



# North Leeds District News

September - October 2008

## Notes from the DC

As our new school year begins and Summer activities are over we look forward to our Autumn events. The Summer has been more than a little wet making some camps very muddy but still very enjoyable - where else do you get to do activities in the rain! Most families would find a dry alternative to an outside activity when it rains however I feel that it adds to the experience and often brings encounters that would otherwise be missed in the awe and wonder of our world - and what a relief when you are home and dry! I don't think the rain will hinder the Scout Aldwark Weekend as getting wet there is compulsory! Have fun if you are taking part with your Scouts this September.

Congratulations are the order of the day to all the leaders mentioned later in the news letter who have achieved a service award. A special mention to David Gelman of 22<sup>nd</sup> who has completed his Wood Badge - to all those who have outstanding modules to complete a new year could be just the time to give that extra push and complete your training requirements. I look forward to being able to arrange a suitable date for their presentation - an occasion special to the recipient - it could be at a weekly meeting, a camp or any other occasion that you feel appropriate.

Every adult who applies for a Warrant comes before the appointments committee and over the year so far we have interviewed at least 8 adults for section leadership. There are 6 adults already booked onto the October session and we are already scheduling adults for our November meeting.

Every adult involved in anyway with Scouting is now required to have a CRB check so far this year over 40 adults have completed these checks. If you have anyone involved with helping in your section or Group please make sure that they have the required status to carry out the task they are doing. Lots of leaders are booked onto the Skills 4 U weekend in September to find new skills or be reminded of skills that can be used in our Scouting.

Finally a huge welcome to anyone joining our District for the first time this Year - I hope that you will get involved with all that is happening across the District, in your Group and across the Sections and enjoy your Scouting using skills old and new to get the most out of your commitment.

Carol.

## **Six Dales Walk**

Don't forget the Six Dales Walk on Sunday 28th September. Entry forms for this years event are available from the website [www.sixdales.co.uk](http://www.sixdales.co.uk) where you can also pre-register your team following the link from the Downloads page. All entrants please remember the route has changed after West Tanfield so please make sure you are aware of the new route.

If you have offered your services to help staff the event then you should be receiving your information approximately 1 week before the event. All marshals and Timekeepers are reminded that there is a meeting held at St Chads Parish Centre on Wednesday 24th September to which we would like to see as many people as possible.

## Awards

Congratulations to the following on their Service and Training Awards.

Ronald Bowron	10 <sup>th</sup> GSAL	5 years
Keith Partridge	24 <sup>th</sup>	15 years
Linda Fildes	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 years
Dafydd Spier	16 <sup>th</sup>	15 years
Louise Rosindale	10 <sup>th</sup> GSAL	15 years
Neil Johnston	30 <sup>th</sup>	25 years
John Miller	District	25 years

Wood Badge

David Gelman	22 <sup>nd</sup>
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These are awarded on behalf of the Chief Scout in recognition of Warranted service given to Scouting. If you think that your service record is not correct then it can be checked on the web site and as long as evidence can be provided adjustments can be made through Headquarters.

## Fundraising at Sainsbury's

Sainsbury's have exclusively offered Scout Groups an opportunity to use their stores to fundraise on 13/14 December and 20/21 December.

These are traditionally two of the best fundraising weekends of the year, so this is a fantastic opportunity to raise much needed extra funds for your Groups.

Groups taking part in Community Week last year raised a massive combined total of £265,000. Think how much you could raise just before Christmas!

There are loads of different things you could do including bag packing, creating an activity corner as a drop off point for busy mums, trolley returning, offering to have your Scouts as runners for busy shoppers who've forgotten those mince pies which are way back in aisle..... For more ideas and information look out in [Scouting Magazine](#) and on [Sainsbury's scouts.org.uk](#) pages.

## Diary Dates

### September 2008

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
Wed 10th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	????	20:00
Thu 11th	District Team	34 Sunningdale Avenue	20:00
WE 13th - 14th	Water Weekend	Aldwark	
Mon 15th	Explorer Leaders Meeting	????	20:00
Tue 16th	Cub Leaders Meeting	St Edmunds	20:30
Wed 17th	Six Dales Committee	St Chads Parish Centre	19:45
Thurs 18th	Appointments Committee	????	19:30
WE 19th - 21st	Skills 4 U	Bramhope	
Mon 22nd	County AGM	Wakefield	
Wed 24th	Six Dales Marshal's Meeting	St Chads Parish Centre	20:00
Sun 28th	Six Dales Walk	Yorkshire Dales	06:30

### October 2008

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
Sat 4th	Scientist Badge	Wike	????
Mon 6th	District Executive Committee	Wike	20:00
Thurs 9th	Appointments Committee	????	19:30
Sat 11th	Beaver Family Walk	????	????
Wed 15th	GSL's Meeting	????	20:00

### November 2008

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
Mon 10th	District Team	34 Sunningdale Avenue	20:00
Wed 12th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	????	20:00
Wed 19th	Cub Leaders Meeting	????	20:30
Thurs 20th	Appointments Committee	????	19:30
Mon 24th	Explorer Leaders Meeting	????	20:00

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