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[Scouts] DC Merger Update - 12th August 2011

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To: All Scouters, Supporters and Friends – New Bromley District aka BromleyScouts

CC: County Commissioner, County Team, DCs – Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Orpington

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Folks,

It has been just over a week since I last updated you. We now have just 50 days left until we are as one!

Firstly, thanks for the many messages of support – I won't name you all but to Tom, Gary, Evelyn, Graham, Jeannie, Andy, Sue, Steve, Mark, Chris, Gill, Tim, Andy (2), Phil, Tania, Carole, Mick, Mike, Sir Roger (now there's a giveaway), Jan and others – thanks! It's tough going and I know that we haven't had time to speak to enough of you – we're working on trying to do something about that. Please bear with us – the day job keeps getting in the way.

The Deputy DCs and I along with the District Chairman managed to meet up last night for only the second time (holidays having got in the way!) and continue to work through all of the tasks that we have to complete. We are working to build out the team for the first year of new Bromley District in time for the 100th AGM of Bromley District! Seems odd to be building new and still contemplating celebrating 100 AGMs (in the 103rd year of Scouting in Bromley District – we missed some AGMs during the two world wars) yet that's the way it is.

We expect to be able to announce a number of further appointments within the next week or two – which will make the whole task easier as we can then spread the load a bit wider. As ever, any appointments to the new District Exec will be ratified at the launch event – see below.

We continue to look for more adults to help make the job of running the new District easier – from administrators to experienced Scouters, from young to less young, from highly qualified to newly learning – join up and join in! Please call me, mail me or catch me if you can help us make big things happen. If you haven't called or mailed me yet and you fancy a chat – I am happy to take your call.

We've been working on getting a comprehensive District Directory together – some of existing appointments teams will have seen this coming together – we intend to do most of our communication by e-mail going forward so having good e-mail address data is imperative. If you know of anyone who is NOT getting these missives, please let me know so that I can update our records.

We have now received a number of good suggestions for the new District Badge and a District Scarf. I will be discussing these with Ben over the next few days with a view to seeking his approval on one of our designs.

As you know our new District commences on the 1st October and we are planning a launch event during the week of 3rd October – invitations will be out shortly so please keep your eyes open for this.

The Group Support Team has started getting plans together under Gary Peppiatt – with ideas starting to form about how we will bring Groups together and communicate, meet and share ideas. Gary will be explaining more at the launch event and before then if he can get to meet GSLs at current District meetings.

The Youth Events Team under James Allen is also starting to come together. James also plans to announce some of his plans at the launch event although, as with all good things – we will have to wait a little longer before the rump of the new District events will be able to be announced.

Steve Pegram and the Sectional Support Team also have plenty to do – more on this in my next missive.

The District Chairman (Colin Goodwin) and I met with the Execs from the four heritage Districts yesterday and will meet again with the District Treasurers and Appointments Chairs next week as we start trying to form the new District Executive Committee and it's sub-committees. We need the Appointments Committee in place quickly as we have to start appointing ADCs and District Team members and we need the Treasurers to help us identify all of the financial assets of our Districts so that we keep a close track on all of the money.

I trust that everyone is enjoying their summer break and are raring to go once the new term starts in September. Hopefully we will have been able to make quite a lot more progress towards our new District by the time we all return.

Please do not hesitate to invite members of the new District Team to any events that you're holding- we can't promise who will attend but we will do our best to make sure that one of us is there. I look forward to celebrating their 50th birthday celebration with the 5th Petts Wood at Downe on Saturday 27th August.

Best wishes and continue to enjoy your summer break!

Giles

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