

JUNE 2016

So what's been happening in West Wirral this month?

4th Heswall Beavers grow seeds from space!



Cubs visit Cosford Air Museum



Scouts & Explorers do the Shelterbox Scavenger Hunt



Scouts Dragon Boating



Best of British Gang Show



Happy Reading

From the District Commissioner

Well the AGM season is upon us and to date I have had the pleasure of visiting 3 groups and of course our District AGM. Please let us have the dates of your Group AGMs so they can be put in the District Diary.

I have had a quieter time of late with only a few visits to groups, but did get my hands dirty helping out for a pack night at 4th Moreton. Fire lighting and sausages, really enjoyed the night.

Sue, Karen and I organised another Young Leader training event and once again had a full house. Future dates are in the diary.

The last Bala Sailing Weekend has come and gone and 1st Barnston and St Andrews represented West Wirral and for once had glorious weather. You'll see Steve's report in the Scout section.

The same weekend saw West Wirral run one of the Bases at the 3rd Shelter Box challenge, thanks to Chris Hughes for organising the team that also included Fiona, Jenny, Adam, Steve and myself. It was nice to see 1st Frankby Greasby and 6th Heswall taking part. You'll see more some pictures and more info in Jenny and Chris's write ups in the Scout Section.

Our West Wirral Web Site is back up and running - www.westwirralscouts.org.uk so do have a look.

Can I please ask that you all check your groups and confirm you are happy with the details and main contacts? If you could please let either Liam or I know of any changes required so we can get it updated.

I would like to welcome Andy and Sandy Costall who have agreed to take on the positions of Inclusivity Advisors for West Wirral District. Andy is a Scout Leader with 1st Thurstaston and Sandy is a Registered Learning Disability Nurse and Lecturer Practitioner in Pre-registration Nursing at Chester University.

They can be contacted on 07875523654 and costallandrew@gmail.com

Yours in Scouting

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District AGM –

Thurs 12 May 2016 – Heswall Hall





As mentioned before we had our AGM and had short performance from the Gang Show and finished with a presentation by two of the young people who attended last year's Jamboree in Japan.



Congratulations go to Rob Webster and Jack Underwood who were presented their Explorer Young Leader Belts by Alan Seeley and also to Jake Stanley who will be presented with his in the near future.





The annual awards presented at this year's AGM are as follows:

The Reg Cooke Trophy (Beavers)	1st Barnston
The Fitzpatrick Cup (Cubs)	3rd Heswall
Dave Blackwood Trophy (Scouts)	St Andrews
Explorers	Dan Youds
Explorer Young Leader	Olly Courtney
Adult Young Leader (18-25)	Adam Walton
Lions Community Award	4th Moreton
President's Prize	1st Frankby Greasby



*****A Huge Congratulations to you all*****

New Editor's Intro

☺ Hi to all fellow Scouters in West Wirral ☺

I've been asked to give you a brief intro to your new Wirral Horn Editor, so here it goes:

My name is Janet Jones, and for those of you who don't know me I'd been lurking around in the District for quite some time up until a few years ago when I had to take a break from Scouting for a while.

I started when my son, Mark, was first a Beaver just helping out with events and trips, as you do and then moved with him up to Cubs where I first became a helper with 2nd Greasby. I then moved up to Scouts, first as ASL and then later took on the role of SL for several years. I was also Secretary on the Group Committee and also became a District Scout Leader. I was then approached to start up the new Young Leader Section in the District and later was involved in the starting up of the new Explorer Section and became the District Explorer Scout Commissioner. A few years ago I was forced to take a break from Scouting and have been pestered by several people to come back.

I'm pleased to say I've now decided to take on the Wirral Horn Editor's role, after Eddie's recent retirement (how he's carried on all these years is remarkable, hat's off to him he's done a sterling job and will be hard act to follow ☺).

Apologies for the new wacky layout but I'm still waiting for Microsoft Publisher to be installed on my computer so I've managed to use Word, albeit a rather slow process so I hope you'll be patient with me as I'm playing around with the layout at present.

