



# “LIGHT TO THE RIGHT”



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## From the Editor

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Light to the Right publishing team. I hope you enjoy reading this with your mince pies over the festive season but don't leave a copy lying around on Christmas Eve (we don't want Santa to get distracted).



The last term has been one of the busiest I can remember for both sections for a while. However there has still been a shortage of articles being given in. Thank you to those who have taken the time to write something. It isn't that difficult so over the holidays get some articles written on activities that aren't in here- there are plenty of them.

Magnus Kelly  
Editor

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## Through the Chair

Seasons greetings from a rather harassed Chairman with all too much to accomplish before December 25<sup>th</sup>! As we approach the end of another Scouting year, I'd like to pay tribute to all our leaders for another twelve months of hard work preparing and leading activities, attending meetings and generally keeping the lads occupied, fit?, stimulated, learning something and (most important of all) away from their computer screens! Thanks too to all the parents who give up their time to come to Executive meetings and to all those who support our fundraising events. On most of these occasions we have a very high percentage turn-out and I know the leaders appreciate having such an encouraging level of support.

As you will see in the following pages, the boys have been very busy over the past few weeks, with mountaineering weekends, visits to Legoland, tenpin bowling and a night hike, in addition to their ordinary meetings. Magnus, our long suffering editor and Cub helper is finally off to the World Scout Jamboree in Thailand on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is a tremendous honour for the Group and a great personal credit to Magnus. Good luck Mags and tell us all about it when you get back!

Finally a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year to all friends and supporters of 2<sup>nd</sup> Norbiton.

Wendy Morris

Group Chairman

PS Still no news about the merger with 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingston, but we are regularly in touch with District trying to move things along.

## Aluminium Cans

Well done everyone who has brought in aluminium cans over the last several months.

We cashed them in for a total of:

**£14.08**



Keep bringing them down, but remember

- **ONLY** Aluminium – **NOT** Steel
- **WASH** and **SQUASH** completely

The ASET recycling project we use is run by Wandsworth Council to support the Atheldene League of Friends which helps people with disabilities.

## 20<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree Thailand 2003 Update

By the time this issue is published there will be less than a week before our Unit takes off for Thailand and the Jamboree (and warm weather). However, everything seems to be falling into place. Final briefings are over and all that remains is to get the plane.



Shortly after the last issue of Light to the Right was published the County hosted a “Gala Dinner” at the Hotel Antoinette. We were given a fine sample of Thai cuisine, which went down very well (as the staff had never cooked Thai food before). The meal was intertwined with the two quizzes, which those present at the Fish and Chip Supper will be familiar with. Later on we played “Heads and Tails” before the evening moved onto the dancing (or selling raffle tickets in my case). The party finally broke up after midnight giving little sleep to those of us who had to be at the National Air Rifle Championships at 8:00 the next morning.

The other main event for us was D-Day (Distribution Day) on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. We finally received our UK Jamboree kit, which we ordered back in March. This includes our official Jamboree bags, uniform, sunhats, footwear, sunglasses, uniform etc. In spite of it being ordered 8 months ago only one item did not fit correctly!

As for fundraising, which has been my major preoccupation over the last 12 months, our District succeeded in raising a large amount of money. Unfortunately I do not know the exact amount but we came close and possibly passed the £5,000 mark we had set ourselves. I have been able to give a cheque for £141 to the Group from some of the recent fundraising ventures completed. Thank you to everyone who has supported me in fundraising activities this year and particularly to all our leaders in the Group for helping to get my Scouting side ready for this challenge.

I wish you all well while I am away and I look forward to telling you all about it when I return.

Magnus Kelly

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### Fish and Chip Supper

At the Fish and Chip Supper we did a quiz and then we ate fish and chips and after that there were some more quizzes, but this time there was a special children’s quiz but it was only 7 questions and then there was a really hard quiz and then we had the cake sale and then there was another quiz. We then had a raffle and then we went home.

Christopher Bowes (Cub Scout)

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### SOUWEST 2002 – County Gang Show

This year saw the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Greater London South West County Gang Show – Souwest take place over half term at the Secombe Theatre in Sutton. On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October the audience included such distinguished persons as the Mayor of Kingston and a small group from 2<sup>nd</sup> Norbiton. Right away the large cast treated us to a singing introduction to the performance. What followed were superb sketches along traditional lines such as the Four Candles sketch and more modern sketches as well.



We were treated to a fabulous display of drunken sailors, hungry Cub Scouts and baffled schoolchildren. Apparently it turns out that camp food is not very nice! – whatever next. A mother had a nasty shock as the radio signals got mixed up and told her to boil her baby with salt, fill it full of brake fluid, bury it in a pit of fertilizer etc (no babies were hurt during the making of this sketch). There was also a special celebration of the 20 years the gang show.

Due to our late booking we were in the second row and were identified as “Tough enough to take on anyone” by one of our District’s Cub Leaders, Karl Bromley (Obviously an excellent judge of character.)

We all enjoyed a great evening and are looking forward to the gang show next year – make sure you don’t miss it.

The programme can be seen on the Scout notice board in the hall.

Magnus Kelly

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## **Cub Scout Pack**

### **Bonfire Night**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November Cubs pretended we were on camp and celebrated Bonfire Night. We talked about Guy Fawkes and Gunpowder Plot. We also made a bonfire out of our previous catapult. We did this by sticking bits of colourful pieces of paper, tissue paper and ribbon. We learnt about what to do if someone gets burned by a fire. We also sang camp songs around the bonfire, my favourite was Pizza Hut.



