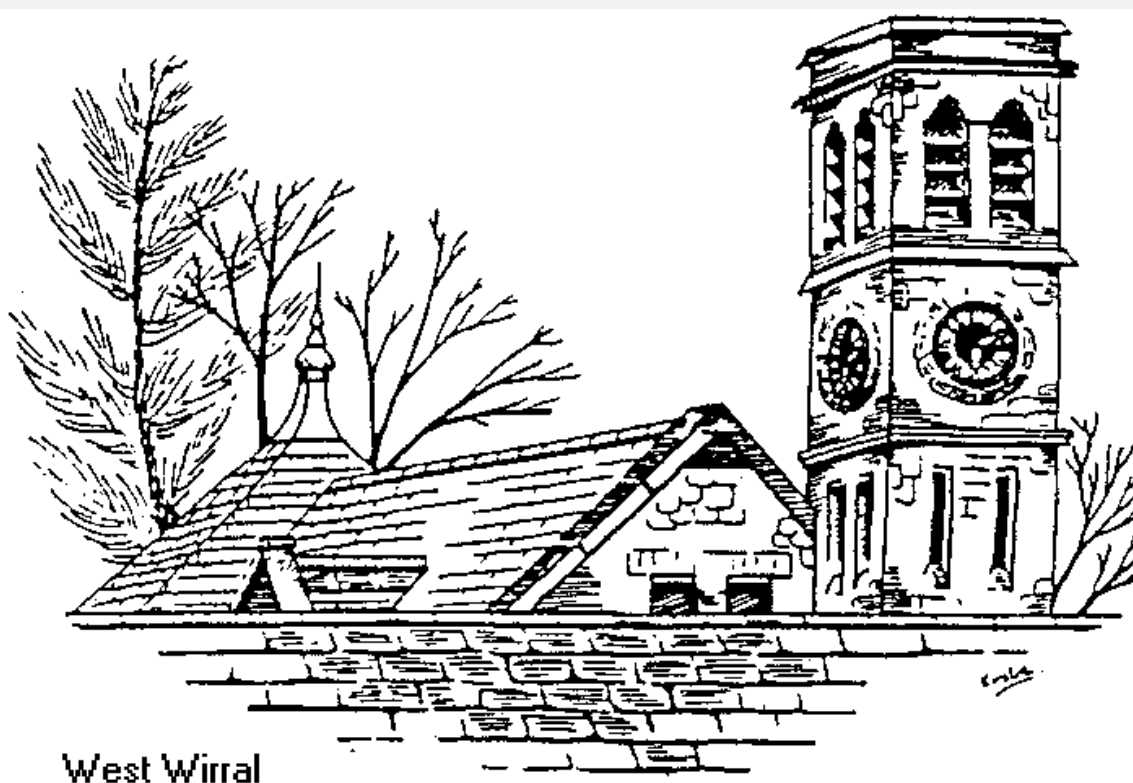


February 2016



West Wirral
District Scout Headquarters
Royden Park

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

From the District Commissioner

Welcome to the latest edition of the Wirral horn and Happy New year. A lot has happened last year and this year looks to be no different especially with us celebrating 100 years of Cubs.

The year was finished off with two carol Concerts, the Cubs took over New Brighton Bowling for the evening and of course the Scout Post. Can I just thank you all for your efforts over that period, we all have Christmas to prepare for, but leaders and parents do go the extra mile. I know you don't want to hear this but the committee meets in February to start this year. Not sure if you will have this before but the presentation night is 2nd February.

Well onto this year for our Cub section it's party time 100 years of Cub Scouts. Most of us have been in Cubs and I would like to think we can add to the Celebrations and activities throughout the year. I hope the District Team are invited to your own events.

From a District we have our Gang Show 7-9th April, though the Cast is smaller it's looking to be a great show, booking forms are now available and will be circulated if you don't get one ask one of the team or go to www.wvgangshow.org.uk for a downloadable booking form.

In this edition of the Horn you will find job descriptions for Active Support and Newsletter Editor if either of these is of interest please email me on my new Scouting email

phill.richardson@westwirralscouts.org.uk

Both of these Roles we would consider splitting.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon

Phill

FIRST RESPONSE COURSE DIARY 2016		
DATE	Location	Available Places
Saturday 20th February	TBC	16
Saturday 16th April	TBC	16
Saturday 29th October	TBC	16

FIRST RESONSE REFRESHER COURSES		
	Location	Available Spaces
Tuesday 15th March	TBC	14
Tuesday 15th September	TBC	14

Volunteer Role Description : District Newsletter Editor

Description

West Wirral District Scouts are looking for a volunteer Newsletter editor to collate & produce their monthly district newsletter, The Wirral Horn. The role has been held for many years by Eddie Snell who has decided it is now time for him to retire and we are now looking for someone new to take over the role and take the newsletter forward.