I'm delighted to say I've had lots of news and articles this month and have found a few random ones myself from various sources, so hopefully you're all in for an interesting read ☺

*****A special request please,** I know a lot of groups have their own websites/facebook pages, etc and I wondered if when you were posting info and events if you'd be so kind as to copy me in so we can share your news in the Horn.

Deadline for Wirral Horn news & articles will still be the 10th of every month and I look forward to receiving lots of goodies from you all in the future.

I do hope you enjoy reading my first attempt at the Wirral Horn and that I can rely on your support to take this forward with lots of news, events and points of interest so please send me updates of what your all up to, this is our West Wirral Newsletter and is a place where we can all share our experiences and look forward to things coming up in the diary.

Thank you all for your articles this month, I promise my Editor's bit won't be as long next month, hopefully you'll have lots of other exiting things to read about without me rambling on ☺

All News, Articles, Photos, Event Dates are to be sent to me by the 10th of June please.

Yours in Scouting

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A Pause For Thought With Aaron

Every month I compose my article then I type it out on my computer. Once written, I then email it for publication in the next edition of the Wirral Horn. What a fantastic piece of technology we all take for granted in either our working or personal life. We can communicate with people across the globe in a matter of seconds. We can even search for answers to any question at the stroke of a few keys. We have a lot of very intelligent people to thank for their inspiration and skill for this invention.

As with all progress there is sometimes a problem involved, or is it just me!

I was considering going on holiday so I searched on the internet for inspiration. I soon found the resort and the hotel I wanted and both seemed ideal.

Then I looked up the reviews of the hotel; the first review stated “first class, staff very friendly, room exceptional, good views, very clean, food excellent, we highly recommend this to you “. Wonderful I thought, so then I read on. The second review said, “what a dreadful hotel, place was dirty, ignorant staff, room was atrocious, food unpalatable” needless to say I didn’t go.

I wonder what your review would say about your fellow scouts? “Caring, honest, truthful, fun, hardworking, givers of time and endless talents, etc.

You see you don’t always need the internet to find some answers!

May your God grant you his love to develop the talents and love within you for the benefit of all.

AARON





ST GEORGE'S DAY

On Sunday 24th April 11 Colonies attended the St George's Day service at the Methodist Church in West Kirby. Ian Jackson a lay reader welcomed everyone to the Church and service. This was followed by the procession of flags, we re-enacted the story of St George with Beavers acting as the Dragon, St George and the Princess, while Jean told the story. The Beavers enjoyed seeing St George fighting the Dragon and saving the Princess. The Beavers collected coins in empty water bottles and brought them to the service, this money will go to the "Water Aid" Charity. Before they brought their money to the front they watched a small youtube clip about Water Aid.

Lisa Arnold from 2nd West Kirby was presented with her 5 year service award and Beaver from 1st Thurstaston was invested.

Kim, the Minister conducted the Blessing at the end of the service.

Jayne Oliver
A.D.C. Beavers

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4th Heswall Beavers grow seeds from space!



Children at 4th Heswall Beaver Scouts have become space biologists and are embarking on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that have been into space.

In September, 2kg of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station (ISS) on Soyuz 44S where they spent several months in microgravity before returning to Earth in March 2016. The seeds have been sent as part of Rocket Science, an educational project launched by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and the UK Space Agency.

4th Heswall Beavers are one of up to 10,000 schools and groups to receive a packet of 100 seeds from space, which they are growing alongside seeds that haven't been to space and measure the differences over seven weeks. The children don't know which seed packet, Red or Blue, contains which seeds until all results have been collected by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

The out-of-this-world, nationwide science experiment will enable the children to think more about how we could preserve human life on another planet in the future, what astronauts need to survive long-term missions in space and the difficulties surrounding growing fresh food in challenging climates.



Beaver Leader, Mo Barker says: "We are very excited to be taking part in Rocket Science. This experiment is a fantastic way of teaching our children to think more scientifically and share their findings with the whole community."



