

# “LIGHT TO THE RIGHT”

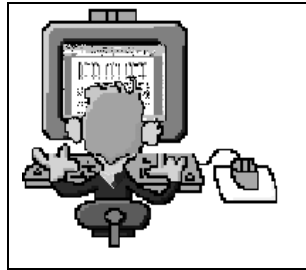
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## From the Editor

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. The camps that were held were enjoyed by those in attendance. Since the last issue before the summer there have been many events happening that our group has taken part in. The reports on most of these are here so I hope you enjoy reading this. I actually received so many reports I have had to hold back some of them until the next issue. These include the Jamboree on the Internet and the codes and signals evening at Scouts. However there have been plenty of activities to read about here.



Magnus Kelly - Editor

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## Through the Chair

I wanted to start this edition with a big thank you to all our Leaders. They are such a dedicated lot and give up so much of their free time to organise and run activities for the boys. Not only do they plan and run the weekly meetings, but they are often involved with training courses (first aid, climbing etc.), committee meetings (Group and District), maintaining our equipment and minibus and many other “special” events. Last weekend (Oct 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> as I write) was a case in point. Dave Batten ran the Scout meeting on Friday, attended (and competed in!) the District Swimming Gala on Saturday, went to Church Parade on Sunday, and went to a Group executive meeting on Monday (on which evening he was also supposed to be at a District Leaders meeting). Jamie went to that instead and Nick Grey

had to miss two other appointments that night in order to be at the Exec. Roger Howard is always down at the hut, sorting out our equipment and maintains Nobby (our minibus) on a daily basis. I know Nick would not be able to run Cubs without the help and support he gets from Eidress, Sue Peck and of course, Magnus, so many thanks to them all for all their hard work, which is much appreciated.

As a Group we have had an active couple of months since the last edition. The Scout camp was a huge success, with brilliant weather and nearly the entire troop in attendance. The boys took part in a wide range of activities (swimming, hiking, wide games, camp skills, camp-fires, climbing, abseiling and the assault course at the site.) Speaking as someone involved in the transportation of gear to and from camp for the first time, I stand in complete awe of the organisational skills involved – although I suspect that much has been handed down from Scouter to Scouter over the years – and I bet Geoff Mynott had something to do with it!

The cubs have three new and very enthusiastic members and have had some lively meetings since September. I think there is an article later from the patrol leader of Panthers telling you what the Scouts have been up to. At the most recent Executive committee meeting we decided not to have a Christmas fair this year as we have found increasingly that the small profits do not justify the work involved. We are looking for some fundraising ideas therefore and we have plans for a social evening in the Spring, with a raffle to help raise some money. All ideas and offers of help very welcome as always!

Wendy Morris  
Group Chairman

# 20<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree

## Thailand 2002 / 2003

In the last few weeks of the Summer term Dave asked me at one Scout meeting if I would be interested in putting in an application for the next World Scout Jamboree in Thailand. I accepted and was sent off with the form, which I had to give to the District Commissioner, by Sunday. Having put my form through his door I heard a short time later that they were going to interview me on the Thursday before summer camp.

The District Commissioner, the District President and a Venture Scout leader interviewed me. I was told the details about our contingent group and jamborees in general then they asked me questions about why I wanted to go, what I felt I could offer to the contingent and why I enjoyed Scouting. Later that evening I received a phone call from Mike Wellman DC to inform me that I had been offered a place on the jamboree. There had been five applicants for our District and there were three places available. However during the summer our District received two extra places and therefore all the applicants were given a place.

