



West Wirral Horn



The Newsletter of West Wirral Scouts

OCTOBER 2016

**Well we've all had a nice summer break,
so what's been happening in West Wirral this month?**



1st Thurstaston Summer Camp –

Leaders confused everyone when they dressed for 'Scotland' instead of Stockport !!!

**Don't forget the
New Challenge ???**

Did you know?

The tallest Boy Scout ever was 7'4" at the age of 13



Happy Reading

From the District Commissioner

Well first a thank you to Liam for stepping in last month in my absence. Here we are already in October by the time you read this, the cubs will have been to Queen Charlotte Wood and the Beavan Challenge will have taken part.

Let's start with a few changes. Hopefully you will have all seen my email announcing Glenys Fogg taking over as Active Support Manager and Karen Milnes as our new District Assistant Commissioner Activities. I am sure you will join me in wishing them both well in their new roles.

Whilst talking about Active Support, we know that Leaders at some point will decide that they've done their time and that's fine. We always like to thank them, but then for some reason we let them walk away, instead of captivating and using their wealth of experience and keeping their skills and knowledge within the District. Can I ask people if before that happens, they would be interested in joining our West Wirral Active Support? Not only would it keep people in touch with the District and their scouting colleagues, it would also give the District a bigger pool of skilled and experienced helpers to call upon when supporting our larger events and activities.

'District Camp' – 19-22 May 2017 - Keep a note in your diary for next year. The team look forward to seeing you at Bishpam Hall, a new venue, where we'll be putting on some of the old favourite activities and introducing some new ones.

Part of the nicer side of my role is presenting awards and I had the privilege to award Graham Barley of 2nd West Kirby his 50 year service award last month, congratulations Graham. I am aware that as well as these service awards we do have our recognition awards for service and we have a list we are recommending, but we don't know everyone.

There are many people within the backgrounds of some of our Groups who have served well with little or no recognition; I would like your help to be able to do this. If you have anyone within your group you think deserves one of these awards, as long as they are a member of the association and have done over 10 years would you please send me some details.

As the nights close in please remember we do not always have to be indoors. With a little imagination the Beavers and Cubs could go on a chippy walk and the Scouts an overnight hike.

On my travels and during conversations with Leaders, the programmes I hear about are wonderful. I've heard everything from a Group cutting off a roof of a car at the fire station to Scouts going fishing. It's good to see such a diverse range of activities planned so please keep it up.

Yours in Scouting

Phill



A Thought From Aaron

Early last month I went on a cruise! I travelled by train to Hamilton Square train station then walked to Woodside to catch my cruise ship. Yes, you have guessed it I went cruising on the River Mersey on board the ferry boat "Snowdrop".

The weather was horrendous, it was absolutely pouring with rain. On arrival at the ferry terminus there was a steep angle on the walk way down to the landing stage indicating a low tide. The sound of the landing stage moving up and down, I thought that was reminiscent of some kind of animal in distress. When the gangway was lowered for the passengers to board; the movement of the boat caused it to raise so much that the crew had to stand on it to keep it down! And to say the river was choppy would be an understatement.

I mentioned earlier heavy rain and as a young boy it reminded me of my mother's saying "it's raining cats and dogs" Where did that saying come from, because you never see cats and dogs falling from the sky do you? Another one was "I've asked you a 1000 times not to do that or I asked you 1000 times to come to the table for your dinner. I know for a fact that my mum never asked me a 1000 times for anything, but I wasn't stupid enough to argue that point!

We do say all sorts of odd and bizarre sayings to emphasise the point we are trying to make, you could probably think of a lot more in everyday use.

There is no need to use any odd or bizarre sayings when you deliver the Scouting message based on a law and promise; the message is so simple it does not need any further embellishment!

"May your God grant to you the everlasting message of love, patience, peace and understanding"



AARON

Editor's Patch

Well I hope you all had a well deserved break over the summer and have recharged your batteries ready for the months ahead.

Looking at the diary dates we've got a wide variety of activities coming up in the future months so watch your section diaries and get your bookings in on time so you don't miss out.

I'm hoping to get some more great stories in from the groups for next month's Horn along with some great pictures for us all to see. It's great hearing all your news and being able to share it in here for everyone in the District to see so please keep them coming. The more groups we can get involved the better and you can always pop a copy up on the wall in the Scout Headquarters for your groups to see.

