



Arundel & Littlehampton District Newsletter

St George's Day 2023



The District celebrated **St Georges Day 2023** in style – St George walked through the Cathedral ignoring the roaring of the dragon who then entered the Cathedral to the excitement of all Squirrels and Beavers. Cubs were as amazed as the leaders to see the dragon appear. St George and the dragon duly fought a duel which St George won and lead the dragon from the Cathedral.

The theme of the service was “Heroes” and several were depicted: St George, Florence Nightingale & the NHS; David Attenborough for Nature – crocodiles and monkeys ran around the Cathedral, birds flew over the congregation - the Environment; Science & Astronomy portrayed globes for Steven Hawking - Tim Peake’s space shuttle ‘flew’ from the organ loft. The young people were asked “who will be our hero or tomorrow – it could be any one



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Cubs Bridger Challenge

This was held on Saturday 19th May at Furzefield camp site where over 11 teams took part in a variety of challenges, including tracking, bridge building, obstacle course, fire lighting, pioneering and teamgames. Every cub left the day having learnt some basic scouting skills.

It was very close and Barnham Team 2 won the Challenge and took home the Wolf Trophy. It was very close:

- 🏆 1st Barnham - team 2. 57 points
- 🏆 2nd 1st Barnham - team 1. 55 points
- 🏆 3rd 7th Littlehampton - Spitfires. 54 points.

Congratulations to the winners and to all Cubs who took part – they all deserved thanks for being well behaved and polite during the day. They were a credit to their Group

A Thank you must be given to Julia Ferris for organising the event and to all the leaders and adults who came to help run a brilliant event.





Nobby has been a member of the District Scout Band for over 35 years. For his final engagement as Band Master he chose to lead the band at the District's St George's Day parade on 23rd April 2023. 'Nobby' headed the band out of the lower Castle gates, the District following him through the streets of Arundel to the Cathedral for the St George service. After the service he took the band salute and then marched the whole parade to the Arundel Football Club where they were dismissed.

'Nobby' is not leaving scouting but taking a uniformed scouting role with 1st Rustington Cubs.

He is leaving the Scout Band in the joint hands of three band masters namely Toby and Tom Hewson and Adam Grevatt who can be contacted for band engagements on bandmaster@alscouts.org.uk



The Band would love to welcome new members so do talk to the young people about it and encourage them to join!



District Easter Challenge

Held on 24 March the day was divided into two sessions.

Ferring Squirrel Drey and various Beaver colonies took part in the morning session. The 'Easter Bunny' did make an appearance giving away sweets. There were various Easter themed crafts and challenges together with Easter themed games and chocolate.

The Easter Bonnet competition was judged by Jill Long, District Chairman and Julie Dixon.



The Cubs enjoyed the afternoon with crafts and Easter themed games applicable to them. There were several Easter bonnets which Ian Buckman and Julie Dixon had the difficult job of judging.



Appointments January to May 2023

New Appointments		
Erin Stoddart	ASL	5th Littlehampton
Kimberly Perry	ACSL	4th Littlehampton
Steph Jolly	SA	1st Rustington
Michelle Stone	CSSA	Walberton, 1st Barnham
Jeff Buckman	CSSA	1st Yapton & Ford
Amanda Lush	SSA	1st Arundel
Susie Tunney	BSSA	7th Littlehampton
Bethany Wilson-Law	SSA	Pioneer, 1st Rustington
Andy Ray	SSA	Pioneer, 1st Rustington
Graham Bailley	SSA	Phantom, 1st Barnham
Emma Chamberlain	CSSA	Hawks, 4th Littlehampton
Julie Dixon	District Treasurer	District
Steph Jolly	CSSA	1st Rustington
Change of Role		
Andrew (Nobby) Knight	SAS Band Manager to CSSA	Kingfisher, 1st Rustington
Vanessa Peek	BSSA to Squirrel SA	1st Ferring
Mark Hewson	DC to District Administrator	District
Steve Barnes	ACSL to CSL	Pathfinder, 1st Rustington
Chris Morris	CSL to Active Support	
Jason Scott,	ABSL to BSSA	Woodland, 1st Rustington
Mel Hargreaves	BSSA to Squirrel SA	1st Ferring
Katie Shephard	ABSL to CSSA	1st Ferring
Toby Hewson	GSL to SAS Band Manager	District

New District Treasurer

Jane Hewson 'stood down' as District Treasurer as from 31st March 2023.

