



OXFORDSHIRE SCOUTING

**YOUR SCOUTING NEWS
FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY**

CC CHAT

A slightly belated Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had an excellent festive season and are all back into Scouting again refreshed!

There is, as ever, information about a whole range of things in this edition of The Ox. I would note specifically the information about EuroJam which looks to be a fantastic event in summer 2020. Oxfordshire is sending 90 people to what is a very cost effective international camp being held in Poland. Of course we will be open to consider support for anybody who would struggle to be able to go because of cost.

The 2019 County Raffle is also almost ready to launch. The tickets have been ordered and we will shortly be sending them out to everyone for a three month selling frenzy. This should be an easy fundraiser for all groups and units and I hope most of you will be taking part. There are some really great prizes on offer! If you've not heard about it, drop me a line.

You'll also see that we are starting the search for a couple of vacancies in the County team, including someone to lead the team that will deliver the next County Camp in May 2021. I should also let you know that Shaun Kendall has decided to step down as Deputy County Commissioner (Adult Support) as has Martin Richards as District Commissioner (Thames Ridge) and we will be starting the search for their replacements soon. They have both done fantastic jobs and I'm grateful for all they have done and achieved. Of course you will also have seen the search has started for my replacement and I hope that you are all considering who to nominate to be your next CC.

The Oxfordshire Gang Show will be with us in a couple of weeks' time with more than 100 young people from Scouting and GirlGuiding taking part. Do go along and support them, I'm sure you'll have a great evening. I will be there with the County team and representatives from the County's civic community on the Thursday night – hope to see some of you there.

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COUNTY HQ &

We have moved!

Our new HQ & Training centre is:

**Oxfordshire Scouts Training Centre & HQ
Blackbird Leys former swimming pool,
Blackbird Leys Road, Oxford, OX4 6HW**

EUROJAM 2020

EuroJam 2020. We are seeking applications for 8 Unit Leaders to lead a group of 72 Explorer Scouts and a further 10 Adults to help in the International Service Team at EuroJam in Poland in July 2020.

The European Jamboree will begin on 27th July 2020 and will last until the Closing Ceremony on 6th August. (Please note that the Closing Ceremony will take place in the evening, so departure will be 7th August 2020). International Service Team members should plan to arrive two days prior to the first day of the Jamboree – on 25th July 2020, and depart two days after the Jamboree ends – on 8th August 2020. Please note that some roles may require earlier arrival (e.g. the ones connected with the site construction).

For more information and to [apply click here!](#)

ADULT TRAINING DATES 2019

Getting started for Section Leaders

Module 1

Tues 5th February - Oxfordshire Scout & Training Centre

Wednesday 6th March - Henry Box School, Witney

Module 2

Monday 11th February - King Alfred District HQ

Tuesday 19th March - Wallingford Sports Park

Module 3

Tuesday 26th February - Henry Box School, Witney

Wednesday 13th March - King Alfred District HQ

You can attend any course around the County.

[Bookings are all taken online here!](#)

Getting Started for Managers and supporters

Module 2 & 4 are held at Rosehill, the County HQ & Training Centre

Module 2 - 28th March

Module 4 - 17th February

Check out our full list of training dates.

[Getting started dates 2019](#)

[Mandatory Training](#)

[Section Leaders & supporters](#)

[Managers & Supporters](#)

[Training for all appointments](#)

CC SEARCH

The future of Scouting in Oxfordshire is in your hands! As Phil announced before Christmas, he is stepping down as CC in July. The search is on for the next CC.

Are you, or do you know, someone who can:

- Inspire and enthuse
- Apply strategic thinking to a challenge
- Build and lead a team of key volunteers
- Be resourceful and energetic
- Believe passionately about developing young people and volunteers in your area?

The role of County Commissioner is rewarding and an opportunity to develop yourself or someone you know. You could have the opportunity to meet young people and adults, whose lives have been changed by Scouting, and to inspire and help Districts and Groups grow and deliver even more exciting and adventurous activities to even more young people.

As a County Commissioner you could be responsible for ensuring support and leadership of the District Commissioners and wider County team in Oxfordshire. In turn you would be comprehensively supported by your Regional Commissioner, Area Growth and Development Manager & Officers, other County Commissioners and key volunteers from across the County.

You can view the full role description and application pack [here](#)



COUNTY AGM

Save the date!

