



# North Leeds District News

## Diary Dates

### September 2006

5 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Leaders Meeting	St Chads	20:00
13 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver Leaders Meeting	5 Edgerton Road	20:00
13 <sup>th</sup>	Six Dales Committee	St Chads Parish Centre	19:45
14 <sup>th</sup>	District Team	34 Sunningdale Avenue	20:00
18 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Leaders Meeting	Bramhope	20:00
19 <sup>th</sup>	Cub Leaders Meeting	St Edmunds	20:30
20 <sup>th</sup>	Six Dales Marshal's & Timekeepers Meeting	St Chads Parish Centre	20:00
21 <sup>st</sup>	Appointments Committee	20 Moor Drive	19:30
24 <sup>th</sup>	Six Dales Walk	Yorkshire Dales	06:00
25 <sup>th</sup>	County AGM	Wakefield Town Hall	19:30
30 <sup>th</sup>	Beaver Fun Day	Bramhope	10:00

### October 2006

1 <sup>st</sup>	Young leaders Training	????	????
2 <sup>nd</sup>	District Executive Committee	????	20:00
7 <sup>th</sup>	BSL & CSL Skills Day	Ossett	????
12 <sup>th</sup>	Appointments Committee	20 Moor Drive	19:30
15 <sup>th</sup>	First Response Course	Bramhope	????
18 <sup>th</sup>	GSL's Meeting	22 <sup>nd</sup> Hillel	20:00
21 <sup>st</sup>	County Scout & Explorer Metro Challenge	West Yorkshire Metro Transport Network	????

"The Sky lit up with a yellow flash! 'Enemy artillery' reported Major Bartle. Seeming relaxed privates Adam & Matt continued to survey the objective. Sergeant Short returned from recon gave the report that there was an unmanned office protecting the objective. However the team still waited for Infiltration Master Thorpe to return before continuing. The team blended deeper into the bushes their camouflage doing its job as 2 leaders past their position, the squad held their breath until the leaders were out of sight. A signal light flashed and the squad moved forward into their pre ordered locations. The emery colours were quickly dropped from the flag pole and their colours rose majestically. This was their victory and a devastating blow to the enemy, the squad then withdrew and merged back into the shadows....."

Explorer Scout events are open to anyone in the district; contact any of the district leaders for more details of how to get involved. The next large event is the county metro challenge open to all Scouts, Explorers and Network Members – Saturday 21st October, Look out for more details or contact Carol Milburn, Ted Fairfax or Rob Thorne for more information.

## Fire Safety

From 1st October there is a new legal requirement to carry out a fire-risk assessment, take appropriate remedial action and produce an emergency plan for all non domestic buildings. Groups who own, lease or manage their own headquarters are responsible for ensuring that this is done. In other cases the Church or School will be responsible but Groups obviously should be aware of the risks identified and the building's emergency plan. Further information can be found in the Fact sheet FS32007 at

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/fs320007.pdf>

## Minimum Number of adults for Activities

There have been further changes to POR regarding the minimum number of adults required for Scouting Activities. The limits given in the March newsletter are now recommended limits but with a minimum of two adults at all times. When applicable the Nights Away permit holder can now be included in the minimum number of adults rather than being in addition. There is now a new rule making it a requirement that a risk assessment must be carried out to determine the number of adults needed to supervise an activity. This risk assessment cannot override any specific activity rules or the two adult minimum. These changes are applicable to Beaver, Cub and Scout section events.

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## **From the DC**

I hope that you have all had a good summer break and have returned ready to start this very special Scouting Year. Copies of our 2006-07 District diary should be enclosed with this newsletter. There are some changes to dates previously published so please destroy the old pink 2006 diary and use the new bright yellow edition. Please keep an eye on our District website where the diary will be updated with any subsequent changes.

However this year the diary is only the first of a number of items that are being distributed at this time. In the next few weeks every Group will receive an information pack giving details of the Central Yorkshire Centenary camp at Bramham Park next May. Also each Group will soon be receiving national centenary programme material from HQ. There will be a separate and different set for each section in the Group so please ensure that you see your section's material.

September is often the time when there are changes in the leader teams within Groups, There may be students arriving and leaving, new parents offering to help, new leaders or leaders wishing to change sections. It is important that the correct procedures are followed especially the completion of CRB checks for new arrivals. People taking up or changing appointments need to complete an AA form. Please also let us know of changes of address, email or telephone numbers so that we can keep in contact. Finally don't forget that Ann Miller should be informed if a Leader or Section Assistant has left. Colin.

## **Scout District Challenge Trophy**

The 43rd has done what other Troops have been unable to do, and that is to win the District Challenge Trophy from the 19th (St Chad's)! St Chad's have held onto the trophy for some considerable time, but were unable to beat the 43rd in a cooking competition, held under camp conditions, at Bramhope. Both teams were asked to produce a simple meal - bangers, mash and beans, fresh fruit salad and coffee - and to cook over a wood fire. At the end of the evening, the judges were of the opinion that the 43rd's meal won the day, with particular mention of the excellent quality of the mashed potatoes. However, mention was also made of the 19th's susages, which were a delightful golden brown, and were lacking in the lines of darkness that had somehow been etched onto the 43rd's offerings. The 43rd now hold the trophy, and await further challenges from Troops in the District. The rules for challenges are straightforward - challenges may be at anything provided they are legal, decent and honest, and the holders are duty bound to accept. Challenges should also involve a minimum of 6 Scouts.

## **Change of Email address**

Roger Robson, Scout Fellowship, new email [roger.robson1@ntlworld.com](mailto:roger.robson1@ntlworld.com)

## **Congratulations to**

Karen Lawson, Sylvia Reynolds and Claire Tivey, all from the 24th Immaculate Heart, on the award of 5 year Certificate of Service.

To Amy Fox, 43<sup>rd</sup> Phoenix, St. Mary's, on qualifying for the Chief Scout's Gold Award.

To Matthew Richards, Peter Rhodes and Callum Mitchell, all from the Roundhay ESU, on qualifying for the Chief Scout's Platinum Award.

And also to Matthew Wilson, Christopher Griffin and Robert Spence all from the Alwoodley ESU on qualifying for the Chief Scout's Platinum Award

## **World Jamboree Home Hospitality**

Central Yorkshire has been asked to provide Home Hospitality (HoHo) for 2 overseas contingents at the World Jamboree. One of these contingents will be based at the Bramhope Activity Centre whilst the other will receive hospitality in family homes. HoHo lasts between 3 and 5 days and will be either before the jamboree starts on 27th July or after it finishes on 8th August. Each family will be asked to accommodate two young people or possibly one adult leader. Please publicise this within your Group and forward details of any family able to offer HoHo to Terry Smith. Please note that all adult members of the host family will be required to complete Scout Association and CRB clearances.

## **Child Seat Regulations**

From 19th September new regulations mean that children less than 135 cm tall (or 12 years of age if reached first) must use a child seat or booster cushion when travelling in a car. The regulations also apply to the front seats of a minibus but not to seats behind the driver. The driver is legally responsible for ensuring that these regulations are obeyed. This clearly has an impact on transport to Scouting camps and activities.

Further advice on this can be found in the Fact sheet FS320006 which can be downloaded from

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/fs320006.pdf>

## **Explorer Scouts go under cover**

During the District Explorer Summer event as well as the usual cooking extravaganza and this year a trip into Sheffield. It was the evening wide games that seemed to give the most fun. Overleaf is the mission de-brief.....