Julie Dixon has offered to take on this role and keep us all 'within our budgets'. Julie can be contacted on Julie.dixon@alscouts.org.uk

May we thank Jane for all her hard work during the past two years while she has been in office and keeping the accounts for us. We welcome Julie to the role.



OTHER NEW APPOINTMENTS

We welcome CAT CLARKE as the new Network Commissioner. She also is an Explorer Leader at Peregrine Unit.

Amber Ollerenshaw is the new District Youth Commissioner. Amber is Cub Leader at the 5th Littlehampton. She will focus on the Littlehampton groups at present.

Contact details:

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Amber.ollerenshaw@alscouts.org.uk



DISTRICT ADVISORS



Bob Purcell - Health & Safety. Bob's role is to advise on premises audits and safety concerns. Bob will liaise with Groups to carry out annual premises audits to ensure all Groups and the District are compliant. He can be reached at bob.purcell@alscouts.org.uk



Jason Cooke - Shooting. Jason is our new Shooting advisor and is now in possession of the District Shooting equipment. Gary will be keeping a register of all Leaders who hold permits and looking to use these Leaders to assist Groups with providing shooting as an activity. Jason can be reached at jason.cooke@1stferringscouts.org.uk



Adam Curtis - Water Activities. Adam is our Water Activities advisor. Adam can point you in the right direction to obtain support, training, Leaders etc to enable you to provide activities for your Groups / Sections. Adam can be reached at alvikingexplorers@gmail.com



Simon Strang - Additional Needs / Inclusion. Simon is our newest advisor. He is an Additional Needs Teacher and is able to provide advice and support to the District within this very important area. A District email address is to follow for Simon. In the meantime, if anything urgent arises please go via your ADC or me.



Graham 'Chewy' Lincoln - Nights Away. Hopefully everyone is already aware of Chewy and the role he has as our Nights Away Advisor. He can be reached at graham.lincoln@alscouts.org.uk



If there are any gaps that anyone feels we need to address and fill please let Ian Buckman know. As we move forwards and ever closer to the 'transformation' he is keen to ensure we have the right people doing the right roles in the right places. You can contact Ian on ian.buckman@alscouts.org.uk

AWARDS

Ian Buckman had the greatest pleasure in presenting an Arundel Beaver with a District Commissioner's Award in April this year. The Arundel Beaver is a carer for his younger brother who has medical problems



2 Arundel beavers – Alexander and Ata - have recently gained their Bronze Chief Scout Awards and will shortly be joining the Cub pack

7th Cubs have successfully gained their Chief Scout Silver Awards



We would like to recognise more young people for their achievements. Please let Prue know the names, addresses and date of achievement of any of your young people who gain the top award. Email her on pruea.payne@gmail.com

CORONATION WEEKEND IN ARUNDEL



Arundel Town Council organised several events over the Coronation weekend. Saturday = Coronation day. Sunday – there was a Community Procession, civic service in the town square followed by picnics and a band by the river. Monday was ‘Volunteer Day’ which was hosted by Arundel Scout Group at their headquarters where various societies and clubs in Arundel displayed/presented their organisation in the hope of recruiting new volunteers – unhappily new volunteers were not found by any of the organisations.



Arundel Scout Group took part in the Community Procession together with brownies and guides.

DISTRICT AGM

The District AGM was held in the Barons' Hall at Arundel Castle on Thursday 22nd June 2023 with His Grace, The Duke of Norfolk presiding. The hall was filled with District leaders, representatives from West Sussex Scouts, guests from local parishes as well as some young people and their parents. The District Scout Band played at various times during the evening.

After the business of the AGM presentations were made of Chief Scout Awards to young people, Duke of Edinburgh Silver award as well as service awards to leaders which ranged from 5 - 30 years service in scouting. The District World Jamboree 2023 Contingent gave a short presentation concerning their forthcoming adventure in South Korea.

