



West Wirral Horn



The Newsletter of West Wirral Scouts

APRIL 2017



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St George's Day - 23 April



Coming Gladstone
Theatre, Port
Sunlight from the 8th
- 10th March 2018

We're celebrating more volunteers
than ever before,



but we still need more.

**Happy Reading Everyone
and
Have a Lovely Easter**

From the District Commissioner

Well another month has passed and it's nice to see the number of NAN forms coming in for all your camps later in the year.

Preparation is also coming along nicely for our District Camp (although we still need a few adults on the service team if anyone can help?), and it is looking like being a fantastic camp.

In March I attended the County Conference and as you will have seen our member numbers have grown, not just in our District but across the County. We aim to build on this by supporting sections and trying to bring the existing sections up to capacity.

At the beginning of April I attended the National Conference at Warwick which was working towards 2018 ideas and our way forward. This was a full on weekend and thoroughly enjoyable as well.

I spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Great Escape, Tawd Vale visiting 6 of our Groups. The weather was fantastic but I believe the night was cold. Thanks to Jenny and Steve for organising a base and a special thanks to the young Leaders from 1st Thursatston for all their help.

Just a reminder that the District AGM is this month as well as our District Camp and the Scout Shelterbox Challenge. I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally I am pleased to say we are making inroads into the training records and on the back of that I've got a number of Wood Badges to award, but we still have a long way to go so please help us to help you and get yourself booked onto some training courses.

Phill



IT'S WEST WIRRAL'S DISTRICT AGM

**Thursday 18 May 2017
Heswall Hall**

**If it's not already in your calendar, book it in,
it's a great night for socialising, meeting the
Exec and people from other groups, seeing
people win hard earned awards and YES it's
open to everyone.**

**West Wirral District Scout Council
Invites**

All West Wirral Uniformed members, All Non-Uniformed
Members, All West Wirral Committee members, District
Officials, Friends and Readers of the Wirral Horn

to the

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
at Heswall Hall**

on Thursday 18th May 2017

Doors Open at 7.00pm

Prompt start at 7.30pm

The AGM will be followed by an Open Reception and
refreshments

We look forward to seeing you there

**You're welcome, it's your District, so come
along and join in 😊**

Notes from District:

Wirral Active Support is looking for some help:

District AGM – Thursday 18th May

Help required: Serving Tea, Coffee and biscuits

Need 2 people to give me a hand if possible, please ☺

Thanks in advance, *Glenys*

‘DISTRICT AGM’

Nominations for the District Executive Committee

At the Annual General Meeting, Thursday 18th May 2017, we will be electing the District Treasurer, District Secretary and committee members to sit on the District Executive Team.

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.

All Scouters, Administrators, Section Assistants, Skill Instructors, Advisers, Members and Associate members of the Scout Association within West Wirral are eligible for nomination.

Please give this matter some thought and take the opportunity to nominate a person you feel suitable to fulfil any of these roles.

Please ensure you have asked your nominee and that they are 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 21st April 2017.**

TO ALL HOLDERS OF WEST WIRRAL TROPHIES:

Would holders of trophies awarded at the 2016 Annual General Meeting please make sure that these are cleaned and returned to me by latest **Friday 28th April 2017.**

Thank you.

Ann Ledson - District Secretary
10, Dodd Ave, Greasby, Wirral Tel: 0151 678 8777

AGM Dates within the District:

NOTE TO ALL GSL'S

Can I please ask all GSL's to let myself or the DC know the date, time and venue of your Group's AGM for 2017 as soon as possible if you haven't already?

Many thanks if you've already done this.

Ann Ledson
District Secretary

Email: Annledson@aol.com

Tel: 0151 678 8777

Another Thought From Aaron

Job descriptions give a precise resume of what a role involves to all those who wish to apply and often describes the positives, negatives and the responsibilities involved.

What do you think about this “job description” and would you apply?

It was in 1914 when Ernest Shackleton placed an advert which read” Men wanted for a hazardous journey with low wages, months of darkness, extreme cold, ever present danger, return extremely doubtful “. That was how he described the voyage to the Antarctic. Surprisingly many men did apply to join the expedition. They set sail on the vessel “Endurance” which became trapped in the ice in 1915 and ten months later it sank. The crew had already abandoned ship to live on the ice. All the expedition members survived and returned home in 1916. Do you agree the job description omitted nothing, did it!

