

October 2013



National Scout Sailing Regatta 2013

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District Website: <http://www.westwirralscouts.org.uk>

From the District Commissioner

Well the summer break will be over by the time you read this and I hope you had good weather for both your Scouting activities and your personal ones. I will be pleased to hear from you how your camp went. I do know that 4th Heswall and 2nd West Kirby attended the National Scouts Sailing Regatta in Norfolk, both Groups did themselves and West Wirral proud with some first and second places. No mean feat in a National Event!

We will have also chosen the three young people to represent West Wirral, Merseyside and the UK at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree to be held in Japan in 2015. I wish them well in their preparations for this life changing experience and in their fund raising.

We are back to ensuring that the young people in our care are enjoying a programme that is both exciting and fun. If it is, then get them to tell their friends.

There will be some changes in the District. I am very pleased to announce that, with the County Commissioner's blessing, I am appointing Liam O'Malley as Deputy DC. He is keen and enthusiastic and I am sure you will give him your support. At a date yet to be confirmed Chris Carlson will be taking on the role of Local Training Manager and Jayne Oliver will be appointed ADC (Beavers) and stepping down to ABSL in her Group. Again I am sure you will give both of them your support.

The County is also looking at some changes in Structure and Management and we will hear more about these changes in due course.

I attended the funeral of John Brockbank—representing the District. The name may not be familiar to most of you, but he was Honorary Auditor for the District for about 20 years. Some of you longer serving members may recognise the name, but few of us ever meet the Auditor. He was a well respected man and was a School Governor for over 50 years. He was a member of St Peters Church in Heswall where he was a reader and a sidesman.

You will be reading this at the beginning of October and you will be making your plans for Christmas Post. Doesn't time fly. Christmas Carol Services will soon be planned and Christmas Cards are out in some shops, supermarkets and garden centres have started stocking their shelves with Christmas fare. However, we have got Halloween and Bonfire Night to look forward to before then.

Yours in Scouting,
Brian Tucker.



Lions Community Award

Wirral Lions Club sponsor this award, which is presented at our Annual General Meeting, for service to the community. It can be awarded to a Group, Section or an individual. It is accompanied by a cheque for £100 made payable to the Group.

In the past the award it has been presented for:-

Converting waste ground near a church into a garden.

Entertaining people in a Care Home.

Working with non-Scouting Special Needs.

The types of thing that could be considered are:

A Scout helping an elderly neighbour with shopping and errands.

A Beaver Colony or Cub Pack keeping a church garden tidy.

Running a fundraising event to support a charity.

Community is one of the Zones of the Balanced Programme and allows the young person to explore the community in which they live, discovering local people, places and facilities. It also gives them [the opportunity to offer help and service.](#)

Please give this some thought and get your entry in now, or early in the New Year

Brian Tucker

A pause for thought

WIRRAL HORN OCTOBER 2013.

I thought I would share this story with you;

There was a certain professor of philosophy; who one day brought into his lecture room an empty glass jar; he then asked his students if the jar was empty. Obviously they all agreed that it was.

He then emptied a box of golf balls into the jar; he then asked the same question. This time the students stated it was full. The professor then produced a box of small pebbles and poured them into the jar, filling the gaps. The same question, the same answer. He then produced a box of sand and poured that into the jar, "Is it now full?" he asked. The students, now laughing, agreed it was now full to the top.

The professor then reached under his desk and poured into the jar, two cups of coffee.

If the jar represents our lives, how we fill our jar is up to us. I know that Scouting will be one of the "golf balls" in your life, and how hectic your life can become "juggling" all your other commitments.

Oh yes; the cups of coffee, when you fill your jar, there is nothing finer than making the time for a coffee with friends.

***"May your God grant you peace, tranquillity and the time to reflect
on His love for you."***

"AARON"





Summer Adventures

This summer 116 Scouts and their leaders travelled a distance of approx 620 miles and achieved 696 nights away between them as they embarked on their 2013 summer adventures.

Camps and activities took place around the country whether they were close to home at Tawd Vale, across the sea in the Isle of Man, up north in the Lake District or down south on the Norfolk Broads. Scouts engaged in a summer of fun and adventure with experiences including sailing, kayaking, archery, climbing, scout skills, geo caching, hikes and even a swim across Lake Windermere!