The County Commissioner congratulated this Scout District for all the work and dedication of the leaders and supporting adults throughout the District

Historically **The Martin Sanders Music Cup** is given to a member of the Scout District for either their musical ability, musical achievements or commitment to the District Band.

This year's recipient joined the band when he was a scout and has been a committed member ever since. During his time with the band he has taken part in the Band's European Tour, National Band Championships; County AGM. One band highlight was when the Band were asked to be part of the New Year's Day London Parade in 1996.

He entered a National competition for Mace bearers and won.

He became Band Master in 1999 when he took over from Andy Spencer

Since that time he has led the band on many engagements including Bonfire parades in various venues throughout the County; Bognor, Littlehampton, Rustington, East Preston carnivals, Band fund raising activities i.e. Ford Market and Haskins Garden Centre, 'The Great Kick About' at Q.P.R. football stadium a one of the highlights.

His final engagement was in April 2023 when he led the band – carrying the mace at the District's St George's Parade. After 35 years he has decided to change scouting direction and leave the Band.

'Nobby' Knight was awarded the Martin Sanders Music Cup at the District's A.G.M. which was held in the Barons' Hall at Arundel Castle on Thursday 22nd June 2023. He will now keep this Cup. He was also awarded the special gold Mace.



District Diary 2023

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Wednesday	28 June	Appointments meeting
Thursday	6 July	Rustington Group AGM 7.30 pm
Friday	7 July	East Preston Group AGM 7.30 pm
Sunday	9 July	Arundel Group AGM 1.00 pm
Friday	14 July	Ferring Group AGM 6.30 pm
Friday	14 July	4th Littlehampton AGM 7.00 pm
Tuesday	25 July	Appointments meeting
Wednesday	2 August	District Finance meeting 7.30 pm
Thursday	17 August	District Trustee Board meeting 7.00 pm at District campsite
Saturday	9 September	Littlehampton Town Show
Wednesday	20 September	Appointments meeting
Thursday	21 September	County AGM, Chichester Park Hotel
Sunday	8 October	Cubs Beach Challenge
Wednesday	11 October	DMT meeting
Thursday	19 October	District Trustee Board meeting
Tuesday	31 October	Appointments meeting
Sunday	12 November	Remembrance services throughout the District
Thursday	7 December	District Trustee Board meeting

LOCAL TRAINING DATES

First Aid (Module 10)-



Sat 9 Sept 2023 0845-1600	1st Billingshurst RH14 9SX
Sun 17 Sept 2023 0845-1600	12th Chichester HQ PO19 3AA
Sat 7 Oct 2023 0845-1600	4th Littlehampton HQ BN17 7BH
Sun 15 Oct 2023 0845-1600	2nd Worthing HQ BN11 5JN
Sun 5 Nov 2023 0845-1600	11th Bognor HQ PO21 5HL

Other First Aid courses are available that are further afield. You can find these on West Sussex Eventbrite: by using the link below.

Other courses available are:

Transforming our Volunteer Experiences—
question and answer session
26 June or 6 July—both online 7.30 pm start

Advising on Adult Appointments (Module 37)
16 September via Teams 9.30 am start

[West Sussex Scouts Events | Eventbrite](#)

MANAGEMENT TRAINING

The following management training modules are being offered by South East England Region:

All will be held at the Holiday Inn, Eastleigh

- **Skills of Management: Saturday 18 November 10.00 am to Sunday 19 November 5.00 pm**
- **Achieving Growth: Saturday 16 March 2024 10.00 am to 5.00 pm**
- **Meeting the Challenges: Sunday 17 March 2024 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.**

You can register via Eventbrite:

[The Scouts, South East England Region Events | Eventbrite](#)

There are a limited number of places so it is wise to book early.

District Diary

Please let us know if you have an event that should be added to the District Diary. Contact me on

sally.holmes@alscouts.org.uk

Deadline for next newsletter is

10 September 2023

What about sharing your camp stories and pictures?