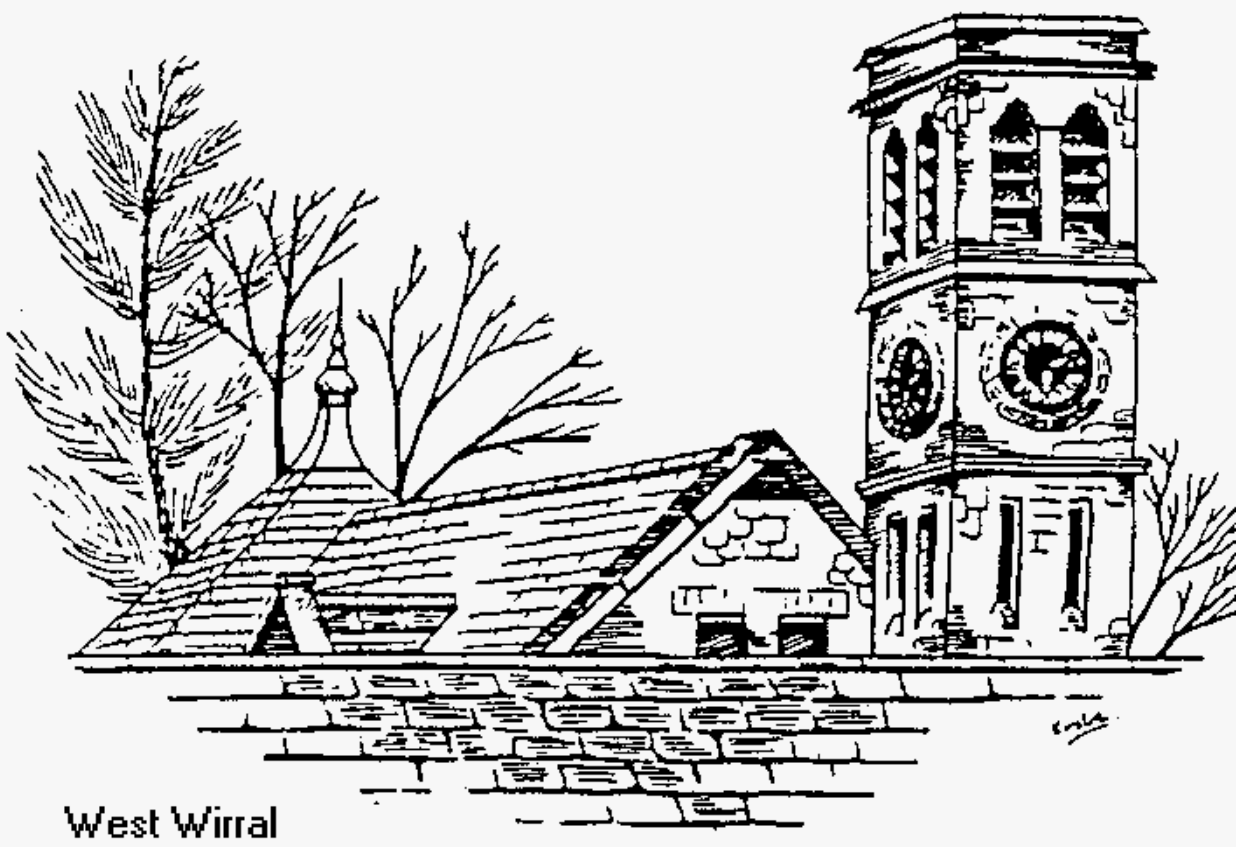


September 2014



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District Scout Headquarters
Royden Park

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From the District Commissioner

By the time you read this the Summer Break will be nearly over and you will be back to delivering the Scouting programme again, so it is probably an appropriate time to thank you all for what you do for the young people in our care. I hope that you are refreshed from the break and have recovered from Summer Camp.

Since I last “put pen to paper” , bearing in mind that that was early June, a lot seems to have happened. Firstly there was the Cub Camp which was at Sandiway. There were only four Groups there which is about a quarter of the District, but those who were there seemed to be thoroughly enjoying the experience with a very full programme. The Leaders were also having a good time! That was on the Saturday. The next day I went to Hilbre Headquarters for a Big Breakfast where I had the opportunity to present the District’s gift to Chris Carlson for her years of service as ADC Beavers, which I had been unable to do at the District AGM. The breakfast was a fundraising event and was a wonderful idea. It didn’t do my weight any good though. Congratulations to Hilbre.

I also visited 6th Heswall to present the President’s Prize which we had not been able to present at the AGM.

2nd West Kirby celebrated their 75th anniversary with two events. They had a ceremony down at the Marine lake where their new sailing craft were officially launched by Esther McEvey the local MP. She also presented some Chief Scouts Gold awards. Also Diana Beavan was there to launch three kayaks that the District had purchased out of a very generous donation Diana had made to the District. These kayaks will be used to train Leaders to a level where they can be assessed for a permit to take young people on the water. Later that day there was a barbeque and fun activities plus a brief AGM.

It has been the AGM season, with 7th Moreton, 4th Heswall, 1st Newton, 3rd Heswall, 1st Frankby Greasby and Overchurch Upton all holding their AGMs. 2nd Greasby celebrated their 60th Anniversary with a fun day on their field and a barbeque. They too had managed to get Ester McVey to their event. This was later followed by the AGM.

Also during this period 4th Heswall had their Royal Navy Inspection with the RN Officer inspecting their skills on the water and how they looked after their equipment. This was followed later in the day with an inspection of the Group and the Patrols. It was a gruelling experience but they passed so continue with their Royal Navy Recognition. Congratulations to the Leaders and the Young People.

