

Join in Centenary Badges

These badges which can be worn from January when the requirements are met can be put either on the special centenary scarf or on the RIGHT arm of the uniform under the District and County badge. Please note that the information from Scout Shops specifying the left arm is incorrect.



North Leeds District News

Diary Dates

November 2006

6 th	Scout Leaders Meeting	St Chads Parish Centre	20:00
8 th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	8 Sandhill Oval	20:00
13 th	District Team	34 Sunningdale Avenue	20:00
18 th	Beaver 7a-side Football	Becketts Park Campus	14:00
23 rd	Cub Leaders Meeting	Leeds Grammar School	20:30
27 th	Explorer Leaders Meal	Zen, Rendezvous Restaurant, Guiseley	19:15
28 th	Beaver Snowman Drive	7 th St Matthew's	18:15

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4 th	District Executive Committee	????	20:00
11 th	Cub Carol Service	St Matthews Church	19:00

SAVING WIKE

One of your District's greatest assets is the Camp Site at Wike. Originally part of Northvale District it has been cared for and developed over many years by groups of dedicated people. However, times change and the current group of workers is no longer young. Add to this the death of George Cox and the resignation of the ADC Wike, Alan Naylor, there is now a serious lack of manpower to care for the Camp Site.

The chairman of the Wike Management Committee, Bill Rogers, feels that it is time he relinquished this role and I have taken over as a caretaker Chairman. Kieron Mason is acting as Warden but as you will now realise there is a generalised weakness at every level of caring for Wike.

A recent survey of Wike users has revealed that it is valued as a place to camp and use for section activities in the evening by both the Scout and Guide movements but the need for additional indoor sleeping accommodation was apparent. Before we can consider further development to provide this, we have to improve the way Wike is managed and to do this we must have more people involved, if only to maintain its current condition.

You do not need to have technical or professional skills to help us to save Wike. You do not have to have lots of spare time. We can find use for all offers of help. Please do give this some thought and come to a meeting at Wike on 17th January 2007. You do not even have to be prepared to help at Wike but please still come to the meeting because the more people who know about Wike the better.

Neil Parfitt Chairman North Leeds District

From the DC

In the next twelve months the Scouting Movement will receive much more publicity than normal. As a result it is expected that there will be increased interest from the public and more enquiries to join than before.

To meet this demand we need to increase the number of adults involved in Scouting, not necessarily as leaders but helping in some way. One way of doing this is to increase the participation of parents. To assist with this a new resource for Beaver and Cub leaders has been produced - the 'No-Nonsense Parent's Guide to Scouting'. It consists of a six page folder for parents and includes a form for them to record their skills and availability. Each colony and pack should receive eight copies of the folder together with a leader's guide and support CD. Please make use of this resource unless you have more help than you need in which case I am sure your neighbouring Group will be able to make good use of your copies. Additional copies of the folders will be available this month from the Information Centre catalogue at a price of £4 for eight including postage.

When you get the replies from the forms it is natural to think how you can make use of the skills in your own Group however please also think wider. Perhaps somebody has a skill that could be very useful at our campsite at Wike or help the District or a neighbouring Group in an administration role. We should never have to turn down an offer to help with Scouting provided the person gets an acceptable CRB disclosure.

I am pleased to announce that Lynn Cuthbert, previously BSL at the 26th Meanwood Parish Group, has agreed to become a DBSL. She will help Christine Andrews with supporting Beaver Scouting in our District.

Finally next year the County has decided to support the Candlelighters Trust and Martin House Hospice as part of its commitment to young people during our Centenary Year. The hope is to be able to present cheques to the two organisations at the Centenary Camp in May.

As part of this effort, next March, the County Commissioner, Ian Chappell, is again undertaking the Marathon des Sables. Full details of how you can sponsor Ian will be distributed shortly but the information can be found on the County Web site at

http://www.cycscouts.org.uk/News/Local_News/County_Commissioners_Challenge/c667

Colin

Centenary Camp Bramham Park 25th May - 28th May 2007.

By now all GSLs and Explorer Units should have received Application Forms for all sections and advertising material. Please note that the forms are specific to North Leeds as the District has decided to have central catering and to pay for the cost of food for all attendees; both adults and young people.

As with all large camps things have to be organised earlier than would be normal because of the numbers involved so please be tolerant and try to get information back to us by the dates stated.

Application forms with a £10 deposit should be returned to Terry Smith by the second week in December. This gives the County Administrators some provisional numbers to organise and book coaches. Cheques should be made payable to: - North Leeds District Scout Council.

There will be a possible 2 pick up points in the District (details later). The deadline for all bookings is Wednesday 7th February.

For security reasons every person on camp will have an identity badge with personal details on it. (These details will be requested in the New Year). All this information will be held on computer so we will know who is on site and who is not. This is why the deadline date has been fixed so that all these details can be collated and a badge made. These will be distributed on the outward journey.

The camp will start at 18.00 hours on Friday 25th May. The opening ceremony will be at 21.00. Access to put up tents etc. will be from Thursday 24th onwards. Camp closes at 13.30 Monday 28th May and all young people to be off site before there will be access to remove equipment. The site is to be cleared by Wednesday.

This is of course just the basics of the weekend. For further information please attend your section meetings or contact: - Alan Naylor, Sub Camp Chief, or Terry Smith, Camp Administrator.

Alan Naylor

Awards

The Chief Scout has made the following awards to members of our District

Medal of Merit

Edward Fairfax - 10th St. Edmund's, David Grindrod - 19th St. Chad's, Janet Illingworth - 16th Alwoodley & St. Stephen's

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Sandra Bavill - 10th Grammar School, Gillian Marshall - 8th Staenwald
Congratulations to all five on the receipt of these well deserved awards