

**CAMBRIDGE SCOUT SHOP** In Cambridge District HQ at 195 Perne Road is open Mondays and Wednesdays during term time 6.45pm to 8.30pm and the first Saturday of every month 3pm to 5pm (except when a Saturday is also on a bank holiday weekend)  
 We hold uniforms, books and equipment for all Scout and Guide units in the south of the county  
 Phone: 01223 248768  
 Cheques Personal cheques will now only be accepted if supported by a cheque guarantee card.



Issue 91 May/June 2005

## DIARY

Note: New entries into the diary are in bold characters.

### Sections Dates:

- B = Beaver Scout Section only
- C = Cub Scout Section only
- S = Scout Section only
- V = Venture Scout Section only
- E = Explorer Scout only
- N = Scouting Network only
- F = Fellowship
- L = Leaders only
- All = All Sections (except Fellowship)

### 2005

- May 14/15 S Activity Competitions
- June 11 S White Water Cardington
- July 10 B County Beaveree, Cottenham
- V C

- Oct 14-16 S&E 21st 222 Challenge

### Leader Training Dates:

### 2005

- May 02 Module 11 - Zone 1 or 2
- 14 Module 24 - Zone 3 or 4
- 21/22 Module 16 - Abington
- June 07 Module 22 - Zone 3 or 4
- 12 Module 25 - Zone 1 or 2
- July 02/03 Module 16 - Abington
- 07 Module 18 - Zone 1 or 2
- 20 Module 17 - Zone 3 or 4
- Sept 12 Module 23 - Zone 1 or 2
- 24 Modules 7 and 12 - Zone 3 or 4
- Oct 13 Module 9 - Zone 3 or 4
- 23 Modules 6,11 and 19, Zone 1 or 2
- Nov 09 Module 14 - Zone 1 or 2

- 19 Modules 6,15 and 18, Zone 3 or 4
- Dec. 04 Modules 5,9 and 13, Zone 3 or 4
- 08 Module 19 - Zone 1 or 2

Note: All applications for training courses should be sent to:

Mrs. Cindy Abbott  
 22 Masfield Avenue  
 Eaton Ford  
 St Neots,  
 Cambs. PE19 3LS  
 Tel: 01480 215513

Application forms from your LTM or LTA

### General County Dates:

### 2005

- May 21 Abington Working Day
- June 18 Abington Working Day
- 28 County A. G. M.
- July 23 Abington Working Day
- 26 County Executive meeting
- Sept 24 Abington Working Day
- Oct 15 Abington Working Day
- 25 County Executive meeting
- Nov 19 Abington Working Day
- Dec 10 Abington Working Day

To: Members of Cambridgeshire Scout Council

4 April 2005

Dear Colleagues

New County Commissioner for Cambridgeshire

Many of you are aware that Alex Alexander, your County Commissioner, is standing down from this role in June 2005. He has given a great deal to the development of the County in the widest sense and I am sure we would all like to join together and thank Alex for his leadership and commitment to this task.

Led by your County Chairman, Lawrence Noble, a search group looked to identify possible replacements for Alex. They consulted widely and finally provided me with a number of names from which to select Alex's successor. I am very grateful to Lawrence and the selection team for their diligence and thoroughness in the way they conducted themselves throughout the process.

As a consequence, it is a pleasure to announce that Richard Hames has accepted an invitation to be your next County Commissioner. The Chief Scout and the Chief Scout's Committee have recently ratified this appointment. Richard has held a number of roles at County, District and Group level and is currently District Commissioner for Newmarket. I am confident we will see him spearheading further growth and development of Cambridgeshire with new ideas and initiatives.

The hand over period will start almost immediately to ensure Richard is given all the support he needs as he transitions from one role to another. During this time Richard will ensure that the current roles and responsibilities he holds are supported and that suitable help is given to those with whom he currently works. Richard will be presented with his full warrant on 28 June 2005 at the County AGM, a day when we will also be able to all thank Alex for his unstinting support during his period of tenure.