Our first meeting was held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the County Headquarters. We were presented with a UK contingent badge and a UK contingent scarf as we went in. After we held a two minute silence for the victims of the terrorist attacks we proceeded with the meeting. We were shown lots of photos from the last Jamboree in Chile in which I was able to identify Tom Law a couple of times. We were then given more detailed information about the jamboree and what we would be doing while we were away. There are 36 Scouts going with four leaders from our County. We were told the Jamboree campsite was in Sattahip a 3 hour drive South East of Bangkok. We will leave any time after 21<sup>st</sup> December and arrive before the 27<sup>th</sup> December. Once there we will spend a couple of days in the Ambassador hotel along with the rest of the UK contingent to acclimatise to Thailand. There will be one day of sightseeing in Bangkok and a "spectacular never to be forgotten" Christmas celebration. After this we move to the Jamboree site and the Jamboree lasts from the 28<sup>th</sup> December to the 6<sup>th</sup> January. We then move for our home hospitality in one of the surrounding countries for the next week before we return home. After this we were given time to get to know the other people in the group and to have our picture taken.

We then moved onto discussing fundraising for the Jamboree. Throughout the year there are lots of fundraising events to raise as much money as possible for the County to buy things for the Jamboree. After this we went upstairs and spoke to three people who had been to the last two Jamborees. We were given advice on



what to take, meeting people from other countries once there and were told to remember our passports!

At the end of the meeting we were given folders to keep all our information in and a disk to use when writing letters to people for the Jamboree. With the meeting over we headed home feeling a bit overwhelmed, but excited, as the Jamboree suddenly seems very real and not at all far away.

Magnus Kelly

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## A Brief Introduction to Jamborees

For those who are new to Scouts and the concept of a Jamboree, here is a short article about what they are. A World Scout Jamboree is an event that happens every four years. There have been CAPut! since 1920, the last being in Chile in 1999. Out of the 28 million Scouts worldwide only 40,000 will take part in the next Jamboree. In Thailand almost 3,000 people from the UK are expected to attend. The Jamboree lasts for 10 days during which numerous activities are held. Afterwards is a period of about a week called home hospitality, where you stay with a Scout's family to learn more about the country and their customs.

As I said the first was in 1920 and was held in London. People did want to hold a celebration on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting in 1917, but the 1<sup>st</sup> World War interfered with that so it was held two years after the end of the war. 8,000 Scouts attended. Since it is difficult to pitch tents in the middle of a city 5,000 of the Scouts slept in the Old Deer Park at Richmond! There were exhibitions on show in the halls at Olympia. There was even turf laid to allow Scouts to pitch tents. It was at the end of the Jamboree that Baden-Powell was declared "Chief Scout of the World".

After this the Jamborees were held outside as Scouting is an outdoor movement. At future Jamborees as many nations as possible were encouraged to take part to create a spirit of comradeship between Scouts of different nations.

The observant people reading this article will have noticed that as the first Jamboree was held in 1920 this Jamboree should not be the 20<sup>th</sup> and should not be held in 2003. The two Jamborees due to be held in 1941 and 1945 were cancelled due to the war and the next Jamboree was held in 1947 in France. There was also an extra Jamboree added in later in 1957 to celebrate 50 years of Scouts. The 2007 Jamboree is due to be held in the UK in Chelmsford to celebrate 100 years of Scouting.

Magnus Kelly

## Cub Scout Section

### District Sixers and Seconders Camp

The camp was held at Bentley Copse from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Joshua Peck and Akela went camping on the camp in which 25 Cubs and 17 leaders took part. We used the Bentley Barn and field opposite as a base. On Friday night we had a wide game “Connect 4” with 2 discs, “Charlie’s Angels” and “AOL”.

We did firelighting, put up a hike tent and did some map work to prepare for a hike. Later on we hiked to a trig point on the top of Pitch Hill and returned to base. The Cubs did most of the map reading and only needed a little help from the leaders. In the evening we had a camp fire and played Bingo – Josh even won some sweets.

We had a Scouts Own Service on Sunday morning, went go-karting and played some games.

Josh had a great time and Akela did too. So now you know what Sixers and Seconders can do. Are any of your Cubs up for the challenge?

Nick Grey  
Cub Scout Leader

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### Five Aside-Football Competition

In June the Cub Scout Pack took part in a five-aside football competition at 1<sup>st</sup> Kingston Hill’s headquarters. The weather was hot, but with showers of rain.