Rocket Science is just one educational project from a programme developed by the UK Space Agency to celebrate British ESA astronaut Tim Peake's Principia mission to the ISS and inspire young people to look into careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects, including horticulture.

Pictures below show the Beavers with some of the seeds sown and taking the first measurements of the plants. The boys' current prediction is that the red packet seeds are the ones that have been to space.



Follow the project on Twitter:
@RHSSchools #RocketScience

For more information on the Rocket Science project or RHS Campaign for School Gardening, please contact the Campaign at schoolgardening@rhs.org.uk.



Cosford Air Museum - A fantastic day was had here with 170 Cubs and leaders enjoying the sunshine and the brilliant facilities the Museum has to offer.



Congratulations to Max from 1st Thurstaston who had a very special investiture on one of the aircraft at the museum.



I'm always interested to hear the interesting and varied places that you cubs get invested so please keep the photo's and details coming in.

St Georges Day Service – Thanks to all who attended. We promise that the parade will be re-introduced next year! Thanks to Louise McAdam and Ken Jones for their contributions to the service.

Wingdings - Good Luck to those packs attending this event. I hope you all have a fantastic time.

Cub Skills Day is back by popular demand and is being held at Frankby Greasby HQ on Saturday 25th June. Full details and times will be sent by e-mail.

CECA (Civil Engineering Contractors Association) have a pack available with games and activities together with a grant of £100 to buy associated materials.

Contact guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk and mention you are part of West Wirral Cubs and that Andy Longstaff passed on the information.

Archery Sessions are still available. Please contact westwirral.archery@gmail.com

I'm looking forward to catching up with your summer activities so please keep me informed and I'll do my best to offer help and support.

Andy Longstaff
ADC Cubs

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1st Barnston Cubs Visit Techniquest



On a bright sunny Spring Saturday in May, 10 Cubs and 3 Leaders from 1st Barnston gathered at Heswall Station for a day trip to Techniquest Glyndŵr in Wrexham. Techniquest Glyndŵr is an interactive hands-on science centre based on the Glyndŵr University campus. It is open daily, except Mondays, and is very suitable for young people of primary school age. The centre comprises 5 interactive science zones and a science theatre. There are also add-on workshop laboratories for pre-booked group/school visits and TechZone, a robotics Lego discovery centre, which runs on one Saturday every month. In the winter months the centre runs astronomy activities on some evenings. Full details about the Centre can be found online at: <http://www.tgg.org.uk/visiting/>

We planned on doing roughly one zone every half hour and we were soon getting our hands on activities underway in zone. We were very lucky to have visited on a very quiet day and cubs were able to spend a lot of time on each and every exhibit, with Kieran helping out with the harder-to-understand science bits.

We enjoyed a packed lunch outside in the sunshine in the gardens and soon afterwards we gathered in the science theatre for the science show led by Katie. Today's show was called Music Makers and was all about making sounds and musical instruments. We got

to see sound waves make gloop dance; tried out making sounds with tuning forks, balloons, and wine glasses; and, produced some really loud and deep burps and grunts using string, cups, buckets and bins!



After the show we continued on our zone visits getting to see and do more hands-on science, including the disorienting mirror maze. For the last half hour Kieran treated us to some science tricks outside including those with balloons and balancing cups. Our visit ended with a ten minute rummage in the shop before we waved our hosts goodbye and set off for the station.



Just after 5.15pm the train full of tired cubs pulled into Heswall Station. It was a great day out and packed in lots of activities towards the Scientist badge. Our thanks go to the staff at Techniquet Glyndŵr for making it a really enjoyable day visit.

Christine Gorman, ACSL
1st Barnston Cubs



What a whopper of a month it has been for the Scout section since our last report! We've been dragon boating, parading, camping, scavenger hunting, kayaking, fire lighting, wood chopping, hiking and so much more besides!

DRAGON BOATING:

On 16th April almost 40 Scouts and Explorer Young Leaders descended upon Waterside Lodge in Southport for the day. We'd like to thank David Blackwood for organising and Dave Berry for taking care of all the admin for the event.