I wonder how you would describe your various roles in Scouting and what you’d put in the “job description”.

“Wanted honest, hardworking, enthusiastic, capable, willing to inspire others and prepared to work without financial reward. Age immaterial, unlimited contract, unsociable hours, some weekend working involved. Rewarding work guaranteed!”

I think that’s only a very small part of the “job description” you all undertake and yet incredibly there are many of you who applied.

"May you God keep you in the centre of his love as you give your devotion to others"



AARON

Editor's Patch



Here's wishing you all a Happy Easter, hope you all enjoy your break and are getting recharged for the summer term ☺

I've had some great news/stories this month, please keep them coming, it's great to see what you're all up to and pictures of all your outings and achievements.

Keep up the good work everyone, you're doing an amazing job, and it's great being able to publish and circulate all your stories ☺

I look forward to receiving your next instalments, remember the deadline is submissions is still the **10th of every month.**

Until next month . . .

Yours in Scouting

Janet Jones
Wirral Horn Editor

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Did you Know???

The Scout Association – (Facebook Page: 11.04.17)

We're celebrating more volunteers
than ever before,



but we still need more.

Scouting now has the largest number of volunteers than we've had in our entire history! The annual Census figures are out and show us that there's an incredible amount of volunteers in Scouting, but that with a sky-high waiting list for young people, we still need more.

Here's a snapshot of the top facts and figures:

Total membership today is 618,000 - up by 7.8% from last year's total of 573,943!

We're in our twelfth year of membership growth and Scouting continues to be the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK. There are now 457,000 young people involved in Scouting across the UK, which means 457,000 young people's lives are being enriched with Scouting skills to help better prepare them for the future.

UK Scouting now has a staggering 154,000 volunteers – the largest numbers of volunteers in our entire history!

This correlates with Scouting's increasingly flexible approach to volunteering, allowing more adults to help out casually. While this number is certainly an impressive one, we're still in need of as many more volunteers as we can get our hands on. Scouting is becoming increasingly popular and although we have more volunteers than ever before, there's still a need for more. Chief Commissioner Tim Kidd says: 'I'm calling on adults who want to make a difference to the lives of young people in their communities to give Scouting a go. We know that not having enough time is the main barrier to volunteering among adults, which is why we want to make it easier by offering flexibility in a range of roles from Scout group leaders to administrative and trustee positions.'

The waiting list for young people wanting to join has skyrocketed to 51,000 – the highest it's ever been!

On the one hand, it's wonderful to see how many young people are keen to join in the fun and how popular the Movement is, but on the other hand, it means there are still a lot of young people currently missing out. Despite having the largest number of volunteers we've ever had, the number of young people waiting to join has continued to grow. If you're reading this and not already a volunteer, why not become one and help ensure more young people benefit from the opportunities Scouting offers?

The Cub section is currently the most popular of all Scouting sections.

There are 158,000 members of the Cub section and nearly 2,000 have joined in the last 12 months.

The top 10 fastest growing locations (by percentage of overall Scouting membership) in the UK in 2015-16 are:

- **Mid Glamorgan**
- **Northumberland**
- **County Londonderry**

- **Snowdonia and Anglesey**
- **Durham**
- **Lincolnshire**
- **Norfolk**
- **Avon**
- **Merseyside ☺**
- **Central Yorkshire**

Thanks to everyone involved in Scouting for your hard work over the past year, your adventurous nature and dedication to making Scouting an incredible experience for all young people. These results are a testament to everyone's efforts at growing the Scouting community across the UK.

Merseyside County Scouts

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Congratulations to our St George's Day Award recipients. It was a real pleasure to celebrate your special recognition this evening.

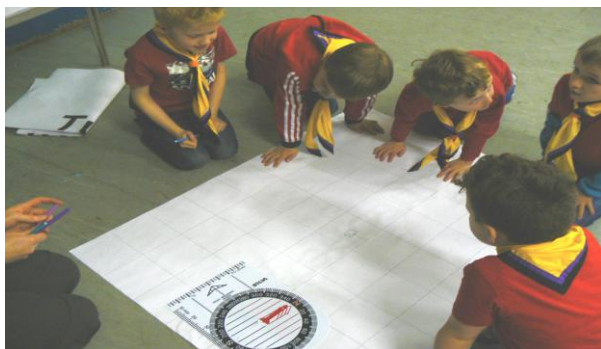


A few familiar faces, including our very own Brian Tucker from West Wirral, looking very proud ☺



Following on from last month's report, here's some pictures from the 'Beaver Skills' held on Friday 10th March, at the Explorer hut. 5 Colonies attended.





