

November 2014



GEOFFREY BEAVAN CHALLENGE 2014

The winning Junior Team—1st Barnston.

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

From the District Commissioner

I concluded my last article by saying that the Chief Scout had made a number of Awards in our District. And I am very pleased to announce the following awards.

Chief Scouts Commendation

Guy Carlson CSL Hilbre

Andrew Costall AGSL & SL 1st Thurstaston

Simon Day SL 2nd West Kirby

Pete Ledson AGSL 1st Frankby Greasby

Brian Peake ACSL 5th Heswall

Award for Merit

Andy Back SL 5th Heswall

David Blackwood ASGL & SL 1st Frankby Greasby

Jean Jenkins ABSL & ACSL 3rd Heswall

Bar to the Award for Merit

Steve Dodgson AGSL 2nd West Kirby

Phill Richardson DDC

Tony Twemlow District Chairman.

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them.

Even this late in the year I have attended three AGMs. The first was St Andrews where apart from the AGM and Quiz (Liam, Phill and I didn't do very well) we also had refreshments in the form of a coffee morning in that we had cakes galore and made a contribution to Macmillan Nurses. Then at 4th Moreton we had the AGM and a fun afternoon. I won three prizes on the tombolas. The third was very different as it was the County Conference and AGM. We were sorry to say goodbye to Ian Chapman our County Chairman who has served Merseyside in a number of roles over many years including a term as County Commissioner.

Apart from these formal events I have had the pleasure of attending the District Cub Camp at Queen Charlotte's Wood where the young people, which included a large number of Beavers, did various bases that resulted in completing two badges. Among other bases they learnt about the difficulties of being blind and how guide dogs help the disabled people and they learnt sign language ending up making the Cub Promise in sign language. They also learned knots, pioneering and even made a piece of rope each.

I also attended the Beavan Challenge on both days, and brought the good weather with me for despite heavy rain over night on Friday it had left off for my arrival. I visited all the activities and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, at least the competitors were. I had the pleasure on the second day of presenting the certificates and the trophies. Well done to everyone who competed for it is the taking part that matters as you learn and gain experience from your participation. There will be more in this Horn about the results.

It remains for me to say a big thank you to the organisers and everyone who helped in any way in making these events a success.

I have just heard of the passing of Eric Tate a Vice President of the District and a former District Commissioner. Our thoughts are with his family.



Brian

Peter Robert Freeman

28th January 1945 – 23rd September 2014.

It is announced with sadness the passing of Peter Freeman.

Peter was the son of Bob Freeman, the West Wirral District Commissioner of the 1950 /60's.

The family lived in Hillside Road, West Kirby and Peter was a member of 1st West Kirby where he became a Queen Scout in 1961.

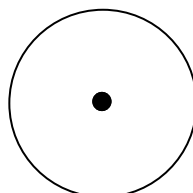
Somewhat of an individual he enjoyed hiking and other outdoor activities.

After leaving 1st West Kirby he became an active member of the District Rover Crew and can be credited with the initial construction of our headquarters at Royden.

In later life Peter lived in Scarisbrick and was an active member of the Ormskirk Scout Crew. Amongst his interests was chainsaw carving, which he demonstrated at shows around the country.

His funeral was held at St Mark's Church, Scarisbrick on Saturday 11th October 2014.

Our thoughts go to his family.



A pause for thought

"The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime".

This was the famous quote attributed to the British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey on the eve of Great Britain entering the First World War. I have no doubt that he must have realized what consequences for the whole world were about to unfold. We are all now too aware of the horrors of trench warfare, the tremendous impact of conflict both mentally and physically, but most of all appalling loss of human life.

Very little is known of the chaplains that ministered to the troops during this period, over 300 Anglican as well as ministers from other dominions together played a vital role of pastoral care. The first recorded death was a Roman Catholic chaplain in 1919.

In all 185 chaplains lost their lives between 1914 and 1919.

One of the most well-known chaplains was Geoffrey Stoddert-Kennedy M. C. better known as "Woodbine Willie" for giving cigarettes and spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers. Geoffrey is reported to have a local Wirral connection attending two churches in West Kirby and Hoylake. He became ill and died 1929 in Liverpool. The armed forces still to this day have an increased need for chaplains in all theatres of combat, still following the tradition of ministry and pastoral care.

