

# DECEMBER 2022



This Month:

An update from our County Commissioner

Events and Opportunities

WIN the trip of a lifetime to watch a rocket launch!

The County Community

- Stocking Fillers!
- Green Beret Challenge success for 8th St Marylebone
- Remembrance Day

The County Calendar

- Narrowboat Steerers Course
- Duke of Edinburgh Silver & Gold Expedition programme
- New Leader Skills weekend

GLMW Training Calendar

- Adult training dates in December
- [County Safeguarding & Online Safety](#)

\*\*\* The Media team will be taking a break over Christmas, so the next Newsletter will be sent a little later in January! In plenty of time for you to get your news to us :

[media@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:media@glmwscouts.org.uk) \*\*\*



Around this time each year, our thoughts are a mixture of amazement that another year is rushing to a close and of preparing our plans and hopes for the next. And what a year it has been in 2022. We have truly restarted our real world Scouting activities, with Summer Camps and lots of fantastic outdoor activities. It has been such fun to see everyone back out in all kinds of weather doing what we do best.



And, the weather has shown us some really wild examples of the variations and extremes that the science of Global Warming has been predicting for quite some time. From periods with more rain than we have seen in our long recorded history of our favorite national discussion to some of the hottest days that we have ever experienced in Britain. The fields at PACCAR have transformed through the year from mud, to parched brown and back to lush green as the year has progressed.

In all the excitement, we have seen the return of our large event calendar with the relaunch of February Freezer and Skycamp. Next year is already shaping up to have a bumper year of events and experiences at the site and across the County. You will be able to keep an eye on the things we will be doing on the [County](#) and [PACCAR](#) websites.

At the same time, GLMW is one of the ten Counties across the UK who are going to be adopting the new National plan for welcoming and developing our volunteers. In the background this year, we have been preparing our plans for this and the momentum is beginning to build. Our discussions with GSLs around the County have seen an excited welcome of the new approach and a readiness to begin the journey. Watch this space as we get in to the new year when we will be bringing you some really exciting new ways of recruiting and retaining our volunteer leaders.

So, as we rush towards the December festive season, I want to thank you for everything that you have done to make 2022 a really great year for Scouting in Greater London Middlesex West. Your enthusiasm, support and energy have made a real difference to all of our members. We have seen more people joining, seeing the fun and benefit of Scouting SkillsforLife, and a growing awareness in our community of the value our Scouting brings to the community. I wish you all the best for the rest of this year and well in to a Happy New Year for 2023.

### Will you be a Leading Member of our Kandersteg Expedition Team in 2025?

Every four years, GLMW brings together an expedition to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland. Situated high in the mountains of the Bernese Oberland, this expedition brings an adventure of a lifetime to hundreds of our Scouts and Explorers. A wide range of alpine experiences, from mountain adventures, to whitewater rafting, to picturesque city visits and voyages across blue alpine lakes, is waiting for everyone to enjoy. Our next Expedition will take place in August 2025.

The planning and preparation of this trip is a two-year adventure in itself. Today, we are asking for volunteers to get in touch and help us form the core leadership team for the expedition. If you have a passion for building a programme of alpine activities, organising and delivering the transport or logistics to get us safely there and back please get in touch. If you can build us a food or entertainments team for the trip, there is a place there waiting for you. And, most of all, we are looking for an overall Expedition Leader to guide the journey for us all.

If you would like to join or lead this team, please send me an email to start the conversation.

Richard Williams

County Commissioner

[richardwilliams@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:richardwilliams@glmwscouts.org.uk)



## Events & Opportunities



### Inmarsat & The Scouts Competition

The Scouts and Inmarsat are teaming up to give two lucky young people a chance to win a trip of a lifetime to watch Inmarsat's largest communications satellite launch onboard a SpaceX rocket from Cape Canaveral in America.

The satellite, named I-6 F2, will take flight on a SpaceX rocket early next year, with Scouts' Ambassador and world-famous astronaut Tim Peake, judging your entries and selecting the TWO winners!

The competition is open to Scouts aged 10-18 years of age. One winner will be chosen from the 10-14 Scout age group and one winner from the 15-18 Explorer Scout age group.

Click here to enter : <https://tinyurl.com/bd3yayfp>

Entries close at midnight on 12th December 2022.

Good luck!





# Looking for Stocking Fillers?

Our two fantastic Jamboree Units have plenty of their badges for you to purchase!



