



North Leeds District Newsletter May - June 2011

From The DC,

March winds and April showers haven't happened and we seem to be getting May flowers a little earlier than usual. What this all means for us as we move in to the main camping season can only be wondered!

Appointments Committee

The back log of applications and CRB renewals is taking longer to shift than anticipated but we are getting there, although we have still to get the Appointments Committee process rolling again. Cathryn Atkinson, in the County Office, has given me lists of expired CRBs and those expiring in the next 6 months and I am working through notification of these to GSLs. Could I encourage any GSLs who haven't yet heard from me to ring me for information regarding their Leader teams.

Challenge 11 – County Camp – 27th to 30th May 2011 at Bramhope

This is now nearly upon us and, although interest in North Leeds and across the County isn't quite as great as it was for Centenary Camp, total numbers of campers and day visitors won't be far short of 2,000. It promises to be another great occasion, with all the usual opportunities for sharing our Scouting experiences with others that such an event brings. If your Group is attending, the emphasis now is on getting all your outstanding paperwork to Lynn Cuthbert toute suite or even sooner! Her contact details are lynn.cuthbert@hotmail.co.uk and 0113 275 1988.

District Annual General Meeting – Wike – Monday 6th June 2011

Please could I encourage every Group to be represented at this by as many Leaders and Group Administrators as you'd like to send! The agenda will include the usual reports for the year and an update on plans for developing Wike. With regard to this, our District Campsite, we do need to get behind Duncan and provide him with more support. In response to his piece in the last Newsletter, my thanks go to Christine and Peter Andrews who have jointly taken on the role of Booking Secretary but a Treasurer and more Duty Wardens are still needed.

Scout Association Awards – 2011

I'm very pleased to congratulate Richard Frank, Ann McKenna and Bill Rogers on being awarded the Silver Acorn this year. The greatest and best awards in Scouting are always the achievements and smiles of our young people but we can all be encouraged in our endeavours to know that the highest levels of commitment and service are also recognised by the Association and our peers.

On a sad note

Although most will already be aware, I am sad to record the death in April of Anne Corners, long serving Cub Scout Leader at 26th North Leeds, Meanwood Parish Church. She endured a long battle with cancer and will be greatly missed, especially by all the Leaders and young people at the 26th and by her fellow Cub Scout Leaders and others of us around the District.

Finally – for the moment

With effect from 1st May 2011, North Leeds has a new District Commissioner. No, I haven't resigned! Ted is taking up the post of DC (Joint). We are hopeful that this will mean that we can (a) get on top of the processing of Leadership appointments and (b) that we can strengthen the support to GSLs and (c) be seen a bit more at meetings and events in the Groups.

We are receiving invitations to Group AGMs - but keep them coming!

Best wishes, Carol (and Ted).

Beavers

Sat July 2nd Beaver Outing to Beamish Open Air Museum

Depart from Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Harrogate Road LS17 6SX. Meet at 8.15am (to leave at 8.35am) and return at 5.30pm.

Beaver Uniform and suitable outdoor clothing needs to be worn. • Beavers must bring a packed lunch and a drink. The total cost of £14 per person must be received by Karen Lawson by May 31st (cheques payable to North Leeds District Scout Council - Beavers).

Sat Oct 15th District Beaver Fun Day at Bramhope Scout Campsite.

Please keep the date free and let Christine Andrews know if your Colony intends to participate.

Christine Andrews (DBSL)

Weekend fundraising at Sainsbury's

Your Group can enjoy a huge boost to your fundraising by enjoying weekend collections at branches of Sainsbury's. Just think of the exciting activities you could enjoy thanks to just one day of busy bag packing.

This is the latest in a long line of great offers from Sainsbury's which includes continued support of adult recruitment drives through The Big Adventure.

What do I have to do?

Between May and September, Sainsbury's staff from all over the UK will be participating in team building events and they are looking for places to host them.

If you own your own Scout meeting place or building, you simply offer it to them for a day and, in return, you will get a money-spinning day at a Sainsbury's store. It's that easy. Further details from

<http://scouts.org.uk/offers/36/weekend-fundraising-at-sainsburys>

Six Dales Website

The Sixdales website www.sixdales.co.uk has now been updated with info for this years walk. Further updates will be coming over the next few weeks. Please take a look and feedback any suggestions. Letters will also be gong out this month to staff please remember to reply as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

May 2011

Fri	6th	Module 16	Bramhope	07:30
WE	6th / 8th	Camping Skills 4U	Bramhope	
Mon	9th	Explorer Leaders	6 Weetwood Park Drive	20:00
Wed	11th	Beaver Leaders	5 Edgerton Road	20:00
Sun	15th	Cub Football Competition	Gledhow School	
Mon	16th	District Team / GSL's	Wike	20:00
Wed	18th	District Exec	Wike	20:00
Sun	22nd	Scout Football Tournament	Gledhow School	
WE	27th/ 30th	CY Challenge 11Camp	Bramhope	
Sun	29th	Beaver Visit to County Camp	Bramhope	

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Mon	6th	District Exec AGM	Wike	20:00
Wed	8th	Six Dales Committee	St Chads Parish Centre	19:45
Wed	8th	Cub Leaders Meeting		20:30
Thur	16th	Cub Athletes Badge	GSAL	19:00
Sun	19th	Scout Canoe Day		
Wed	22nd	Scout Masterchef	Wike	19:00
Wed	29th	Scout Leaders Meeting		20:00