A huge vote of thanks and to all the leaders involved in organising those trips and making them such a success, what a team we have in West Wirral!



5th Heswall Scouts enjoying water activities at summer camp.

Winter Term 2013

The new term has started as we mean to go on with a full and varied programme happening across the troops. Around the district activities planned include fire safety with a trip to the fire station, taking part in Operation Christmas Child, attending weekends at the Old School Lodge, completing the Global Challenge and a winter wild camp.

This term we welcome the latest addition to our West Wirral team as the 6th Heswall Scout Troop has opened in September and look forwards to supporting them and the new troop over this first year.

District events this term include the "This Is My Space" PL training & forum, five a side football, a campfire, photo competition and Christmas celebration. We are also participating in County events including the Lord Derby skills competition, Backwoods Cooking & the county PL Forum. Certainly some busy times ahead for the Scouts!

Jenny Peek ADC(S)



National Scout Sailing Regatta 2013

PRESS RELEASE

Over the Bank Holiday weekend, 2nd West Kirby Sea Scouts joined 4th Heswall Sea Scouts, and more than 130 Scouts from across the UK, who converged on Norfolk Broads Yacht Club at Wroxham Broad to compete for their annual national championship.

Ranging in age from 10 upwards, the Scouts raced over two days in singlehanded and double handed dinghies with categories for Under-13s, Under-15s and Under-18s split between slow and fast handicap dinghies, an additional category for leaders, helpers and Network Scouts, and 50 boats in total battling for honours.

Winners included Dan Pickett and Owen Stephenson from 2nd West Kirby Sea Scouts, who sailed an RS Feva double hander to take first place in the Under-18 slow handicap fleet. In the Under-13 slow handicap fleet it was complete West Wirral domination with John Forsdick and Ernie Cockram of 4th Heswall taking first place, Oliver Peachey and Archie Fletcher together with Luke Pickett and Joe Shaw, both from 2nd West Kirby Sea Scouts taking 2nd and 3rd places respectively, all in RS Feva double handers

2nd West Kirby Sea Scouts having practised on West Kirby Marine Lake and on summer camp at Decoy Broad during the previous week, the regatta was a chance for the participants to make friends, share new experiences, gain in confidence and complete badge work - one requirement of the Scout Nautical Skills badge is to take part in a competition.

Norfolk Broads Yacht Club Commodore Mr Chris Hanson complimented all the Scouts on their sailing skills and the respect they had shown for each other as competitors, the equipment and the camp site based at the Yacht club. During the weekend the event was broadcast on BBC Radio Norfolk and was visited by Wayne Bulpitt the UK Chief Commissioner for Scouts.

Those competing were: 2nd West Kirby Sea Scouts, 4th Heswall Sea Scouts; 1st Blofield and Brundall Sea Scouts; 8th Norwich Sea Scouts; 3rd Bingley Sea Scouts; Nottinghamshire Scouts; Northampton District SAS; 1st Mancetter (St Peters) Scout Group; 1st Hoveton & Wroxham Sea Scouts; 2nd Warwick Sea Scouts; 3rd South Shields Sea Scouts; 1st Burgh St Peter; Ajax Sea Scouts;

Thanks go to 1st Blofield and Brundall Sea Scouts and 8th Norwich Sea Scouts for organising this year's event and Norfolk Broads Yacht Club for being hosts for the weekend. Next years event is already in the calendar to be hosted by South Shields Sea Scouts.





Explorer report

Nothing much to report this month as our two camps are happening after this newsletter has gone to print, so more about them next month.

The Young Leader training diary for 2013/2014 will be available in next months issue, but Young Leaders themselves will receive it earlier.

Anyone with Scouts ready to move onto Explorers please contact Paul Oliver with details.