Key Role & Responsibilities

- Collate & edit news articles from leaders & young people across the district
- Chase key district team members for regular articles, including ADC's & DC
- Design the layout and look and feel of the newsletter each month.
- Format the news articles into a single newsletter document in your preferred editing program, for example MS Word or Publisher etc.
- Produce up to 10 Wirral Horn newsletters per year, & distribute around the district by e-mail, possibly as a digital flipbook pdf in the future.
- Help to maintain the District Google Diary & replicate in a suitable format for the newsletter
- Look at ways to improve the format, frequency and content of the newsletter and advise the district team on the proposed changes.
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Optional extra responsibility

- Edit & Maintain news articles on our district website to ensure content matches the newsletter.
- Write own content & articles at key events during the district calendar.
- Help to write and edit our annual report for the AGM in May of each year.

Support on offer

- Existing newsletter editor is happy to provide support for the first few months until the new volunteer is up and running in the role.
- District Commissioner and Deputy District commissioner will offer support and assistance where necessary.
- Access to Scouting adult training scheme including first aid.

Skills Required

- Copywriting & Editing skills
- Very good English skills
- Computer literate with access to suitable editing software such as Microsoft Word.
- Time available to edit and collate the articles for each edition.
- Self starter with a passion for Scouting and getting our message across.

Requirements

- Must be a registered member of the Scout Association, or willing to register as a member of the District Scout Active Support Unit.
- Must hold an active CRB Disclosure check, or be willing to complete one upon starting the role.
- Must be over the age of 18, however we also encourage explorer scouts to apply to assist in the production of the newsletter.

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TOGETHER.**



Service Agreement between 'West Wirral Scout Active Support Unit' and 'West Wirral Scout District'

The primary function of the 'West Wirral Scout Active Support Unit' is to support and assist West Wirral District in providing young people with the opportunity to be part of an everyday adventure.

Service Provision

The West Wirral Scout Active Support Unit will

- Help organise and support District events and activities
- Help organise, support and run high profile events
- Help or run practical workshops
- Share specialist skills across the District
- Provide specialist support and advice

Membership Conditions

To be a member of the Active Support Unit you must become a Member or Associate Member of the Scout Association and carry out Module 1 Training (Essential Information)

Uniform may be worn along with the West Wirral Scout Active Support Neckerchief

Members must be willing to participate in at least one of the following annually

- Help at a District event or activity
- Provide a skills session to adults or young people
- Provide specialist support and advice relating to programme
- Provide specialist support and advice relating to a specialist skill
- Help organise or run a District event or activity

A pause for thought

During the Christmas holidays I can imagine that many of you had either relations or friends to visit you at home. It is many years since I was a young boy but I can still remember my parents having an “open house” on St. Stephens Day {Boxing Day}. Relations, friends and neighbours were made welcome and shared together the hospitality that my parents offered. It seemed to me that the rooms were always full with music, conversation and laughter, especially for some strange reason the kitchen was always full of people?

My parents treated visitors if as they were honoured guests and the house was always specially cleaned and tidied. Food was lovingly prepared and I was warned to be on my best behaviour {as if I was ever naughty!} I now wonder how they coped with the influx of so many.

We all enjoy having friends to visit either to share fellowship or a meal together and it is more enjoyable at Christmas tide. Perhaps you as members of Scouting either meet at someone’s home, dine out or a special night all together,

When at home and we are busy in our preparations for our guests, ensuring that our hospitality is as generous as it can be, we shouldn’t forget it is the meeting of people which is most important.

“And may your God help you not to be distracted from the true heart of hospitality”

“AARON”





Happy New Year!

We're looking forward to 100 years of Cubs. There is a lot in the planning at both District and County level and I know the groups are busy planning for this landmark event.

The "Splash Party" went swimmingly and was enjoyed by the 100+ Cubs, Scouts and Beavers who took part. We made a donation of £400 to Children in Need so thank you for all your support, particularly 1st Thurstaston for providing and selling the fantastic range of cakes.