Here are some of the skills that the Beavers took part in during the day:-

- map and compass
- packing a rucksack
- first aid
- mini pioneering using spaghetti and marshmallows
- tent pitching
- building the tallest tower using plastic cups and litter pickers knots

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Dates for your diaries are in the District Dates on the back page

News from Hilbre Beavers:

We went on a lovely trip out in March!

We started our day off going to Spaceport in Seacombe where the Beavers learnt lots about space and how to help the planet!

We then had a trip over to Liverpool on the ferry where we invested our 2 newest beavers!



We successfully made it to Liverpool without losing anyone!

From there we walked to the Liverpool Museum where the Beavers took part in an animation workshop!



The Beavers also had lots of fun in the karaoke booth and they sang 'yellow submarine' all day! Jumping back on the ferry we arrived back in Seacombe just before the beavers fell asleep!

A good day had by all!

We also gave out 3 Chief Scout Bronze Awards last week to Ben, Alex and Matthew!



Well done everyone, what a great achievement 😊

Jess Fogg
BSL
Hilbre Beavers

Get Ready....

Next Stop

Looney Tunes!



Congratulations to 1st Thurstaston Fletcher winners of this year's Safety Poster Competition. It was a great evening of Bushcraft, games and pizza. Thanks to our judge Nikki (ACC Cubs) and to Littlefoot for their Bushcraft skills.



During the Poster Competition the Cubs put forward ideas for the subject of next year's competition and after a vote it was decided that it would be.....**Cooking & Food Safety!**

The swimming Gala was as always fiercely contested and well done to all the packs that took part. Congratulations to 4th Heswall and 1st Thurstaston who share the winners trophy, to 1st Newton as runners up and 1st West Kirby in 3rd. A great time was had by all!



Looney Tunes 2017 at Bispham Hall will soon be with us and I'm really looking forward to spending the weekend with nearly 200 Cubs from our District. The activities planned look fantastic and a BIG Thank you to the team putting in all the hard work to arrange what is going to be a fantastic weekend.

The dates for the **2018 Gang Show** have been finalised and it will take place at the Gladstone Theatre in Port Sunlight from 8th to 10th March. It gives a fantastic experience to all taking part and I would encourage you to get your Cubs involved when the full details are issued.

St Georges Day – 23rd April Details have been sent directly

District Outing – After discussion we decided that we should not have an outing in April due to how Easter falls and with the All Section camp being in mid-May. We will however be planning a very exciting trip in Oct / Nov to make up for it (details later)

Skills Day..... 17 June - 1st Frankby Greasby
(Full details will follow once we know numbers)

District Cub Camp.....22-24 September - QCW - Sue will arrange a meeting for those interested Late May early June

Our Cubs have been enjoying a wide variety of trips and activities and I've been lucky enough to enjoy a few of them as I've been getting around the packs. Please keep me informed of what you are up to and I'll do my best to call in say hello and offer help and support.

Andy Longstaff

ADC Cubs

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5th Heswall Cubs:

5th Heswall Cubs recently spent two of their pack nights to go and clear Whitfield Common, Heswall of litter - and to their surprise there was rather a lot!!!

The cubs cleared 6 bin bags of recyclable and 4 bin bags of non-recyclable litter.



The cubs are just hoping that their efforts will encourage people who use Whitfield Common to be more responsible and hope they will take their litter home and dispose of it properly.

Steve Pillow
5th Heswall Cubs

Spring time is now upon us and with lighter nights and warmer weather our troops have all been busy getting out and about. We have had our annual Bowling Championships, the Merseyside County Lord Derby Competition, the Cheshire Hike and the Great Escape since our last edition so here are the highlights from those events.