Ann



Old School Lodge Accommodation Charges - effective from Jan 1st 2013

Non Scout /Guide Individuals or Organisations	
Cost /pers/night	
First 2 nights (per night)	£ 17.00
Each extra night	£ 12.40

Members of Scout and Guide Associations	
Cost /pers/night	
1st 2 nights (per night)	£ 10.20
Each extra night	£ 8.00

Members of Wallasey / W. Wirral Scout Districts	
Cost /pers/night	
1st 2 nights (per night)	£ 8.50
Each extra night	£ 6.20

Quick Calculator	
Length of Stay	Total Cost /pers
1 Night	£ 17.00
2 Nights	£ 34.00
3 Nights	£ 46.40
4 Nights	£ 58.80
5 Nights	£ 71.20
6 Nights	£ 83.60

Quick Calculator	
Length of Stay	Total Cost /pers
1 Night	£ 10.20
2 Nights	£ 20.40
3 Nights	£ 28.40
4 Nights	£ 36.40
5 Nights	£ 44.40
6 Nights	£ 52.40

Quick Calculator	
Length of Stay	Total Cost /pers
1 Night	£ 8.50
2 Nights	£ 17.00
3 Nights	£ 23.20
4 Nights	£ 29.40
5 Nights	£ 35.60
6 Nights	£ 41.80



The Activity Centre Number Club Draw

The draw has taken place and the winners are:-

SEPTEMBER

1st Billy Pugh

2nd J & G Merril

3rd Duncan Court

4th Thomas Richardson

Their cheques are in the post

Congratulations

So have you got your numbers yet?

If you don't have your numbers yet contact

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Following a number of articles by “mr gooley”, Dave Gardner thought Horn readers might be interested in his own memories of the 12th World Jamboree, held at Farragut State Park, Idaho, USA in 1967.

Other readers might like to share their Jamboree experiences with the Horn.

12th World Jamboree

“For Friendship”

31st July 1967 – 9th August 1967

It was in the spring of 1966 that my name was put forward by Peter Morton, my then Senior Scout Master at 1st Thurstaston, as the prospective West Wirral representative at the forthcoming 12th World Jamboree.

I was, among others, invited to an interview by a panel of commissioners at the then Hilbre Scout headquarter in Lake Place, Hoylake.

A week later, while at school, I was given a letter by maths teacher and West Wirral District Commissioner, Eric Tate, congratulating me on my selection,

“No one could have been more surprised than me”!

An inaugural meeting of contingent members was held shortly afterwards at the Christleton scout headquarter just outside Chester, when we were introduced to the contingent leader Brian Kershaw (later Cheshire Hike Organiser) and assistant leader, Alan Chamberlain (2nd Greasby).

Practice camps and patrol selection took place at Queen Charlotte’s Wood, near Frodsham.

In 1967, the Scout Association introduced the “Advanced Party Report”, which modernised scouting, meaning that shorts were out and a new uniform was introduced. Contingent members were kitted out as the new uniforms became available, in order to promote the new scouting. We were now Venture Scouts.

On one occasion we were the colour party on Cheshire Scout Sunday, marching at the head of the parade, through Chester to the Cathedral in our new uniforms.

Eventually, the time for the Jamboree arrived and we congregated at the Queens Hotel in Chester prior to departing by train from Chester station.

After changing at Crewe, we travelled to London and then by underground to Baden Powell House. This was quite a feat with all our baggage and other equipment that we needed for the Jamboree.

At Baden Powell House, our documentation and equipment was checked (no passport or visa, we all travelled as a party), and we were “put up” for the night until departure.

We travelled to Gatwick by double decker buses in the early morning, and boarded a World Airways chartered Boeing 707 for Spokane, Washington, USA. This airport was fairly small, but was opened up especially for the arrival of 12,011 scouts.

Flying over the Polar route, we touched down at Edmonton in Canada, where the USA health team boarded the flight and checked our smallpox vaccination certificates. Anyone who didn’t have one was dragged off and “jabbed”.

Arriving at Spokane after an 8 hour flight we were loaded into coaches for the hours drive to the

Jamboree site at Farragut State Park in the Rocky Mountains of Idaho. The equipment and baggage went in a tractor driven wagon.

The Jamboree site was vast and barren, and upon arrival we had absolutely no idea of time, but subsequently realised it was around 0600 in the morning. Many contingents had already arrived and were established or were putting up tents.

