



# North Leeds District News

March - April 2010

## From the DC

Following on from the January - February Newsletter I can update as follows:

### *District Workshop Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011*

We've booked this date with our friends at the Grammar School at Leeds and now need to get down to planning the programme for the day and booking a keynote speaker etc. As indicated previously, if you perform any adult Leader, Assistant or Supporter role please consider yourself invited to this event and set aside the above date in your diary.

### *Joint Camp with Pontefract and Castleford - 23 to 25 April 2010*

Responses received so far indicate that 8 Groups are intending to join in this event, 2 are not and 6 have yet to say one way or the other. I also have no indications yet from the Explorer Units. Hopefully this may change after the ESLs Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March!

### *Personnel changes*

There are two changes to announce.

One is that Sheena Garden is sadly, having to retire from the role of District Appointments Secretary. I am thankful for her hard work during two years, which have seen Appointments Committee meetings taking place on a monthly

basis and many new adults engaged. The task of recording appointments and of keeping up to date with the progress of initial training of individuals is one, which needs to be rigorously pursued in order to encourage new adult recruits to complete the training they have undertaken to do. Thank you Sheena and best wishes for the future.

The second is more of a confirmation, in that Alan V Naylor, who retired from the District Scout Leader role last year, has now formally handed in the role of Treasurer for the District Scout Section accounts. Ted and the Scout Leaders in the District are especially grateful to Alan for his tidy management of the accounts for several years.

I'd be pleased to hear from anyone interested in taking up either of these roles.

Best wishes, Carol

## **ShelterBox & Scouts in the UK**

Our relationship with [The Scout Association](#) has been growing and in May 2009 we launched our official new partnership. This offers lots of great opportunities for you to explore our international disaster relief work.

We want to help you experience the world of natural and manmade disasters through our eyes, so we've been working

really hard to put together interesting activities for use in Beaver, Cub, Scout, and Explorer meetings. By clicking the link and taking part you'll find out all about the world of humanitarian aid and how [ShelterBox](#) helps people around world when disaster strikes.



## WIKE CAMPSITE

When we were young scouts in the late 1940s we were taught that when we went home from a campsite we left nothing but our thanks. Unfortunately some of today's scouts are not taught this as sometime between December 2nd and December 9th 2009 we were left with four dams across the stream, of which the lower one was quite efficient. When we arrived on the 9th the bottom field was starting to flood. I know it's great fun to roll a log or two into the stream and dam it and it doesn't take a patrol or a six long to do this but the job of clearing the dams took two people in their 70s about 4 hours and a lot of hard wet work. Consequently the work we had gone to do didn't get done and was added to the ever lengthening list of things to do so that there is a campsite in reasonable condition for you to use.

Have fun damming the stream by all means but can I ask on behalf of the Wednesday morning crew that when you leave the site all the dams are removed and the stream is left to flow freely on its way.

Thank you, in anticipation of your cooperation

## Dig In - a great way to grow your own!

When: 01/03/2010 to 31/05/2010

Dig In is a major campaign of the BBC, and this year we are encouraging all Scouts to get involved with the campaign and grow your own vegetables either at Scouts, at home or wherever you can. There are five



vegetables featured, which you will be able to order from 1 March. They are carrot, salad, courgette, basil and French beans. Programme ideas to support the project will be available to leaders on Programmes Online from March, to help you order your seeds and get growing.

For information on last year's Dig In campaign, visit [bbc.co.uk/digin](http://bbc.co.uk/digin)

## Diary Dates

## March 2010

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
Mon	1st	Explorer Leaders Meeting	1 North Terrace	20:00
Sat	6th	First Response Course	Bramhope	All Day
Sun	7th	Ongoing Learning Day	Bramhope	All Day
Sun	7th	Wike Management Committee	Wike	13:30
Mon	8th	District Team Meeting	7 Summerhill Gardens	20:00
Wed	10th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	877 Scott Hall Road	20:00
Mon	15th	GSL's Meeting	26th Meanwood	20:00
Mon	22nd	Scout Leaders Meeting	????	20:00
Mon	22nd	Appointments Committee	Cancelled	

## April 2010

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
Fri	2nd	Easter Holidays	2 Weeks	
Fri / Sun	23rd / 25th	Joint Camp with Pontefract & Castleford District	Hesley Wood	
Wed	28th	Cub Leaders Meeting	????	20:30

## May 2010

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
Fri / Sun	7th / 9th	Scout County Climbing	Bramhope	
Sat	8th	Ongoing Learning Day	Bramhope	All Day
Sun	9th	First Response Course	Bramhope	All Day
Sun	9th	Scout Canoe Day	Roundhay Park	
Sun	9th	Wike Management Meeting	Wike	13:30
Sun	9th	Cub Walk	Meanwood Valley Trail	
Mon	10th	Appointments Committee	7 Summerhill Gardens	19:30
Wed	12th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	877 Scott Hall Road	20:00

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