

JULY 2017

Some of our Proud District Award Winners:



**Happy Reading Everyone -
Have a Lovely Summer
- See you in September**

Welcome to Our New County Commissioner . . .



"My ambition is to enable as many young people as possible, across Merseyside, to have the opportunity to gain the life changing skills for life that I've experienced through Scouting, by supporting our growing team of over 3000 adult volunteers and helpers; and to help them to have great fun too."

Peter Oliver
County Commissioner, Merseyside Scouts

From the District Commissioner

Well Summer's upon us and camps are now almost ready to go. Thank you to those of you who've sent me your NAN forms, but can I please remind you that if you're planning to go away to camp this summer and you haven't completed NAN forms that you'll need to get them to me as soon as possible well in advance of your camp date.

Everyone's been so busy the last couple of months and it's been 'no rest for the wicked' for me too. The District Team and I have been trying to visit as many Group AGMs as possible and it's been an extremely busy time.



I'd just like to wish everyone a great summer, successful camps away and hopefully a well earned rest in between so you can recharge your batteries for the new term in September.

There's no Wirral Horn in August, so we'll be back again in September.

Happy Camping!

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A Thought From Aaron

I was privileged to have a paid visit to America and I took full advantage during my stay to travel around this huge country. During this time, I visited all manner of “fast-food” restaurants. There were well known “burgers and chicken restaurants, frozen yogurts, waffles, cheese cakes, etc,” in fact there were so many I can’t even remember all the names. One important fact I do remember, however, is how I was greeted in every single one of the restaurants I visited. Upon entering I was greeted by “good morning/ afternoon /evening “how are you today? My name is how can I help you?’ Then always with a smile you were served with your order plus a glass of lovely iced water. As I paid for my food it was “Thank for visiting us here at have a wonderful day”

Returning home, I visited one of the well know fast-food outlets, then I stood in a queue to be greeted by “next” I gave my order only to be asked “are you eating in or taking out?” I wonder what happened to “have a wonderful day?

Then when visiting somebody in hospital I see unselfish care and love given by doctors and nurses, who are obviously extremely busy, yet give their patients the best attention they can offer in the time available.

I pleased I can now say the balance is restored, I know when you have visitors at your headquarters or at camp you treat them as favoured guests. That is because you all have that sense of hospitality that comes built in your Scouting life.

Before I forget you have a wonderful day!

"May your God help grant you the gift of care and everlasting joy of hospitality to others".

AARON



Editor's Patch

Well here we are at the end of another Scouting term and I can't believe my first year as your Wirral Horn Editor has already gone!

I do hope you've enjoyed reading all the District news, and have enjoyed my little 'Did you Know' snippets along the way, I thought you might find them of interest.

I'd welcome your feedback and views on the Wirral Horn, whether positive or negative. Please drop me a quick email and let me know what you think. At the end of the day it's your District Newsletter and any suggestions you may have for articles, either as one off's or as regular items would be greatly appreciated.

We have so much going on in our District, it's hard sometimes to keep up with you all, and even harder for Leaders, GSLs and ADCs to find the time to put pen to paper and give me all the stories I've printed over the last year and I'd just like to thank everyone who's contributed and hope that as we move into another Scouting year, even more of you will put a little time aside to get in touch and send me your news and pictures so we we can all share experiences and ideas.

I hope you all have a great summer, and remember to send me all your news from your Summer Camps for the next Horn edition in September.

**Please note the deadline for Horn submissions
is the 10th of every month.**

Janet Jones
Wirral Horn Editor

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News from Around the District

A few little snippets from some Group Facebook pages which I'm sure you'll enjoy reading:

1st Frankby Greasby:

It's been another fantastic and successful year at 1FG for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We recently celebrated with our end of year "Scouting Rocks, Changing lives in 2017" annual Family Event and Summary, with BBQ, live music, bouncy assault course and campfire. Thank you everyone who came along and also those who helped make it run so successfully. We hope you enjoyed yourselves despite the drizzly rain.

It has been once again a huge privilege to be Group Scout Leader and Cub Leader of 1FG and work with a fantastic group of volunteer leaders, young leaders and helpers, who give up their time week in and week out to provide a varied, fun and exiting programme for the Young People of the Group. It truly is 'Everyday Adventure' for us all. Thank you each and everyone for all you do.

