



West Wirral Horn



The Newsletter of West Wirral Scouts

**FEBRUARY 2018**

**It's only Next Week !!!**

**Are you coming to see it?**

**Come on down and support your District?**

West Wirral Gang Show Presents

**TICKET TO THE WEST END 2018**



At the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight  
8th - 10th March 2018, 7.30pm (2pm Sat matinee)

**Tickets: 07954 520 655**



www.wwgangshow.org.uk



**Hurry now, tickets are selling fast**

**and it's going to be a great Show 🎪**

# From the District Commissioner

It's been a hectic month as you can imagine, been here there and everywhere and the year's only just begun. I'm still working my way around the District giving out Service Awards so watch this space, you may see me soon.

Gang Show rehearsals have been coming together over the last few weeks and the cast members have been working really hard rehearsing since last November so would be nice to see as many of you as possible there to support the show.

For those Groups who have yet to contact Ann to confirm your AGM dates could I please ask that you get in touch as soon as possible so we can get them in the District Diary.

**Phill**



# A Thought from Aaron

In my January article I mentioned Christmas and although somewhat briefly also Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter Eggs. I think I covered most of the Christian calendar!

Here we are in the February edition nearly at the end of Lent and did you enjoy your pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Did you know that Shrove comes from the Shrive meaning to "free yourself from sin" This year Lent travels into March not forgetting Mothering Sunday {11<sup>th</sup> March, once again you have been pre-warned!}

Lent is usually the time we traditionally "give something up" for forty days of fasting; with me its "crisps" for I have a weakness for them so for me to give them up it is a real sacrifice; however, times it seems are changing because the ten top items we give up now are as follows.

Chocolate, Social Networking, Alcohol, Twitter, Facebook, School, {school really?} Meat, Sweets, Coffee, Fizzy Drinks. Another suggestion was not taking "selfies" taking public transport and not taxis and less TV. That certainly surprised me! I wonder depending on your age did it take you by surprised or not? Whatever we decide to go without during Lent it is as a sign of our devotion as we grow closer to God and the joy of the Easter message.

Whatever you decide to either abstain or not in Lent it is your personal decision, however, I know that you will never abstain from the personal way you deliver the wonderful message of Scouting to all young people and that you will never give up!

"May your God guide you as you persevere to guide others along their journey of life"

**AARON**



# Editor's Patch

Well Hello Again 😊

I'm afraid we've only a short version of the Horn this month, everyone's been busy planning, organising and attending events and there's not been a lot of time since our last edition.

Gang Show Rehearsals are coming to an end with the last one this Sunday and everyone will be 'treading the boards' next week at the Gladstone Theatre. I'd like to wish everyone a fun week and hope everyone 'breaks a leg' (not literally of course). I'm sure it's going to be a great success.

Lots more news again for you next month hopefully, but in the meantime, I hope you're all wrapping up warm, driving carefully and keeping an eye on family, friends and neighbours who are particularly vulnerable this time of year in this particularly cold spell. Lets not let the 'Beast of the East' affect the 'Best of the West' 😊

Take care till next month . . .

**Please remember that the deadline for Horn submissions is the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month.**

**Janet Jones**  
**Wirral Horn Editor**

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## **Tickets Available Now!**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Following on from the success of the 2016 'Best of British' Gang Show the 2018 Show is shaping up to be another fantastic extravaganza.

A cast of almost 90 has been assembled and rehearsals are well under way. Join us on a magical journey through the West End, stopping to watch and enjoy your favourite musicals along the way.

A variety performance with song, dance, comedy and drama!

Booking forms for '**Ticket to the West End**' are on the following page so book early to avoid disappointment and support the Members of your Groups and District who are taking part.



West Wirral Gang Show Presents

**TICKET**  
TO THE



At the Glaxtone Theatre,  
Port Sunlight,  
8th - 10th March 2018.