Don't forget the deadline for submission this month, as always, is the **10th of the month** so I'll look forward to opening my inbox and finding lots of news.

Thanks again for all your support and I hope you enjoy reading your newsletters as much as I enjoy putting them together for you 😊

Yours in Scouting

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Hi Everyone

Nothing much to report from the Beaver Section this month as we've only just returned after the summer break, but we'll be back with some news for you next month.

So watch this space ☺

In the meantime here's some dates for your Diary:

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

4 Dec (Sun) Carol Service and Party - St Andrew's Church, West Kirby

Yours in Scouting

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Our September leaders meeting was well attended with only a few packs not represented. Please try and get someone to these meetings as it's a great way to share information and to find out what's happening around the District.

Sue Flush is stepping down as Akela at 1st Thurstaston and I would like to thank Sue for all her help and support of the Cub Section during the last 10 years. I know Sue will carry on helping and supporting us as we move forward and wish her Good Luck with her Group and other Scouting activities. Good Luck also to Caro McBain who is taking over from Sue.

Some Dates & Information for your diaries:-

- **District Cub Camp (QCW)** - 23rd to 25th September. Sue and the team are well into the planning and it looks like it's going to be a great and fun filled 'Cub 100' Camp with 10 packs attending.
- **District Outing** (Manchester Science Museum) – 8th October. Details have been issued and please remember to let me have **final numbers by 25th September**
- **CIN Splash Party** (Europa Pools) – 19th November
- **Cub Bowling** (New Brighton) – 8th December
(Please note new date)
- **Centenary Carol Service & Promise Renewal** (St Michaels Pensby) – 16th December. More details will follow but please make sure your Pack Flag is available and that you bring it with you!
- **Safety Poster Competition** – Camp Safety

Please keep thinking about ideas for District outings, this will be a subject for discussion at the next leaders meeting in January 2017.

This is my last mention for this! **CECA** (Civil Engineering Contractors Association) have a great 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 District and Andy Longstaff passed on the information (Open to all sections not just Cubs).

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

Please keep me informed of what you are up to and I'll do my best to call in and offer help and support.

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ADC Cubs
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"MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCOUTING?
YOU HAVE FRIENDS EVERYWHERE YOU GO."



Nothing to report from the Scout Section as such this month, been a busy summer break and the International Team have been out and about visiting troops, so you'll have more news from the Scouts Section next month.

Watch this space ☺

**In the meantime here's some
Dates for your Diary:**

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| 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 - 3 rd Heswall HQ |

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International Scout Team Troop Visits so far:

The international team started a week long tour visiting troops on 19 September to talk about our amazing international adventure! Thumbs up from Hilbre and 1st West Kirby troops!



Second night of international team troop visits. Spreading the word at 1st Barnston, 4th Heswall, 1st Newton, St Andrews and 1st Thurstaston Martin troops!



Third night of international team troop visits spreading the word at 6th Heswall, 1st Frankby Greasby, 2nd Greasby and 4th Moreton troops!



Fourth night of international team troop visits, spreading the word at 7th Moreton, Overchurch Upton, and 1st Thurstaston Richardson troops!



By next month your troop might also have had a visit 😊

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!**



News from around the District:

1st Thurstaston had a fantastic summer camp at Linnet Clough Scout Camp site which we would highly recommend - on camp we had some investitures which you'll see later on and two of our Scouts became Young Leaders whilst at camp.

Matt, one of our Scouts also took part in an extreme reading challenge and can be seen here reading his book whilst on 'The Cube'.



Final picture is of our clearly confused Scout Leaders as we set off for camp they arrived in kilts and we had to remind them we were going to Stockport not Scotland

ANYONE FOR ARCHERY ?

Archery is now available for Cubs, Scouts, Explorers & Network within West Wirral Scout District.



We are currently able to run sessions for up to a maximum of 12 per instructor and are available from just £20 per session (either run as part of an evening or on a Saturday) and can be part of your weekly evening programme or as an activity as part of your camp.

Sessions can be run indoors or outdoors* at various locations around the district and we will come and assess your HQ at time of booking.

For further details and bookings contact Ritchie Thornley or Mark Mackay by email at: **westwirral.archery@gmail.com**

*subject to conditions



BEAVERS



CUBS

Do you need ?