This started with Frankby Greasby organising a day out to achieve the Dragon Boat Badge, they asked if anyone else was interested in taking part and we ended up with 7 Troops and Explorers attending. The day was held in Southport and the weather stayed sunny and dry but there was a fair breeze blowing.

We had two boats on the water, manned by 34 Scouts and 4 explorers, after getting the safety rules and some practice in, races were held, and all enjoyed the experience. The staff took some of the Leaders out in a safety boat to do some photo shoots. This was the part where the staff did not come up to expectations, Dave Blackwood came back dry, most disappointing. All the Scouts and Explorers came away with their badge, some good experiences and an all round good day.



ST GEORGE'S DAY - We had our annual parade on 24th April at St Andrews which was a lovely sunny afternoon. It was great to see the troops looking smart and celebrating being part of Scouting. Congratulations to those who received awards or were invested on the day and well done to all the young people who took part in the service.

BACKWOODS COOKING:

The month of May has brought with it warmer weather and the troops have seized the opportunity to start getting outdoors. Out and about in the troops we have visited 4th Moreton and 7th Moreton and found both troops busy working on their backwoods skills from hand axe and knife skills to fire lighting and even some cooking too. We are hoping to see these skills in practice at our Best of British themed Backwoods Cooking competition next month!

Two large events were held the weekend 6th – 8th May so Steve and I each attended one of them. Steve went to the 40th and final Bala Canoe Weekend where 1st Barnston and St Andrews were participating and I joined the West Wirral Team providing challenge bases at the northwest region Shelterbox Scavenger Hunt in Liverpool where 6th Heswall and 1st Frankby Greasby were participating.

BALA'S 40TH KAYAKING WEEKEND

It was the 40TH Bala canoeing weekend and also the last Bala weekend to be held.



We had two groups from West Wirral attend, Barnston and ST. Andrews. It looked like we were going to have a nice dry weekend, but it was Bala so we did get some rain especially on Saturday night. The scouts had a good time on the water and all achieving two badges. Saturday was mostly the learning and passing of the badges and Sunday was a fun

day on the water. A Barnston Scout was invested on a boat on the lake at Bala and John one of the Leaders from Barnston was invested at the end of our briefing of activities on Sunday.

There was one canoe which had the wooden frame and painted canvas, it was in good condition for a canoe that had taken part in the first Bala. A canoeing instructor had his 40th birthday so was invited to walk around a raft of canoes which had about 50 canoeists rafting up. Not to be out done his son who had just turned 9 also went round the canoe raft but at a faster pace. Every one there had a good time but sorry it was the last Bala weekend. A big thank you goes out to all the people who have been involved over the years in the organising, instructing, tea tenting or whatever, thank you.

THE SHELTERBOX SCAVENGER HUNT

is a regional event organised by the International Team.

West Wirral provided a team of six leaders, lead by Chris Hughes to provide the challenges at a base in St John's Gardens.



The teams of Cubs, Scouts and Explorers take on a course that finds them going all over the city looking for clues and completing challenges, all the while carrying a large plastic green crate. Those crates are used by Shelterbox to provide disaster relief supplies and the event aims to raise awareness of this valuable work. We had two troops taking part this year and both had a thoroughly fantastic time, as did we on the leader team.



Here's some photos of
6th Heswall and 1st Frankby Greasby
Scouts enjoying some of the challenges

DISTRICT AGM

By the time you read this report the AGM will have been and gone so we would like to say congratulations to St Andrews on being awarded our section prize the Blackwood Trophy this year, well done to you!

SCOUT INTERNATIONAL CAMP IN BELGIUM 2018

You may be aware that we have been plotting for some time and we are very excited to announce that we will be having a Scout Section international camp in Belgium in 2018! Having previously lead two fantastic international experiences with my troop in the past I have been eager to do this for the District since becoming ADC. We will be holding a Roadshow of information nights around the district in October to share more details. You can also find out more on the international page of our section website.

I hope I haven't missed anything out, it has been such a busy month!