	No. Adult tickets (£10)	No. Consession tickets (£8)**	Total Tickets	£
Thurs 8th, 7.30pm				£
Fri 9th, 7.30pm				£
Sat 10th, 2.30pm	MATINEE PERFORMANCE			£
Sat 10th, 7.30pm				£

Please return this form along with payment\* and a stamped addressed envelope to:-

Less 10% group  
discount for parties of  
10 or more -£

Gang Show Tickets, 10 Dodd Avenue,  
Greasby, Wirral, CH49 1RR. Tel: 07954 520 655

**Total: £**

Name:

Address:

Tel:

Email:

Cast ID:

If you do not wish to be notified of future West Wirral Gang  
Show performances/tickets please tick this box ☐

**[www.wwgangshow.org.uk](http://www.wwgangshow.org.uk)**

\*Please make cheques payable to West Wirral Scout and Guide Gang Show. Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis and are non refundable/returnable. Performances commence at 7.30pm (2.30pm matinee) Doors open 30 mins before the performance. BACS payment available, Sort Code 20-50-36 Acc No 10930520 Please ensure you use your Initial and Surname as a reference code. If you would like to pay online via PayPal please call us and we will set up a PayPal invoice. Tickets will only be issued once full payment is received. Group bookings of 10 tickets or more for the same performance will receive a 10% discount. Full details can be found on our website.

\*\* Children under 16, Pensioners and those with a disability.

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# 'News from around the District'

## **A plea from Glenys and the SOS:**

Denise Longstaff has been in contact with me to see if there any chance anyone would be able to help Front of House at the Gang Show? They need around 6 people per show to sell raffle tickets and programmes. This year the show has four shows running from Thursday 8th March through to Saturday 10th March, with Saturday having both matinee and evening performances.

You'll need to be there from 6.30pm for evening shows (Thursday, Friday or Saturday) and from 1.30pm for the Saturday Matinee, you will be selling before the show and during the interval.

Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Please let me know if you are available and which days so I can pass this on.

Many thanks

Glenys

# District News:

## **2018 Group AGMs:**

Thanks to those Groups who have already let me know the date of their AGM.

Please can I ask all other groups to let me know the date for your 2018 Annual General Meeting, so I can ensure members of the District Team will be available to attend?

As the DC has asked that there be no more than one AGM on a specific date, can I ask that you have a couple of dates in mind.

Many Thanks.

Ann Ledson

District Secretary – 0151 678 8777

[Annledson@aol.com](mailto:Annledson@aol.com)

## **West Wirral District Annual General Meeting – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Just to let you know the 2018 District AGM is to be held on Thursday 10th May at Heswall Hall. Please look out for any updates in future Horns.

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

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Ann Ledson

District Secretary – 0151 678 8777



### **District Executive Committee Nominations**

At the Annual General Meeting, **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, we elect the District Treasurer, the District Secretary and members to sit on the District Executive Committee.

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

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

The following qualify for nominations:

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

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

Please submit your nominations to –

Ann Ledson, 10 Dodd Ave, Wirral, CH49 1RR

**by Friday 13th April 2018 latest please.**

### **NOTE TO HOLDERS OF TROPHIES**

Would holders of trophies awarded at the 2017 Annual General Meeting please make sure that these are cleaned and returned to me by **Friday 20th April 2018 latest.**

Thank you.

Ann Ledson

District Secretary, 10, Dodd Ave, Greasby, Wirral

Tel: 0151 678 8777



Sadly, no Beaver Report this month, but look out for us next month, we'll be back 😊

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Unfortunately, no Cub Report either, but then Andy has been extremely busy with the Gang Show, especially after some little hairy friends got into the store and chewed their way through 30 years' worth of costumes and props and only a couple of weeks before the Show!!!

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Well what a busy year 2018 has been already and we are only two months in.

Around the troops we have seen some fantastic activities, proving that the cold weather and dark nights can't stop Scouts keeping active and getting out and about: 1<sup>st</sup> Newton held a night hike over Helsby Hill which was enjoyed by all who took part.



Indoor programmes around the troops have also been full of exciting and diverse activities; several troops working on the electronics badge, shooting, and training for forthcoming events.

2<sup>nd</sup> West Kirby were the first troop to book one of our new troop night activity sessions and the Scouts enjoyed learning knife skills with our ADCs Activities Karen and Paul.