You in your Scouting life are providing a vital ministry too, you are" lighting lamps "in young people's lives that will never be extinguished!

"May your God shine His eternal light upon you and lighten your journey with love and peace"

"AARON"



FIRST AID COURSES

1st November

There will be a District run First Aid Course held at 1st Thurstaston's HQ (Bookings only) also suitable for those needing a Camp Permit or a renewal.

6th December

A half day refresher course will be run at 1st Thurstaston HQ.

To apply for places e.mail Phill Richardson.

phill@regional-media.co.uk

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for another brilliant publication. I was particularly moved by the sections on Gilwell having 'lone' camped there for two weeks over 60 years ago. I also cycled from London having caught the train from Lime Street. I got lucky and on arrival on my own got immediately 'adopted' by an International Australian camp full of nutters who made every day enjoyable. Their chief means of transport was a much vandalised London Taxi Cab covered in decals of kangaroos, etc. It had been seen with over 20 Scouts on/in it skidding round Gilwell Park.

It's great that the 1st Gilwell Troop is still going strong – what a cadre of fantastic people it must contain now?

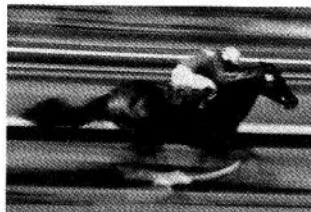
Keep up the good work.

Best wishes,

Graham Webber

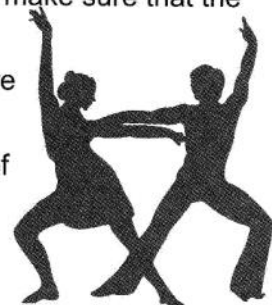
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The Beavers were invited to the District Cub camp at the end of September at Queen Charlottes Wood, the following Colonies attended 4th Moreton and 1st Thurstaston. The theme for the camp was



Disability Awareness. The Beavers stayed from Saturday morning till Sunday lunch time. They joined in with the Cubs and took part in the following activities, rope making, knot tying and pioneering, they learnt how to do Sign language and were told about Guide dogs and their training. The Beavers had to find out about a Paralympian before the camp and bring the information with them. They took part in the evening camp fire and learnt a lot of new songs. On the Sunday they cooked sausages and learnt how to put up and take down a tent, before returning home. The return journey was much quieter than the outward journey. All the Beavers enjoyed the camp.



Beaver Events coming up:-

Christmas Craft day Saturday 22nd November St Chad's Church hall Irby 10am till 3:30

Carol Service and party Sunday 7th December St Andrew's Church & hall, West Kirby. Service 2pm till 2:45 Beavers & leaders **must arrive at 1:30** for practice. Party 3pm till 5pm. (Parents are welcome to attend the service)

Beaver Challenge Friday 6th February 2015 at St Andrew's Church hall West Kirby, arrive 6:15 for a 6:30 start finishing at 8pm.

Beaver leader meeting and social Wednesday January 21st 2015 at Hilbre H.Q. 8pm

Jayne Oliver A.D.C. Beavers.

oliverjn@talktalk.net 0151 648 1754 / 07949457622





Cub Camp – Queens Charlotte Wood 26th to 28th September

This year it was decided to try somewhere different for the District Camp, which was the reason behind 4 Packs venturing out to Sandiways campsite in Cheshire. Sandiways has loads of on site activities for their campers to try, and somehow the organisers of the camp managed to fit most of them for the cubs over the weekend.

Many thanks to Sue, Phil and Ian for all their hard work in organising such a brilliant camp.

Tug of War Tournament – 28th September

Winners of this event were the Hover Pigs (aka 2nd West Kirby) with Thor's Rock (aka 1st Thurstaston) only a short rope length behind them. See separate report for more details.

Knowsley Safari Park – 4th October

4 Packs attended this County event, a trip round the Safari Park followed by a sea lion show, Birds of Prey display (when an ex ADCC nearly lost his hat), journey through a bat cave (Bats must eat an awful lot of carrots) and loads of fairground rides, and the obligatory last minute trip around the shop just before the bus was meant to leave. The weather was great, and there were lots of tired Cubs on the way home, and hopefully no parents with new small pets to look after.