Jenny Peek ADC(S)

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**West Wirral Scout Section
International Camp
Belgium 2018**

28th July 2018 – 4th August 2018, £600 per person.
Open to members of the Scout Section born before the 31st July 2006
Registration open in the Summer of 2016.

Activities will include - Water Park, Cultural Activities, WW1 Battlefield tour, BMX biking, Tree Climbing, Theme Park, Days Hike + much more!

There will be places for 36 Scouts & 6 SPLS (born before 2003)
Parent/Scout/Leader briefings will be held 11th, 12th, 13th October 2016.

Visit
<http://www.westwirralscoutteam.com/>
for updates!

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North West Shelterbox Scavenger Hunt



On Sunday 8th May Merseyside Scouts once again hosted the Scavenger Hunt in Liverpool city centre

The event is now in its third year and again this year I organised and ran one of the bases along with adults from West Wirral (A huge thank you to Phill Richardson, Jenny Peek, Fiona Diamond, Steve Mountford and Adam Walton)

The North West Shelterbox Scavenger Hunt is open to teams of Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from across the NW region. This year saw nearly 70 teams participate including 2 groups from West Wirral. 1st Frankby Greasby and 6th Heswall and it was great to see them on the day

The objectives of the Shelterbox Scavenger Hunt are to challenge young people to learn more about disasters and disaster relief work explore the city's famous landmarks and increase awareness about Shelterbox's disaster relief work around the world.

Each team is given a "Shelterbox" to carry and then set off for the day to find answers to questions all found around the centre area. Teams also visit three bases dotted around the city where they take part in fun and engaging activities.

An absolutely superb event and one I can highly recommend for our Cubs, Scouts and Explorers (and their Leaders) to take part in. Not only will you be helping to spread the message about the great work Shelterbox carry out, you will have a really fun day out and get to meet fellow Scouters from across the North West Region

Looking forward to seeing everyone at next year's event

Chris Hughes

GSL (Acting) 1st Newton

1st Barnston Scouts at the 40th Bala Weekend

A weekend in early May has for many years been the traditional paddlesports '*Bala Weekend*' enjoyed by many scouts, explorers and leaders. This year's 40th Bala Weekend was sadly the last. But that wasn't going to stop 60 young people and Leaders ensuring that the last one was memorable!



The 40th Bala Weekend was open to invited scout groups and others who have supported the event over the many years. 1st Barnston scouts luckily grabbed one of the coveted places and joined the five groups supporting the event.

We met at Barnston HQ on Friday evening and just after 6pm eight scouts, one Young leader and three Leaders headed off into Wales. The camp for the weekend was the traditional site at Ty Isaf and it wasn't long before we were settled into camp.



Traditionally the Bala Weekend has been wet (obviously!), windy and cold – or so it has for the past few years – but this time it was very different.



Saturday morning, the lake was like a mill-pond. Even though the sky was overcast there was hardly a breath of wind and the temperature was in the teens rather than the usual chilly single figure. Saturday was jammed packed full of paddlesport activities in kayaks, Canadians, and bell-boats with many enjoying the great conditions to boost their paddlesport skills.



It was a tired group of young people that arrived back at camp in the late afternoon but still with enough energy for a few games of football and other games. Not wishing us to forget that this is Bala Weekend the weather sent in the customary rain and many stayed up to hear and watch the thunder and lightning.

Sunday morning was still a little overcast but the overnight rain had cleared and the temperature started climbing. Once again instructors and their groups enjoyed fantastic paddlesport conditions on the lake in hot sunny weather. Sunday is a more relaxed day's paddling with lots of games including Danny and son Jack, by coincidence the former celebrating his 40th birthday, tackling the traditional challenge of crossing the pontoon raft of boats. After that it was 'let's get wet time!' with the usual jugs and water pistols appearing amid increasing numbers of capsizes.

And then, sadly, it was time for home. It was a tired crew that arrived back in Barnston and packed away but nevertheless it was a group of young people and Leaders that had enjoyed one of the best Bala Weekends ever.



