

centenary of
scouting2007



EALING & HANWELL Scout District

NEWS

June 2007

Crumbs, this year is going so fast that the centenary will be over before we realise what happened.

The National Press, papers and TV have got the message that there is something special being celebrated this year. The Morrissey programme earlier this year was somewhat light hearted and then Ian Hislop did a more historical bit, so we have had some exposure.

Here we had the **St George's day Service** on a fine day in April. Our prayers were answered as the weather was fine if not too hot !!! (come on it was April, not no showers) just over 600 members of the two Districts, Ealing & Hanwell, Greenford & District, met in Ravenor Park for a service and renewal of promises. We were joined by the two Mayors of Ealing and Brent and also for the first time by the new representative deputy lord lieutenant Mr Robert Leader.

The parade then moved off for a march past outside Greenford Hall and then to Costons Field for the dismissal and for the dehydrated a cup of refreshing liquid in GSK sports ground.

Thanks to all who took part, the hundreds of parents and friends who came along to support.

Come the early May Bank Holiday week end and the traditional **Totem Camp** competition was held as usual at Stoke Poges. More troops were entered this year and there were more taking part in the training camp. (see report).

The **Centenary 100 hr camp** on the wettest late May bank holiday week end showed what a determined lot Scouts and their leaders are. (see report).

TOTEM CAMP 2007

All events need a lot of organising and thanks must be given to all, who have given considerable time and effort in ensuring all went well on the day / week end. This year there are too many to write about, but to all of you thanks are given for the amount of work that you contribute to Scouting here in Ealing & Hanwell, without you it would be a dull year.

Our festivities continue with the **sunrise Celebration on 1st August** final venue awaits and at the same time 6 of our Scouts will be off to the **Jamboree** together with DC Alan Rayner. What a time they will have. My earliest recollection is a member of my senior scout troop going off to Sutton Coldfield for the 1957 Jamboree.

Then of course it is also troop camp time, camporee and holidays.

So much to do, to enjoy, travel safely take care and have a great time.

However thanks are given to **David Neil**, who has been the **District Treasurer** for a few years and has given us good service in keeping us financially afloat, especially the period of the Stoke Toilet block rebuilding programme. Thanks David.

Our new treasurer is **Ravinder Gill** and his address is 18 Stanwell Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 3ER. Or his e mail address ravinder@ashwells.net

The editor.

The competition camp was held over the week of 5th/6th May at Stoke Poges Camp Site.

I am very pleased to be able to say that this year saw the largest entry since 2002, with 15 Scout and 2 Guide Patrols participating.

It turned out to be a highly successful camp with last year's standards being maintained. All the Scouts and Guides must be praised for their very determined efforts and for showing a willingness to take note of the advice from the examiners.

The new Deputy Lieutenant Mr. Robert Leader, with his wife Sue, attended the event on Saturday afternoon, and all the Scouts and Guides were a credit to their Troops/Units in the way they responded to questions posed by our visitors. We were also pleased to welcome Leslie Clarke and John Matthews, making their traditional visit at the same time.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who took part for all their hard work from submitting programmes, equipment lists and menus back in March, to all their outstanding efforts in what is a hard and testing competition camp. I congratulate each and every one of them for making this the number one event of the year.

A Thanks badge was presented to Sheila Grant as this was sadly her last Totem Camp, after 30 years as a Guide and Leader, as she has moved out of the area.

100 hr centenary camp

Pete Balls was also presented with a well deserved 25 year Long Service award by Alan Rayner.

The winning Patrols for this year were:-

1 st	1 st Hanwell -	
	Stag Patrol	625 points
2 nd	7 th Hanwell -	
	Cobra Patrol	617 points
3 rd	1 st Ealing North -	
	Raven Patrol	597 points.

My thanks as always goes to the team that assisted during the weekend, especially Sheila Grant, Malcolm Turner, John Barber, Jane and Graham Stanton.

I must not forget Big Jim and his 1st Hanwell team for feeding us, and Ben Douglas who produced printouts of the mark sheets on the day.

Let's hope for an even larger entry in next year's competition.

John Sear
ADC SCOUTS

The **camp site** this year has had a makeover thanks again to **Paul Phillips** and his team. They are arguing over the number of trees planted this year, maybe you can count them and let me know. The site looks great, the **Phil Carter Camp fire Circle** had been spruced up with a new entrance and the **Keego (in memory of Michael Johnson) Pioneer-ing Course is now open to all**. This was funded by a bequest from Michael. Thanks to his widow Carol and family.

