

Shorts

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Wanted - Photographs of your latest events and activity, please sent your digital photos to me for publication on the Thurrock Scouts web site. Also I need more articles for the local press, please send a photo and a short story so we can promote Scouting in Thurrock and show everyone in Thurrock what Interesting and worthwhile activities all sections of our organisation take part in every week. chris.travis@blueyonder.co.uk

Thurrock District Scout Council Jack Petchey Youth Achievement Awards

Seventeen Awards were presented in the Council Chambers to Youth Members of Thurrock District Scout Council for the year of 2009.

Each winning recipient had previously been awarded a cheque to be used for Scouting needs. During the evening they were presented with a signed Jack Petchey framed certificate by the Mayor of Thurrock, Cllr. Maureen Pearce. They were also presented with a Gold Medallion by Nikki Bush from the Jack Petchey Foundation, and a Lapel badge by our District Commissioner, Iain Rider.

Deputy District Commissioner, Graham Monk, acted as compere for the evening, outlining the achievements of the winners as each was presented with their award.



After the presentations, the winners were invited into the Mayor's Parlour by the Mayor and her Consort. During this period, Parents & Leaders were invited to watch a video presentation of the background and philanthropic work of Jack Petchey

The winners were:

Joe Jameson - 1st Grays
Hannah Travers & Ashley Barley - Belhus Park Scouts
Emily Collier, Stuart Pattullo, Joe Mellor & Abbie Gray, all of Aquila Explorers
Josh Bates, Jason Rowe & Sara Makovics, all of Thameside Sea Scouts
Ryan Sedge of 1st Ockendons
James Barter of Hillside Scout Group
Lucy Underwood & Charlotte Dell of 7th Grays Scouts
Marc Moon of Tilbury Sea Scouts
James Dowsett of Orsett & Bulphan - Whitmore Scouts
Nick Umferville of Orsett & Bulphan - Cooper Scouts

The evening was organised by Olive Clay, secretary of the Awards committee, and ably assisted during the evening by Nick Cole, Emma Dell & Lyn Rider as members of the Selection committee. Thanks are also due to Stewart Abbott for being our Official Photographer and Chris Travis for sorting out the Video presentation.
Dave Gregory



AVOCK CHALLENGE 2010—Thurrock Scouts & Guides

Entries are invited for the AVOCK CHALLENGE 2010 to be held on 20th March at Condovers Scout Campsite, West Tilbury, Essex.

The Challenge is open to Thurrock Scouts and Guides.

Team entries are required – Teams to be made up of 4 participants. Leaders - If you have less or more than 4 young people interested don't let that stop them taking part. Please contact other Troops/Company/Units to amalgamate interested young people.

The Challenge will predominantly be an outdoor based activity and excluding really severe weather conditions is planned to go ahead rain or shine. So be prepared!

Registration on the day will be at Condovers Scout Campsite at 09:30hrs with collection at 16:00hrs. Leaders and parents are to make their own arrangements for delivering and collecting their participants to the site.

Participants are to bring their own lunch – soft drinks & tea/coffee will be provided.

Application Forms will be available at the Alf Lowne Scout Centre from 14th January or from Stewart Abbott (01375 391429) email stewart_abbott@msn.com.

To register your team, please submit your completed application form ASAP complete with a £20 entry fee per team to Stewart Abbott, 31, St Georges Avenue, Gray, RM17 5XB. Cheques payable to: AVOCK Scout Fellowship.

The event is open to a maximum of 20 teams. Bookings will close when 20 teams have registered. As this is normally a popular event each Scout Troop/Guide Company will be limited to **2 teams each until 20th February** in order to get a wider participation as possible. You can register additional team interest and if there are still vacancies on 20th February then they will be filled from the reserved list. Don't waste time, get your teams organised and applications submitted.

Adults: AVOCK Fellowship is open to all adults in Scouting. We welcome new membership and If you would like to join us for the day as a taster of Scout Fellowship please contact Steve Taylor 01702 555325.

District Calendar

Date	Event	Section	Venue	Time	Contact Details
February					
10th	Getting Started Modules	All sections	ALSC	7.00-10.00 p.m.	Colin Ward
11th	Information and Exchange Meeting	All sections	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Iain Rider/David Gregory
12th - 14th	Winter Camp	Scouts	Belchamps	8.00 p.m.	Lyn Rider
16th	Appointments Advisory Committee	AAC panel members	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Heather Butcher
27th	Beaver and Cub joint activity	Beavers and Cubs	TBC		Kay Watt, Edna Fox and Sue Rogers
March					
7th	Trax	All sections	East London Track		
9th	Getting Started Modules	All sections	ALSC	7.00-10.00 p.m.	Colin Ward
11th	District Executive	Executive members	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Iain Rider/David Gregory
14th	Ready Steady Cook	Explorers	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Emma Dell
18th	Scout Leaders Meeting	Scout Leaders	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Lyn Rider
20th	Cub Handicraft	Cubs	ALSC		Orsett Tigers/Belhus/Dauntless
20th	Avock Challenge	Scouts and Guides			Steve Taylor
25th	Cub Leaders Meeting	Cub Leaders	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Sue Rogers
27th	District Beaver Quiz	Beavers	ALSC		Edna Fox and Kay Watt
April					
14th	Getting Started Modules	All sections	ALSC	7.00-10.00 p.m.	Colin Ward
17th - 18th	County Incident Hike	Scouts			
17th - 18th	Skills training	All leaders	Condovers		Colin Ward
19th	Explorer Leaders Meeting	Explorer Leaders	Emma Dell's House	8.00 p.m.	Emma Dell
23rd	St. Georges Day Dinner and Dance	All sections	Tilbury Community Centre	7.00 p.m.	Ian Newell
25th	Renewal of Promise	All sections	Grays School	3.00 p.m.	Iain Rider
27th - 1st	Gang Show	All sections	Thameside Theatre	7.30 p.m.	Graham Monk
May					
6th	Appointments Advisory Committee	Panel members	ALSC	7.30 p.m.	Heather Butcher
6th	Scout Leaders Meeting	Scout Leaders	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Lyn Rider
8th	Jamboree on the Trail	All sections	TBA	TBA	Graham Monk
10th	7th Grays AGM		7th Grays HQ	7.30 p.m.	Tim Webb
11th	Getting Started Modules	All sections	ALSC	7.00-10.00 p.m.	Colin Ward
13th	District Executive	Executive members	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Iain Rider/David Gregory
15th	Cub Sports Day	Cubs	Condovers		Thameside/East Tilbury/1st Grays