Our thanks to all our friends and fellow scouts who made the weekend really enjoyable and to the organisers of this fantastic event go our grateful thanks for all your hard work over many years. We all took away great memories and will make sure that the last Bala Weekend will not be forgotten!

James Wright, PL / Dave Wright, ASL - 1st Barnston Scouts



I can't believe it's nearly 2 months since we were on stage performing #BestOfBritish and the post show blues have definitely started to creep in. But after 8 long months of hard work, singing, dancing and a lot of fun, I can't stop reminiscing about the week we spent with 60 young people and adults from Scouting and Guiding on stage at the Gladstone Theatre in Port Sunlight, putting on an amazing show.



It all started over 18 months ago, following on from our performances of Evolution in 2014, the production team started work on "Best Of British" a show that audiences called "The Best Gang Show Ever", "An absolute triumph" and "Not a good Gang Show but an exceptional Gang Show" which is tribute to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

It's never easy writing a Gang Show, you never know who is going to walk through the doors... will they be able to perform this sketch?

Will we have someone who can sing this solo? Will the audience enjoy this type of scene?

But it never ceases to amaze me how much every single one of the cast step up to the mark and outperform your wildest dreams.



I'd like to make a personal note of thanks to the District for supporting us this year. I know the cast are all very thankful for your time and dedication, for spreading the word and for encouraging people to come to the show, especially with so many people being away on holiday this year.



We hope that those who came to see the show enjoyed the performances, (I know we certainly did!) and that we may have inspired some young people to come and take part in future shows.

To that end we've added a "register for 2018" form to our website so please encourage anyone you hear would like to take part to register and we'll keep them updated - and yes adults can register too!

<http://www.wwgangshow.org.uk>

Finally if you would like the Gang Show to come down and run a section night for your young people, just let us know by e-mailing join@wwgangshow.org.uk, we'll always be happy to keep spreading the word.

So once again, To every one of our cast members, to the adults who put in hours of their time to help the young people get to the stage and perform, and to you for supporting us, a huge Thank You!

We'll see you back on stage in 2018!

Liam O'Malley
Joint Director, West Wirral Gang Show

“If the Gang Show is something you’d like to be a part of but you can’t wait until 2018 for the next one then why not join”:

West Wirral Gang Show Theatre Group

**2016/17 Theatre Group Information
coming soon...**

After the success of the 2016 Gang Show we're now looking for ideas for our 2017 Theatre Group.

If you would like to be involved please email:
join@wwgangshow.org.uk

Brief History of the West Wirral Theatre Group

In 2000, following our highly successful Millennium Gang Show, a small group of the cast approached the Gang Show committee to ask if they could set up a theatre group. The committee were delighted to support the idea and the WWGS Theatre Group was launched in September 2000. The Group is open to active members of the Guide and Scout Associations between the ages of 10 and 25 within the catchment area of West Wirral Gang Show and, although most of the current memberships are also cast members of the Gang Show you do not need to have been in the Gang Show to join. Indeed, several talented members of subsequent Gang Shows joined via the Theatre Group rather than vice versa.

As far as we know, this is the only Theatre Group attached to a Gang Show in the UK, making our Theatre Group quite unique. The Group is run by its younger members, with support from a small group of adults who have a wealth of experience in theatre. The group runs in alternative years to the Gang Show offering some continuity to cast members who want to keep on performing.

In the past the Theatre group has produced some excellent shows including "Return to the Forbidden Planet", an "Expression of Youth", "Cinderella" in 2007, "Snow White" in 2009 and in 2011 the spectacular "Treasure Island". The last three productions were entirely written, produced and performed by the Theatre Group, and were completely sold out for all of the performances.