Up & Coming Events (Probably over by the time you get to read this)

10 Pin Bowling - New Brighton Bowling Alley, 18:30 hrs Wed 15th of October

Cost £20 to enter a team of six cubs, and each group can initially enter up to 2 teams, There will a trophy for the highest scoring team (plus 2nd & 3rd) and the same for individual's. If you are interested please let Phil McClure know ASAP.

District Quiz - Sat 25th Oct, venue to be confirmed.

New look quiz this year, 1st Barnston to organise, provisionally 10:00 to 12:00hrs at 1st Barnston's HQ, further details to follow.

Up & Coming Events (Hopefully not over by the time you get to read this)

Children In Need Splash Party – Sat 15th Nov 2014

At Europa Pool, sole use of the fun pool and slides, 18:30 to 20:00 hrs. Charge £5 per swimmer including a CIN wristband. Also £1 CIN donation per spectator. Limited to 180 persons in pool so please let Alan know by end of Sept if your Pack is interested in attending and how many likely to attend.

District Outing – Manchester Museum Sat 22nd Nov 2014

Agreed to go to Manchester Museum, always a good day out for all with plenty of things to do. More details to follow, but pencil in your diary if interested.

Cub Carol Concert – Mon 1st December 2014

18:30 to 19:30ish, venue confirmed as Heswall United Reform church, 6th Heswall to organise, more details to follow.

5-a-Side Football Tournament

Leasowe Recreation Centre, aiming for a Saturday late in January 2015 (t.b.c), 14:00hrs to approx 18:00hrs depending on how far you get in the tournament, please can you let Alan know by end of November if you intend taking part. Cost £20 per Pack, see separate email for more details.

Safety Poster Competition

This years (well technically its next years) topic will be Water Safety. Each pack can submit 1 poster per Six, from which one Six will be chosen to represent their pack at the Grand Final. Posters to be returned to Alan by swimming gala.

Swimming Gala

Leasowe Recreation Centre, aiming for a Sunday late in Feb 2015 (t.b.c.) 13:00hrs to 16:00 hrs, please can you let Alan know by end of December if you intend taking part. Cost £20 per Pack, see separate email for more details.

District Sixers Weekend – Old School Lodge, Llanberis

Envisaged for late April / early May next year, Sixers only, travel up Friday evening and back Sunday, activities plus perhaps Sixers Forum to gain ideas from cubs about what they like / don't like about district events, and ideas for going forward. More details at next meeting

Next District CSL meeting

2030hrs Mon 12th January 2015 at 1st Thurstaston's HQ

Alan Bennett (ADC Cubs), 0151 606 0335 (07920 496 929)

alan.bennett@bamnuttall.co.uk



WEST WIRRAL DISTRICT CUB TUG-O-WAR TOURNAMENT

This year the above event formed part of the West Wirral District Cub Camp at Queens Charlotte Wood, Helsby. There were 4packs on the camp, and all were able to field at least one team of 6 cubs; with some Packs entering 2 or more teams given the opportunity.

Prior to the start of the event the forecast wasn't fantastic, however as the tournament progressed the sun came out which all added to the occasion. The format used was much the same as previous years, with each Team taking on all the other teams on a league basis, (one at a time of course). During the various contests which ensued there were many epic battles as each team gave nothing away. It looked like we could be there all day as each team stepped forward and pulled for the honour of their Pack. However after nearly 1 hr of intense competition the following Teams were unable to overcome enough of the opposition and thus had to leave the field beaten but not disgraced.

Army Andrews (St Andrews Meols)

Super 7 (4th Moreton)

Thor's Thunder (1st Thurstaston)

Thor's Lightning (1st Thurstaston)

The semi-finals were again very close, however saw "The Besties" (4th Moreton) and "The Bananas" (4th Moreton) overcome by their opponents after some very long 'pulls', and so they had to retire to review their tactics for next year. "2 more shredded wheats each for breakfast and you can all pull the trailer home for practice" was rumoured to be heard.

And so to the Final which was certainly an epic match to culminate the Tournament on, the results were as follows:-

2nd Place "Thor's Rock" – extremely unlucky despite their efforts and definitely a Team to watch yet again next year (1st Thurstaston)

1st Place "The Hover Pigs" – were the overall winners and lifted the Tournament Shield and earn the title of 'Cub Pullers of the Year'. (2nd West Kirby)

Despite the hype, the Tournament was run as a fun event, and over the morning many young persons upheld the Honour of the District, displaying the highest standards of sportsmanship along with a little friendly rivalry, and put on a spectacle to grace any fair camp site field.

