

“LIGHT TO THE RIGHT”

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From the Editor

Well the summer has passed and I have finally got around to another Light to the Right. Thank you to all those who gave me something to put into the newsletter this issue. The Scout Troop have given me some good articles this time (although a couple of them only just made it in time). I hope you enjoy reading about the camps as much as I did. the latest information on the group.



Keep reading for

Magnus Kelly
Editor

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Through the Chair

I can hardly believe it's Autumn already and time for another Light to the Right. Many thanks to Magnus who produces our magazine so regularly and competently – very few Groups in the District are lucky enough to have such an efficient (and such a young!) editor. Light to the Right keeps everyone in the Group informed of what has been happening and what is to come, so please support Magnus if you can by coming up with some interesting articles.

The main event since the last issue (for the Scouts anyway) has been Summer camp which enjoyed glorious weather – until the last night! A high proportion of the Troop attended and everyone participated in learning camp skills and in the various outdoor activities arranged. Thanks to all the leaders who give up their time to run our camps (this involves them all in using up annual leave from work) and to organize them beforehand – and a special thank you to Jenny Batten for yet again doing all the food!

Well done to all the Scouts who came to our Harvest Festival Parade – we had a really impressive turn-out. Thank you too to those who came to St. Peter's the week before to say farewell to Aidan Greenwood (the Church Army Captain who worked on the Cambridge Estate) who is off to a new project in Kent. Aidan has been a good friend to 2nd Norbiton and we wish him well.

The Scouts have been busy already this term with a meeting on improving your senses (touch, smell, taste etc) and one on bike maintenance, which proved very popular and certainly revealed some deficiencies in this household! Some dates for events coming up include the District swimming gala, which is at the Malden Centre on Saturday 12th October and a possible visit to the County Gang Show in Sutton on Friday 25th October. We are also hoping to arrange a Group social evening of some sort (fish and chip supper?) to raise some much needed funds.

Finally some news on our prospective merger with 3rd Kingston. Progress has been slow over the Summer months due to key people being away on holiday, but Mike Wellman (District Commissioner) has now had separate meetings with both Groups and has drafted proposals for setting up the new Group. Leaders from each Group now need a joint meeting with District Officers to discuss the detailed arrangements and following that, each Group must have an “extraordinary” AGM to agree the merger. Assuming we vote in favour, all that remains is for the newly formed Group to have an AGM to elect all the officers and the new executive committee. It's very frustrating that the official process takes so long, but it must be done properly according to the rules of Scouting and we at 2nd Norbiton wouldn't want it any other way. I will of course let you all know about these various meetings in good time.

Wendy Morris
Group Chairman

20th World Scout Jamboree Thailand 2003 Update

It is now just a couple of months until we leave for the Jamboree. It has reached the time when all the small niggling matters must be sorted out, "Is my passport up to date? Have I had my vaccines? How much sun tan lotion am I going to need etc.



Once again we have had to get back on the fundraising trail. Over the summer we gave a presentation to the Rotary Club, who put forward £1,500 for the five of us from our District, on what we are doing when we go to the Jamboree.

We also took a table at St James' open day, raising money by selling raffle tickets, getting people to guess the number of sweets in a jar etc. This was interrupted only by the wedding of one of the District's Cub Scout/Scout leaders.

The last weekend in September was spent at our last weekend training camp. The main purpose was to practise travelling as a contingent. This meant all 40 of us travelling with all our camping kit by train and bus to Downe campsite in west Kent. The locals were not that amused as we crammed onto a single decker bus. We spent the weekend practising what we need to do for the Jamboree as well as indulging in some climbing and abseiling and grass sledging. Unfortunately, however, the anticipated pushball grudge match against the Greater London South East Jamboree contingent, who were on the site as well, did not take place.

In the near the future we have a Gala Dinner fundraiser and will be receiving our kit towards the end of November. We will also be finding out which families we are staying with in Malaysia.

Magnus Kelly

NobWeb is Back!

Some of you are probably aware that our Group Website has been out of action for several months due to work on the servers. However it is finally back online and has been updated. The website is at the same address (www.2ndnorbiton.org.uk). Watch out for upcoming reports on recent events. Many thanks to our Webmaster Dave Batten for getting it up and running.