I am sure you will all want to join me in wishing Richard every success in his new post, and look to support and grow Scouting under his leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Peter E. Barnes

Chief Commissioner for England

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTICEBOARD team:

Editor Michael Nurse—Distribution Manager Valerie Hayden, (Contact via Editor)  
 Please send copy for the July 2005 issue of the CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTICEBOARD  
 By Friday, 24th June 2005 to me. Michael Nurse. 5 Forge End, Cambridge, CB2 5BN.

Tel: 01223 562105

E-mail: m\_nurse@ntlworld.com

## **ST GEORGE'S DAY AWARDS 2005.**

### **BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN**

*In recognition of further specially distinguished service*

Mrs. C. H. Abbott	ADC (Special Needs) County Training Administrator	Hinchingsbrooke Cambridgeshire
Mr. J. B. Alexander	County Commissioner	Cambridgeshire
Mr. R. A. Almond	County Chairman Member, Scout Fellowship	Cambridgeshire
Mr. C. G. Atkinson	District Secretary	Nene
Mr. K. M. Doughty	GSL 38th Peterborough (Glinton)	Medehamstede
Dr. I. G. Hinton	Group Supporter Whittlesford & Duxford	Granta
Mr. L. C. Noble	District Chairman	Newmarket
Mr. B. M. Sheehan	SL 26th Cambridge	Cambridge
Mr. R. K. Taylor	Member, District Scout Fellowship	Medehamstede



### **SILVER ACORN**

*In recognition of specially distinguished service*

Mrs. J. A. Binns	CSL 1st Brampton Hinchingsbrooke	Granta Cambridgeshire
Mr. W. J. Bull	SL 1st Shelfords & Stapleford	Medehamstede
Mr. J. P. Duley	County Training Manager	Granta
Mr. A. H. Edgeley	GSL 25th Peterborough (Paston)	Crafts Hill
Mrs. D. C. Holme	CSL 1st Whittlesford & Duxford	Medehamstede
Mr. J. Lamoon	GSL 1st Over St. Mary's	Cambridge
Mr. D. B. Marrington	AGSL 25th Peterborough (Paston)	Cambridge
Mr. F. C. Moye	CSL 57th Cambridge (Fulbourn)	Cambridge
Mr. G. A. Oliver	SL 28th Cambridge (St. Johns)	Cambridge
Mr. R. A. Payne	Group Supporter 57th Cambridge (Fulbourn)	Medehamstede
Mrs. C. B. Robinson	ADC (Adult Training)	Cromwell
Mrs. C. Smith	ADC (Cub Scouts) (Sadly Mrs. Smith died later)	Medehamstede
Mrs. O. J. Taylor	Member, District Scout Fellowship	Newmarket
Mr. D. W. Tonge	ACSL2nd Newmarket Member, District Executive	Hinchingsbrooke
Mr. A. N. Towler	ADC (Scouts) ACC (Scouts)	Cambridgeshire
Mrs. P. E. West	Member, District Scout Fellowship, District Adviser	Cambridge



having to put the stretcher down. When safely down from the steep mountain side onto the paths below the casualty decided he had had enough of being on the stretcher and got up and walked the rest of the way down the hillside – yes, it had been a set up, he was a member of the RAF team who had bravely lay in the snow for some two hours waiting to be rescued.

After hot soup and burgers the Explorers went off to bed and our co-conspirators went on their way. The leaders stayed up for a while discussing what had been a very successful but carefully controlled event, the young people in our care had learnt a lot that day and we are confident they are as well prepared as anyone for a safe venture into the hills.

Sunday dawned still with great chatter over breakfast of the fantastic day they had. Off rock-climbing and practicing skills learnt back in St Ives with ropes, harness etc.

We were lucky to have contacts with the RAF team, who were willing to share their expertise, have leaders who have in the past given their time to gain the relevant mountain experience and who were prepared to organise such an event.

For both leaders and unit members expedition training is ongoing, the unit have asked when can they have another such event? But for the time being a big thank you to everyone young and old for a very long but successful weekend, one that will be talked about for some time and for one of our new members an investiture with a difference.