Alan Bennett,

Keeper of the Rope



WEST WIRRAL DISTRICT
Tug-Of-War Tournament

cubs

Semi Finals

1305	Thor's Rock	2 - 0	Banana's
1310	The Besties	2 - 0	Hover Pigs

Third & Fourth Place

1315	The Besties	2 - 1	Banana's
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FINAL

1320	Thor's Rock	0 - 2	Hover Pigs
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WEST WIRRAL DISTRICT
Tug-Of-War Tournament

cubs

Winners

Hover Pigs

Runners Up

Thor's Rock

Third place

The Besties

Fourth place

Banana's

Other Places

Super 7

Thors
Lightening

Thor's
Thunder

The Army
Andrews



Explorer Report

In the summer 17 Explorers attended the Chamboree with 4th Moreton and 1st Thurstaston. I went to visit them and they were having a wonderful time in the craft tent. Whilst they were there they spent a lot of time with the Slovenian Contingent, they have asked if they could visit them, so hoping to organize a camp there in 2016.

In September 34 Explorers attended the Mersey Moot. This was a camp for Explorers and Rangers, there was a band on the Friday night. Saturday and Sunday were jam packed full of activities such as shooting, clay pigeon shooting, water activities, zip wire, giant inflatables, crafts, circus skills, and many more things. Saturday evening they were enjoying barn dancing, then disco and karaoke. We came 3rd in the Football Competition and we won the "Super Mooter"

In October Explorers Entered 4 teams into the Geoffrey Beavan, and 1st Thurstaston entered a Young leader team. The competition consisted of First Aid, Hiking, Orienteering, canoeing, shooting, mountain biking and 2 camp projects. A great time was had by all, and they all said they would like to do it again next year.

Events coming up

Camp 8th – 9th November, venue TBC

Snow Ball - 19th December, venue TBC

Winter camp - 9th – 11th January at Gilwell

Young Leader Training Programme

Tues Oct 14th 2014 – 7.15pm to 9.00pm

Mod A – Prepare for Take off - @ Explorer HQ, Barnston Lane Moreton

Mon 10th November 2014 – 7.15pm to 9.00pm

Modules G & H - Programme Plans & Programmes Plus - venue TBC but probably 1st

Frankby Greasby

Thurs 4th Dec 2014 - 7.15pm to 9.00pm

Modules F & J - Making Scouting Accessible & Awards and Badges – @ 1st Thurstaston HQ, Thingwall Rd, Irby

Wed Jan 14th 2015 – 7.15pm to 9.00pm

Mod A– Prepare for Take off - @ 1st West Kirby HQ, Lang Lane, West Kirby

Sat Feb 7th 2015 – 9.30am – 4.30 pm

Mod K – First Aid - @ 1st Thurstaston HQ, Thingwall Rd, Irby

Tues Mar 3rd 2015 - 7.15pm to 9.00pm

Modules D & E – Kids behaving badly & Game On @ Explorer HQ, Barnston Lane Moreton

April 17-19th 2015 - Young Leader Training weekend – Old School Lodge – Deiniolen – Young Leader Missions and Module B Taking the Lead – day out to Greenwood Centre – only 30 places – please contact Sue Flush to reserve your place with £20 deposit ASAP – we will plan a bag pack early in the New Year to help fund the weekend.

Wed May 13th 2015 – 7.15pm – 9.00pm

Module A – Prepare for Take off @ 1st Thurstaston HQ, Thingwall Rd, Irby

Sat July 11th 2015 - 10.30am – 12.00 noon – Can attend both sessions or just the one you need to do

Modules C & I – That's the way to do it! & What did they say?

12.30 – 2.00pm

Modules G & H - Programme Plans and Programme Plans Plus
@ 4th Moreton HQ Paulsfield Road, Moreton

Yours in Scouting

Sue Walton

suewestwirraexplorers@outlook.com



West Wirral All Section Camp

LOCATION: Forest Camp, Kennel Lane, Sandiway,
Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 2EA.