We went "Around the World" for our Christmas service with visits to Mexico, South Africa, Spain Russia, China, Finland, India, New Zealand and the U.S. ending up back in Bethlehem guided by our giant inflatable globe! Thanks to 3rd Heswall for organising and Holy Family church for their hospitality.

This is what 20 lanes of Cubs Ten Pin Bowling looks like.....



Congratulations to 2nd Greasby for winning the team trophy and to Sam Roberts from 1st Thurstaston for winning the individual prize. It was a great night and thanks to Phil McClure and 4th Moreton for sorting this out for us.

The poster competition is "Computer Safety" this year and posters need to be with me before or at the swimming gala (23 February 2016).

I've had some great nights visiting the packs and am looking forward to seeing and hearing what you've all got planned for the Centenary.

With a new musical team, this year the Gang Show (Best of British) at the Gladstone Theatre looks like being another great show. Please give it your support; it would be great for the young people involved to perform to a full house.

Andy Longstaff
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Scout leaders, here are some diary dates for section events that are confirmed:

Scout Quiz Night Tues 9th Feb 7:30 – 9pm at 1st Barnston.

Orienteering Competition Sat 5th March at Royden Park.

Great Escape 2016 18th – 20th March at Tawd Vale.

Merseyside Scout Section 5 A Side Football Sat 11th June at West Park Rugby Club, Prescot Road, St Helens.

Further details on all events will be distributed to SL's.

In January, 7th Moreton troop enjoyed a visit from firefighters based at Upton Fire Station. Scouts had a great time learning about the job of a firefighter and getting to see the equipment they use including the fire engine and all the different hoses and safety gear it carries.



We are looking forwards to our first section event of the year which is the Scout Quiz night, can we remind leaders that the final date for entries is Fri 5th Feb, and also if you know that you will definitely not be participating please do let us know so that we are not left in limbo about numbers.

Jenny Peek ADC(S)

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Wirral Scout and Guide Christmas Post

You made it! December 17th witnessed the usual organised chaos of the Mis-sort night when the sorting Office is also dismantled. Thank you to those who brave this event but also ensure that we clear the last of our 171, 650 cards that you sorted at Royden Park. Then it is over to the Groups who contribute massively with the Stamp sales and organise the all important deliveries which totalled 432,427 across the 5 Areas involved.

Unfortunately as always we do receive complaints of non delivery or late deliveries. Thank you to the Group Organisers who responded quickly to the enquiry and also to Liam O'Malley who daily monitored the web site./ facebook and passed on the messages. Maybe some of them were amongst the numerous received with no address. One highlight was the envelope with the message

Please will the Scout Post find the number?"

On behalf of the West Wirral Groups I offer a massive **Thanks** for your support

Joyce MacLeod (W W Area Organiser)

NOTE TO HOLDERS OF TROPHIES

Would holders of trophies awarded at the 2015 Annual General Meeting please make sure that these are cleaned and returned to me by Friday 22nd April 2016.

Thank you.

Ann Ledson

District Secretary, 10, Dodd Ave, Greasby, Wirral. 0151 678 8777

West Wirral District Annual General Meeting – Thursday 12th May 2016

Just a reminder of the forthcoming District AGM – Thursday 12th May 2016 at Heswall Hall. Please ensure you look out for an update in future Horns.

In the meantime, please ensure this date is in your diaries.

Ann Ledson

District Secretary, 10, Dodd Ave, Greasby, Wirral. 0151 678 8777

District Executive Committee Nominations

At the Annual General Meeting, Thursday 12th May 2016, we elect the District Treasurer, the District Secretary and members to sit on the District Executive Committee.

All members of the District are asked to submit nominations for election to the District Executive Committee.

The elected members do not represent individual Scout Groups or Sections. They play a full part as members of the District Executive Committee but their particular role is to represent the interest of all members in the District.

The following qualify for nominations:

All Scouters, Administrators, Section Assistants, Skill Instructors, Advisers, Members and Associate members of the Scout Association.

Please give this matter some thought and take the opportunity to nominate a suitable person to fulfil any of these roles. Please ensure that your nominee is prepared to stand, before submitting his/her name. The Committee generally meets 5 times a year at District Headquarters.

Please submit your nominations to – Ann Ledson, 10 Dodd Ave, Wirral, CH49 1RR by Friday 15th April 2016.

