

# Greater London South West County Explorer Scouts Expedition 2011

## SWEDEN NEWSLETTER

### Water Activities Weekend

As planned 14 Explorer Scouts and the 7 Expedition Leaders camped at the 1<sup>st</sup> Kingston Hill Headquarters over the weekend of May 20-22. This was our first get-together since meeting at Bentley Copse last November. Only the dreaded examinations prevented a full turnout. The weather was extremely kind, and Saturday was spent canoeing, kayaking, and raft building at the Thames Young Mariners base, while on Sunday we constructed a pukka dining shelter of which our Swedish hosts would have been proud ! Parents joined us for a briefing session and buffet lunch before we all headed homewards.

### Merchandise

Rosie has placed orders for expedition polo shirts, T-shirts, hoodies and scarves, and all being well the goods will be delivered by mid-June, or failing that in time for our social event on June 25. Everyone will need a *Union Flag* badge for Scout uniform, and this should be available from your District badge secretary at a modest cost.

### Items from the Programme

Apart from visiting the World Scout Jamboree campsite at Rinkaby, the expedition highlights are bound to be a day sailing the Scout TS Sarpen in the Baltic, hiking to Svaneholm castle, visiting the cakeshop in Abbekas, and meeting Scouts from all over the world. The Leaders are especially looking forward to plenty of Fika time !

### Finance & Fund-Raising

The final instalment of £100 is payable on or before June 30. If you are unsure of whether you are up to-date with payments please ask your parents to check their bank statements or cheque book stubs, and failing that to ask Chris Dean (Tel 01883 723081). We shall be running a camp bank during the expedition for those who wish to give us their spending money for safe-keeping. An amount of £50-100 is recommended.

We are still waiting news of our bag-packing fundraiser, and will try to give as much notice as possible. However, we are very much in the hands of the supermarkets. On Saturday June 25 we are holding a BBQ and sideshows, stalls etc at 1<sup>st</sup> Kingston Hill HQ from 1pm until 4pm. This is for families and friends, the more the merrier. It would be helpful if Explorers could arrive at midday, and we also need bottles for the tombola. See you all there for the fun of the fair. **PTO**

## Who are The Leaders ?

*Chris Dean* is Deputy County Commissioner (Programme) in Greater London South West.

*Steven Callan* was previously ACC (Explorers) and is now a member of the GLSW County SAS.

*Dave French* was formerly an ADC (Scouts) in Greater London South County, and is now a member of the GLSW County SAS.

*Bill Compton* is Deputy County Commissioner (Activities) in Greater London South County.

*Rosie Hawley* is a Scout Leader in Southwark District. She is also a Queen's Scout.

*Jacqui Clements* is an Assistant Cub Scout Leader and member of the Scout Network in Royal Kingston District.

*Phil Wood* is an Explorer Scout Leader in Royal Kingston District.

## In The Next Issue

We shall learn more about our hosts in the Rydsgard Scoutkar and the activities they enjoy. Also, we shall remind you about the travel arrangements so nobody misses the flight out !

## Currency Watch

At June 1 the Swedish Krona exchange rate was 10.14 to the Pound Sterling.

## And Finally .....

If you haven't already done so please send photocopies of your passport and EHIC card to Chris Dean at 13 East Hill Road, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9HZ right away – thank you.