WHEN: 12TH – 14TH June 2015

COST: Campers - £30, Assisting Adults £10, Day Visitors £20 (buses will be provided for day visitors), Beavers camping £25(one night)

ACTIVITIES: The Activities that we are offering for this camp will be divided into 3 zones, **ADVENTURE, TRADITIONAL SCOUTING, and FUN.**

For the Adventure zone – shooting, archery, abseiling, climbing, mini beasts, clay pigeon shooting, scavenger hunt

For the Traditional Scouting zone – Backwoods cooking, Pioneerering, Orienteering, Woggle making

For the fun zone – Catapults, water Activities, inflatable's, Frisbee golf, Activity area (giant games), Zorbing

Competition time

We would like the young people to design a Camp Necker. The winning design will be produced and given out as the Camp Gift. Also a prize will be given for the winner. Send all designs to Sue Walton, details below. Closing date for entries will be the end of February 2015.

**We need one contact point per group attending and
draft numbers per section by 24th November 2014**
DEPOSIT'S OF £5 PER PERSON WILL BE NEEDED BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 2015

CONTACT FOR GROUPS / SECTION BOOKINGS

Sue Walton –email address - suewestwirralexplorers@outlook.com

Telephone - (0151) 677 7336 / 07941881744

Address - 20 Daneswell Drive, Moreton, Wirral, CH46 1QH



GEOCACHING: A MODERN-DAY TREASURE HUNT

West Wirral Cub Scouts are hoping to run a GeoHike next year, an activity which mixes geocaching with a traditional treasure hunt across the footpaths and trails of West Wirral.

Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunting game using a device that uses a global navigation satellite system, more commonly known as a GPS-enabled device, global positioning system device, or GPS unit. Those with GPS-enabled smartphones can download an app to let them use their phone to also locate caches. For those wanting a simple handheld GPS device there are a number to choose from, with the Garmin etrex series popular among players who want a simple, no-frills, cost-effective device.

There are millions of people who do geocaching as a hobby. People who play the game, called geocachers, usually sign up to a code of playing conduct through one of the popular websites, such as geocaching.com. Caches can be found almost anywhere, there are hundreds hidden in Wirral, and you're probably not more than a few hundred yards from a cache as you read this!

Geocachers navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache hidden at that location. A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook (with a pen or pencil) and maybe some items for trading or items that give information about the location or the cache or others nearby.

Caches vary from being easy traditional caches, discovered with little effort, to puzzle caches, which have tricky codes to break to discover their location. Caches can be constructed using simple tupperware containers, or plastic bottles, or even small magnetic capsules (called 'nanos'), which are used to attach caches to iron/steel objects in public view. That park bench you sit on during your Sunday hike might have a geocache hidden underneath! Some of those who hide caches are resorting to even more devious ways of hiding them with caches being hidden in hollowed-out tree stumps, inside garden gnomes, or disguised as sticks or stones or even pine cones.

Some caches are called multi-caches and require you to solve a series of clues, each of which provides a part of the grid reference or latitude and longitude that will eventually lead you to the final cache. You can also find series of caches laid around an area which provide a trail for you to follow. This is a great way to introduce people to less-frequented parts of the countryside or to trails to follow; one of the biggest geocache trails in Wirral is located along the Wirral Way.

Geocaching is a great pursuit for individuals, families, or small groups such as a Six or patrol. Of course you have to play the game carefully, mindful not to give away the location of a cache to non-players (called 'muggles'), which can be difficult in popular locations.



This year The Scout Association introduced geocaching as an activity badge into the troop programme, though it has been in the navigation award for a few years. Cub Scouts can use the activity towards parts of the Navigator activity award, the Outdoor Challenge award, and some geo-trails can be adapted and used towards

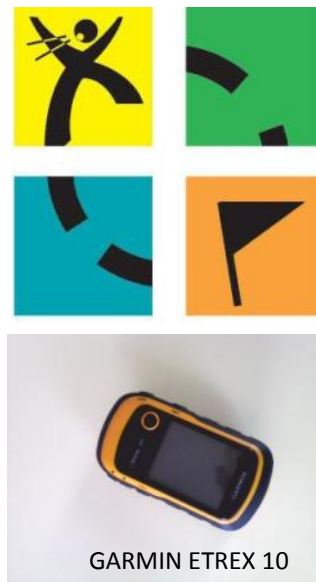
the Local Knowledge activity award, among others.

