

## Summer issue : July & August 2014



Beavers having fun at Gullivers World



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# From the District Commissioner

It's June and here I am writing my bit for the Horn and there is rain and thunderstorms going on and this is the issue where I wish you all a good summer break and happy camping. Though Scouting is not just a fair weather activity! It seems odd because there is still almost a month of Scouting to go before you get this to read.

I know you will all have been experiencing your usual busy Scouting time, but my month has been quite a quiet one. Since the District AGM I have attend 5<sup>th</sup> Heswall's AGM, Wallasey's AGM and will shortly be going out to a wet 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston AGM. I say it's been quiet (that may be the fact that I now have two DDC's to take some of the load off me). However I have a busy few weeks ahead with a number of Group AGMs and two other District AGMs. It is interesting to see how other Districts conduct their AGMs.

The Beavers had a day out at Gulliver's World, which I understand was a great success. Unfortunately, I was not able to join them. Originally it was muted that the outing would be to Martin Mere and on a different day, I could have made that day and got in free, as I am a member. You can't win them all. I guess the Beavers and probably the adults, had a lot more fun at Gulliver's World than they would have done at Martin Mere.

There is a Cub Camp coming up and I will be visiting on the Saturday. I enjoyed last year's so I am sure that I will enjoy this one. There seems to be a lot going on this month so whatever you are doing have FUN.

I would like to thank you all for making me so welcome as I visit Groups and District Events.

So I am back to the start of this article in that I would like to wish all of you going on camp during the school holidays, a very successful camp and one that the young people will remember for years to come. For those of you who are taking a well earned break I wish you a happy holiday whether you are going abroad or staying in this country.

**Yours in Scouting,  
Brian**



# A pause for thought

**WIRRAL HORN JULY 2014.**

There once was a gentleman who possessed a moderately sized garden with well-maintained lawns, even down to the uniformity of the stripes which were made by the rollers on his mower. From his window he often watched people passing by, sometimes stopping to admire his handy work, but wondering why he had only a small amount of flowers. He often chuckled to himself as he knew very little about gardening, he was not blessed with “green fingers” and knew nothing about flowers except roses, but he could cut his lawn!

One day he went out to the garden centre to purchase two more rose bushes, which he planted approximately twenty feet apart from each other.

A month later he noticed one had started to flower, but the other had hardly grown with not a rose bud in sight. What he had failed to notice was that one was exposed to the sun, the other one was in the shade.

I am aware that you all have Scouting “green fingers”; and you lavish care and attention on your young people. With your “sun and nurture” they will grow and blossom.

“May your God lavish His love upon you and grant His everlasting light to shine upon you.”

**“AARON”**







Since the last newsletter, Beavers have taken part in the St George's Day parade with our service taking place at the Methodist Church, on arrival the minister Ian Jackson welcomed everyone to the service. We invited special guests; the District President David Cross and his wife Ann, DDC Phill Richardson and Nigel and Gail MacLeod. The theme of the service was Honour. The Beavers enjoyed the story of the Lion King. We invested leaders Kath Jennings from Overchurch Upton, Sam McCormack from 4<sup>th</sup> Heswall and Jane Matthews from 7<sup>th</sup> Moreton, they were all taken by surprise when their names were read out, we also invested Beavers from 3rd Heswall and 7<sup>th</sup> Moreton. I would like to thank Jean and Chris for their help with the service.



On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, the leaders and Beavers from 9 groups across the District met at the Red Cat in Greasby, for our day out to Gullivers World in Warrington. The sun shone on us for the whole of the day and everyone had a lovely time. On the way home quite a few Beavers fell asleep despite the chatter on the bus. One group were having a Sleepover that night and apparently their Beavers were awake most of the night talking, so the leaders did not get much sleep!!



Beavers visit Gullivers World

I would like to welcome the new Beaver leader from 2<sup>nd</sup> Greasby Kate Newman and wish her all the best in her new role.

Have a lovely summer break see you all in September.

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Who said taking Beavers out was a challenge?







**Scout Section Report – Wirral Horn July 2014**

As we approach the end of the summer term our troops have all been very busy outdoors with many activities and camps.

5<sup>th</sup> Heswall enjoyed a canoe camp on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> May. Scouts had a great time camping and canoeing and are looking forwards to more of the same on their summer camp.