<h3><u>NOTE TO ALL GSL'S</u></h3>
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Can I please ask all GSL's to let myself or the DC know the date, time and venue of their Group's AGM for 2016 as soon as possible.

Many thanks to those who have already done this.

Ann Ledson

District Secretary

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Tel 0151 678 8777



The Activity Centre Number Club Draw

The draw has taken place and the winners are:-

January

1st Alec Roberts

2nd Derek Barrington

3rd Steve & Ruth Wynn

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

Christine Kenyon

0151 677 1820

christine.kenyon@talktalk.net



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- sold over £1,750 of uniforms, clothing and scouting gifts, with an average saving of 29% on retail prices
- sold over £1,700 of scouting stationary, at an average saving of 15% on retail prices
- in total the Groups of West Wirral Scouting have purchased over £10,000 worth of Scouting related goods through the WW Scout Shop, and in the process have saved themselves over £1,350.

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Uniform Top					£17.00	£12.46	£21.00	£15.40	£21.00	£15.40
Activity Polo Shirts	£10.50	£7.70	£11.50	£8.44	£13.00	£9.54	£16.00	£11.74	£16.00	£11.74
Activity Tee Shirts										
Sweatshirt	£12.00	£8.80	£12.50	£9.16			£30.92	£23.32		
Hoodie	£13.50	£11.88			£20.00	£17.60	£20.00	£17.60	£28.00	£20.25
Trousers	£16.00	£11.74	£16.00	£11.74	£31.50	£19.80	£29.00	£19.80	£27.00	£19.80

Please make cheques payable to "West Wirral District Scout Council Badge Account" and send to the address below. If you pass the cheques direct to Roy Kenyon (or pay by BACS) please let me know you have done so via email - Thanks

Yours in Scouting

Happy New Year

Alan Bennett

Badge Secretary West Wirral

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Dates for your Diary

February

7	County Patrol Leaders Day		
9	Scout Quiz Night	1 st Barnston	19.30
20	First Response Course	TBC	
21	Cubs Swimming Gala	Leasowe	
23	District Executive	DHQ	19.45
27	"Scouts speak up"	L'pool Town Hall	

March

1	Group AGM	1 st Barnston	
3	District Executive	DHQ	19.45
5	Orienteering Competition	Royden Park	
15	First Response Refresher	TBC	
18/20	Great Escape	Tawd Vale	

April

2/3	50th Cheshire Hike		
16	First Response Course	TBC	
18	CSL's meeting	1 st Barnston	20.30
21	District Executive	DHQ	19.45

May

6	Group AGM	5 th Heswall	
8	Shelterbox Challenge	Liverpool	
12	District Executive AGM	Heswall Hall	
15	Group AGM	4 th Heswall	
21	Cubs District Skills Day/District Hike		

June

11	Scout 5 a side football	West Park Rugby Club, St. Hellens	
11	Group AGM	2 nd West Kirby	
18	Group AGM	1 st Thurstaston	

July

August

September

15	First Response Refresher	TBC	
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The Editor's Bit.

A happy new year to everyone. It will certainly be an exciting year as we celebrate 100 years since the formation of the Cub Scout Section. It is over 70 years since I joined a Cub Scout Pack in Birmingham, so I have seen many of the changes that have taken place over the years. Although the uniform has changed significantly the main theme of providing youngsters with a safe environment to learn and have fun has not changed a bit. I hope that all Cub Scouts will really enjoy celebrating their centenary.

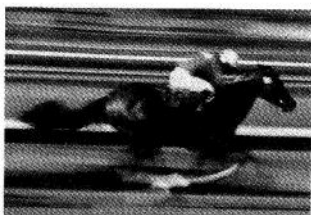
I am also hoping that 2016 will see me handing over the job of editing the District Newsletter. I agreed to take on this role when the previous editor was taken ill in 1995. I have really enjoyed putting the Newsletter together since then, but now feel that I should let someone more familiar with modern day social media and websites have the chance to take the Newsletter forward. Please do consider carefully the advert for my replacement which the DC and the DDC have put together on page 3.

Yours in Scouting,

Eddie.

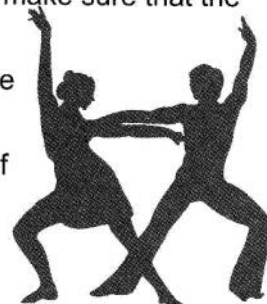
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