Email :

[Georgia.miller@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:Georgia.miller@glmwscouts.org.uk)

Unit 28 – The Attenbro's



Email:

[Lizzie.Turner@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:Lizzie.Turner@glmwscouts.org.uk)

Unit 29 – The Baden Pals



8th St Marylebone achieve 1st and 2nd in the visitor category of Hertfordshire Scouts Green Beret Competition

The event, this year attended by 144 teams, comprises 4 events; Orienteering, Assault Course, Day Bases and a Night Exercise.

Between the teams we managed 8th overall in the day bases, 4th overall in the night exercise and 5th overall in the orienteering.

The teams final overall positions were 21st and 23rd. A great achievement for a very challenging but rewarding competition.

If anyone is interested in submitting a guest team for next year competition please get in touch with Chris Larkin ([chris.larkin@westlondonscouts.org](mailto:chris.larkin@westlondonscouts.org)) for further details

Chris Larkin

## Remembrance Parade

Scout groups around the country took part in Remembrance Day parades. Ealing and Hanwell Districts takes place in the centre of Ealing Broadway, and was a very well attended event.



*DC Heather Jones writes:*

This year, for the first time, we welcomed a number of Squirrel Scouts from 8th Hanwell (our only Drey in the District). The E&H Scout District poppy wreath was laid by our Network Scout Commissioner Georgie Horwich. We also had the honour of assisting the Royal British Legion whose usual Standard bearer was indisposed. Mark Yates - one of our ADCs as well as being 8th Ealing GSL - was happy to help, particularly as his late father had previously been in the Coldstream Guards.



# The County Calendar



## Narrowboat Steerers Course 2023

Dates:

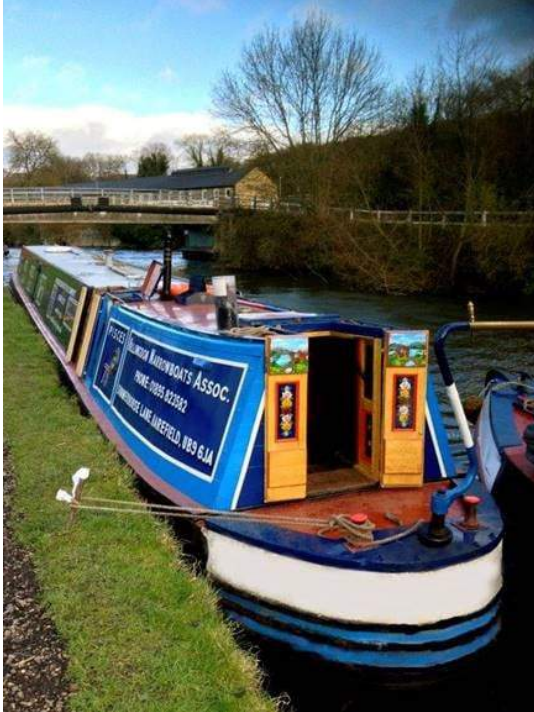
Friday 24th - Sunday 26th February

Friday 10th to Sunday 12th March 2023

Course Fee: £250 (£100 deposit required after booking to reserve a place)

This two-weekend course is for adults and will cover narrowboat steering, operation





[Greater London MW \(glmwscouts.org.uk\).](http://glmwscouts.org.uk)

of locks, basic maintenance and safety requirements, and crew management.

In conjunction with Gloucester County Scouts, a narrow boat steerer's course is being run over two weekends (attendance at both weekends is required).

Successful completion of the course should enable the candidate to reach the Technical Standard for the Scout Association Water Authorisation for canal boating, with the BHC (the Boat Handling Certificate from the National Community Boat Association, the N-CBA) and sufficient and appropriate experience.

For more details, please see:

[Narrowboat Steerer's Course 2023 -](#)



### Date for your diary: Skills weekend

If you are a leader who is fairly new to scouting or just want to brush up on some practical Scouting skills then this residential weekend is for you. The course is being run by experienced leaders just for leaders within the County. The fee for the weekend (including food) is £15- places are limited so please register as soon as you can <https://forms.office.com/r/RaL...> Over the weekend you will practice skills such as:

- Lighting wood fires
  - Map reading
- Running a campfire
  - Pitching tents
- Using axes, knives and saws safely
- And much, much more.

This is a great opportunity to meet fellow leaders and pick up new skills at our County campsite - PACCAR.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Deputy County Commissioner Sanjay : [sanjay.chandarana@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:sanjay.chandarana@glmwscouts.org.uk)



# NEW LEADER SKILLS WEEKEND

**£15 (INC FOOD)**

**25-26 MARCH 2023**  
PACCAR Scout Camp, Chalfont

A weekend crash course in Scouting skills

[www.glmwscouts.org.uk](http://www.glmwscouts.org.uk)

**EXPLORERS\*** Greater London Middlesex West Explorer & Network Scout Expeditions Programme 2023 **network\***

A fantastic opportunity for Explorer and Network Scouts to take part in and complete expedition awards. A fully organised and facilitative course, taking you from the basics of expedition skills to an adventurous journey of your own. Available to existing groups or individuals that will be able to link up with participants from other Units and form teams to take part in all levels of expedition.