Badges ? Programme Resources ?

Group Name Tags ?, Outdoor Equipment ?

Uniform ?, Outdoor Clothing ?

Scouting Publications ?, Footwear ?

Tents? Leaders Clothing ?

In fact, do you want anything that is
advertised on

<http://shop.scouts.org.uk/>

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West Wirral Scouting**



**Stop Press – most Group neckers available for £2.60
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For orders or more information please contact

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SCOUTS



EXPLORERS



Can You Afford not to use the West Wirral Scout Shop for your Clothing?										
	Beavers		Cubs		Scouts		Explorer		Adult	
	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop
Uniform Top					£17.00	£12.46	£21.00	£15.40	£21.00	£15.40
Activity Polo Shirts	£10.50	£8.44	£11.50	£8.44	£13.00	£9.54	£16.00	£11.74	£16.00	£11.74
Activity Tee Shirts										
Sweatshirt	£12.00	£9.54	£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

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What about the New Challenge ???

**Don't forget you've been challenged
to a different kind of competition . . .**

Well as you will have read earlier on, 1st Thurstaston went to Linnet Clough Scout Camp for their Summer Camp during which they invested a Beaver up to Cubs and 3 Cubs up to Scouts.

These investitures took place on 'The Cube' (see below) well done to Gabe, Dan, Aidan and Wesley.



Don't forget on this page from now on, every month, I'm looking for details from **ALL** groups, (every section) of new investitures.

District are looking for the most unusual place, the most bazaar type of investiture, anything out of the ordinary types of investitures both for all sections and of course leaders & district members too.

I'm hoping you will send me anything you have that you think may fit into this Challenge. Names, details places, times of day/night and of course photos to go with them. I'm looking forward to them.

Over the next few weeks let's see how many we can get in and I'll publish them all in next month's horn.



About the Old School Lodge, Deiniolen (Activity Centre)

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

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

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

1 st	Alan Bennett	2 nd	Norman Waddell
3 rd	Tony Twemlow	4 th	Jayne Oliver

Congratulations ☺

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

Christine Kenyon:
or Email:

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Did you Know???

The tallest Boy Scout ever was 7-foot-4 at age 13

As the tallest Boy Scout who ever lived, Robert Pershing Wadlow was the kind of kid you'd want in your Scout patrol. At age 13, he was 7 feet 4 inches tall — head and shoulders (and most of his torso) above anyone else in his troop.

One imagines him scoping out the trail ahead with ease, hanging bear bags by hand and being picked first for pretty much any team sport.

There were surely drawbacks to his dimensions, though. At 7-foot-4 and 270 pounds, a normal Scout uniform wasn't going to do. Apparently it took 14 yards of 36-inch-wide material to make his Boy Scout uniform. His sleeping bag and tent would've needed modification, too.



And it was best not to get in line behind Wadlow at dinnertime. It was said he ate an average of 8,000 calories a day.

I can't find out how long Wadlow remained in Scouting and records don't show that he became an Eagle Scout.

But the February 2007 edition of *Boys' Life* and historical photos confirm that he was a Scout.

Wadlow was born in 1918 in Alton, Ill., and was a normal-size baby. A problem with his pituitary gland caused him to grow — and grow and grow. His father had to remove part of the front seat of his car so Wadlow could stretch out his legs from the back.

Guinness World Records confirms that Wadlow was the tallest man who ever lived. He grew to be 8 feet 11.1 inches tall.



“His hands were more than a foot long from his wrist to the top of his middle finger,” according to the *Boys' Life* story, which you can read below.

Wadlow dealt with health problems throughout his life and needed braces to strengthen his ankles. He died in 1940 at age 22 and was buried in a half-ton coffin measuring 10 feet, 9 inches and requiring 12 men to carry.