If a Cub Pack would like an introductory geocaching activity on one of the geo-trails in West Wirral, please get in touch. I have access to 1st Barnston's five GPS devices and can build an interesting route with different types of caches to suit a Six or small groups of Cubs. You can also get in touch if you would like some general information on geocaching and how to play.

TFTC! (Thanks for the cache!)

Christine Gorman, DCSL

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GARMIN ETREX 10

Scout Geocache

Award



The Beavan Challenge Weekend

Over the weekend of the 3rd-5th October 90 Scouts and Explores came together to compete in the 35th Beavan Challenge. The competition included 11 Junior teams, 8 Senior teams and 5 Explorer teams, all came, accepted and completed this challenging Scouting Weekend.

Usually the competition starts on the Saturday, but this year we mixed it up a bit and on the [Friday night](#) all teams were given grid references and asked for a route plan and a marked map for the following day's Hike, the competition had begun.

Saturday arrived earlier than most of us expected with torrential rain around [4am](#) which lasted hours. After a hearty breakfast we were ready to go and first up were the Seniors and Explorers who were bussed out to Delamere to the start of the hike. This did not start well when the first team were asked are you ready, do you know where you are going, the answer was yes but guess what they went off in the wrong direction. Thankfully once corrected they didn't do too badly. Most teams were back in under 3 hours.

The Juniors meanwhile had a busy morning taking part in Shooting, First Aid, Camp Challenge 1 and Biking the schedule was tight and all teams sailed through.

After a staggered lunch the Juniors were bussed out to start a shorter hike and in far better weather as the sun was now out. The Seniors and Explorers then had a really busy afternoon with the camp challenge 1 proving to be very challenging and working as a team on a set of skis made for 4 people, coordination was not in it.

After our evening meal the final challenge of the day was the camp challenge 2, a mix of navigational, observation, listening and a spot of writing. I have never seen so many descriptions of what a man was wearing. The teams then had time to relax and recharge for the final day.

Sunday arrived in complete contrast to Saturday with clear sky but chilly, as you know all seasoned campers pray for a dry end to camp. Today activities were canoeing and orienteering, with all teams mixed on the activities and taking part at the same time and the competition finally closed just after 1. The result were now checked and verified and fed into the special Beavan matrix, the noises of cogs turning were made (all from Liam's I-Pad) as it produced the winners.

BUT before that none of the above could happen without the committee who put the event together over the last nine months, so thank you Sue, Karen, Chris, Andy, Matty. It would also not be possible

without all those that helped run the bases whether on land or water, for the marshals on the hike who sat in the cold in the morning and in the [sun in the afternoon](#), the leaders who took the teams and of course the competitors themselves. So a massive Thank You to you all.

I would also like to mention some of the new teams 1st West Kirby, 6th Heswall and 2nd Thingwall all who got a place in one or other of the events well done.

So to the moment you have all been waiting for this years winners, our congratulations go to :-

Juniors

1st Barnston

Seniors

5th Heswall

Explorers

West Wirral

So that's this year finished but the dates set for the 36th Beavan Challenge [the 2nd -4th October 2015](#) we hope to see you there,

Yours in Scouting

Phill Richardson

Chair of the Beavan

2014 Beavan Challenge Final Scores

Juniors

Team Number	Group	Hike	Orienteering	Shooting	First Aid	Mountain Bikes	Kayaks	Challenge 1	Challenge 2	Total Score
105	1st Barnston	3	1	1	2	1	1	6	3	18
104	4th Moreton	2	8	9	3	4	4	1	1	32
107	6th Heswall	5	5	2	4	7	2	7	2	34
101	1st West Kirby	1	3	5	8	3	6	5	6	37
203*	1st Frankby Greasby	7	2	3	5	8	6	2	5	38
102	1st West Kirby	6	7	8	5	5	5	4	6	46
106	5th Heswall	10	10	4	6	2	3	6	7	48
108	1st Thurstaston	11	10	6	1	6	4	4	7	49
110	1st Thurstaston	4	10	11	9	9	4	2	4	53
109	1st Thurstaston	9	10	7	6	10	7	3	5	57
103	2nd Thingwall	8	4	10	7	10	8	7	7	61

*team 203 registered as a senior team but only had junior competitors, team therefore entered into Junior competition