Merseyside County Lord Derby Competition:

This is competition where Scouts work as a patrol and complete timed challenges related to Scouting skills. These include amongst others; first aid which was a mock road traffic accident run by the County Youth Commissioners, pioneering, fire lighting, cooking, tent pitching, and stretcher building. For a few years this competition has not been supported but was reinstated this year and went ahead on 19th March. West Wirral ran the pioneering base which involved Scouts building a large cube and securing a flagpole in the centre of the cube from which they would fly their flags (neckers). We did have a troop enter from West Wirral as well which was 1st Frankby Greasby. Weather on the day was not kind at all as it rained, and rained, and rained, and then rained some more! However, all bases went ahead and the Scouts persevered in spite of the weather. Bravo to our patrol for completing the competition and securing fifth place! Winners this year were from Southport District and they will represent our County at the regional Lord Derby in June. Here are 1st Frankby Greasby after successfully building their cube and flagpole!



Bowling Championships 2017



On 23rd March some 92 Scouts from West Wirral took over Riverside Bowl for our annual championships. It was a closely contested competition and all that took part had a great time. On the night, the winning team was 1st Frankby Greasby with the winner of the highest individual score, Thomas, Coming from the same team.



Well done to all that took part and congratulations to the winners.



Cheshire Hike

This took place on the weekend of 1st-2nd April and the weather stayed fine for the weekend. Scouts compete in teams of two, hike across Cheshire countryside, pitch a tent overnight at their base camp and then continue to finish the hike the next day. This is not an easy event and all the Scouts that took part demonstrated not only excellent skills and ability in navigation, hiking, camping skills but also in motivation and Scouting spirit. A huge well done to all who took part. At the time of writing I haven't received all of our district results but I do have a selection of photos to share. All participants deserve a huge BRAVO, the Juniors section was won by James and George from 4th Heswall, congratulations to them and to the winners in all sections.



Great Escape 2017

From 7th – 9th April Tawd Vale was packed to capacity with over 400 Scouts plus leaders and event team for this year's Great Escape.

Teams from 3rd, 5th and 6th Heswall, 7th Moreton, 1st Frankby Greasby and 1st Thurstaston were amongst them and West Wirral also provided one of the competition bases – Escape from the Puzzle Pod.

Temperatures dropped to freezing overnight on the Friday with everyone waking up to ice on their tents, frozen water and frozen fingers and toes! Rapidly though, temperatures rose on Saturday and by noon everyone was wearing t-shirts and applying sun cream!

The fine weather continued into Sunday which made for a nice weekend. 71 teams from across the county took part in the escape which involved completing ten minute bases to obtain points, plus taking part in extra activities including the 7am morning aerobics sessions, campfire and fancy dress themed competition on the Sunday.

All the Scouts thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we secured a place in the top three as a team from 5th Heswall came 3rd overall out of 71 – fantastic!

We would also like to say thank you to the leaders from our troops who came to Steve and I to run our base over the weekend. It was very much appreciated, cheers!

Additional congratulations go to William from 6th Heswall to whom we were proud to present the Chief Scouts Gold Award at his last camp – a brilliant achievement William 😊

Here are some photos from the weekend:

1st Frankby Greasby became a box of crayons for the themed fancy dress competition:



Katie, Sam, Alex, Josh and Amy from 5th Heswall obtain 3rd place:



**West Wirral troops gather together
for the closing ceremony and results:**



Presentation of Chief Scout's Gold Award:



What a busy few weeks it has been! Wishing everyone a peaceful Easter break and looking forwards to the start of the summer term.

Jenny Peek ADC(S)

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<http://www.facebook.com/WestWirralScout>

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WE'RE BANKING ON YOU!

West Wirral Scouts International 100 CLUB

First draw May 2017

Running until April 2018

We are running a monthly draw which will give you the chance to help the contingent and also a chance of winning more than your money back.

For just £12 your number will be entered into a monthly draw for a year.

Each month, the winner will receive £30 and two runners up £10 each. (n.b. there could be special draws if we manage to sell more than 100 numbers!).

Contact us to save your number today!

If you have a favourite number we will do our best but suggest you register a.s.a.p to avoid disappointment.

For more info and to register contact:

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or Wendy Wolstencroft at
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St Georges Day –

23rd April 2017



This year for our St Georges Day activities we will be walking from 3 different locations to the Wirral Country Park for a **District Picnic and Fire display**.

We will NOT be marching in sections this year so please walk as a Scout Group with your section flags leading the way. Upon arrival at the Country Park a Gateway will be built that you will be asked to attach your flags to before proceeding to the campsite area for picnic and display. All of the distances are similar to the walk out to Hilbre so are suitable for all sections.