Merseyside County Scouts Annual Patrol Leader Training weekend took place at Waddecar this year and we had 8 Scouts representing West Wirral from the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Heswall and 1<sup>st</sup> Newton troops. All Scouts were a real credit to their troops and to West Wirral. They enjoyed leadership training activities as well as shooting, a night hike, a quiz night and the chance to take part in the County Forum to have their say in shaping the future of Scouting as part of #YouShape month.



In February, we have launched two new competitions for the Scout section: The West Wirral Challenges 2018 and the Wirral 3 Peaks. Both events run from 1<sup>st</sup> February - 30<sup>th</sup> November so troops can take part during the year at a time that fits in with your programme.

The Wirral 3 Peaks is an all-day hike and troops will be timed, plus are required to take photographs at specific points along the route. The West Wirral Challenges is a series of 15 challenges that can be completed by troops. They vary from fun indoor activities to outdoor challenges. All challenges have instructions provided and are badge linked to the Scout programme.

We hope to see some interesting and engaging challenges from the troop over the year and in December we will hold an all new Super Stars evening which will include prize giving and the results of both new competitions.



#### **Save the Dates:**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018** – Orienteering competition, Royden Park.  
*As usual, adult support will be needed. Let us know if you are a section leader or active support member who is available and willing to help marshal the course please. Thanks.*

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018** -Ten pin bowling competition, New Brighton

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018** – Merseyside County Lord Derby Competition

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018** – Great Escape 2018

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018** - Shelterbox Scavenger Hunt, Liverpool City Centre. See <http://www.nwscoutsglobal.org.uk/> to book and for more info.

**Jenny Peek ADC(S)**  
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# WEST WIRRAL DISTRICT SCOUT SECTION

Who will rise to the challenge?



## Do you think you can...

- ▶ Become a Jedi or a superhero or step aboard the Titanic?
- ▶ Race against the clock on a hunt for clues?
- ▶ Launch a rocket ship?
- ▶ Conjure up community spirit?

If you want fun and adventure and if you answered 'yes!' to the questions above, then the West Wirral Challenges competition 2018 is for you!

There are 10 special 2018 challenges and 5 regular annual challenges for your troop to complete between 1st February 2018 and 30th November 2018. Each challenge gains points and the points are added up throughout the year. The winning troop and the two runners-up will be presented with special prizes at our all-new Super Stars evening in December.  
#WestWirralChallenges



**IS YOUR TROOP READY FOR THE CHALLENGE?**  
[www.westwirralscoutteam.com](http://www.westwirralscoutteam.com) @WestWirralScout

# WALK THIS WAY...

## Wirral 3 Peaks

Entries valid from 1st February 2018 - 30th November 2018

The Wirral 3 Peaks is an all-day challenge hike that takes in the three most prominent summits on the Wirral. You will follow the route provided in a single day taking photographs at set points along the route.

A Wirral 3 Peaks event badge is available for Scouts who complete the hike.

### West Wirral District Scout Section

#Wirral3Peaks

Troops must notify ADC Activities when you plan to undertake the hike.

Call Karen or Paul on 07808311903  
or email [outdoor-scouting@virginmedia.com](mailto:outdoor-scouting@virginmedia.com)

[www.westwirralscoutteam.com](http://www.westwirralscoutteam.com)

**THE ADVENTURE  
STARTS HERE...**  
WEST WIRRAL SCOUTS  
@WestWirralScout



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# NETWORK

## West Wirral Network:

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Just a quick introduction as your new Network Commissioner for West Wirral. I've been around in the role for a couple of months and just in time to complete the census which is all looking good!

We have come up for a plan for our first Network meeting of the year which will be Archery. This will be held after the District Gang Show has finished! Each network member will be contacted individually with details soon.

Another exciting upcoming event is Paintballing on Sunday 18th March 2018 at S.W.A.T. Paintball in Parkgate. This day will run from 9am to 4pm. The cost is £10 plus Money for paintballs (£6 per 100). Please let me know if you would like to go.

If you a network member or aged between 18 - 25 please join our Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/916208915111707/>

If you have any questions or you and your friends would like to join Network, please do not hesitate to contact me via the details below.

