



North Leeds District News

January - February 2009

From the DC 'Joining-In' AND 'Smartening-Up'

As we start 2009 may I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Scouting within North Leeds has continued to increase throughout 2008 with many young people and adults joining Sections and Groups.

Joining-In

We are now looking forward to the events planned for 2009. I hope that many will take part. Do please take these and other opportunities available to broaden the horizons of yourselves as adults and of our young people by sharing activities outside your own Scout Group, in the District, with other Groups or even further a-field. As mentioned in the previous North Leeds News, an additional incentive can be offered in the form of the four-part District Joining-In badge. This can be awarded to Young People and Leaders alike.

Smartening-Up

Having 'settled in' and seen most Groups in action at 'home' or on District or County events over the past year I feel that I need to make some observations regarding UNIFORM. I am pleased and proud to be a Scout and I hope that comes across when I visit events and meetings both in what I say and in how I am dressed. I'm pretty sure that the same could be said by many, if not most, Leaders and Scouts. However, it has to be a disappointment that some Leaders find it difficult to let go of their 1967 style uniforms even though the new one was launched in 2002! Adult uniform is also often incomplete in that other activity trousers of various colours are worn or even jeans. Amongst Young People, especially Scouts and Explorers, the 'new' shirts are worn but the trousers are far from universally seen. Explorers are particularly likely to 'customise' their uniforms and wear them in such a fashion, which occasionally makes them almost unrecognisable as Scout uniforms!

Don't get me wrong, there are occasions when it is appropriate for other clothing to be worn but when we are representing sections at parades and ceremonies and in our weekly meetings, I feel strongly that our uniform should be worn correctly and with pride. One of my lasting memories of the 2003 Jamboree in Thailand was the way that uniform served both to unify the worldwide family of Scouts and to draw out the diversity of our nationalities and cultures.

I believe that we need to remember that we belong to a uniformed organisation and that within our Groups we could do well to reflect on what our uniforms mean to us and why and how we wear them. Let's see if we can raise our image in 2009 by wearing our uniforms correctly and with pride! Whilst on the subject, please can I remind everyone again that the Centenary Badge was valid for wearing on the uniform in 2007. I know it is a splendid badge but it should no longer be worn other than as a memento on camp blankets/shirts, rucksacks or the like.

Congratulations to the following on completion of:

Wood Badge: Usman Fiaz Khan - 43rd North Leeds, Leeds Grand Mosque

5 Years Service: Teresa Lawrence, Ian Short, Julie Peers, Claire Stallworthy, Pam Warburton, Paul Rushforth, Andrew Ashdown.

15 Years Service: Peter Britton

40 Years Service: Gordon Andrews

Please would each of the above contact me to arrange a date for presentation.

I am now proposing to post the several service awards I have left over from 2007 / 2008 to recipients. If you haven't seen a previous North Leeds News in which your award was published and/or haven't responded to my previous requests for dates for presentation then it could be that your award will arrive as a surprise! I'm sorry if this is the case but I need to clear the backlog as the New Year begins.

Finally, it is with regret that I pass on the sad news of the sudden death of Fergus Barron on 9th December 2008. Fergus was a Cub Leader with 11th North Leeds. Our thoughts and prayers go to all his family and friends at St Andrew's.

I look forward to meeting more of you in 2009 at events, ceremonies or at your Group.

Yours in Scouting Carol

Knecker Supplies

If any Group is needing to buy any neckers, they may wish to look at www.onestopscouting.com to compare prices. For example, Bordered neckers (eg black with a silver border) are £2 each and can be either large or small.

Groups can also buy 'fun' neckers with checks, skull and crossbones, 'cow patterns' etc as well as a variety of other items.

Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader) training weekend - Leeds

When: 14/03/2009 to 15/03/2009

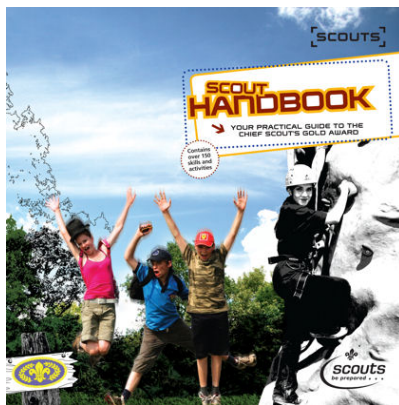
Training weekend specifically for those carrying out the role of Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader) or those who are supporting the Young Leaders' Scheme. Taking place in Leeds (venue tbc).

The weekend will support those working towards a Wood Badge for this role and will cover all aspects of the Young Leaders' Scheme.

From operating the Young Leaders' Unit, to delivery of the modules, to supporting sponsoring section leaders, find out all you need to know. For more information please contact the [Programme team](#).

Scout Handbook only £8

The Scout Handbook will be on sale from Scout Shops from the beginning of January for only £8. Order your copy now from [the website](#) or call 01903 766921.



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Diary Dates

January 2009

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
Tue	6th	Scout Leaders Meeting	Wike	20:00
Wed	7th	Beaver Leaders Meal Out	????	????
Wed	7th	Six Dales Committee	St Chads Parish Centre	19:45
Sun	11th	Wike Management Meeting	Wike	13:30
Mon	12th	Explorer Leaders Meeting	????	20:00
Tue	13th	ACC/DC Meeting	Wakefield	20:00
Mon	19th	Cub Leaders Meeting	22nd North Leeds	20:30
Mon	19th	GSL's Meeting	Wike	20:00
Tue	20th	Appointments Committee	7 Summerhill Gardens	19:30
Thu	22nd	District Team	7 Summerhill Gardens	20:00
Sun	25th	Cub trading Post	St Edmunds	14:00
Sat Sun	30th 1st	Scout Winter Event	????	????

February 2009

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
Mon	9th	Appointments Committee	7 Summerhill Gardens	19:30
Wed	18th	Six Dales Committee	St Chads Parish Centre	19:45
Mon	23rd	District Executive Committee	????	20:00

March 2009

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
Sun	1st	Sponsored Swim	Leeds Grammar School	13:00
Mon	2nd	Explorer Leaders Meeting	????	20:00
Sun	8th	Wike Management Meeting	Wike	13:30
Mon	9th	District Team	7 Summerhill Gardens	20:00
Mon	16th	Appointments Committee	7 Summerhill Gardens	19:30
Wed	11th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	????	20:00
Sat Sun	14th 15th	Explorer Leaders Young Leaders Training Weekend run by Headquarters	Leeds - venue TBC	????
Sun	29th	Scout Trading Post Event	????	????
Mon	30th	Scout Leaders Meeting	????	20:00

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