but please encourage friends & family to join; more people, more fun!

Barry Goswell



WHAT'S NEW?

Family Camp

We have decided to hold a Family Camp in May 2010 instead of the usual September time as we feel this may encourage members and their families to join us as it may be a bit warmer at that time of year. Please put this date in your diary. It promises to be a fun weekend and you can camp or stay in a building.

Active Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting the Active Kids Vouchers. A box is positioned in the Cub Hall every Tuesday that we meet.

Family Quiz Night

We had a lovely evening at our Quiz night in March which John (Assistant Cub Leader) and Peter (Quartermaster) put together. We had four teams and burgers and sausages in the break thanks to Hazel (20th Chairperson). £50 was raised.

District St Georges Day

This took place at St Dunstan's Church in Bellingham. The Scouts and Beavers each had someone to carry the flag in and readings were made by Explorers. Also, our Scouts presented their 'Local Survey' findings to the rest of the District. Well done guys!

80th Birthday Celebration Weekend at Frylands Wood

The 1st to 4th May was blessed with glorious sunshine, over 520 people stayed the whole weekend, including our Scouts and another 90 day visitors, pushed the total number over 600. Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers from Croydon, Purley, Addington, Carshalton, Wallington, North Wallington, Tattenhams, West Wickham, Beckenham, Morden, Wimbledon, Lewisham Morden, New Cross, Greenwich, Clapham, Roehampton, Medway and Erith took part in a wide variety of activities that included the adventurous ones such as climbing, archery, assault course, challenges such as how many crackers can you eat in a minute and sugar cube stacking, arts and crafts such as brass rubbing and face painting, inflatable fun such as Giant slide and Pillow bash, and traditional games such as apple bobbing, coconut shy, tug of war and giant snakes & ladders.



Lewisham Police Station

On the half term Tuesday in March the Cubs and Beavers had a visit to Lewisham Police Station. There were 21 children and 5 adults. The arrangements for the visit had been made by Bagheera (JoAnn).

After a short bus ride from Torricon Library we were greeted by PC Lucy and Community policewoman Emma who took us straight into The stables where we were introduced to two policewomen in their full riding gear. They introduced us to several horses; they were very tall but gentle and friendly. We were allowed to stroke them and ask lots of questions about the horses.

We were then taken to the police car park where a dog handler car drove up. Two policemen spoke to us about the dogs and how they are

trained. One of the dogs came out of the car and was introduced to us. One of the policemen borrowed a hat and scarf from us and hid them among the parked cars. The dog very quickly found them using only his nose. The other dog was also brought out and we were allowed to stroke the dogs who seemed to like all the fuss. They were friendly to us but we wouldn't like to be chased by them if we had done something wrong. Before they went back to work we all had our photograph taken with the dogs and their handlers.

We were taken into the police station (which is the biggest in Europe) and were given a soft drink and biscuit while we were reminded about basic road safety.

It was an interesting visit and after thanking Lucy and Emma we caught the bus back to Torricon Library.





80 for 80 Weekend

8 Souts, 1 Cub and 1 Beaver and a couple of parents camped at Frylands Wood on the 1st-4th May. They helped celebrate the 80 years that Frylands Wood has been a Scout Campsite by doing loads of different activities. Their favourites were the rifle shooting and the blind trail.

Luis, our new Assistant Scout Leader, ran the camp pretty much single handedly with the help of the parents. The children were happy and occupied and took responsibility for the washing up, cooking, tidying their tents etc. Well done to the Troop, a credit to the Group as always.

Harambee for Kenya

The District will be taking part in a work-based project in Kenya in the summer of 2009. The aim is to leave a lasting legacy and to provide support to the Street Children in Kenya by completing a project that will help to give the them a purpose in life.

The Scouts made cards drawing pictures of aspects of their lives like their uniform, friends, games they like playing etc. They received cards from the kids in Kenya and the Group also donated some money so that all the kids who want to be a Scout can have a uniform.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND CONTACTS

Church Parades - All 10.45-12.15

Provisional dates

Jun 14

Jul 12

Sep 27 – Harvest

Nov 8 - Remembrance

Dec 6 – Gift Service

Group Parades – Cubs, Scouts & Parents 20:00 – 20:30

Next one - 30 June

Family Camp

30th April to 3rd May 2010

**Please ask your Leader for more
details.**

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