**Jess Fogg**

**Roverway 2018 Merseyside Patrol Leader**

**Merseyside County Scout Council**

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There are activities such as walking / climbing. An indoor climbing wall is also nearby. Sailing and canoeing or, for the more adventurous, white water canoeing and rafting on the Treverryn at Bala.

#### Also nearby are:

- The Electric Mountain
- Llanberis Slate Museum
- Snowdon Mountain Railway
- The Greenwood Centre
- Cwm Derwen Woodland Centre
- Caernarfon Air World
- Anglesey Sea Zoo
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or contact Booking 632 4943

**The lucky winners for the February Activity Centre Number Club  
Draw are as follows:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Therese Otty	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike King
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eddie Snell	4 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Williams

**Congratulations 😊**

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

Christine Kenyon:	Tel: 0151 677 1820
or Email:	<a href="mailto:christine.kenyon@talktalk.net">christine.kenyon@talktalk.net</a>

**ANYONE FOR ARCHERY ?**

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

We are 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 either Ritchie Thornley or  
Mark Mackay by email at: [westwirral.archery@gmail.com](mailto:westwirral.archery@gmail.com)



# BEAVERS



# CUBS

Do you need ?

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Alan Bennett

[alan.bennett@bamnuttall.co.uk](mailto:alan.bennett@bamnuttall.co.uk)

07920 496 929

# 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 L/S					£20.00	£14.66			£24.00	£17.60
Uniform Top S/S									£23.00	£16.80
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	£22.00	£19.36	£22.00	£19.36					£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 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: [alan.bennett@bamnuttall.co.uk](mailto:alan.bennett@bamnuttall.co.uk)

Alan Bennett  
Badge Secretary West Wirral  
Tel No: 07920 496929

\*Please be aware that I'm often out so it's best to ring or email me first to agree a mutually agreeable time for collections etc

# ADULT SUPPORT & TRAINING



## Course Information

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

### Getting Started – (Welcome & Introduction)

This informal course is intended for all new adult members within the County and will last for half a day. 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.

#### 2018 Courses:

19th May	<a href="#">E Book Now</a>
15th September	<a href="#">E Book Now</a>
17th November	<a href="#">E Book Now</a>

**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.

### 2018 Courses:

12th May [!\[\]\(eafc244b53721dd1ec133f0772f70fc7\_img.jpg\) Book Now](#)

3rd November [!\[\]\(d3fb9f94af8b26d1c844efa9a98805b0\_img.jpg\) Book Now](#)

**Pre-requisite(s):** Getting Started

**Duration:** One day

## Introduction to Residential Experiences

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

### 2018 Courses:

7th October [!\[\]\(d5d7044e5caf6907399af2dced8d6ff8\_img.jpg\) Book Now](#)

**Pre-requisite(s):**

**Getting Started** & ideally Section Essentials or Management and Support Essentials

**Duration:** One 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.

### 2018 Course:

3rd June AND 22nd to 24th June  **Book Now**

### Pre-requisite(s):

**Getting Started and Module 16** ideally Section Essentials or Management and Support Essentials

**Duration:** One Day and One Weekend

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

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

Please note that bookings for courses will only be "live" on Eventbrite 3 months prior to the course date.

## First Aid

Courses are a full day 1st Aid Course aimed at leaders within West Wirral. They are open to up to 30 people per session so please book on quickly if you need first aid.

**Future dates will be available in the next Horn  
so keep an eye out.**

## **DISTRICT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**



### **March:**

- 3 Scout Orienteering Competition, Royden Park
- 8-10 West Wirral Gang Show, Gladstone Theatre
- 15 Scout 10pin Bowling Competition, New Brighton
- 17 Scouts Merseyside Lord Derby Competition
- 21 Cubs Poster Presentation – 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston HQ
- 23-25 Scouts Great Escape – Tawd Vale

### **April:**

- 21 Cubs District Outing to Chester Zoo
- 28 Wirral Scout Post Marketing Workshop (10-2)  
Venue TBC

### **May:**

- 12 Cub Skills Day
- 13 Shelterbox Scavenger Hunt, Liverpool City Centre

### **June:**

- 15-17 Cubs Wingdings