

### 22<sup>ND</sup> WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SWEDEN 2011

## UNITED KINGDOM



### Are you and your Group supporting the G-Bees?

#### If not, why not?

The G-Bees are the County's Jamboree Unit and will be attending the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Jamboree in Sweden next summer. As part of their fund raising they are selling supporters badges that can be worn on your uniform until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

Why not show your support by buying one of the badges for £2 and encourage the rest of your Group to do the same. Why do not purchase one for every member of your Group so that you can all wear them. You can obtain your badges by contacting [stephen@wiganscouts.org.uk](mailto:stephen@wiganscouts.org.uk)



### The District Day 2011

After the great success of the District Development Day last March we have Decided to hold another District Day. It will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March at the District Headquarters. There will be no charge and lunch and refreshments will be provided. As last year we are looking to run several work shops during the afternoon. If there is any topic that you would like us to cover then please contact the District Commissioner on [dc@wiganscouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@wiganscouts.org.uk)

### Are your Scouting records up to date?

Have you checked all your details on the national database? If not then please do so by logging on at [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) and check all your details under my profile. You are able to update any of your personal information. Any training, permits or awards that are incorrect you need to let us know at [dc@wiganscouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@wiganscouts.org.uk)



### Nights Away form NAN

If you are going on a nights way experience then you must submit a Form NAN.

This form provides the information a Commissioner requires to **APPROVE** an event to take place (i.e. POR 9.1b/9.1c). Each group attending a Nights Away event (even a County or District event) will need to submit this information. For all Nights Away experiences all of the information should be with your District Commissioner (or appointee) **SEVEN** days before the event (in normal circumstances).

For all Nights Away held at facilities not owned or operated by Scouting, such as public or commercial campsites and youth hostels, the host District Commissioner must also receive a copy of the information, normally this should be **FOURTEEN** days before the event.

Where an expedition is taking you across a number of Districts or Counties this information should be sent to the County Secretary(s) instead. The must be submitted to [nanforms@wiganscouts.org.uk](mailto:nanforms@wiganscouts.org.uk)

If you do not submit a Form NAN you will loose your permit

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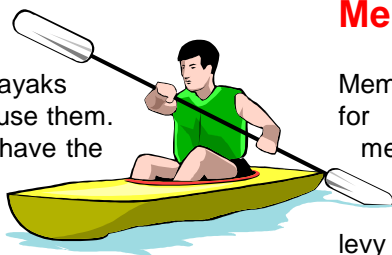
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## Kayaks for hire

The District has a trailer full of Kayaks with all the equipment needed to use them. They are available for hire if you have the correct adventurous activities permit. For more details and to book please contact Heather at [heather@wiganscouts.org.uk](mailto:heather@wiganscouts.org.uk)



## Membership fees

Membership fees have been set for next year. The HQ membership subscription for 2011 is £20.25 per head, less 50p for prompt payment; the county levy is £4.50; There will be no District levy this year.



## adult training

Do you need to complete your training? If so then please have a look at the County web site for the training dates for 2011. If you just need some modules validating the please contact your training advisor. If you do not know who your training advisor is please contact [dc@wiganscouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@wiganscouts.org.uk) and we will inform you who it is.

## Join in Jamboree 22<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Jamboree



### Sweden 2011

Join-in-Jamboree is a suite of programme resources focusing on the Global Programme Zone and the International Self-Development Area. It aims to bring the flavour of the Jamboree to your weekly programme without having to attend the event itself.

Five physical resources have been produced and are due to be distributed alongside sectional supplements in the October/November 2010 edition of Scouting magazine. There is one per section. So, for example, if you normally get the Cub Scout supplement, you will get the Join-in-Jamboree Cub resource. However, if you would like access to all the resources, go to [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) and search JIJ.

Additional activities will be available in magazine supplements throughout the coming year and can also be found on Programmes Online. Search for 'JiJ' in the key word section.

Join-in-Jamboree is intended to bring the essence and experience of the World Scout Jamboree to as many people as possible, so spread the word and Join in!

## Swimming consultation

In January 2010 revisions to the swimming rules were launched. Following the launch feedback was received and this has been looked at by a group of interested parties, including leaders, activity leaders, swimming specialists and external parties.

Various options for the future management of swimming have been explored and a consultation document developed. This document outlines a proposed approach to the management of swimming within Scouting.

The aim of this consultation is to make sure we know exactly how any proposed changes will affect these activities within Scouting to ensure any changes improve the way this is offered for all.

The consultation closes on **4 January 2011**, so please let us have your comments and feedback by then. Comments are collected through a simple online survey. You can find the link in the consultation document, but please make sure you read the document carefully before logging your comments.



Please go to [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) to read the document and leave your comments

## District Web Site

Please keep your eye out for the re-launch of the District web site. Chris Gaskell is working hard on the new web site and we hope to be bringing you more information soon. But we need content to put into it. If you have anything you would like to share please send it to [stephen@wiganscouts.org.uk](mailto:stephen@wiganscouts.org.uk) Until then why not have a look at what is happening around the County by having a look at the county web site. [www.gmwscouts.org.uk](http://www.gmwscouts.org.uk)

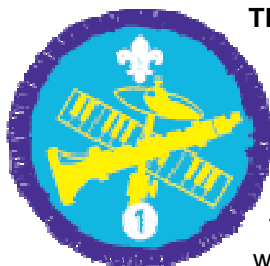
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## National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra course 2011



**The 2011 orchestra course for the National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra will be held in Wokingham, Berkshire, from Sunday 31 July to Sunday 7 August.**

This popular residential course with full board includes a professional orchestral conductor and support from professional tutors. Rehearsals are intensive but also interspersed with varied sports and leisure activities.