The Theatre Group would welcome new members interested in the Theatre (on-stage or backstage) and we would again stress that you do not have to be a member of our Gang Show to join (although you do need to be an active member of the Guide or Scout Movements)

If you would like to find out more about the group please email: join@wwgangshow.org.uk



The Old School Lodge, Deiniolen – Activity Centre

The lucky winners for the May 2016 Activity Centre Number Club Draw are:

1st Alan Bennett
3rd Eddie Snell

2nd David Cross
4th Dave Reid

Congratulations ☺

If you don't have any numbers yet for the Activity Centre
Monthly Draw then please contact:

Christine Kenyon:
or Email:

Tel: 0151 677 1820
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About the Old School Lodge

The Old School Lodge, originally the 19th Century Village School, was extensively refurbished prior to its opening in 2001.

Set in large wooded grounds with a gently flowing stream and a breathtaking view of the mountains beyond, the Lodge is situated four miles from Llanberris and the foot of Snowdon itself. Bangor and Anglesey are also nearby.

The Lodge does not provide or organise Leaders or Instructors. Those who conduct activities are responsible for ensuring that they have the appropriate training and qualifications to do so, relevant to their own organisation. The owners of the Lodge accept no responsibility for any such activities. However, the friendly on-site Warden is always available to offer help and give advice on activities available in the area.

For further information and booking details have a look at:
<http://www.oldschoollodge.org.uk>



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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										
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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

For orders or more information please contact

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District News Page:



2nd West Kirby are pleased to announce that their Group Administrator, Jan Taylor, has been appointed the new GSL by the DC.

Jan has been part of the group since she helped the Cub Section as part of her service towards her Queens Guide Award!

Many will know Jan well as Akela leading the Cub Section for many years and of course as our hard working administrator. We wish Jan all the best in her new role. We also wish to thank Simon Day for all his hard work as GSL and are pleased that he is remaining with the group within the Scout Section and coordinating the group's water activities – thank you Simon ☺



Official Opening!

Please join us in Hadlow Orchard to celebrate the official opening of our new building.

Mini County Show, some stalls & tea, coffee, juice & cake!

Saturday 2nd July 1pm - 4pm
Ribbon cutting 2pm!

Parking on Mitchell Field (Bibby Field) on corner of Hadlow Road and New Hey Lane.

**Hadlow Fields –
Campsite & Activity
Centre –**

**Official Opening
Saturday 2 July**

**For further details check
out:**

[http://us6.campaign-
archive2.com/?u=7f1634
c1eea62ff17bcf412c6&id
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Did you Know???

It's time for a clear out in that Scout Hut of yours ☺



**For those of you who don't know in
West Wirral District we have:**

**16 Scout Groups
including
915 Youth Members / 195 Adult Members**

For your information below are a list of the current Scout Groups within our district:

1 st Barnston	1 st Frankby Greasby	2 nd Greasby
3 rd Heswall	4 th Heswall	5 th Heswall
6 th Heswall	Hilbre (Hoylake)	4 th Moreton
7 th Moreton	1 st Newton	Overchurch Upton
St Andrews (Meols)	1 st Thurstaston	1 st West Kirby
	2 nd West Kirby	

THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY (21.04.16)



The Scout Association

21 April at 11:37 · 🌐



On her 90th birthday, we are delighted to have received this letter from our Patron, HM The Queen, expressing her congratulations on 100 years of Cubs! #Cubs100



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Lieutenant Commander (Hon.) Bear Grylls, Royal Navy,
Chief Scout,
The Scout Association.

Please convey my warm thanks to the Cub Scouts for their loyal greetings, sent to mark the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the movement, which is being commemorated this year.

For many years and through changing times, the Cub Scouts have allowed young people to develop their skills, embark on adventures, support their local communities and form friendships.

As your Patron, I was interested to learn of how the Centenary will be celebrated throughout the year, leading up to 16th December where Promise Parties will be held across the United Kingdom.

As you reflect on your long history and look to the future, I have pleasure in sending my best wishes to all Cub Scouts, past and present, who will be celebrating this most special anniversary.

ELIZABETH R.

April, 2016.

ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Baden-Powell chose St George to be the Patron Saint of The Scout Association. He felt that the St George legend set a good example of faith, courage and perseverance for future generations.

St George's Day is celebrated on the 23 April, and around this time most Districts will hold some form of celebration.