Jonathan Young

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## **Legoland**

We went to Legoland on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November for the Scout weekend. Akela couldn’t come but Magnus came. I had great fun and we bought lots of toys. I bought Biockle (Ed– Lego?)

Ji Ho Choi

On Sunday I went to Legoland with our Cubs and 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingston’s Cubs. We took the minibus and it suddenly started raining. First we split up into different groups and then went on five of the rides. My favourite ride was the

aeroplane one. Afterwards, we had Chicken Nuggets and chips which, were delicious. Then we went back home.

Patrick Uh

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A big thank you to the leaders of 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingston and Linda Stacey, District Cub Commissioner, for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> Norbiton Cubs to Legoland.

From the short reports above it seems that you went in a minibus, it rained, you had some rides, ate chicken nuggets and shops, and went back home. I’m quite sure that it was more exciting than that!

Nick Grey  
Akela

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## **Join in Jamboree**

During the run up to the Jamboree the Cubs have been involving themselves in the Jamboree as much as possible. They have had a chance to learn about Jamborees and Scouts and about the culture in Thailand. The Cubs have played games to help them learn about the countries around Thailand as well as having a beach party (seeing as the site is by the sea). There was also a quiz on water which showed how little we all knew about water.

Magnus Kelly

## **Scout Troop**

### **Mountaineering Weekend – Snowdonia**

On 15<sup>th</sup> November Dave took lots of Scouts from the District on a mountaineering weekend in Snowdonia. We set off at 5.15pm in the minibuses



and didn't arrive at base camp until around midnight.

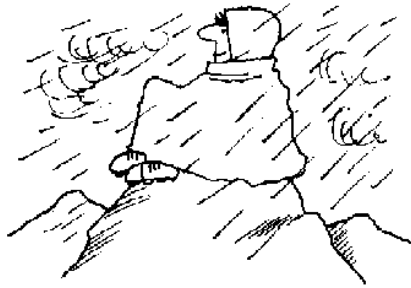
The next morning we were split into three groups according to experience. The advanced group walked Snowdon's Horseshoe and were out for about seven hours. The intermediate group went up Mount Tryfan, doing a grade 1 scramble. The group which I was in did a high-level traverse. In the evening we were all mucking around until one of the leaders started up a game of "Spit it out" and "Pig", which was very enjoyable.

On the Sunday Dave, Jamie and another leader set up the rock face so we could do climbing and abseiling. We set off for home at 2.15 and arrived back at the Scout Hut at 8:30pm.

David Young

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You may have read my last article on Snowdonia Mountain Weekend in April but I assure you this is a lot different.



We went up to Snowdonia on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at around 5:30pm and got there around midnight. We had as many leaders as children, Tom Holmes, Tom Harris, David Young, Michael and his dad Bryan, Jamie, Dave, Roger and his wife Janet and Tracy.

On Saturday morning we got up bright and early and split into groups. This was a lot colder than back in April and what made it worse was that I stepped in a foot of mud.

Before bed on Saturday night we went through how to tie a figure of eight and the calls for climbing and how to put on the harness.

Most of us managed to do the climbing and abseiling on Sunday. We left later at 2:00pm and got home about 6:00pm.

Thomas Harris

Watch This Space and wait

Or

Write an article for the next issue of

"Light to the Right"

## Group Honours

Congratulations to everyone who gained awards

### Cub Scout Pack

Nathan Bache                      Hobbies Badge

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### Dates for your Diaries

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>                                      Boxing Day  
December 2002                                      Football Match

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2002 -              20<sup>th</sup> World  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2003                      Scout Jamboree

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### NobWeb

The Group Website has been updated with the latest information on upcoming events and reports on recent events. If you need any information check it out at [www.2ndnorbiton.org.uk](http://www.2ndnorbiton.org.uk)  
Thanks to Dave for your work on it.

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## **BOXING DAY GROUP Vs THE REST FOOTBALL MATCH**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2002**

Get your boots out and prepare  
for a sporting extravaganza.



Venue and time to be decided.

Contact your section leader or keep an eye on  
NobWeb for more information.

## Scout Christmas Post

For 15p you can have  
you post delivered to anywhere  
in New Malden (KT3) area.  
The money raised from this is  
put towards the Jamboree  
funds. The last collection time for the post will be the  
afternoon of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.



Post boxes are located at:

Parkers	163 South Lane
Fountain News	124 Malden Road
Cannings	181 High Street
Methodist Church Coffee Shop	High Street
Threshers Wine Shop	15 High Street
Coombe Prof. Cleaners	16 Coombe Road
Malden Library	Kingston Road
Fianders	56 Elm Road
Suttles of Malden	56 High Street
St James Church	Bodley Road
United Reformed Church	Malden Road
Green Lane Scout Hall	Green Lane

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That brings an end to the Christmas Issue of  
Light to the Right this year. For those of you I know are  
now eagerly writing articles the next issue will be in  
about 3 months time, but there's no need to wait. We  
don't want any big gaps next time.

Have a nice relaxing holiday everyone to prepare  
yourselves for another vigorous term of Scouting.

# Group Directory

## Cub Pack:

**Nick Grey**  
(Cub Leader)



**Eidress Khier**  
(Assistant Cub Leader)



## Scout Troop:

**Dave Batten**  
(Scout Leader, Webmaster  
and Scouter in Charge)



**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)



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