

# What a lot of busy Beavers

(and some of them are not even Beavers)

HAVE you heard what the Wiveliscombe Scout Group has been up to lately? Recently we have not had the time to keep you up to date so here is my opportunity to update you.

The Beavers are celebrating their 20th anniversary in the UK and the Assistant District Commissioner set them a challenge to complete 20 tasks - ranging from going to the St George's Day Parade and visiting the Huish Woods campsite to trying a new vegetable.

They have entertained the residents at Pulsford Lodge, played lots of games as well as taking part in various activities. They also had their own District Camp and Fun Day and a County Fun Day.

The Cubs have been out and about this term as they worked for their athletics badge. Most of the pack have worked for and succeeded in gaining many badges recently.

There was a camp for

Cubs when they enjoyed archery and climbing as well as working for their camper and outdoor challenge badges. Their latest camp organised by the County to celebrate ninety years of Cub Scouts.

The Scouts went to the County Jamboree at the end of May. They have recently had an activity weekend at Brompton Ralph when they had taster sessions of many sports as well as practising their scouting skills.

The Explorer Scouts have had a fairly quiet time while most of them took GCSEs and A2s. They excelled themselves when they constructed a large rope bridge for the younger sections to climb on and cross at the recent AGM.

At the time of writing this some of the Leaders are preparing to undertake their fifth consecutive weekend of camping by taking the whole Group to Huish Woods. It is expected to have 65 on site - just think of all the sausages and



bacon that needs cooking for breakfast!

There are lots of activities planned for everyone. The theme of the camp is Parties due to the Beaver and Cub anniversaries - there might be a few games that most people did not expect!

Another Scouting highlight is the fact that Tim Gaines and Peter Venn have gained their Queen Scout Awards - the highest award available to those under 25.

At the recent Group AGM the District Commis-

sioner, Marian Scott, awarded certificates for 10 years of service to Tom Chappell (Akela), Chaya Rose (Ratty) and Eddie Gaines. Pam Gaines was presented with the well deserved "Chief Scout's Commendation of Good Service".

Our own Group's "Achievement" award was presented to Tim Gaines and Peter Venn. The Group also presented a cheque to the District Commissioner for £70 raised by sponsorship of Stuart Lewis, who ran the Taunton Half

Marathon, for the "Betty Clay" Guide dog.

If anyone is interested Scouting opportunities for the young, 6 - 18, or the not so young, please contact Pam Gaines on 01984 624657. Training will be provided for adults wishing to help.

After the closing of the Guide Unit the Scout section may be expanding and more help is urgently required to help with that section even on a part time basis.

2007 is the anniversary of 100 years of Scouting - there will be lots going on next year (as if this year was not busy enough). It is going to be FUN and it would be good if more of you came along and enjoyed it with us.

Please remember that we would love to hear your Scouting stories, borrow of your photos etc as it is planned to have a weekend when the archives will be opened up for everyone to be able to come and look around.

● Pictured are award winners Peter Venn, Pam Gaines and Tim Gaines.

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## Join the Brownies

WIVELISCOMBE is lucky enough to have not one but two Brownie packs.

Both are run by volunteers from the local community who between them provide one and a half hours of fun every week for girls from the ages of seven to ten.

At Brownies, girls have the chance to socialise outside of school in a safe, educational and fun environment.

Activities regularly include craft projects and games some of which go towards gaining Brownie badges. Outside speakers occasionally come to speak to the girls and in



the last few weeks subjects such as recycling, crime prevention and Buddhism have been discussed.

Jenny Moore runs the First Wiveliscombe Brownies who meet on

Monday and Sue Tout runs the second Brownie pack who meet up on Thursday.

There are currently a few spaces in each of these packs for any girls of the right age wishing

to join in September.

Please contact Jenny on 01984 624139 or Sue on 01984 624800 for further details on how to get your child involved in the fun.

# The Return of 10Radio

from Sunday 17th September until Sat 14th October

10Radio returns to the 10 Parishes' airwaves in September. Tune in - hopefully again at 87.7 FM (a bit down from Radio 2) or via internet streaming at www.10Radio.org and you will be able to hear some of the most interesting, amusing and eclectic radio known to Wiveydom - with many of last year's 10Radio presenters and personalities on board to bring local community broadcasting to Wivey.

One of the organisers, Eddie Gaines, told The Messenger how 10Radio is gearing up for September 2006.

He explained that a core group of organisers made up of presenters and interested people have been meeting since last year's broadcast ended.

In April the Community Centre was full for the 10Radio public launch. Everyone was shown 10Radio - The Movie (trailer) - a short video, brilliantly put together by Matt Barrow, which gave everyone a taste of last year's 4 weeks of entertainment.

This was followed by several short presentations by 10Radio presenters and Ben Elkins, speaking on behalf of Kingsmead Students, who produced their own regular daily programmes.

Many enthusiasts took part in a series of training events; Philip

Knighton put on weekly sessions aimed at building up presenter skills, whether doing 'breakfast-style interviewing' or being a DJ.

Feature making and programme editing training has also been planned and will be available up to the go-live date.

There's still ample opportunity for people to join in at any stage. The team fully expect more will come aboard - as they did last year - during the 4 weeks of live broadcasting.

However to get the benefit of some pre-transmission training, it's preferable to join as early as possible!

A new site for the transmission aerial had to be organised, and an application for a short broadcast licence to OFCOM - we are optimistic that this year's aerial site will improve reception significantly.

We are also hoping to be 'Eco friendly' by using the latest technology to utilise solar power - but still continue broadcasting when the sun goes down!

It is not confirmed if ex-Heathers will be available again as it is earmarked for the Library, so other Wivey based sites are being sought.

Somerset Partnership is funding studio equipment; there is already a main mixing desk that Philip has obtained

from Hospital Radio. By the time we go-live we will have everything we need in place. We are also putting together a library of music, station jingles and indents.

We are very grateful to Somerset County Council for their funding and have also applied to Taunton Deane Arts.

Last year it cost about £10,000 to put 10Radio together so we are still looking for support from local businesses, sponsorship and advertising revenue.

We need more volunteers to enable us to deliver the widest possible range of interesting programmes - music or otherwise. They can be of any age - some of our youngest presenters stole the limelight last year and we are keen to get 'Old Wivey' people "on air" too - after all, we are producing 10 Parishes history here!

Contact Eddie Gaines 01984 624657, Kim Cavanagh on 01984 623657 or Derek Skeavington on 01984 624133, email to info@10Radio.org or come to one of our Planning Meetings, held on the third Tuesday of every month, 7.30-9.30pm in the Skittle Alley of The Bear, Wiveliscombe.

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