Stoke Poges Camp Site was the venue for this event from 25th to 29th May, to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting.

It was supported better than I had anticipated, with cubs, scouts and explorer scouts from 6 Groups, together with 1 leader and 2 scouts from 1st/6th Edgware troop. These were split into four sub-camps positioned in the Scout field.

Some of us arrived on Friday night to set up, with the rest arriving early on the Saturday.

The Camp was officially opened at 11 am on Saturday by Lily Carter, escorted by her son, John. Lily had her first warrant in 1938 and has been involved in District Scouting ever since, and it was a great honour to have her with us on such a special day. Our President, John Matthews, and Secretary, Anthony Phillips, were also present and our thanks go to Anthony's wife, Monica, for providing a wonderful cake to mark the occasion.

In the afternoon all took part in the Centenary Sports with a series of events organised by John Barber, incorporating a 100 Theme in some of them.

A barbecue was held in the evening for everyone and was followed by an open air disco, including a fancy dress competition which was enjoyed by all until the rain hit us about 9.30 pm.

Sunday morning started with the rain still hammering down and there was concern over the Carnival Day arrangements, especially as the Beavers were joining us for the day. I needn't have worried as all

took place, with the circus skills having to move inside the Lair, but the mobile climbing wall, bouncy castle, sumo wrestling, gladiator duels, model train layout, and all the sideshows carried on despite the continuing rain, and was enjoyed by all.

We also had a tuck shop, and Roy Gosling sold badges in the Lair, which both attracted a lot of attention.

It just shows that members of the Scout Organisation can overcome all conditions and handicaps and made what could have been a disaster into a roaring success; my praise to all who were present - it was great to see.

Once the Beavers had gone home Chris Cosstick led a Scouts Own, again in pouring rain, followed by a very energetic camp fire led by John Barber - all appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves, with the rain getting heavier and heavier.

About 9.30 pm on top of the intense rain the site was hit by a mini tornado and, unfortunately, some of the tents were blown down and carried across the field. Leaders of some of the Groups worst hit decided that it would be sensible to arrange for their Cubs and Scouts to be collected by parents, and by 11.30 pm all those going had been collected.

On Monday morning in the cold light of day the damage to the camp was there for all to see and the rain that had started on Saturday was still persisting, so it was decided that the programmes for Monday and Tuesday would be cancelled. All the remaining Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Leaders, retrieved their equipment and struck camp and departed, except for a hardy group of 10 from 1st and 7th Hanwell who stuck it out

until 4.00 pm on Tuesday - my congratulations to them all as they achieved the 100 HOURS.

Over the weekend there were more than 220 people either camping or visiting the site, and I must thank every Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer Scout, Leader, Helper and Parent, for making this a camp that will be remembered for a long time to come for a variety of different reasons.

My special thanks must go to the organising team of John Foxwell, John Barber, Dave Folkerd, Jenny Salmon, Martina O'Brien and Carol Bowron, without whom this would not have been possible. I must also mention the great work carried out over the weekend by Pete Balls, Paul Phillips, Steve Douglas and Jim Vaux.

I am sorry if I have missed anyone out but it is impossible to mention everyone.

What a great weekend, or was it? Please let me know what you thought.

***JOHN SEAR
ADC SCOUTS***

Walter Davies
Scouting Centre
CENTENARY CAMP

1st/7th Hanwell Sub Camp -
"100 Hour" Centenary Camp Report

It's report time again and I really don't know where to start as the details of the early hours have already faded into the mists of the little bit of drizzle we experienced.

The Facts

When 100 hours from 1200 on Friday 25th – Tuesday 29th May 2007.

Where Ealing and Hanwell district camp site at Stoke Poges, Bucks.

Why To celebrate the centenary of scouting; beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers all over the UK where invited to camp for the W/E.

How For Ealing and Hanwell, a small but dedicated team planned and executed a fun packed W/E at our campsite for all sections.

How Many In total about 70 cubs, 60 scouts, 5 explorers and 50 leaders were at the camp, and about 30 beavers visited on Sunday together with innumerable adults who

The Weather helped on Sunday - "Carnival Day" Buckinghamshire was the wettest place in the country, 33mm!!!

The Food 175 burgers, 175 sausages and 150 ribs were consumed at the Bar B Q. QM's Jim (1st), Gill (7th) and team bought you are fantastic and we love you all to bits.)