We were allocated to our site in the Godollo sub-camp (all sub-camps were named after previous jamborees).

Tents and shelters were provided and we set about assembling and erecting. Soon we had set up camp, were making friends and learning a new American English. We later erected a gateway indicating where in England Cheshire was located and from where we came.

Once we had the dining areas set up, it was time for a cup of tea.

Our leaders were called to a welcome meeting and were given "Jamboree packs" for us, containing: identity card, 2 Jamboree badges, neckerchief, pin badge, sub-camp woggle, hat plume, sewing set and razor (clever move Gillette!!) and an adventure award card.

We next set about exploring the site, finding where the centre was and the locations of other sub-camps. Direction signs were everywhere, so this wasn't too difficult.

The opening ceremony took place on 31st July 1967 and was attended by World Chief Guide, Olave Baden-Powell, wife of Baden Powell and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey (complete with his security !). We were treated to a display by Scott Carpenter, an earlier astronaut.

During the Jamboree we collected fresh food every day from a central food store and cooked on charcoal. Unused food was returned after each meal, hygiene was paramount.

Activities that were available included; swimming (with a buddy), boating, fishing, hiking, gold panning, visiting the Trading Post or Trade-O-Ree, taking part at the Skill-o-Rama (we did sword dancing), Friendship Wide Game, meal exchanges with foreign groups; all to name but a few.

On one occasion we were taken by coach to Coeur D'alene to see a rodeo and on another, the whole Jamboree was invited to a "Chuck Wagon Barbeque" (I had buffalo).

Regular camp fires took place in the evenings and we were even given containers to take home ashes and use them on fires back home to promote "friendship". The USA Postal Service produced special postal cards and we were able to put these through a first day cover franking machine.

Towards the end of the Jamboree, I was selected to raise one of the 105 representative countries flags at the morning flag break – I got South Vietnam.

Eventually the Jamboree did come to an end with a closing ceremony, and we had to strike camp. We were transported back to Spokane for a flight to San Francisco, where we were given home hospitality.

As I got off the plane at San Francisco, greeted by the mayor, Scott McKenzie's record, "San Francisco (Be Sure to Wear Flowers in Your Hair)", was number one in the charts.

What a memory and if you ever get a chance to attend a Jamboree, then go, it is something you will never forget !

DAVE

Dates for your Diary

2013

October

3	GSL's & AGSL's	DHQ	19.30
6	First Response course	Wallasey District HQ	
10	Safeguarding course	Lowlands, West Derby	
19	Management & Support Essentials	Waterside Lodge Southport	
26	Section Essentials	Fire Service HQ Liverpool	
27	Residential Experiences Mod16	Tawd Vale	

November

12	ADC's	DHQ	20.00
19	District Executive	DHQ	19.45
22	Charity Post stamps on sale		
23	Getting Started Course	Fire Service HQ Liverpool	
24	First Response course	Liverpool	

December

9	Charity Post Sorting offices open.
14/15	First delivery of Charity Post.
18	Last date to post Xmas cards.
21/22	Second delivery of Charity Post.

Please submit your articles for the next
Newsletter by October 10th 2013.

The Editor's Bit.

I was very pleased to hear that several Groups are forwarding this PDF version of the newsletter onto the parents of the youngsters in their section. One of the Executives objectives was to increase the circulation of the Newsletter and this seems to be happening. I would be interested to know if any parent has come forward with an offer of help to the Group, having received the Horn in it's new format.

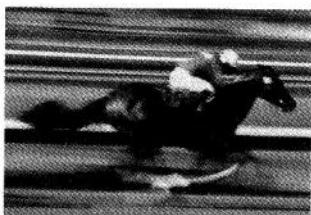
I continue to be disappointed that not all sections contribute to the Horn, so please do use this newsletter to let us know what your section is doing.

I would welcome dates for the District Diary as you plan your future events.

Eddie.

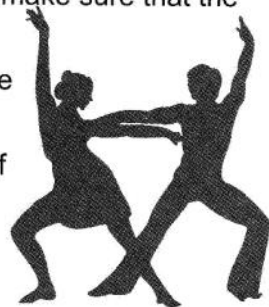
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