Lunchtime, Saturday 13th

July 2019

Dorchester Lake at Cub-World

EXPLORER SURVEY

One of Oxfordshire's Explorer Scouts is working on a GCSE project and is looking at "Girls in Scouting" as the subject. She is asking for people to help by providing responses to a short survey to provide evidence for the work. Please can I encourage you to spend a few minutes completing it for her? Many thanks! Take the survey here!

JACK HILL AWARD

The award is for anyone who has shown the quality of courage in the face of difficulty physically or mentally during last year. Individuals do not have to have achieved high levels of badgework but to have truly enjoyed Scouting through their attendance, willingness to help and their interaction with their fellow members.

For Jack's storey and to nominate someone [click here](#).

EVENT FIRST AID SAS

Do you have a First Aid Qualification? Are you interested in being part of a team which provides First Aid cover for Groups up to County Events? Or are just interested in extending your first aid skills following some initial training (Module 10)? Please click here to register your interest.

OXONJAM 2021

OxonJam 2021 may seem like a long time away, however the planning starts 2 years ahead of the event. We are very excited to tell you all that we are now recruiting for the next Camp Lead to make our County Camp one to remember!

If you have great ideas and experience in managing a team we would love to hear from you! Applications close 14th April 2019.

Download the application and [information pack here](#). Please email applications to events@oxonscouting.org.uk

PARLIAMENT WEEK

Thames Ridge Network does parliament week!

The pack provided had enough to run various debates - our favourite was forming mock House Of Commons to debate issues and pass, or not pass, new laws & legislation, below here we are in debate!



24TH ABINGDON

Here at the 24th Abingdon (Dry Sandford) Scout Group we are very lucky to have our own HQ, Camping Field and Woodland to use for all sorts of everyday adventures. These facilities are also available to hire for other groups to host their own camps/events*. In 2018 we welcomed over 35 groups including Scouting and Guiding sections, School DofE expeditions, adult training and large District/County events. To find out more, please visit [our website](#)

To make a booking please [contact us here](#)

AQUA CAMP

Bookings for this years aqua camp open soon!

Aqua Camp is a water based camp for Scouts across the County, this popular event sells out fast. So download the booking information and get your bookings in fast!

Booking information can be [downloaded here!](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...



Saturday 16th February 2019

RACE NIGHT

Eynsham Village Hall



Saturday 30th March 2019

CEILIDH

Wootton and Dry Sandford Hall



More information and tickets available soon!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

2019

8th - 10th February - Winter Mountaineering - Explorers

19th - 23rd February - Gang Show - Open to all

9th March - Winter Challenge - Open to all

11th May - Awards day - Open to all

11th May - County Ball - 18 +

14th - 16th June - Aqua Camp - Scouts

12th - 14th July - Gilwell 24 - Explorers

12th - 14th July - Cub World - Cubs

13th July - County AGM - Open to all

6th - 8th September - Gilwell Reunion - 18 +

12th - 14th September - Oxon Gathering - 18 +

20th - 22nd September - CESAW - Explorers

4th - 6th October - CPCW - Scouts

18th - 20th October - Jota/Joti - Open to all

22nd - 24th November - RadiOx - Explorers and Network

November - Winter Cub Event

December - Winter Beaver Event

Watch this space for more dates in 2019!

DID YOU KNOW?

Districts have badge secretaries that sell badges and uniform?

Contact your District Teams to find out more about your local Scout Shop



Nominations are open!

nominate your top award achievers!

[Here!](#)

Awards Day 11th May 2019

LEARNING SERVICES

The Oxfordshire Outdoors centres - Kilvrough Manor (60 beds), Woodlands (60 beds) and Yenworthy Lodge (40 beds) provide residential based adventure courses for Oxon schools. During the school holidays these venues are available to rent! For more information click [here](#), or get in [contact here!](#)

COUNTY WEBSITE

Our new website has been live for about 6 weeks now. It has many helpful features and online forms designed to make life easier and more convenient. Not had chance to check it out? Visit www.oxonscouting.org.uk

MISSION 00:BUCKS

Want to play an active part in the 'safe and secure running' of this fantastic event? We have vacancies on the Safety and Security team and you can make the difference. We want to ensure that everyone that takes part can do so in the knowledge that **MIS-SION:00BUCKS** will be a safe and secure environment for all to really enjoy this fantastic event. To do this we need a large dynamic team to successfully bring about the **MISSION:00BUCKS** experience. Training will be provided for the varying roles that we need to fill. Please register your interest – come and join the 'Safety and Security Team'. [Here.](#)



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