I was unable to attend the Backwoods Cooking as I had a rather nasty cough and I thought the smoke wouldn’t help.

It was unfortunate that the Cubs Geo Cache event had to be cancelled due to lack of support. It is sad that when leaders have worked hard to put on a different event that all their hard work was to no avail. Hopefully their efforts will be available to put this on at some other date.

We were represented at Merseyside’s 40th Anniversary event at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral by the Explorers and a number of Leaders and Commissioners.

I have been pleased in this period that I have been able to visit the Cub Camp, 1st Newton Cub Camp at Hawarden, and Chamboree the Cheshire County International Jamboree. 4th Moreton and 1st

Thurstaston were there and although 75% of the campers were from the UK there were Scouts, Explorers and Guides from Egypt, Netherlands, Solvenia, USA, Denmark, Belgium and Ireland. Our Explorers were making friends with the Scouts from Slovenia while I was there.

I was able to visit all the activities that were on the site but not the off site activities. There were so many exciting things to do. What an opportunity for our Young People to experience an international event and have the range of activities that are available and what an easy event for the Leaders with no programme to plan and execute. I would recommend this to all Groups. It's four years before the next one so you have time to think about it.

We have got the District Executive's financial approval to run our own First Response, Safeguarding and Safety training courses. You will hear more about these shortly.

On an entirely different note I would like to congratulate our Editor, Eddie Snell and his wife Ann who have celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They have been married as long as 2nd Greasby has existed!.



Brian.

CHRISTMAS POST DATES

Nov 3rd West Wirral Group's distribution Royden Park 7.30pm

Nov 22nd Stamps on sale

Dec 8th West Wirral Sorting Office opens 7.00-pm

Dec 17th Last Collection - Noon



A pause for thought

WIRRAL HORN SEPTEMBER 2014.

What a summer of sport we have all enjoyed; firstly the Wimbledon Tennis Championship followed by all the drama associated with World Cup from Brazil. The golf fans amongst you must have been enthralled by the Open Golf this year from Hoylake. We have just witnessed the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

All the sporting stars and athletes from across the globe have strived to be successful at their chosen sport and yet have the common bond of mutual respect, friendship, trust and love of each other

Yet isn't it ironic that just after all this sport we commemorated the declaration of the 1914-1918 World War. As part of this moving commemoration was the arrival of the "Giants" in Liverpool.

I truly believe that each and every one of you are the "Giants" of Scouting working together delivering the ethos of all that brings harmony and world cooperation to young people.

"May your God grant you His wisdom to see true respect and love for each other"

"AARON"



From the Editor:-

Sorry a rather slim version of the newsletter this month.

Articles for the next edition of the Wirral Horn should be sent to me by the 10th September.

Eddie.



I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer, and ready to get back into the swing of things for the new term.

Some events and dates for your diary, the Beaver craft day on Saturday 22nd November 10am till 3:30 at St Chad's Church hall, in Irby. The cost for this is £6 per Beaver, they need to bring a packed lunch. Each Group needs to bring a Christmas craft with sufficient items for a 100 Beavers. The Beaver and leader numbers, and what craft you will be bringing must be sent to me no later than Friday 31st October.

Beaver Carol service is on Sunday 7th December details to follow. See you all in September.

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CUBS

Cub Camp – Sandiways 13th to 15th June

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.

Geocache Activity Day

Unfortunately this event, new to the District calendar, had to be cancelled at late notice due to low numbers booked to attend. A revised date later in the year is being looked at.

Up & Coming Events

Cub Camps – Queen Charlotte Wood, 26th to 28th Sept

If you are interested in attending the Sept camp please let Phil McClure know of your interest.

10 Pin Bowling

One game of bowling per cub plus Leaders competition. Prizes for best Team and Highest scoring individual. Gutters up for all (especially for the leaders), aiming for either Wed 15th or Thur 16th October (t.b.c), evening event. More details to follow.

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 re district events, and ideas for going forward. More details at next meeting

Knowsley – Saturday 4th October

This event is being organised by County, cost as £18 for Cubs and £12 for Leaders.

Proposed numbers are needed so please let me know asap if your Pack is interested in attending

Next District CSL meeting

Next Cub Leaders District Meeting 20:30hrs, 15th September 2014 at 1st Barnston HQ

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

alan.bennett@bamnutall.co.uk





The Activity Centre Number Club Draw

The draw has taken place and the winners are:-

AUGUST

1st David Hulme

2nd Neville Pollard

3rd Paul Stephenson

4th Steve & Ruth Wynn

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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Dates for your Diary

2014

September

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

October

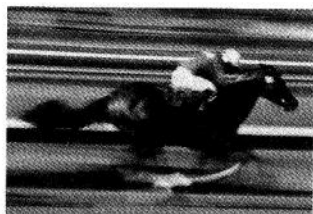
4/5	Beavan Challenge	Sandiways	
22	GSL's meeting	DHQ	20.00

November

3	Christmas Post distribution	DHQ	19.30
17	GS Support Event		
19	ADC's meeting	DHQ	20.00
20	District Executive	DHQ	19.45
22	Christmas Post Stamps on sale		
22	Beaver Craft Day	St Chad's Hall Irby	10.00

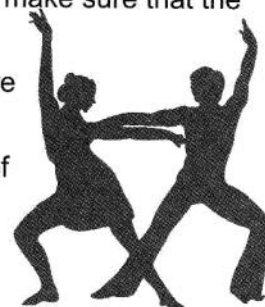
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