Activity Forms and Photography

Groups will need to collect the usual one day activity forms as per any other Scouting Activity. **We will be taking photographs on the day and inviting the press** so please discuss this with any parents/guardians of young people who must not have their photographs taken, unfortunately with an event of this scale it is extremely difficult to remove those young people from photographs who should not be in them. When selecting your colour party please consider that we will be taking photos during the day that we will be submitting to the press.

Uniform

Top half uniform should be worn along with suitable footwear for walking to the Country Park. Please remind all that although we are taking part in activities we still wish to look smart whilst walking through. If the weather is inclement we will still walk

Routes –

There are **3 routes available**, it is up to each group where they start from, however we have listed where we expect most groups will start, please confirm your start location when you provide your expected numbers.

We need to know which groups will be starting from each location in order to arrange suitable marshals where needed -

Route 1:

Caldy – Croft Drive, Wirral Way Car Park (4 Moreton, 7 Moreton, Hilbre, 1WK, 2WK, 1NEW, St Andrews)

Meet at 12:45pm walk off by 1pm.

Head straight along the Wirral Way to the Wirral Country Park.

Approx 1.5mile walk along Wirral way.

Route 2:

Royden Park – (1FG, 2nd Greasby, Overchurch Upton, 1st Thurstaston, WW Explorers)

Meet at 12:30pm walk off by 12:45pm.

Head across field to far right diagonal corner, follow paths to Thors Rock then down to the Telegraph road car park. Marshals will be provided to help crossing Telegraph Road before heading down Station Road to the Country Park. **Total Distance Approx 1.9miles.**

Route 3:

Banks Road Car Park, Lower Heswall

(1st Barnston, 3rd Heswall, 4th Heswall, 5th Heswall, 6th Heswall)

Meet at 12:30pm walk off by 12:45pm.

From the car park, head back up the road to join the Wirral Way and turn left. Follow Wirral Way to the Wirral Country Park.

Appox distance 1.8miles.

Programme

Meet at the start locations as stated and walk through to the Wirral country park arriving 1:45pm – 2pm.

2pm – 2.20pm - Picnic Lunch

2.20pm - Scouts Own & Renewal of promise

2.30pm – 3.15pm - Fire Display

3:15pm – 3.30pm Litter pick

3:30pm – Dismiss from site.

After the activities end

Please ensure you complete a litter pick of the area in which you have been sitting. After the event has ended we would prefer groups to walk back to their start location, but accept that this may not be possible, particularly for Beavers. Therefore if you would like to have young people collected from the Wirral Country Park, please let us know beforehand how many intend on being collected from the country park so we can marshal any traffic. If walking back, allow for 1 hour to return to the start. so please bring suitable wet weather gear if it looks like it might rain.

Packed Lunches

This will not be provided so please ensure all members bring this with them. If groups wish to have lunches you have pre-made ready at the country park in advance please let us know so we can organise this for you. Toilets are available at the country park.

Numbers

If we could have an idea of numbers before hand and confirmation of which Colonies, Packs and troops are attending along with the location you will be walking from. We will also need to know if your parents will be collecting from the Country park or if you will be walking back to your start locations.

Wet Weather Contingency

If the weather is wet we still intend on walking to the country park so please dress for the Weather!



Want to join in the fun?

Just because our show is over for another year doesn't mean the fun stops! We have our Theatre Group coming up after the summer and we'll be starting looking for our 2018 Gang in 2017, so you don't miss out, if you'd like to be part of either our theatre group or our 2018 cast, send us an e-mail to join@wwgangshow.org.uk and we'll keep you up to date

I know it's early however we wanted to get this information out to you all as soon as we had it.

We can now confirm that the 2018 West Wirral Gang Show will be held at the **Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight** from the **8th - 10th March 2018**.

This is a month earlier than we would usually go for and is during term time rather than within a School holiday week. We have taken this decision for a couple of reasons including feedback we received from groups that many of your members were away on holiday whilst the show was on last year which may have hampered ticket sales. We would appreciate it if you would add the dates to your group calendar for next year to help us support the young people involved.

The show is open to any member of West Wirral & Wallasey District Scouts who will be 9 years or older at the time of the show (that includes leaders too!) and members of the equivalent Guiding sections within the Arrowebrook, Deeside, Wallasey or Wirral West Guide Divisions.

