



North Leeds District News

July - August 2009

From the DC - June's Annual General Meeting for 2009

"Every child has the right to an adventure"

This is the feeling of our new Chief Scout, Bear Grylls. He and Wayne Bulpitt, UK Chief Commissioner, are set to build on the success of our centenary year with Peter Duncan. Their main aim is to increase the number of adult volunteers so that they can actively make a difference to kid's lives.

Appointments

As noted in this months Scouting magazine there is an increase in numbers of Leaders completing their training which is becoming true of North Leeds also, supported by our Appointments Committee which is now reminding new appointees of their promise and commitment to training after five months and hopefully this will lead to even more Wood Badge Presentations. In order to progress, a Training Advisor is appointed to support each new leader. There is a TA in most groups but there is a need for a few more across the district so if you are interested in helping others complete their training do contact either myself or your GSL or someone on the District Team.

District Team

The Team has seen some changes in the year. We now have a new District Beaver Scout Leader in Karen Lawson. She, along with Christine Andrews, is getting around the colonies to see what we can do to ensure that the Team gives you the support you need to enable the Beavers to participate in a balanced programme, district events and gain the badges they deserve. Lynne Cuthbert has moved from Beavers to work with the Explorer Scouts as Leader for District Explorer Scout Young Leaders to enable them to complete their training programme and bring their own ideas into the Sections that they support. We say thank you to Alan Naylor of 10th GSAL for his support of the District Scout Section and welcome Gill Marshall, Stuart Malcolm and Michael Forrester into the District Scout Leader role. The District Scout Team has already begun an audit of Scout activity within the District, which is intended to lead to more focussed support. We still have a few vacancies within the District Team, especially that of District Explorer Scout

Commissioner. Group Scout Leaders are also needed for the Groups, which have a group contact only in place of a GSL.

Uniform, programme and awards

These need to be important features in all sections across the district. As a Scout Movement we are uniformed and this is often overlooked not just by our Young People but by our adults as well. Full uniform is not always appropriate especially during active and messy activities however everyone who is invested into a section or appointment should have appropriate uniform shirt, trousers/skirt and Group neckerchief. Badges are given when achieved or on investiture and these should be worn where appropriate. If a balanced programme of activities is being delivered then achievements and awards should be presented at the point of completion and these should then be worn to indicate progress and success.

In Memoriam

Sadly most years bring news of the passing of significant contributors to Scouting in our District. This year has included: Fergus Barron (11th), Charles Benedict (22nd) and Ron Jefferies (8th Staenwald). All of these made major contributions to their own Group and to the District, we give thanks for their lives and remember in our thoughts their families and friends.

Finally

I thank you all for your enthusiasm and commitment to North Leeds and look forward to presenting you with your rewards in the next year.

Carol

Windermere Row 2009

Just to let everyone know that the three boats from HSBC completed the 10 miles of the Windermere Row on Sunday 14th June all in about three hours, the boat I crewed came home in a respectable 3 hours 6 minutes. A big thank you to those who have already supported our fundraising efforts in aid of St Gemma's and for anyone else who wishes to support I list below the link to the Just Giving Website.

<http://www.justgiving.com/howsinkableboatscanbe> Once again thanks on behalf of St Gemma's David Mitchell

First Aid Training

The 43rd North Leeds (Phoenix St Mary's) have recently purchased 2 mannequins for First Aid training, with the aid of a very generous grant from the Yorkshire Bank. The mannequins enable both Mouth to Mouth and CPR techniques to be practised and they are both light and hygienic. The mannequins are available for any Scout Group to borrow - there is a small charge to cover the cost of the mannequin's 'lungs' which are replaced after every session! If you would like to borrow the mannequins, please contact Richard Frank (tel 2673325)

Community Transport

The 43rd North Leeds Scout Group are now in partnership with Leeds 12 Community Transport and now manage the minibus.

The minibus seats 16 passengers in addition to the driver and is shortly to be fitted with a tow bar. A double axle trailer may also be available for use. The minibus is available to all Scout Groups in North Leeds and provides a cheap and convenient transport option. The main criteria for using the minibus is that the named driver must have the D1 category (and D1E category if they wish to tow a trailer) on their driving licence. The hire charge is 85p a mile and a £12 annual affiliation charge (£6 for the rest of 2009). Full details can be obtained by contacting Richard Frank (0113 2673325) The Leeds 12 Community Transport is a non profit making Charity and all surpluses are put towards replacing the minibus at the end of its life.

District Beaver Scout Family Walk

1.30-4.00pm on Saturday 19th September

The District Beaver Scout Family walk will be led by Gordon Andrews and will be a circular walk of about 6 miles around Harewood. Beavers should be accompanied by a parent. Brothers and sisters welcome. More details available from Christine Andrews on 2268260

District Beaver Scout Fun Day at Bramhope Campsite

10am-3pm on Saturday 3rd October

Please let Christine Andrews know by July 17th if your Colony intends to come on the Fun Day. Final numbers should be handed in by Sept 18th. The cost will be £6 per Beaver. The theme is earth, air, fire and water with a variety of indoor and outdoor bases. Each participating Colony should be prepared to provide 1 Base for the morning and another base for the afternoon. I have emailed a booking form to all Colonies, but if you have not received one please contact me on andrews_christine@hotmail.com or 2268260

Six Dales Walk - September 2009

The Six Dales Walk will be running again this year as usual. All Groups in the District should have received some information with the last newsletter. Groups who entered teams last year should have either received or be receiving in the next week or so entry form for this years event. If you wish to take part and haven't received the entry forms they are available from the website www.sixdales.co.uk for download and you can also pre - register your team to guarantee a place.

All staff should also have received notification about the event could you please ensure you return the tear off slip ASAP. To enable me to man up the checkpoints. If you wish to help out but don't know what happens or what help is required please contact myself and I will be glad to suggest how you could help. Mark Sergent 0770 260 6889

Diary Dates

July 2009

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
Wed	1st	Beaver Leaders Meeting	????	????
Wed	1st	Scout Leaders Meeting	????	????
Fri/ Sun	3rd 5th	Cub District Camp	Wike	
Tue	7th	ACC/DC Meeting	John Briggs - Bramhope	????
Wed	8th	GSL Meeting	????	????
Fri / Sun	10th 12th	Explorer / Older Scouts Event	Aldwark	
Sun	12th	Wike Management Committee	Wike	13:30
Mon	13th	District Team	7 Summerhill Gardens	20:00
Tue	21st	Appointments Committee	7 Summerhill Gardens	19:30

August 2009

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
		No Meetings	No Meetings	

September 2009

Date		Meeting	Location	Time
Wed	9th	District Executive Committee	????	????
Wed	9th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	877 Scott Hall Road	20:00
Thu	10th	District Team	7 Summerhill Gardens	20:00
Sun	13th	Wike Management Committee	Wike	13:30
Tue	15th	Cub Leaders Meeting	????	20:30
Wed	16th	Six Dales Committee Meeting	St Chads Parish Centre	19:45
Wed	16th	Scout Leaders Meeting	????	20:00
Sat	19th	Beaver Walk	Harewood	13:00
Tue	22nd	Appointments Committee	7 Summerhill Gardens	19:30
Wed	23rd	Six Dales Marshals Meeting	St Chads Parish Centre	20:00
Sat/ Sun	26th/ 27th	Beaver County Event	Mining Museum	
Sun	27th	Six Dales Walk	Yorkshire Dales	06:00
Mon	28th	County AGM	Leeds	20:00

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