



# North Leeds District News

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## From the DC

Happy New Year to all readers of this our first North Leeds News of 2008 and my first as DC. I would like to start with a thank-you to Colin for all the work that he has done as DC of North Leeds. It has been enlightening and entertaining over the past few weeks receiving all the notes and folders that he has passed to me to kick start my appointment.

We need to look forward to our New Centenary and our first whole District event – our Joint Camp for all sections with friends old and new in Pontefract and Castleford District at Squirrel Wood 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April. This event has come out of friendships and acquaintances made at Bramham Park on the Centenary Camp. All sections are invited to attend with Beaver Scouts visiting for the day on the Saturday. I do hope that many of you will take up the opportunity to attend and meet people from across the Districts and take part in a larger event than is possible with a Group or section event. More details will be delivered to you as soon as possible.

I hope to see as many people in groups as I can within the first few months of the year. Already I have been invited to and visited 2 Groups winter weekend celebrations and I look forward to being invited to any events that you feel appropriate.

I wish you all the best for 2008 and look forward to seeing you at your Scouting Events soon

Yours in Scouting  
Carol

## Christams Card Recycling

Now is about the time to start collecting all those Christmas cards for recycling. For further information on this worthy cause please follow the link <http://m.fw-reply.com/www/2AeQCd/A2kZW9/B7clJ4/W7bS1v/index.htm>

North Leeds District Cubs have previously taken them to Tesco on Roundhay Road, & we hope to do the same again this year at 1.00pm on Sunday 27/1/08.

Please bring them along on the day or contact me by e-mail or phone (07770 685231) to arrange collection or for further details.

Best wishes, Doug Pollock

## Founders Day DVD

Please be advised that the DVD from the Founders Day Service at York Minster has now been produced.

If you would like a copy, please send a cheque for £5 payable to Central Yorkshire County Scout Council, and your address to:  
Andrew Gallivan, 9 Rosemount Drive, Normanton, West Yorkshire, WF6 1WG

## Do you want to deliver inclusive Scouting?

In partnership with The Scout Association, Mencap runs Get Together Training. It is about enabling volunteers to develop knowledge, acquire good practice and examine attitudes to help young people with a learning disability access Scouting more easily. The training covers the following modules:

**Welcoming and first impressions** - As this is the first point of contact the young person will have with a Scout Group, it is important to get it right.

**Communication** – For young people with a learning disability, this is crucially important.

**Belonging** – Young people really need to feel as if they are a valued member of a Scout Group and they are not singled out for special treatment.

**Activities** – This part examines some traditional activities and looks at adapting them so all young people can take part.

**Attitudes** – It is not really enough to say that your Scout Group is inclusive. We all need to examine our attitudes and those of others.

**Good Support** – It is important to point out that young people develop better if they are not over protected with one to one support.

**Moving forward** – It is important and beneficial for people to go away with an action plan of the steps they will take to make their Scout Group more inclusive.



**Get Together**

After completion of the Get Together course, the inclusion process becomes more

workable. The aim is to make participants more aware of the things they need to do to make inclusion happen. All participants who attend the Get Together training receive a certificate on completion of their task sheets that are done throughout the day. Scout Leaders who attend are awarded a plaque, which they can display on the wall of their meeting place to show that they are working towards inclusion.

### **Comments from previous training include:**

'Absolutely fab, 5 star service and info'

'I have looked at how our Group offers inclusive activities with a 'fresh pair of eyes''

In partnership with Mencap, The Scout Association are running two Get Together Training courses:

15 March 2008 – Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E4 7QW

16 March 2008 – West Yorkshire Police Headquarters, Wakefield Road, Wakefield

On the day you will get six hours of training as well as resources to take away, a certificate and plaque on completion of the training. The course will start at 10am on both days, and finish by 4pm. You will need to bring your own lunch. This is a non-uniform event.

The Scout Association is funding this course so there is no charge.

If you are interested then please return a completed application form by 22nd February 2008

For more information on this training, contact Laura Spafford on 020 8433 7129 or [laura.spafford@scout.org.uk](mailto:laura.spafford@scout.org.uk)

## **Wildlife Photographer of the Year**

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition is the world's greatest wildlife photography contest and an international leader in the artistic representation of the natural world. Every year, it showcases the very best photographic images of nature to a worldwide audience, giving people an insight into the beauty, drama and variety of the natural world. Now in its forty-fourth year, the 2008 competition is open to photographers of all ages with an appreciation of wildlife and a passion for fresh, innovative photography.

The competition has three junior categories; 10 years and under, 11 - 14 years old and 15 - 17 years old. Entry opens on 17 January 2008 and all images must be submitted by 24 March by post or 31 March online at <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/temporary-exhibitions/wpy/> Junior entrants stand to win a £500 prize and coaching session with professional photographer if they are given the coveted title of Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2008.

Further details also available from

<http://www.scout.org.uk/news/archive/2008/January/030108.html>

## Diary Dates

## January 2008

| Date | Meeting                           | Location                    | Time  |
|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 9th  | Beaver Leaders Meal               | Thai Sabai, Headingley      | ????  |
| 17th | Appointments Committee            | 7 Summerhill Gardens        | 19:30 |
| 17th | Cub Leaders Meeting               | 10th Grammar School         | 20:30 |
| 19th | Beaver Pantomime Visit            | Carriageworks               | 13:30 |
| 19th | County Scout & Explorer Metro Run | Metro Network               |       |
| 21st | GSL's Meeting                     | 26th Meanwood Parish Church | 20:00 |
| 24th | District Team                     | 34 Sunningdale Avenue       | 20:00 |
| 27th | Cub Trading Post                  | St Edmund's                 | 14:00 |
| 28th | Explorer Leaders Meeting          | Mai Thai                    | ????  |
| 28th | Child Protection Evening          | Hesley Wood                 | 19:30 |
| 29th | Child Protection Evening          | Bradley Wood                | 19:30 |

## February 2008

| Date | Meeting                   | Location              | Time  |
|------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 3rd  | Sponsored Swim            | Leeds Grammar School  | 13:00 |
| 6th  | Explorers Bowling Evening | Hollywood Bowl        | ????  |
| 14th | Appointments Committee    | 7 Summerhill Gardens  | 19:30 |
| 25th | District Team             | 34 Sunningdale Avenue | 20:00 |

## March 2008

| Date | Meeting                    | Location                                      | Time  |
|------|----------------------------|---|-------|
| 9th  | Scout Trading Post         | ????  | ????  |
| 10th | District Executive Meeting | ????  | 20:00 |
| 11th | SL's Meeting               | ????  | 20:00 |
| 12th | Beaver Leaders Meeting     | 877 Scott Hall Road                           | 20:00 |
| 13th | Appointments Committee     | 7 Summerhill Gardens                          | 19:30 |
| 15th | GSL's Workshop             | ????  | ????  |
| 16th | Get Together Training      | West Yorkshire Police Headquarters, Wakefield | 10:00 |
| 16th | District First Aid Course  | ????  | ????  |
| 17th | Explorer Leaders Meeting   | ????  | ????  |

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