We'll be sending out details on how your members can get involved and join the cast over the next few months so please look out for this and promote it within your group/unit when the time comes.

Please share this information with all section leaders so that they can add it to their plans for next year, If you would like further information, please e-mail 2018@wwgangshow.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you and your members in the theatre next March!

Yours in Scouting & Guiding

Liam, Pete, Fiona, Paul & the team

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.

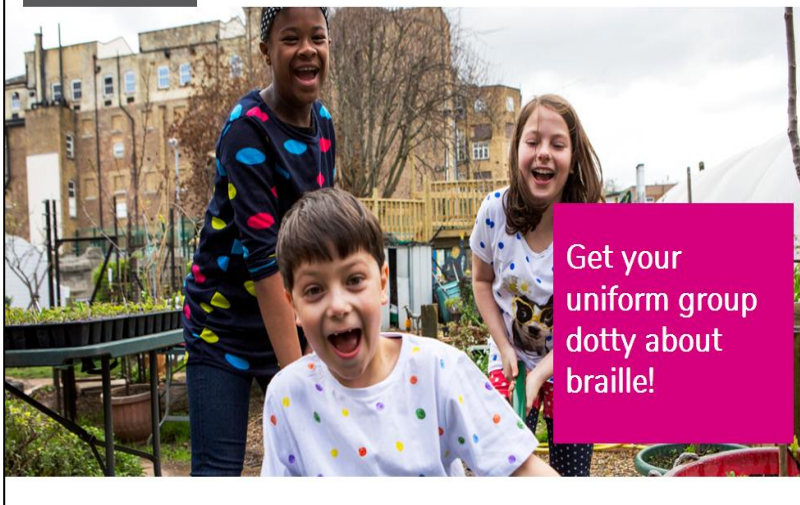
Sessions can be run indoors or outdoors* at various locations around the district and we will come and assess your HQ at time of booking.

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

*subject to conditions

Wear dots at your uniform groups

Show this section ▼



By holding a 'Wear dots...raise lots' event this May you will be highlighting the impact of braille and helping us to support the hundreds of people in the UK that start to lose their sight every day.

Whether you're a Scout, Guide, Brownie, Cub, Rainbow, Beaver, Boys or Girls Brigade or a Cadet you'll love getting involved with Wear dots...raise lots this May.

Register online to set up a Wear dots...raise lots event and receive your fundraising pack!

<http://www.rnib.org.uk/wear-dots-uniform-groups>

Badges

Getting involved with **Wear dots...raise lots** is a great way for your group to work towards their badges.

Badges relating to **community, disability awareness or reading** can all be supported through a Wear dots..raise lots event.

Take a look at our braille activities created with fun and learning in mind to help your uniform group understand the impact of sight loss.

Highlighting the impact of braille!

Highlighting the impact of braille and how it can transform people's lives is what Wear dots...raise lots is all about.



Get your free Wear dots...raise lots fundraising pack

It's easy and fun to wear dots...raise lots for RNIB. Simply fill in your details below to register today. Once you're all signed up, you'll receive a free fundraising pack in the post.

If you have any questions, call us on **0345 345 0054** or email us at fundraising@rnib.org.uk (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)



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.

For further information and booking details

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

The lucky winners for April 2017 Activity Centre Number Club Draw are:

1 st	Brian Magor	2 nd	Jon Oliver
3 rd	Norman Waddfell	4 th	Joyce MacLeod

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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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
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Alan Bennett

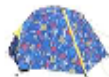
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EXPLORERS



Can You Afford not to use the West Wirral Scout Shop for your Clothing?

	Beavers		Cubs		Scouts		Explorers		Adult	
	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop	RRP	Badge Shop
Uniform Top					£20.00	£14.66			£24.00	£17.60
Activity Polo Shirts	£12.50	£9.16	£13.50	£9.90					£18.00	£13.20
Activity Tee Shirts										
Sweatshirt	£14.00	£10.26	£14.50	£10.63						
Hoodie									£30.00	£28.80
Trousers	£18.00	£13.20	£18.00	£13.20	£29.00	£21.26	£29.00	£21.26	£29.00	£21.26

Please note address details as below:

Please make cheques payable to "West Wirral District Scout Council Badge Account" and send to the address below.