Activities Opening ceremony, Zany sports and "100 minute" marathon, Bar B Q, Disco. Carnival day including Climbing wall, Bouncy castle, Bouncy Sumo, Bouncy Pugil, Albert and friends circus skills, crafts and side shows including coconut shy, rubber ducks, soak a scout, donuts and popcorn and the inauguration of the new Challenge course and Zip wire. "Scouts own" followed by a campfire.

The 100 "100 challenges" marathon throughout the W/E. Unfortunately on Monday the much anticipated and prepared for "100 Minute" challenge trophy and ballista competition had to be called off due to the

weather... but it will return.

The Fiction

It was raining at the campsite for the whole W/E. (but it felt like it!)

Every tent in the district went home wet. (There were a few exceptions!)

Everybody was miserable. (Well not all the time)

It was a total disaster. (although it looked like one at times!)

Hundreds of young people were put off camping/scouting for life. (I doubt it!)

Everyone booked to come in good time.

Everyone paid their camp fees on time.

Everyone brought their waterproofs and enough changes of clothes.

Everyone got a rib, sausage, burger and bun at the Bar B Q (late bookers note!)

The campfire couldn't be lit even though we rubbed 100 boy scouts together.

Dead sheep were being lobbed across the field from "MOAB" (Mother of all Ballista's - resurrected and enhanced since the Millennium camp)

The all-new "Centurion" ballista was sighted lobbing dead cows towards the general direction of Chalfont.

The 1EN and the 25E flag poles were over 100 decimetres high.

The joint 8E/9E flagpole was the highest overall.

The flashing red light on the top of the 1H/7H flag pole was there to warn low flying aircraft.

John Foxwell has been wearing the same purple shorts (with matching

purple rain through anorak) continuously since the Millennium.

John Sear knew exactly how many people were on the campsite at any given time.

John Barber's camel has three humps.

All scout leaders are called John

Dave Folkard is the managing director of a sign printing and ballista factory.

Jenny Salmon's new business is running sideshows at international events.

Martina is on the 5 cub a day diet.

Carol tried the 5 beaver a day diet but gave up after one got lodged in her throat.

Jim's abyss accounts for all the missing matter in the universe proving Einstein's theory.

Gill has a secret addiction to coleslaw and that's how she can still fit into her old guide uniform.

Roy has been up before the magistrates for badge dealing.

The team are already meeting in secret to plan the next millennium 3000 hour camp complete with the 3000 minute challenge and the 3000 "3000 challenges" marathon.

Well that's just about the whole team mentioned, apologies for the inevitable exceptions.

Personally I thought it was outstanding, cold and wet yes but I was never hungry or thirsty or wanting for fellowship and good humour (unlike the above.)

That's all folks until the next time – 2014?

John F

District Diary

Centenary Year of Scouting

CUB SCOUT WEEK END AT LONGRIDGE - SIXERS & SECONDERS

Friday 8th to Sunday 10th June

CAMPOREE 2007 – “THE JUNGLE”

Sunday 22 July – Saturday 28 July Assistance welcome on 21 July, 28 July (from mid-morning onwards) and 29 July for setting up & striking camp

SUNRISE CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Wednesday 1 August 8.00am- no further details at present

ONE WORLD – ONE PROGRAMME

Autumn 2007 a one-off experiment for each Cub Scout Pack to run the exact same programme over a two-week period with a centennial theme

Further information on all the above will be circulated nearer the time; or contact John Barber

Group Scout Leaders meetings at Leighton Hall 8-0pm

Monday 14th May and 1st October

Scout and Explorer Scout Leaders Meetings at Leighton Hall - 8-00pm

Wednesday 11th July, 12th September and 14th November

Scout 5-A-Side Football at Hanwell Community Centre 8-00 to 10-00 pm

Tuesday 2nd October, 16th October 30th October, 13th November, 27th November and finally 4th December KO Cup

District Events for Centenary Year

Saturday 13th October District Swimming Gala at Gurnell Baths - 7-00pm

27th July to 8th August THE JAMBOREE

Wednesday 1st August Sunrise Ceremony with Greenford at Horsenden Hill

October date to be arranged Memorial tree planting at Stoke Poges Saturday

3rd November District Firework Party at Stoke Poges

Date of next issue

1st July 2007

Reports of activities, expeditions etc to reach the editor by 28th June 2007

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