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A pause for thought

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Have you ever experienced a plumbing problem? If the answer is yes, then I am in excellent company! I probably can guarantee that your knowledge and skill are far superior to mine. I received a complaint that a cold water tap on the wash basin in the church hall was not "working" although the hot water tap was functioning perfectly. I did promise to look at the offending tap and eventually I did. I thought that I had solved it, for the valve on the supply pipe was turned to the off position. Alas no, when the valve was turned to the on position, still no water. A plumber was summoned and during his visit the tap brought forth water! He informed me that it was a jammed "wotsit" that caused the problem.

That made me realise that before we all had a water supply piped into our homes we may have had to visit the local well. The problem with sinking a well is that you have to drill a deep, dark shaft without ever seeing the bottom before you reach the pure water.

You all in your role of Scouting Leaders always deliver the "pure water" of Scouting to young people every day of every week. I know that your well will never run dry.

"May your God join you at the well and you take His message to the depth of your heart."

"AARON"

What sound does a nut make when it sneezes? Cashew!

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day. I couldn't find any.

5000 mangrove seedlings, 2 Scout Groups, 1 Environment

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Sarawak on the coast of Malaysia is prone to flooding on a cyclical basis. Scouts, as Scouts do, decided something needed to change. They wanted to help prevent and prepare the communities for future flood events.

In May 2015, Scouts from Canada travelled to Malaysia and joined forces with local Scouts as they launched a Mangrove re-forestation programme in Kuching National Wetland Park, Malaysia.

Rover Scouts from [180TH Pacific Coast Scout Group](#), Canada and Kuching Scout Group, Malaysia planted 300 mangrove saplings in one day to begin the start of a 5000-tree re-forestation programme that will continue for the next two years.

State Chief Commissioner of Sarawak, Sudaryo Bin Osman explained that Mangroves "are catalysts for reclaiming land from the ocean and are crucial for effective combat against sea levels rising due to climate change. The roots of the trees prevent soil erosion, maintain water quality, and protect marine wildlife."

Eli Chan, the Vice President of 180th Pacific Coast Scout Group added that young people in Scouting have a collective passion towards environmental protection, regardless of the country they are from. "It's just a part of what being a Scout is all about – recognising a problem, creating a solution and working together to take action."

Scouts will continue to leave the world better than they found it.

Sand Painting:

- collect some dry free-running sand in a container
- look out for different coloured sand along the beach and collect a range of colours
- find a large flat area of smooth, damp sand to use as your seaside canvas
- pour your dry sand into an old sock, a plastic bag or an empty crisp packet with a corner cut off so that the sand can run through
- use the dry sand as paint by trickling it over your damp, darker coloured seaside canvas to create an image

Waterside Lodge Activity Diary – June 2015

- June 4 3rd Sefton Scouts – Dragon Boating
5/6 Isle of Man Sea Cadets – Resident & Sailing
5 District Cubs – Dragon Boat Race Competition
6 N.W. Area Sea Cadets – Sailing
7 District Cubs – Water Fun Day
9 1st Parbold Guides – Water Activities
9 Pyro Explorers – Meeting
10 Arnold School CCF – Water Activity Day
10 **District ‘Wet Night’**
11 Southport Sea Cadets – Water Activities
11 3rd Sefton East Scouts – Dragon Boating
12/13 Southport Holy Trinity Brownies - Resident
12 Ormskirk District Scouts – Dragon Boating
13 Norwood Road School – Family Water Day
14 48th Southport Group – Water Fun Day & BBQ
15 Work Experience Group – Admin & Maintenance
15 61st Southport Scouts – Meeting
16 Southport Sea Cadets – Activities
16 Pyro Explorers – Meeting
17 **District ‘Wet Night’**
18 Old Links Golf Club – Ladies’ “Ascot Day”
18 45th Southport (Birkdale) Guides – Bell Boating
18 Southport Sea Cadets - Activities
18 University of Central Lancs. – Dragon Boat Training
19 Linacre School – Water Day
19/20 1st Formby – Resident & Water Day
21 Triathlon – Safety Boat Cover
22 University of Central Lancs. – Dragon Boat Training
22 61st Southport Scouts – Nautical Skills Training
23 **Waterside Lodge & District A.G.M.s**
23 Pyro Explorers – Meeting
24 High Schools’ - Kayak Races
24 Primary Schools’ – Kata Canu Races
24 **District ‘Wet Night’**
25 Ladies’ Painting Day
25 **Chernobyl Children**
25 Southport Sea Cadets – Water Activities
26 Birkdale Primary School – Teachers’ Day
26/28 12 Hour Race & CCF Regatta
29/1 Sedbergh School CCF – Resident & Sailing
29 61st Southport Scouts – Nautical Skills Training
30 ‘New Directions’ - Meeting
30 2nd Southport Scouts – Pioneering
30 Pyro Explorers – Meeting
July 1 **District ‘Wet Night’**

Stick shadow monsters

- have your camera ready
- collect some sticks and push them into the sand
- notice the shapes of the shadows they create
- add some leaves and bits of seaweed to transform them into shadow monsters
- take a photo of your shadow monster

I’ve just come back from a once-in-a-lifetime trip. Never again!

Southport District Scout Council Annual General Meeting Tuesday 23rd June 2015

The Annual General Meeting of Scout District Scout Council will be held on Tuesday 23rd June 2015 commencing at the conclusion of the Waterside Lodge Southport Ltd AGM (approx. 8pm).

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014 – approved as a correct record by the District Executive on 09 September 2014
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
6. Presentation of Accounts 2014/2015 and Trustees’ Report
7. District Commissioner
8. Waterside Lodge Report
9. District Commissioner’s nomination of the District Chairman
10. Election of the District Treasurer
11. Election of the District Secretary
12. Election of the District Badge Secretary
13. Election of members of the District Executive
14. District Commissioner’s nominations to the District Executive
15. Election of a Group Scouter to the County Scout Council
16. Appointment of the District Independent Examiner
17. Ratification of the Quorum for District Executive Meetings
18. Address by the County Representative
19. Any Other Business previously notified to the District Chairman.
20. Close of the meeting.

NOTE:

- A. Apologies should be sent to Rob Haigh, District Chairman.
- B. Nominations for Election to the District Executive should be submitted, on the appropriate form to Rob Haigh, District Chairman by 5pm Tuesday 09 June 2015, as previously advised.
- C. Items for inclusion in Any Other Business must be submitted in writing to Rob Haigh, District Chairman by 5pm Tuesday 16 June 2015. Items received after that time will not be discussed at the meeting.

Rob Haigh
District Chairman
Southport District Scout Council