Playing for 2<sup>nd</sup> Norbiton were Thomas Palgrave, Jonathan Ewing, Josh Peck, Jonathan Young, Jack Lelyveld, Nathan Bachan and Ji Ho Choi (who played for a different team run by a former 2<sup>nd</sup> Norbiton Scout)

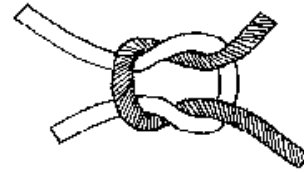
Our team qualified for the semi finals of the wooden spoon trophy but were knocked out.

The team won one match, drew two matches and lost the others. We still enjoyed ourselves and were very tired out at the end. There was a tuck shop there and we had lots of drinks and sweets.

The day was really good fun.

Nathan Bachan

## How to tie a Reef Knot



At the start of the term the Cubs learnt how to tie several knots. Here is how to tie the Reef Knot, which is found on the Scout Membership Badge.

1. First you get two pieces of rope of equal thickness.
2. You put the rope in your left hand over the rope in your right hand and then loop it under and pull. This is the same as if you are tying your shoelace.
3. You then put the rope in your right hand over the rope in your left hand and put it through the loop and pull until the knot has tightened up.

This knot is used for tying together two pieces of rope of equal thickness.

Christopher Bowes

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## Scout Section

### My last Summer Camp?

This year’s summer camp was held from 21<sup>st</sup> –28<sup>th</sup> July at Youlbury Campsite just South of Oxford. This year there were eight Scouts, myself, Thomas Morris, Sam Whatley, Thomas Harris, Joshua Palgrave, Michael Rhodes, David Young and Andrew Grey. As well as this, Jamie McConnon, Roger and David Howard and the Batten family all attended for the week. The larger numbers of Scouts allowed us to have two Patrols, which always leads to a healthy competitive spirit which helps get things done quickly.

We met at the Scout hall early on the Saturday to move all the equipment into the van outside. We travelled in a convoy of Nobby II and 2 cars. The journey was uneventful until we reached the circular road around Oxford. All the navigators conclude we were supposed to go straight on at a roundabout when we were actually supposed to go left. However even with this sorted out, Dave and I in one of the cars



made it to the campsite and had to wait, wondering what had happened to everyone else.

When everyone arrived we ate lunch and then started unloading our equipment. When planning the programme we had decided the Patrols would need Sunday morning to sort out the sites. However everything was done so well on the Saturday only small things needed to be done on Sunday. During the week we took part in swimming, archery, rifle shooting, climbing and abseiling, wide games, tracking, an incident hike, half a day in Oxford, building a monkey bridge and the camp fire. Along with all these activities we went over camping skills and everyone did their knife and axe proficiency test.

We started taking down the tents on Friday to make it easier on the Saturday to leave on time. The two Patrols were merged and we only had to leave up one Icelandic to sleep in. The weather had been good all week and for some reason at summer camps when we take tents down it tends to cause difficulties. Last year as we started to take down the Icelandic it poured with rain. This year on Saturday it was incredibly hot and exhausting work moving the boxes around up to the van. However, everyone survived the week and learnt useful skills for future. The food seems to get better each year and some of the Scouts are turning into good chefs.

Thank you to all the leaders who helped run the camp and also to Peter and Wendy Morris for driving the van with the equipment.

Magnus Kelly

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## **Panther Patrol Camp**

The summer Panther Patrol Camp was held from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August over Bank Holiday weekend at Polyapes Campsite in Cobham. I have still never managed to get more than four people going on any one camp and this was no exception. One of the most difficult tasks I found about organising the Patrol camps held in the last year has been transport. Therefore as a change we decided to take the train from Norbiton to Stoke D'Abernon. We then walked the half mile to the campsite. While we were on the train my mum drove the equipment down to the site.

