

# Oxfordshire Scout-About

Scout Section Newsletter - Spring 2006 (issue 6)

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It's been a while ... I thought it was time to put together another Scout-About to update you all on plans for 2006. The programme is set for County activities, and I hope that you all have a busy year planned within your Troops and Districts as well.

**Team changes** - After the formalities (hopefully!) of warrant committee, I hope to be able to announce the appointment of a joint ACC (Scouts). This appointment will strengthen the team and should improve the support we can offer to the County. Other good news is that Shaun Kendall recently became ACC (Explorers).

All the best – Phil.

## Forthcoming events ...

### Oxford Gang Show

**13 to 18 March (New Theatre, Oxford)**

Over 200 Scouts & Guides from around the County will take to the professional stage after six months of rehearsals. The show is looking great, but as ever needs 'bums on seats'! After the recent devastation of scenery through arson, support is needed more than ever so please book up!

### County Cooking Competition

**7 May (Oxford Belfry, Milton Common)**

Each District is invited to send one team of four Scouts to compete in the County Cooking Competition. Teams will cook a dinner, set the table and serve – all in a fixed time. Fantastic prizes for the winning teams. Please don't assume somebody else is arranging your District event!!

### Hike Oxon

**13/14 May (from Wallingford School, Wallingford)**

After the success of the first Hike Oxon in 2005, we are running the event again. Open to Scouts & Explorers, it's a team speed hike covering either 30km or 50km. A great way to improve teamwork and provide a challenge. Entry forms available now.

### Aqua Camp

**17 to 19 June (Linch Hill Leisure Park)**

Aqua Camp is a weekend of fun (and hopefully sun!) on the water. Kayaking, sailing, windsurfing, pulling, rafting and Canadians are all on offer. The camp is limited to 250 Scouts, first come, first served. We are now accepting applications

### Chief Scout's Award Celebration

**June/July (venue TBA)**

Please let me have details of anybody who has gained their Gold, Platinum or Diamond Chief Scout's Award and has not attended a County presentation. We are planning an event for late June/early July.

### CPCW

**6 to 8 October (Youlbury Scout Activity Centre)**

This ever popular weekend will be running again in 2006. Over 450 Scouts and Explorers came in 2005. Camping in Patrols (no leaders!) for the weekend, Scouts cook for themselves over open fires and have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities. Booking information will be out in the middle of the year.

## Help please!

It won't be a surprise that help is needed to run these events! Currently, from a County perspective, I'm looking for help for Hike Oxon in May (variety of requirements) and Aqua Camp in June (principally water people). It may be that you can help out with your District Cooking Competition (contact DCs). Please volunteer!

We can only keep you up to date with events if you keep us up to date with contact details for your Troop. Please provide addresses (post and e-mail) and phone numbers for ALL the leaders in the Troop. Please send the details to: 1 St Nicholas Road, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 8HU or e-mail [directory@scoutsoxon.org.uk](mailto:directory@scoutsoxon.org.uk)

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