

# HORNCHURCH DISTRICT



## EXPLORER SCOUT NEWS

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Dear All,

Doesn't time fly by, just to think we are half way through 2006 already? On my visits to the Unit's I have been pleased to see a wide variety of activities and skills taking place not just in the HQ but also out and about. So what have the Explorer section been up to so far this year?

Well it all started with Winter camp at Gilwell back in January, a good turn out of Explorer from Units across our District and we were joined by a few Explorers from Squirrels Heath District as well. 2000 campers took part again in the event which is open to Scouts, Explorers, Guides and Rangers, one not to miss in 2007.

March saw the District's annual Swimming Gala where we only had a few Explorers taking part as some of the Units were off competing in the Monopoly Run event in London. This event only recently revived from my old venture Scout days always proved popular and the 2 Units who had teams in the event said they would no doubt be taking part again next year.

As well as the main organised events there have been numerous Unit camps and even a joint Skills day between the Gladiators and Dragon Unit's

Approach your Explorer Scout Leader and find out when your next Unit camp or District event is.

Scott Wilderspin

**District Explorer Scout Commissioner**

### **Forthcoming Events**

*District Clay Pigeon Shooting – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2006.*

This annual event organised by 3<sup>rd</sup> Cranham Scout Group is open to Scouts and Explorers, details about the event are;

Venue: The Crowfield Gun Club, Latchford Farm, St. Mary's Lane, Upminster

Date: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

Time: Gate opens at 10.00am, Should finish by 1.00pm

Cost: £12 per person, payable in advance

Dress: Waterproofs and boots as it can be muddy

Full details and Shooting consent form available from your Leaders.

*District Hiking Weekend – 17/18<sup>th</sup> June 2006.*

Details about this years event are;

Venue: Screens Park Scout Campsite, Roxwell, Chelmsford

Dates: 17 & 18<sup>h</sup> June 2006 (Starting from midday on the Saturday)

Cost: £20.00 per team (payable on arrival)

For full details about this event please speak to your Unit Leader who will be available to provide you with a full information booklet.

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This year we will be attending the Gilwell 24 event as a District. The event takes place over 24 hours at Gilwell Park in Chingford and challenges Explorer Scouts to take part in as many activities as they can, before they drop off to sleep!

Venue: Gilwell Park Scout Activity Centre. Chingford

Dates: 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2006. (Starts 9am on the Saturday)

Cost: £24 per person (Extra for those wishing to arrive and camp Friday evening (£30))

This event is open to all Explorer Scouts including those who are members of the Young Leaders Unit.

I am hoping we can get nearly all the Explorers from our District involved in this event. It really is one of those events where you can take part in as much or as little as you want.

Full details about this event can be obtained from your Unit Leaders or the DESC

### **...Recent Chief Scouts Platinum Awards presented**

Congratulations to the following Explorer Scouts who were presented with their Chief Scouts Platinum Awards at our recent St. Georges day Parade and Service;

Stuart Dickson - Gladiator Unit

Rob Lyus - Dragon Unit

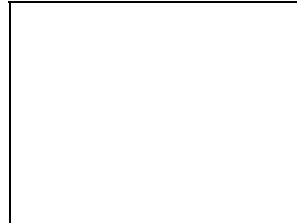
### **Where is your Unit going for Summer Camp this year?**

Is your Unit planning a summer camp this year? Have they thought about going abroad?

The Centurion Unit is this year going to Serbia for their summer camp and the cost of the trip has already come down dramatically due to their fund raising efforts.

The fundraising started back in January and to date the Unit has run car washes, sold items online and organised a Zabava evening.

Having attended the Zabava myself I was most pleased see all the Explorers and their families coming together to fundraise towards their summer camp. I also got the chance to meet Miss Serbia & Montenegro 2005 in person



Have you seen this woman before?

More pictures of this event can be found on the District website photo's section.

Well done to the Centurion Unit Leaders and Explorers for all their hard efforts so far and good luck with your forthcoming fundraising events for you Serbia Summer Camp

### **New Leaders in the Hornchurch Explorer section**

I am pleased to announce that we have two new Leaders who have recently been approved by the Warrants Sub Committee and have been issued with their temporary Warrants.

The Leaders are Claire Taylor with the Gladiator Unit and Ben Gillespie with the Dragon Unit, who are both holding Assistant Explorer Leader Appointments.

### **District numbers are up...**

Yes it is great to announce that our Districts overall census numbers are up by 6% this year

The Explorer Scout section has also increased this year and with 5 Units operating around the District things can only get better.

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