DATES FOR 2016

Getting Started (Welcome & Introduction)		19 November
(Pre-requisite: Provisional Appointment) - Half day		
Section Essentials:		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		
Safeguarding:		10 November
(Pre-requisite: None)		One Evening
First Response:		
	2 October	12 November
(Pre-requisite: None)		One Day
Nights Away:		*Need new dates*
(Pre-requisite: Getting Started & Module 16 – Ideally Section Essentials or Management and Support Essentials)		
One Day AND One Weekend		

County Training Events

For further details of County Training Events click on the links below or visit the County website:

- 2 Dec [HILL AND MOUNTAIN SKILLS](#)
- 2 Dec [Terrain 1 Permit Training or Assessment](#)
- 2 Dec [Terrain 2 Permit Training or Assessment](#)
- 2 Dec [Rescue Emergency Care Level 2 / Activity First Aid](#)
- 3 Dec [Archery Permit Training and Assessment](#)
- 3 Dec [Safeguarding briefing day for County / Area / Island Commissioners - 3/12/2016 - Westbury](#)
- 4 Dec [Safeguarding briefing days for District Commissioners - 4/12/2016 - Salisbury](#)
- 9 Dec [Camp Craft Skills Course](#)
- 9 Dec [Bush Craft Skills Course](#)
- 9 Dec [Rescue Emergency Care Level 2 / Activity First Aid](#)
- 9 Dec [Archery Permit Training and Assessment](#)



West Wirral Young Leader Training Programme - Starting Sept 2016

**All training starts promptly at 7.30pm and finishes at 9pm -
please arrive in good time**

Dates / Venues:

Tues 13th Sept – Module A - Explorer HQ – Barnston Lane,
Moreton

Mon 17th Oct – Modules D & E – venue tbc

Wed 23rd Nov – Module F & The Missions – venue tbc

Thurs 12th Jan 2017 – Module A – venue tbc

Mon 27th Feb 2016 – Module B – venue tbc

Tues 28th Mar 2017 – Modules C & I – venue tbc

Thurs 20th April 2017 – Modules G & H – venue tbc

Sat 6th May 2017 – Module K – 1st Thurstaston, Irby Village

Wed 7th June 2017 – Module A – venue tbc

Mon 11th Sept 2017 – Modules A – venue tbc

Oct 2017 – Modules D & E – date and venue tbc

Nov 2017 – Module F & The Missions – date and venue tbc

Training Modules:

Module A – Prepare for take- off – compulsory module for all YL's preferably within 3 months of taking your position - Key information including Safeguarding and child protection

Module B – Taking the Lead – Exploring different leadership style

Module C – That's the way to do it – How to demonstrate, teach and pass on your skills

Module D – Understanding behaviour – Learn how to manage young people's different behaviours

Module E – Game On – Exploring different sorts of games and when to use them effectively

Module F – Making Scouting accessible – Looking at inclusivity and working with members who may have additional needs

Module G – Programme plans, incorporating badges and awards – How to plan and run successful balanced programmes for your section

Module H – Programme plans plus

Module I – What did they say? – Communication skills

Module K – First Aid Master class



West Wirral Climbing, Abseiling and Hill Walking

The District can offer climbing and abseiling sessions for Scouts and Explorers at Irby quarry in the evenings or at weekends

In the evenings sessions would be approx. 2 hrs. long (7.00pm to 9:00pm) but we can be flexible with times and dates.

At the weekends, we are currently offering Saturdays on:

We may be able to offer Sunday or alternate dates on request.

Sessions would be approx. 2.5 hrs., with one session in the morning and one in the afternoon. (10:00 to 12:30 and 13:00 to 15:30).

Each session can accommodate 15 climbers/abseilers at a time.

All equipment and instruction is provided, but a leader will need to be present.

Session can be booked exclusively for a single troop/unit, or can be made up from separate groups and individuals. Sessions are £5 per climber, or an exclusive session for £60 per session.

Climbing sessions and courses can also be offered at different locations if you have any specific requests.

We are also able to help you get your Scouts or Explorers out walking if you do not hold a Scouting walking permit. We can provide training and guidance in navigation and equipment...or just help in getting out onto the hills for the day.

Please contact us to check availability or if you would like to discuss your needs.

Paul & Karen Milnes

Tel: 0151 608 9107

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DISTRICT DATES:

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:

01 West Wirral Distribution Night – Royden 7.30pm

10 Wirral Horn Submission Deadline

19 Christmas Post Stamps on Sale

DEC:

05 Christmas Post Sorting opens – Royden 7.00pm

10 Wirral Horn Submission Deadline

10/11 First Christmas Post Deliveries

14 Last Christmas Posting Date

17/18 2nd Christmas Post Deliveries