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Cub Scout Pack

First Aid

For First Aid we had to do a test on DRABC. D is for checking for danger. R is for response, for that we had to shake the patient and shout HELLO. A is for airways and for that you



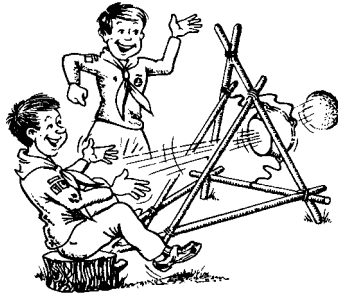
had to push their head back and look in their mouth for something that is blocking their throat. B is for breathing, for that we had to push their head back and put our ear near to the mouth so we could hear and feel them breathing if they were. C is for circulation and for that we had to check their pulse. Then we put them in the recovery position. Then we had to call the ambulance and tell them what you have done and where you are.

We also learnt about burns and scalds. If someone is burnt you need to cool it down by putting the burn under the tap. But you don't put butter or cream on the burn.

Jonathan Young

Miniature Pioneering

Akela built a catapult and put it in a different room. We were allowed to look at it for two times per person (except for one person that was helping the captain, who was allowed to look at it for one time). We had to build the catapult using sticks and rubber bands. We were so close to getting it the same as the other one that Akela made.



The next week we made a big slingshot that could fire pieces of paper. We all tried and I shot the furthest.

Ji Ho Choi

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Games for Cub Scouts

One of the main ways we teach Cubs and Scouts skills is with games. Here are a few of them.

Observation Games

All of you Cubs and Scouts will have played Kim's Game over the past years. Just in case you forgot that's the one where the leader puts lots of objects on a tea tray, lets you watch for a while then covers it with a towel and asks you to remember what was there.

We have tried a few new games using observation and teamwork skills – that's what Sixes and Patrols have – the skills to work as a team. Here are a couple.

Picture Copies

The leader should draw a simple picture with different colours and shapes (see our noticeboard). This is placed in a separate room. The Six or Patrol are then given the pens and a piece of paper. The rules are simple.

1. The Sixer or Patrol Leader is the only person allowed to draw.
2. They are not allowed to see the picture.
3. Each person sees the picture for 1 minute.
4. They cannot talk about it until the person after them has returned.
5. One person is allowed to look again for one minute and there are then allowed 2 minutes to make further changes.

It can then be compared to the original picture to see how close it is.

Minefield

A grid is drawn out. This is a minefield. The leader has a clipboard with the mines marked. The Six/Patrol need to get everyone across the minefield in 20 minutes.

Rules

1. No notes can be taken
2. No speaking or pointing while someone is in the minefield
3. Only one person can enter the minefield at a time
4. Walk only one square at a time forward, backward, right, left or diagonally
5. You lose one minute for each explosion
6. Mines can explode more than once
7. If blown up you return to the start.

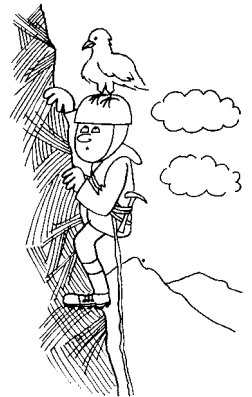
Nick Grey

Akela

Scout Troop

Mountaineering Weekend - Snowdonia

The last Snowdon mountaineering weekend was back in April. Six of the Scouts went, Tom Morris, Tom Harris, Tom Holmes, Michael Rhodes, Josh Palgrave and David Young. Also five leaders came along, Jamie, Dave, Roger, Nick and Cheryl, among these were very experienced climbers.



We all got down there late on Friday evening and were all tired from a six hour drive in Nobby.

In the morning we were put in 3 groups and had breakfast. After breakfast we went in Nobby up nearer the mountain. It was a long day and overall we had climbed 2 mountains and scrambled up another 1. I found scrambling more fun as it was a bigger challenge to get to the top of the mountain.

At the end of the day all the groups met up at the hut we were staying at and what a surprise, David got sunburned. We had dinner and went to sleep.

The next morning we had breakfast and then went climbing and abseiling on wet rock as it had been raining.

We had lunch and started packing up our stuff. Tom Holmes had a bit of trouble with this as he had picked up some sheep bones. We then travelled back and arrived late on Sunday.

Thomas Harris

Scout Troop Summer Camp 2002

This year's summer camp was the most enjoyable I have ever been on for any number of reasons. There were many people at this camp, including Tom Bowes, a new face. There were lots of fascinating activities to do and we had some very good outings as well. The trip to go climbing on real rock faces was very enjoyable. We learnt a lot of new skills as well. We built shelters and slept overnight in them. We learned how to survive off the land. We learned how to cook, gut a fish, and how to get on with each other.