### ***Jane Warren* DESC Cromwell District Cambridgeshire Scout County Extracts from letters sent by Unit members to Mountain Rescue and Search and Rescue Services in North Wales who teamed up with us for this event.**

We all realised after we spent the evening doing your job, that what we sometimes see on the television, while we're tucked up nicely in our homes is that things like that really do happen. When we're watching 'Casualty' or 'Rockface' or many of the other drama series that include dangerous situations, like you face everyday, we can actually relate to what is happening and realise that things like that happen in real life as well. Also we learned how much work, time and effort goes into making a rescue successful.

We all had a wonderful time, and it gave each and every one of us a wider and more appreciative insight as to the job you do. You inspired us all, that normal, (if that's what you'd like to call yourself!!) people can help to save peoples lives, and that it doesn't take a superhero (Although that's what we think you all are!) to help to make a difference."

#### ***Amy and Becca***

"I appreciate that it must have been very cold and boring on the hill waiting for us to find you, and you were probably worried about our inexperience in handling the stretcher in case we dropped it. I'm sure I would have been. However for us it was a wonderful experience and we all felt we had achieved something worthwhile. The feeling of unity between us was greatly increased. It was great to see the helicopter and especially watch it take off. We were all relieved to hear that the person, whom it was attending, was helped off the cliff and was safe. I have no hesitation in saying that this trip was the best that I have ever been on, and I know I am not alone in my thinking. I thank you once again for your help in making the weekend an amazing experience.

***Fenella*** and all at ***Cromwell Explorer Scout Unit***

## A weekend away and a daring rescue

A chilly January evening 2 mini-buses and two cars set off for North Wales, a disaster-training weekend had been planned for the Explorer Unit.

After an early breakfast we all went to an RAF Station about 30 minutes drive away and this is where our adventure started. On arrival we were met by some of the RAF Mountain Rescue Crew and taken to a very large hanger where we poked our noses into all the different types of vehicles used from Communication Vans to Land Rovers etc testing sirens as we went. Following on from this we were shown the various types of stretchers used and had a practice lift.

Off to the main building where we were shown a video about the work done by the RAF Mountain Rescue Service, this generated a large number of interesting questions. On to the Operation Centre and the helicopter where during our tour the team were called out by the local coastguard as someone had fallen about 30 feet down a cliff – this was quite exciting as we were able to see the process from taking a call, putting on the right type of equipment and the helicopter taking off. It turned out that the coastguard had been able to deal with the incident and so the team returned relatively quickly.

The morning flew by and it was back to base and a hot meal before a briefing, careful check of equipment and emergency rations, everyone being divided into four teams (each with five Explorer Scouts and two experienced mountain leaders). All mobile phones had been removed as it was considered unsafe for the young people to be concentrating on their text messages etc rather than being safe whilst walking; all leaders carried radios and three leaders remained in the locality for backup purposes.

It was now late afternoon and whilst practicing with slings and harnesses (all wearing helmets) near Yr Hafod the RAF Mountain Rescue Land rover turned up, they had been called out as a young man in his mid-twenties had become separated from his group of friends, the team were searching the other side of the Glyders, but due to the impending bad weather and knowing we were in the area asked for our help in a low-level search nearby. After a briefing everyone set off, by now in heavy snow, together with two additional people one from the RAF and the other from the local Mountain Rescue team. The Explorers were very calm about the whole situation following instructions very carefully; they were directed to different search areas and that is where I had to leave them being one of the back-up team (I was on crutches following an operation so couldn't join in), I watched with some trepidation as their head torches disappeared into the snowy hillside.