On 7<sup>th</sup> June 4<sup>th</sup> Heswall Sea Scouts represented West Wirral in the annual Merseyside Scouts 5 A Side football competition. This year the event was hosted by last year's winners St Helens District and was held on outdoor pitches at West Park Rugby Club. It was a perfect day for football, rain stayed away and all participants thoroughly enjoyed it. 4<sup>th</sup> Heswall as ever were a force to be reckoned with on the pitch, getting through to the final and winning the 2014 competition. Congratulations to Jake, Robbie, Will, Will S, Henry, Ollie & Dan! West Wirral will now host next year's event and we look forwards to welcoming teams from across Merseyside in 2015.

Our district Backwoods cooking competition is due to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> June which is always a popular event for the Scouts and will be our last event of the year.

I have had many invites to troop camps; several troops are attending Chamboree in the first week of August. This event held every four years by Cheshire Scouts is an international camp which will be home to around 2000 Scouts and Guides from around the world and is a wonderful experience for our young people to take part in. I look forward to visiting all our troops during the week at Chamboree.

I wish all our troops a very happy time on all camps, activities and adventures over the summer and I look forwards to hearing all about them!

Next scout Leaders Meeting is Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm at 3<sup>rd</sup> Heswall HQ, Marks Way, Pensby.

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# The Activity Centre Number Club Draw

The draw has taken place and the winners are:-

July

1st Alan Bennett

2nd Thomas Richardson

3rd Jean Head

4th Sue Flush

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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## The Old School Lodge – Your activity Centre

**ARE YOU DYNAMIC, NUMERATE and Looking to fill  
your spare time?**

The present Honorary Treasurer of the Old School Lodge is retiring at the end of this year and we are now looking to appoint a dynamic replacement. Hopefully the new appointee will shadow the present incumbent for a couple of months.

Salary, as with most Scouting jobs, is non negotiable at £0.00 per annum but the hours are good – as many as you want!

Further details can be obtained from:-

Mr Ian Bell – 60- The Channel, Burbo Way, Wallasey, CH45 3NX

## The Old School Lodge needs your help!

The Old School Lodge Management Committee is looking to apply for grants to enable us to upgrade the fabric of the building.

We are looking for advice / suggestions from anyone who has an interest in or expertise in refurbishment - including flooring, décor etc. to enable us to identify what needs upgrading.

Please email or phone Norman Waddell – [normanwaddell@aol.com](mailto:normanwaddell@aol.com)

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or contact any of the management committee if you can spare a couple of hours to help.



# Dates for your Diary

2014

July

2	Hilbre's AGM		
7	GSL Support Event		
10	SL's meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Heswall	19.30
11	1st Frankby Greasby's AGM	Their HQ	
12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Greasby's AGM		
16	ADC's meeting	DHQ	20.00
24	District Executive	DHQ	19.45

August

September

10	ADC's meeting	DHQ	20.00
14	4 <sup>th</sup> Moreton's AGM		
15	CSL's meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Barnston	20.30
17	District Executive	DHQ	19.45
26/28	Cub Camp	Queen Charlotte Wood	

October

4/5	Beavan Challenge	Sandiways	
22	GSL's meeting	DHQ	20.00

November

17	GS Support Event		
19	ADC's meeting	DHQ	20.00
20	District Executive	DHQ	19.45



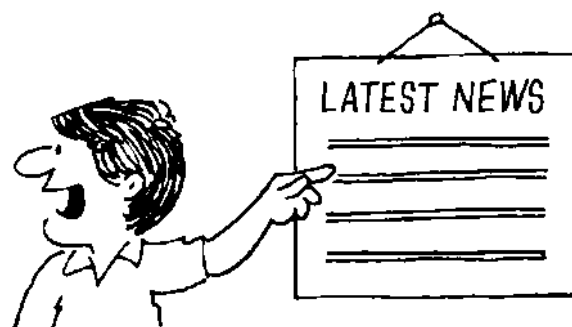
# The Editor's Bit.

I am still amazed at the speed at which the months fly by—and here I am setting out the Summer edition of the District Newsletter again. Only two of the sections have anything to report this month so unfortunately the Horn is rather short of news.

Do give careful consideration to the two adverts appealing for help with the Old School Lodge on pages 9 and 10.

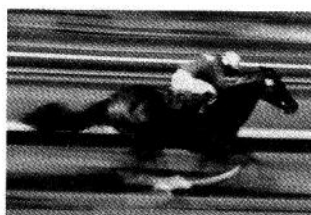
My best wishes to all who will be camping this summer and I look forward to receiving your articles and photographs.

**Eddie.**



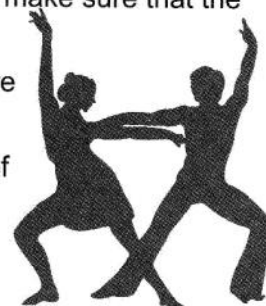
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