**The programme includes:**

- Basic training.
- Skills Refresher training.
- Practice expeditions.
- Qualified and facilitative supervision.
- Skilled and experienced instruction.
- Assessed Scout and DofE expedition.

**And is suitable for:**

- Diamond Award & DofE Silver
- Queen Scout Award & DofE Gold
- Explorer Belt training

**Dates & Details:**

- Training 1: 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- First Aid training 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Practice weekend 21<sup>st</sup> March (evening) - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023
- Assessed Expeditions 2<sup>nd</sup> (evening) - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Route planning evenings to be organised locally.

All teams will have an evening pre-assessment kit check session in the week or two leading up to the assessed expedition.

The cost for the full programme of three residential weekends, first aid day, an evening and preparation evenings plus travel costs:

**Diamond & Silver - £200**  
**QSA & Gold DofE - £265**

If participants only wish to attend part of the programme for a specific reason then please contact the course leader for advice. To reserve a place on the course, send an application form and a deposit of £90 (cheques payable to "GLMW Scouts") via your Explorer Unit Leader to the DofE Programme Registrar c/o PACCAR Scout Camp, Denham Lane, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks, SL9 0GU by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Network Members apply direct to the Programme Administrator. All course levels are subject to minimum numbers. Electronic payment details available on request.

**The Small Print - You need to Read It**

Participants will be expected to attend the training sessions & first aid sessions plus a report back evening with their teams at the dates shown. If you are not able to do this, then the programme may not be ideal for you.

Route planning will be scheduled into the training days but will also require work at home or at your Explorer Unit meetings with your teams. Low participation may put your success and that of your team at risk. If you do not feel able to make the time commitment, the programme may not be ideal for you.

The programme involves significant individual effort and commitment on the part of the participants to achieve a successful expedition. You will need to work closely and effectively with your team, while the leader team endeavour to help all participants succeed, we cannot guarantee that every participant will achieve a successful assessed expedition. Participants who do not reach the level expected for assessment may be referred to the DofE programme.

**We are Offering Awards**

Participants who complete the programme either before or during their assessment, in such an event, there will not be any refunds available.

Boards working for DofE Awards must be registered for DofE.

For Further Information on the programme please contact: Graham Orsborne - Expedition Training Course Leader - [graham.orsborne@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:graham.orsborne@glmwscouts.org.uk)

Registration, Unit Leaders please see application form for details

## GLMW Duke of Edinburgh Silver & Gold Expedition Programme

We are pleased to announce that the County DofE programme returns for 2023, catering for Silver and Gold hillwalking expeditions.

Details are in the attached [flyer](#).

Please forward these to any members of your unit who may be interested.

We have had a lot of feedback over the years that participants find attending central route planning meetings difficult, particularly as they involve another night out, often with considerable travel, in the lead up to exams. To help with this, route planning is to be done locally within the

unit. We will provide the route card templates and the rough outline of the route along

with dates that they need to be finished by. Unit Leaders can then work to find time with participants either as part of their Explorer Programme, or outside unit time.

If anyone has any questions, do please get in touch.

Graham Drabble [graham.drabble@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:graham.drabble@glmwscouts.org.uk)

DofE Expedition Lead



### Adult Training Dates : December 2022 & January 2023

Be sure to check the [GLMW Training Calendar](#) and sign up early.

#### December

11th December: First Aid Modules 10A & B 09:15- 5:15PM Greenford and District

#### January

8th January: First Aid Modules 10A & B 09:30- 4:30PM Harrow District Activity Centre

19th January: Growing the Section: Module 13 19:00-21:30pm Zoom

### Contact with the GLMW Community

Here are some handy shortcuts if you want to contact people within the GLMW community.

[District Commissioners](#)      [Local Training managers](#)  
[County Team page](#)

To share your news and events with the GLMW community, get in touch !  
We'd love to hear from you

[media@glmwscouts.org.uk](mailto:media@glmwscouts.org.uk)

[Georgia](#) & [Nisha](#)



GLMW Scouts

You have recieved this email as you hold a registered position in GLMW County Scouts. If you'd no longer like to recieve this, please unsubscribe below.

[Unsubscribe](#)