Some 4 hours later they arrived back at base elated with tales of their search and subsequent rescue having found the young man concerned, he was checked over by one of the Paramedics we had with us and placed on a stretcher to be brought down from the hillside. The Explorers soon got the hang of working as a team as it needed 8 of them to carry the stretcher, and very quickly got used to back roping the stretcher and changing teams without

## ST GEORGE'S DAY AWARDS 2005 - continued

### **MEDAL of MERIT**

*In recognition of outstanding service*

Barry Badcock,	GSL 7th/23rd with 13th Cambridge	Cambridge
Irene Dewsbury	CSL, 1st Ely Scout Group	Ely
Peter Guy	ADC (Adult Support),	Medehamstede
Brian Harding	(Instructor) Witchford	Ely
John Lattimore	Deputy DC.	Fenland
Arthur Proctor	Witchford	Ely
Neil Reid	SL Sawston	Granta



### **CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION**

*In recognition of good service*

Elaine Chamberlain	ASL, Sutton	Ely
Judith Halliday	DCSL	Fenland
Stephen Harris	Acting GSL 1st Godmanchester	Hinchingbrooke
Stella Johnstone	GSL Littleport & Acting GSL, Lt Downham	Ely
Heidi Latronico-Ferris	ADC (Cubs)	Medehamstede
	CSL 48th Peterborough (Werrington)	



## IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO SCOUTING

### **Long Service Certificate for 25 Years**

Reg Cullum	Member, District Executive Committee	Granta
------------	--------------------------------------	--------



### **Long Service Certificate for 10 Years**

Yvette Briston	ABSL, Littleport	Ely
Richard Lacey	Scout Fellowship & AESL	Ely
Paul Mitchell	SL, Haddenham	Ely



### **Long Service Certificate for 5 Years**

Katie Austin	Scout Fellowship	Ely
Richard Hobbs	Chairman of Ely District Scouts	Ely
David Jeal	Acting GSL & ASL Haddenham	Ely
Karen Northrop	CSL, Sutton Ely	



### **Thanks Badge**

Alan Heath,	Chair, 57th Cambridge	Cambridge
Richard Doe,	Treasurer, 57th Cambridge	Cambridge
Mick Croxon	Group Exec member, 57th Cambridge	Cambridge



CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY VENTURES EXPLORERS AND NETWORK SCOUTS

Low Cottage, 10 Low Cross, Whittlesey, Peterborough, PE7 1HW  
Tel: 01733 203415 Email: majestic.nb@tiscali.co.uk

9 March 2005

Dear All,

Cambs 222 Competition – 2005  
A Challenging, Rewarding And Enjoyable Event For All Abilities

The 2005 Cambridgeshire 222 Mountain Orienteering Competition will be held 14-16 October 2005. Cost of entry £35.00 per team. Returnable by 20 August 2005.

On receipt of the team entry form we will send, by return of post, medical forms together with a list of equipment needed.

The competition will involve lightweight backpacking and precise navigation in Wild Country. Teams to consist of 5 or 6 members; single or mixed sex.

If you can't make a full team contact us we can find you other members.

Open to Explorer Scouts 14–18 years, Venture Scouts, Network and Veterans (Leaders/Fellowship members).

Each team will need to provide ALL their own food for the weekend. Transport will be provided at a cost of £30.00 per person

Reminder: - Completed team entry forms MUST be returned by 20 August and medical forms together with transport costs by 1 October 2005

Yours in Scouting

**Martin Webb** 222 Co-coordinator

NB: You will need to be well prepared and fit to take part in this event!!

**County Web Site**

The new County Web site is now up and running and can be accessed via [www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk/](http://www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk/).

This site is designed to bring together information from all the Districts and members of the County Team. This includes information of events, activities a county diary as well as the latest copy of Noticeboard (and back issues).

The site is still being developed so if you have any ideas for information etc then please let your DC or myself know. In the next few weeks a more formal system for updating of information will be established and a network of people who can add/change information on the site established.

Please take the opportunity to visit the site and Bookmark it within your Browser.

**John Duley** County Training Manager

TO:- Martin Webb Low Cottage, 10 Low Cross, Whittlesey, Peterborough, PE7 1HW

Email: majestic.nb@tiscali.co.uk

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Number of teams \_\_\_\_\_

Total number in each team a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_ d) \_\_\_\_\_

We enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ (£35 per team) cheques made payable to

"Cambs 222 Account" (Non-returnable)

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure that you supply a contact name and details for each team.

(Please use block capitals)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Scouter

TO BE RETURNED BY 20 August 2005.