This year's camp was longer than many of the summer camps recently at a total of ten days long. This meant that we could squeeze many more activities into the tight schedule.

When we first got to the campsite we were surprised to discover that we would be sharing our campsite with others beside ourselves. Our new camp mates were giant ants and there were literally hundreds of them. There were several very large nests near our site as we discovered when we stepped on them accidentally whilst exploring. We also had to deal with all manner of other pests including wasps, flies and at one point several witnesses swear a hornet was sighted.

We had to cook a variety of meals ranging from simple (Kebabs) to hard (Roast Dinner) all on an open fire.

One of the activities I enjoyed most (although I enjoyed all of them a lot) was the grass sledging. I have never done this before. It is lots of fun; you sit on a tracked sledge sort of thing and find a hill to race down. You go quite fast and can be a very bumpy ride! Roger reckons he did his back in whilst doing it!

We also went into town, East Grinstead I think it was and browsed the shops. The climax of all our outings however was our day at the Farnborough air show, which was brilliant! We watched the Red Arrows and the new Eurofighter before heading into the exhibitions to see all the exciting displays and play on the computers.

The camp was lots of fun and I look forward to attending next year's. Those Scouts who were unlucky enough not to attend, I would seriously recommend that you go next year, YOU ARE MISSING A LOT!

Thomas Morris

Panther Patrol Camp

When Magnus mentioned to me a while back that I should try running a Patrol camp I thought he was joking. "I couldn't run a Patrol camp!" I thought. However now that I have done it, it doesn't seem half as hard as I thought it was going to be.



First I had to choose a date. This took a while, consulting various diaries until I finally got one mid-way into the summer holidays. Next I had to choose a campsite. I eventually decided on Bentley Copse (a small campsite just outside Guilford), which had a good number of activities and suitable woodland camping areas. I then booked with the jovial warden there, Russell.

Once this was confirmed I had to get letters out to my Patrol's parents and advertise generally. I was amazed at the response I got and began to think I might have bitten off more than I could chew. Still I went ahead confirming who would be coming, gathering up permission forms, planning menus and deciding what equipment would be needed.

Eventually the day came and we all set off in Nobby. It took us about an hour to reach the campsite and when we did it took us half as long again to get everything unpacked. Roger stayed to check everything was ok before departing. We set up the tents without too much trouble and spent the rest of the evening constructing a flagpole out of a ridiculously long branch and a lot of sisal and spare tent pegs. We then cooked a dinner of pasta and mince over the fire, before playing a few games and going to bed.

The next day we went rifle shooting and did archery, which was all great fun. (In archery we had to shoot balloons on a target). In the afternoon as it was hot we had a large water fight. We then ate bangers and mash and went to bed.



The next morning we packed up the whole campsite before using the pedal go-karts which, though we were wearing helmets, was a trifle hairy with some of the foul play that ensued. Flying tyres and spectacular crashes accompanied by ridiculous short cuts are a speciality with 2nd Norbiton. We then packed everything back into Nobby and headed home eating all the junk food remains on our way (My Mum says the other parents don't want to hear that!)

Thomas Morris


Group Honours

Congratulations to everyone who gained awards

Cub Scout Pack

Christopher Bowes	Appointed As Sixer	
Jonathan Young	Appointed As Seconder	

Scout Troop

Thomas Morris Thomas Harris Michael Rhodes	Pathfinder Award	
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Well this concludes the 21st issue of Light to the Right. The "Dates for your Diaries" shows we have plenty going on this term. Those taking part please try and get reports to me soon after the events to save the hassle for everyone the day before the next issue. Until the next issue then, goodbye.

Dates for your Diaries

Saturday 19 th – Sunday 20 th October	National Scout Air Rifle Championships
Friday 25 th October	Trip to County Gang Show
Sunday 3 rd November	District Air Rifle Competition
Saturday 9 th November	Fish and Chip Supper
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Parade
Friday 15 th – Sunday 17 th November	Mountaineering weekend - Snowdonia
Saturday 23 rd – Sunday 24 th November	Scout Association Legoland Weekend

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FUND RAISING - PLEASE SAVE YOUR ALUMINIUM CANS FOR OUR FUNDS

"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.
- 5) WE GET CASH FOR OUR GROUP

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

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(Cub Leader)



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