



# News

## King Alfred District December 2008

### Christmas greetings



May we take the opportunity to wish everyone in the District Peace, Joy and Good wishes for Christmas and the coming New Year.

Thanks to everyone for your hard work over the past year and in particular the support and welcome Paul and I have received since picking up the reins in October.

### Since October

We have had the pleasure of meeting most Groups and Explorers, if not all the sections and we will continue to get out and about to see as many as possible as soon as we can. I have now found a new leader to take over from me at W&S, so welcome Niki Darcy into Scouting and the District. It has been pleasing that the Appointments committee have had to have an extra session because so many people have volunteered for new roles, let's hope that continues.

### Awards

Another nice part of the job is presenting Awards. These may be for Long Service, Wood badges and other forms of recognition. Since we started there have been over a dozen, ranging from, Tracy Beamont at Grove for 5 years to a 30 years for Andy Tombs at W&S, with many in between, sorry too many to list but well done to you all.



### Events

It was a great delight to be invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> KA/Seesen Scouts BBQ and hear all about their exchange visit, even if I did lose my Zodiac 09 necker to Germany! Also I was invited to the Stuart Rae presentations, this was my first time attending and how impressed was I at how well the lads had done and their level of commitment. Well done to them all. So let us try and encourage an even bigger entry to this true Scouting Challenge.

### Next Year

Looks like another exciting year coming up, look at the Diary on the website, we are trying our hardest to keep that up to date, and to get people to use it so let the Webmaster know of any events not on there.



Talking of the Website, [www.kascouts.org.uk](http://www.kascouts.org.uk) we now have an on-line NAN form on there (under Resources) which some people have used already. Also some people have put their news and photos on it. Come on everyone, let's see what you're up to too.

Other good things that are happening - the Cub sections have made contact with each, had a meeting and sorted out a couple of District events, Beavers are planning to do the same, invites shortly, and we are planning a meeting with the Scout sections early in the New Year. So we are looking forward to an exciting and fun 2009.

Seasons Greetings to you and your families  
Yours in Scouting

*Gill & Paul*

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