Seniors

Team Number	Group	Hike	Orienteering	Shooting	First Aid	Mountain Bikes	Kayaks	Challenge 1	Challenge 2	Total Score
208	5th Heswall	1	2	1	2	4	2	1	3	16
204	1st Frankby Greasby	3	1	4	1	1	5	2	5	22
206	1st Barnston	2	3	2	4	3	2	5	2	23
201	4th Moreton	5	5	3	6	5	1	6	1	32
205	2nd Thingwall	7	4	7	5	7	2	2	6	40
202	1st Thurstaston	4	7	5	3	6	7	4	6	42
207	20th Birkenhead	6	6	6	7	2	6	7	4	44

Explorers

Team Number	Group	Hike	Orienteering	Shooting	First Aid	Mountain Bikes	Kayaks	Challenge 1	Challenge 2	Total Score
302	West Wirral Explorers	1	1	3	3	1	2	3	1	15
305	1st Thurstaston	3	4	1	1	5	3	1	2	20
304	West Wirral Explorers	4	2	2	2	2	1	4	4	21
303	West Wirral Explorers	2	3	3	5	3	3	2	5	26
301	West Wirral Explorers	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	2	35

In each event team performance was ranked against other teams within the same section and the teams position was converted to points (1pt for 1st, 2pts for 2nd etc). Final winners therefore were the team with the lowest overall combined score.

Geoffrey Beavan Challenge

Dear Editor,

Through the West Wirral Horn, we would like to thank all those who made the Geoffrey Beavan Challenge event at Forest Camp on the first weekend in October a brilliant event. Our thanks go to all those who organised the event and ran the activities and to the leaders who supported us all through the weekend. Most of all we would like to thank all our fellow scouts and explorer scouts who challenged us in all the activities over the weekend with great scouting friendship and spirit. We hope you enjoyed the weekend as much as we did! This is a great event and we would like to see many more troops out next time. Here's looking forward to the next Challenge, next October!

Maya, Rosie, Kirsten, Amy

Thomas, Ben, James, Olly

1st Barnston Scout Troop





The Activity Centre Number Club Draw

The draw has taken place and the winners are:-

OCTOBER

1st Alec Roberts

2nd Laura Pringle

3rd David Cross

4th Ian Chapman

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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TARGET SHOOTING



1st Barnston Scouts run air rifle target shooting opportunities in conjunction with 3rd Heswall Scouts, shooting on Friday evenings at 3rd Heswall's HQ in Pensby.

The group has two qualified instructors and a team of safety supervisors and range assistants who are able to offer target shooting opportunities in .177 air rifle in all 3-positions plus bench. We can normally accommodate up to a maximum of 12 scouts/explorers in a session. The team prefers to run target shooting courses (leading to the scout master-at-arms activity award, the explorer scout physical recreation award – part C, or NSRA youth proficiency awards) rather than one-off so-called 'taster sessions' so that competency and proficiency in target shooting can be built in young people in a safe manner. Provided your HQ is

suitable to hold target shooting activities, and with your GSL's written approval, we can bring our mobile range for you to enjoy a target shooting activity in your HQ. We offer the activity at a competitive price so that it can complement your troop or unit programmes. We can also accommodate those wishing to do target shooting within the Skills section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

So if you have young people who are interested in gaining one of these awards, please drop me an e-mail!

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Scout Master at Arms Activity Award



Explorer Scout Physical Recreation Activity Award

Dates for your Diary

2014

November

1	Full First Aid Course	1 st Thurstaston HQ	
3	Christmas Post distribution	DHQ	19.30
15	Children in Need Splash Party	Europa Pool	18.30
17	GS Support Event		
19	ADC's meeting	DHQ	20.00
20	District Executive	DHQ	19.45
22	District Cub Outing	Manchester Museum	
22	Christmas Post Stamps on sale		
22	Beaver Craft Day	St Chad's Hall Irby	10.00

December

1	Cub Carol Service	Heswall URC	18.30
6	First Aid Refresher Course	1 st Thurstaston HQ	
7	Beaver Carol Service	St. Andrews	
8	West Wirral Sorting office opens	19.00	
17	Christmas Post last collection		12.00

2015

January

12	CSL's meeting	1 st Thurstaston	20.30
21	BSL's meeting	Hilbre HQ	20.00

February

3	Christmas Post Presentations	Wallasey Town Hall	19.30
6	Beaver Challenge	St. Andrews Hall	18.30

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