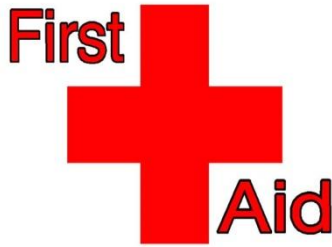
If you pass the cheques direct to Roy Kenyon (or pay by BACS) please let me know you have done so via email –
Thanks

Yours in Scouting

Alan Bennett
Badge Secretary West Wirral

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***New Dates for First Response Courses
will be advised soon***

*****May 6th date previously
advertised has been cancelled*****

First Aid courses have now been taken over by
Shelagh Nugent (4th Moreton) who is currently
scheduling new dates.

If you'd like information on future dates or course
information please email:

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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:

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.

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West Wirral Young Leader Training Programme for 2017



Dates / Venues for 2017:

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

Wed 7th June 2017 - Module A – 1st West Kirby

Mon 11th Sept 2017 - Modules A – 1st Frankby Greasby

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

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

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

ADULT SUPPORT & TRAINING



Course Information

Below you will find details of all courses currently run by Merseyside County.

Details concerning this year's courses can be found by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.merseysidescouts.com/adult-support/course-information>

Getting Started (Welcome and Induction)

This informal course is intended for all new adult members within the County and will last for one evening, run every other month. The course is an enhanced getting started that will seek to offer an exciting introduction to new adults and springboard both their membership to the movement and their training needs.

- 13th May [Book Now](#)
- 16th September [Book Now](#)
- 18th November [Book Now](#)

Pre-requisite(s): Provisional Appointment

Duration: Half day

Section Essentials

This full day course is intended for all new Beaver Scout, Cub Scout, Scout or Explorer Scout Leaders; or leaders who are moving between Sections. The course offers essential information on being a member of a Section Leadership Team as well as essential Section specific training.

- 21st October  **Book Now**

Pre-requisite(s): Getting Started

Duration: One Day

Management and Support Essentials

This full day course is intended for all new District Commissioners, Assistant District Commissioners and Group Scout Leaders. The course offers essential information on undertaking a role whereby you have a responsibility to manage or support other adult volunteers.

Introduction to Residential Experiences

This one day course is a necessary requirement for all leaders.

- 8th October  **Book Now**

Pre-requisite(s): **Getting Started** & ideally Section Essentials or Management and Support Essentials

Duration : Half Day

Nights Away

This course requires a full day of preparation and then a residential weekend at Tawd Vale Scout Camp. It offers a fantastic opportunity to develop skills for offering residential experiences for adults from all Sections and is the first step for attaining a Nights Away permit for adults who do not yet possess the skills required.

- 4th June & 23rd to 25th June [E Book Now](#)

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Pre-requisite(s): Getting Started and Module 16 ideally Section Essentials or Management and Support Essentials

Duration: One Day and One Weekend

Safeguarding

2017 Dates - Yet to be confirmed

Pre-requisite(s): None

Duration: Evening

Section Skills - (this is not a mandatory course)

This full day course is intended for all new Beaver Scout and Cub Scout or Scout Leaders and Explorer Leaders or those wishing to refresh their basic skills knowledge

- 29th April -
Beaver Leaders & Cub Leaders [E Book Now](#)
- 30th April –
Scout Leaders & Explorer Leaders [E Book Now](#)

Pre-requisite(s): Getting Started

Duration: One Day

DISTRICT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:



MAY:

- 07 **Scout 'Shelterbox Challenge'**
- 18 **WW District AGM** – Heswall Hall 7pm
- 19-21 **WW District 'Looney Tunes' Camp** – Bispham Hall

JUNE:

- 08 **Beaver Leaders' Meeting**, 8pm at District HQ
- 17 **Cub Skills Day**, 1st Frankby Greasby (info to follow)
- 24 **County Scout 5 aside Football**

JULY:

- 01 **Scouts Backwoods Cooking Training Day**

SEPT:

- 08-10 **Belgium Contingent Second Camp**
- 22-24 **District Cub Camp**, Queen Charlotte Wood
- 29-1/10 **Beavan Challenge**
Beaver Sleepover at Chester Zoo –
Date/info to follow

NOV:

- 04 **Beaver Christmas Craft Day**, St Chads, Irby

DEC:

- 03 **Beaver Carol Service / Xmas Party**, St Andrews

2018 – Planning Ahead:

8-10 March – West Wirral Gang Show, Gladstone Theatre