When we arrived on the site we found there was only one other group of three people from Croydon staying there so we could chose where we



wanted to camp. We chose a site in amongst some trees and next to a tap for convenience. We put up our tents and found that the store tent we had was missing a part to join two of the poles together, however we found an old wooden tent peg and whittled it until it fitted to hold them together. Luckily it held the poles together for the camp.

Next we had a quick discussion about what we were going to do for the weekend. We were then challenged by our neighbours to a game of catch the flag (or T-Shirt). The other team had their flag surrounded by thick bushes and stinging nettles. However, with 2<sup>nd</sup> Norbiton's pride at stake Tom Harris and I crawled through the bushes as Michael created a distraction and Tom dashed through the nettles to grab the flag and our victory. That evening after our Spaghetti Bolognese we tried to get to sleep in the uncomfortably warm night.

The next day we went on a day hike as part of the Scout Award around Oxshott Heath and Esher Common. The hike went well and we did not get too lost, except when crossing the A3 we realised we were on the wrong bridge! We made it back though, even though everyone was convinced there was a train coming as we crossed the railway behind the campsite. As we returned it started to pour with rain and we then had the great joy of trying to cook corn beef hash in the rain.

That evening we shared a campfire with the other group and exchanged stories until it was late before turning in. In the morning it was very hot and luckily the tents dried. We were surprised as Roger popped in to see us. After the usual complaints about our campsite and a quick chat to see how we were he left us to pack up.

We then played an odd game with Michael's Frisbee, in which the aim was to get it stuck in the tree by our site! We were a bit too successful at this and I succeeded in losing it for a good half an hour before we knocked it out of the tree. However we then had to hurry to pack up the tents in time as we lost most of the morning. Fortunately we were not too late and we made it back to the Scout hall early to unpack.

As this is my last Patrol Camp I hope those on them with me enjoyed them and will plan some themselves as they are a good activity for building independence and are good fun with no leaders to tell you what to do! Good luck to those in the future who want to run Patrol Camps.

Magnus Kelly

## The District Swimming Gala

A week before the district swimming gala a practice swimming session was held. There was a certain amount of chasing, ducking, assaulting leaders and other fun activities before we actually got down to showing what we could do in the way of swimming apart from sneaking up on people from behind! There then followed more "hide and seek" and "it" games in, around and under the water. By the end of the time we were allowed, we were all marched forcefully out of the water. We changed and walked back to the hut where we played games for the rest of the evening before finishing the meeting at the normal time.

After the swimming trip to the Kingfisher, which was mostly just for fun, we had to do some real swimming. Most of you are probably aware that each year the Scouts have a District Swimming Gala. Unfortunately only four scouts were able to attend, Tom Harris, David Young, Thomas Holmes and myself and so we were a four-man team. We shared the events out between us but could not cover all of the races. However it is the taking part that counts, not the winning. So on Saturday evening we all gathered at the Malden Centre at quarter to eight ready to pile in to the changing rooms. However, the Cubs' swimming gala was running thirty minutes late and so we all had to amuse ourselves. Joshua Palgrave turned up unexpectedly and greatly boosted our racing abilities.

Once we had all changed we went and took our places by the side of the pool. The first category to go was the under 12s. We had nobody in this category. After they finished the under 14's category began. I was doing the breaststroke length and my heart thumped when it was called. I walked up to the end of the pool where the starter stood and got into position. The starter said "On your marks, get set, GO!" I dived straight into the pool, I pulled the hardest I could and came level with the leader. I got to the end of the length and thought that I had won but apparently the other boy had been a hair faster than me and I was second. I was disappointed, but it did mean that I got the honour of nearly winning the race without the bother of going on to the County Gala, which I attended once before and it was rather hard work!