Participants will improve their orchestral skills, develop their creative talents, make new friends from across Scouting and Guiding, and have a lot of fun along the way.

For more details please visit [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

## The District Headquarters

As you will be aware over the past 12 months we have been undertaking refurbishment work at the District Headquarters. You may have also noticed that the work has come to a stop. This is due to not many people having very little spare time.

To move the project on we have compiled a list of work and items that need to be done, with quotes and costs. We will be shortly meeting with the funding officer from the council to see what grants we can apply for; he will also be helping us apply. Once we have news on which grants have been successful we will proceed with the works by bringing in out contractors.

We are also looking to give the rooms in the building names, so if you or your young people have any ideas please let us know.

## District Secretary

We are still in the process of looking for a new District Secretary for the District Executive Committee. If anyone has any ideas of who to approach or would like to volunteer then please contact the District chairman David Mills. Details are in the District Directory.



## Development Plans

The District Development Plan is going well. How is your Groups doing? Dose your Group have a Development Plan? If you were at the development day last march you should have produced a plan and be well on with it. In the New Year Pam Tompsett (regional development officer) will be contacting all those groups who were at the development day to see how you are getting on and to see what progress has been made. If you need any help with your development plan then please get in touch.

If you were not at the development day in March and we have not been to see you yet to go through the process of starting your development plan please get in touch to arrange a date. You will need to have the majority of your group leaders and supporters there to go through the process. If we don't hear from you we will be coming and knocking on your door. We need to have started everyone off by the end of January 2011. So we will be seeing you soon. \_

**'Those who never make any plans never make any progress either' - BP**

## Nights Away Permits

Is your night's away permit still in date? Is it due to expire before you next go on camp? If so then you **MUST** apply for a new one. Simply visit [www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk) and down load the form, fill it in then send it to [stephen@wiganscouts.org.uk](mailto:stephen@wiganscouts.org.uk)

If you do not have nights away permit and you take your section or group on a nights away experience you will not me insured and you could have your appointment cancelled.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

As Christmas draws near the District Executive and District Team would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a fantastic new year. We look forward to seeing all in 2011. Please remember to be safe this Christmas and do not drink and drive. Please also remember the alcohol in scouting fact sheet. fs185092

On the back page you will find some fun quiz why not use them with your group and section parties. Please read first.



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## The District Christmas Quiz

### UK Christmas Hits

1. In 1973 which record did Slade have a Christmas number one with?
2. 1983, who was number one with 'Only You'?
3. Which record was a Christmas No.1 in 1975 and 1991?
4. Name The Scaffold's 1968 Christmas number one?
5. 1992 saw who at number one with 'I will always love you'?
6. How many weeks was she at number one for?
7. Everyone remembers Band Aid, what year were they number one?
8. Tom Jones gained a Christmas number one with which hit in 1966?
9. Who was the fastest milkman in the west?
10. Which is the only eponymous Christmas No.1 single?

### 12 Days of Christmas

1. In the song 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', how many true loves did my true love give to me on the 12th day?
2. In 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', what does the partridge in the pear tree represent? God, Jesus or Love?
3. In 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', what were there two of?
4. What type of bird features on the seventh day of Christmas in the song 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas'?
5. According to the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', how many gifts in total did my true love give to me?
6. In 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', what were there eight of?
7. In 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', which gifts represent the six days of creation?
8. In the song, The Twelve Days of Christmas, what are the 10 Lords-a-leaping said to symbolise?
9. In the song 'the twelve days of Christmas', what did my true love send to me on the 9th day?
10. In 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', what do the French Hens represent?



## General Christmas Knowledge

1. What now traditional festive job was first taken by James Edgar in 1890?
2. According to Pagans, the fruit of which festive plant is supposed to represent a god's testicles?
3. The names of which two reindeer mean 'Thunder' and 'Lightning'?
4. What was the first thing that Scrooge purchased after his change of heart?
5. How long after the birth of Christ did the 3 Wise Men arrive?
6. Who discovered Christmas Island in 1777?
7. Which song contains the lyric: "Glory shone around"?
8. Which carol mentions a 19th Century Duke of Bohemia?
9. According to legend, what special task did King Arthur perform on Christmas Day?
10. What did Dirty Den give Angie on Christmas Day, 1986?
11. In the familiar carol, what line follows 'God rest ye merry Gentlemen'?
12. Who wrote the Bing Crosby hit White Christmas?
13. Which family is the centre of interest in Dickens' A Christmas Carol?
14. What line follows 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house'?
15. Which was the first ghost to visit Ebenezer Scrooge?
16. In which Ocean is Christmas Island?
17. In the familiar song The 12 Days of Christmas, what is the gift on the fourth day?
18. What colour are the flowers of the Christmas cactus?
19. In which celebrated film does James Stewart attempt suicide on Christmas?
20. Which record was both a UK Christmas Number 1 in 1975 and 1991?

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