St George's Day events usually include the opportunity for members to renew the Scout Promise and consider what their Promise means personally.

A Day of Celebration & Achievement –

The St George's Day Parade of Queen Scouts – Windsor Castle – 24 April 2016





*** ADULT TRAINING - DATES FOR 2016 ***

Getting Started (Welcome & Introduction)

21 May 17 September 19 November

(Pre-requisite: Provisional Appointment) - Half day

Section Essentials: 25 June 22 October

(Pre-requisite: Getting Started - One Day

Management of Support Essentials: 15 October

(Pre-requisite: Getting Started - One Day

Intro to Residential Experiences: 9 October

(Pre-requisite: Getting Started & Module 16 – Ideally Section Essentials or Management and Support Essentials)
One Day AND One Weekend

Nights Away: 5 June AND 24-26 June

(Pre-requisite: Getting Started & Module 16 – Ideally Section Essentials or Management and Support Essentials)
One Day AND One Weekend

Safeguarding: 4 July 10 November

(Pre-requisite: None) One Evening

First Response:

4 June 9 July 2 October 12 November

(Pre-requisite: None) One Day

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



25 June (Sat)	Beaver Sports Day and Family picnic in aid of MacMillan nurses - venue to be arranged
24 Sept (Sat)	County Day out to Gullivers World to celebrate 30 years of Beavers Scouts
TBC	County Sleepover to mark 30 years of Beaver Scouts:- details soon
12 Nov (Sat)	Annual Craft Day at St Chad's Church Hall, Irby
4 Dec (Sun)	Carol Service and Party - St Andrew's Church, West Kirby



25 June (Sat)	Cub Skills Day - Frankby Greasby
23-25 Sept	District Cub Camp – Queen Charlotte Wood
8 Oct (Sat)	District Outing - Manchester Science Museum
19 Nov (Sat)	CIN Splash Party - Europa Pools
6 Dec (Tues)	Cub Bowling (venue TBC)
16 Dec (Fri)	Centenary Carol Service & Promise Renewal St Michaels Church, Pensby
TBC	Safety Poster Competition – Camp Safety



- 11 June (Sat)** Merseyside Scout Section 5 A Side Football
West Park Rugby Club, St Helens
- 25 June (Sat)** 'Best of British' Backwoods Cooking
Competition, 10am – 3pm approx venue TBC
- 15 Sept (Thu)** SL's Meeting, 7:30pm, St Andrews HQ
(McLeod Building)
- 18/19 Sept** West Wirral 5 A Side Football –
Date & venue TBC
- 1-3 Oct** Geoffrey Beavan Challenge – Tawd Vale
- 7-9 Oct** Feast of Lanterns – Tawd Vale
- 11/12/13 Oct** Belgium 2018 Information Nights –
venues TBC
- 15 Oct (Sat)** Patrol Leaders Training 10am –
3pm approx - 3rd Heswall HQ



- 22 July–6 Aug** Explorer Belt Expedition to Hungary
- 1-3 Oct** Geoffrey Beavan Challenge – Tawd Vale
- 7-9 Oct** Feast of Lanterns – Tawd Vale
- 9-11 Oct** Mersey Moot – Tawd Vale
- 5 Nov** County Young People's Awards



- 22 July–6 Aug** Explorer Belt Expedition to Hungary



DISTRICT MEETINGS, GROUP AGMS, ETC

JUNE:

- 11 2nd West Kirby AGM
- 13 ADC's meeting
- 14 GSL's meeting
- 18 1st Thurstaston AGM

JULY/ AUG: Nothing as yet

SEPT:

- 15 1st Response (1st Aid training) – details TBC

OCT:

- 10 ADC's meeting
- 19 GSL's meeting
- 29 1st Response (1st Aid training) – details TBC

NOV:

DEC: Christmas Post (dates TBC)

WW DISTRICT YOUNG LEADER TRAINING:

4 July Module A - 2nd Greasby

Sept Modules D & E – date and venue TBC

Oct Module A – date and venue TBC

Nov Module F & The Missions – date and venue TBC