All the rest of the team swam wonderfully in their races until we came to the relays. We swam to the best we could and did very well but were not first. The last event of the day was the over and under relay. This involves swimming under and

over the lane ropes to the other side of the pool. Again we did very well and had lots of fun but were not first. After this we had a brief period of free swim time which we mostly spent pushing Magnus (wearing his clothes) in the pool, which was lots of fun! We then changed and returned to the lobby where we were told that we came fifth out of eight. Not bad for a five man team! I look forward to competing again next year.

Thomas Morris

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## The Chinese Food Survey

This looked as though it was going to be a major crisis for me, I really do not like Chinese food, it makes me feel sick. So when I suggested that we have a chip survey, as we did once before and the leaders turned it into a Chinese survey I wasn't best pleased! My patrol chose to go to the Blue Lotus, Chinese just 2 minutes walk from the hut. Dave called the patrol leaders over and told us to get *Sweet & Sour Chicken Balls* and *Special Fried Rice*. He also told us to get a receipt.

So we set off following Michael who was the one who knew the way there. Walking, apparently however, was too slow for Michael who sprinted most of the way. After about a minute's brisk jog we arrived at the Blue Lotus. Michael knew the people who owned the Blue Lotus so after ordering we chatted to the lady on the counter. When our order came the lady on the counter gave Michael a free bag of prawn crackers! In high spirits the rest decided to run back to the hut, of course not thinking of their patrol leader who was carrying all of the food. I tried to keep at a pace that would prevent spillage of the various sauces and at the same time keep the rest of the patrol in sight. When we got back to the hut I handed over the food and went to play a game with the rest of the troop. About 5 minutes later Dave came up to me and asked me for the receipt. I had of course forgotten about this. Dave was not pleased!

We continued with our game until Dave called us all to set out a table to taste the food. After the table was set all the food was set out. The only bad thing that I noticed at first was that the other patrol's sweet and sour sauce looked like nuclear waste. It was bright red!

It looked as though I could survive. Dave said that we could have the chicken balls with sauce or without. Even I can eat battered chicken! And the special fried rice looked bearable. So we all tucked in.

No particular dish won. There were very mixed opinions in the troop about most of the food but everyone (except the editor) seemed to agree that the nuclear waste was not edible! Shortly after this the meeting ended as normal.

Thomas Morris

## Group Honours

### Cub Scout Pack

Josh Peck Campers Badge  
Josh Peck Adventure Award  
Christopher Bowes Appointed as Seconder

### Scout Troop

Magnus Kelly Chief Scout's Award  
Thomas Morris Appointed PL of Panthers  
Thomas Harris Appointed APL of Kestrels

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### Dates for your Diary

9<sup>th</sup> December Church Parade (St Peters)  
14<sup>th</sup> December Scout Christmas Party  
26<sup>th</sup> December Group Vs the Rest  
Boxing day football match

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Congratulations on making it this far. This is the end of this issue of Light to the Right. Thank you to those who have given me articles to put in the newsletter. I am sorry to those who's articles I did not publish, but they will be in the next issue. This will be published in February 2002, so please can those involved with events before then please get articles into me early.

## Group Directory

### Cub Pack:

Nick Grey (Cub Leader)  
Eidress Khier (Assistant Cub Leader)

### Scout Troop:

Dave Batten (Scout Leader)  
Jamie McConnon (Assistant Scout Leader)  
Roger Howard (Venture Scout Leader, QM and Minibus Carer)

### Executive Committee:

Wendy Morris (Chair)  
Pam Farley (Treasurer)  
Mhairi Kelly (Secretary)

### Church Army:

Aidan Greenwood

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"Blue Peter" can do it, but we have been doing it for years. So please help your son's Group.



- 1) DRINK CONTENTS
- 2) WASH + CHECK ALUMINIUM.
- 3) CRUSH
- 4) TAKE TO SCOUT HALL AND PUT IN THE BIN.  
WE
- 5) WE GET CASH FOR OUR GROUP

ALLY CANS ONLY PLEASE. IF YOUR MAGNET STICKS TO A CAN WE DON'T WANT IT!!!