2016-2017 has proved to be a great year across all sections, too much to mention here, so I've included a video of all the best bits (on our facebook page). You've only got to see the smiles and laughter to see what it means.

As we near the end of term, may I wish you all a happy summer as we look forward to more exciting times later in the year

Yours in Scouting

Colin (Group Scout Leader & Cub Leader)

Overchurch Upton:

Well done to all of Overchurch Upton Scout Group who attended on 18 July and to those who won awards. Below is a picture of one of our scouts who was points winner and her brother who was invested in beavers. We also managed to raise £85.80 for our Rohan for the Belgium International Camp so thank you all so much.



Have a good summer break and see you all on the 12 Sept

1st Barnston - Beavers:

Beaver Camp at Frankby back in June, our own Glastonbury, thanks to the local hotel's disco!!!



1st Barnston – Scouts

Group Camp at the end of June started with an early morning hike through to Royden, followed by breakfast (part two) and games:



Followed by Kayaking and crabbing with the Cubs and Scouts:



1st Barnston – Scouts (cont'd)

Scouts have been really busy since June, helping the community by planting flowers in all the local planters along Pensby Road. Fantastic work from all of them, the planters look really good:





... and News from the County:

Delighted to announce that the Regional Commissioner, Andrew Corrie, has appointed Peter Oliver as the new County Commissioner for Merseyside with immediate effect. Join us in wishing Peter every success in his new role.



Massive Congratulations to John Cadman and Alistair Cubbin on receiving Commissioner's Commendations for all their work in delivering International opportunities for our members over many years.



The County Commissioner has also awarded a Commissioner's Commendation Award to our very own Jess Fogg for her Youth Shaped work

Hooray it's Summer!



Hope you all enjoy your Summer breaks and we look forward to seeing you back in September.

Welcome back to **Pat O'Malley** who has joined the District Cub Team as a District Cub Leader. If you haven't met Pat yet you will over the next few Months.

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 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.

The next CSL meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th September 7.15 @ 3rd Heswall. As we have all the dates in the diary I would like to use some of the meeting to focus on sharing ideas so please bring along something you feel may benefit or help the other packs in West Wirral.

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 us informed of what you are up to and we'll do our best to call in say hello and offer help and support.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays.

Andy Longstaff (ADC Cubs)
Tel: 07766 743074 / 0151 648 2822

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

International 100 Club

Results of the 100 club draw for June 2017:

1st Prize £30 – C Jenkinson

Runners up (£10 each) – D Draycott and R Harris

So we have reached the end of another brilliant year for the Scout section, and what a year it has been!

On 24th June, 6th Heswall travelled over to Goals Sports Centre in Speke to take part in the Merseyside County 5 A Side Football competition. They worked exceptionally well as a team, winning one of their first matches by 8 – 1! They made it to the quarter finals before bowing out of the completion and that was a brilliant achievement. Congratulations 6th Heswall you did your district proud!



In the last few weeks, Steve and I have been out visiting as many troops as we could and it's been fantastic to see what a huge variety of activities are taking place across the district from week to week.

We have seen stage fighting training, sausage making, plenty of pioneering in several troops on both miniature and larger scales, DIY with power tools, wide games, climbing, fishing, community impact work, and of course a lot of preparation going on for summer camps.

Rather than write extensively about all this, here is a gallery of just some of what happens on a normal week night in our West Wirral troops!



1st Thurstaston –
Martin Cane Pioneering



1st Newton - DIY



Overchurch Upton -
Straws and Chocolate



7th Moreton –
Patrol Teamwork



1st Thurstaston – Richardson
- Wide Game



1st Frankby Greasby
- Sausage Making



1st Barnston – Planting
Community Flower Beds



Scouts Climbing



Scouts Fishing

Wishing you all a brilliant summer, and looking forward to hearing all about your summer camp adventures at our next SL meeting in September

Jenny Peek ADC(S)

adcjenny@westwirralscoutteam.com

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Fundraisers for Belgium Contingent International Camp:

*Saturday 2nd September – Car wash at Heswall Fire Station.
Scouts will be washing cars from 11:00 – 16:00 – you will
have seen the flyer earlier in this Horn*

*Friday 8th September – Quiz night at 1st Thurstaston HQ from
8:30pm – licensed bar, good fun – see poster for details.*



quiz night fundraiser

Raising money for West Wirral Scouts International
Contingent Belgium Trip 2018

When : Friday 8th September, 8.30pm,

quiz starts 9.00pm

Where: 1st Thurstaston Scout Hut, Irby, CH61 3UB

**Cost: £5 per ticket (includes first drink) or
£25 per team of 6**



Experienced quiz master
Fun & games
Licensed bar

Tickets available from:

janem.everett@googlemail.com tishbirch@gmail.com; www.stencroft@msn.com



for the Belgium International Contingent

Jenny our ADC Scouts has asked if we can let you know that one of the parents from the International Contingent has organised a Car Wash in order to raise much needed funds for the trip to Belgium in 2018.

Venue - Heswall fire station

Date - Saturday 2nd September 2017

Time - 11:00 - 16:00

*****Please come along and offer them your support*****

They are looking for Active Support members to help out on the day, 'Supervising' (washing done by Scouts!) to ensure successful fundraising for our Young People to go to Belgium in 2018.

For further details contact:

Jenny Peek ADC(S)

adcjenny@westwirralscoutteam.com



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 July 2017 Activity Centre Number Club Draw are:

1st Pete Ledson
3rd Eddie Snell

2nd Peter Williams
4th Alec Roberts

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
christine.kenyon@talktalk.net

**SO MANY EVENTS COMING UP IN THE NEXT
COUPLE OF MONTHS
DON'T MISS OUT – HAVE A READ AND GET DATES
IN YOUR DIARIES:**



**Would you like to help us promote #Scouting4All at
Liverpool Pride?**

When? Saturday 29th July 2017

Where? Liverpool City Centre

What Time? Any time between 10.30 and 16.00

How Much? Free of charge

We'll be promoting Scouting across Merseyside during Liverpool Pride 2017 by taking the adventure of Scouting to the streets and running a base in St. John's Gardens. We're seeking volunteers to help us. Whether you can spare an hour or the full day, we'd love to have you involved. Merseyside Scouts will meet together at the fountain side of St Georges Hall at 10.30am to prepare for the event, any help and support in the Community Zone, in St. John's Gardens, would be very welcome in the afternoon.

Please register by [clicking here](#).

[Click here to register to
Support Pride 17](#)



The Beavan Challenge

(Weekend 29 Sept – 1 Oct 2017)



Who is this event for?

For over 30 years the Challenge has represented an annual opportunity for Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Guides, Ranger Guides and their supporters to join together in sporting competition and meet for a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

When is this year's Challenge?

This year the Beavan Challenge will take place over the weekend of the 29th September - 1st October 2017 at Tawd Vale Camp Site – make a note in your diaries and don't forget to book early.

The Challenge Elements

All of the events will be based around the site area, which will only require support teams to run your campsite, the events that form part of the challenge are:

- **NEW FOR 2017** - Hike/Canoeing half day expedition. This year the Hike and Water Activities have been combined into one joint activity. Scouts will either Hike out then

Canoe back or Canoe out and Hike Back. Teams will be accompanied by a leader (not from their group) for the Hike element this year.

- Target Shooting
- First Aid
- Camp Challenge
- **Returning for 2017 by popular demand** - Muddy Funster

Two sessions will be completed on the Saturday and One on Sunday. Points will be awarded on a Team basis. Every competitor that completes the Challenge will receive a certificate.

How big is a team?

The Challenge will be for Teams of 4, and all team members should be in the age categories below:

Scouts and Guides

Teams of 4 – of which 2 should be aged Under 12 and a half and 2 aged Over 12 and a half - all 4 can be Under 12 and a half if you want to enter a younger team for experience but all 4 can't be over 12 and a half years.

Explorers and Rangers

Open age range (Aged 14-18)

Further Information

- In the interest of safety, any teams who are not correctly equipped for the Hike will be withdrawn.
- The organisers cannot supply missing or inadequate equipment.
- All competitors **MUST** be able to read an OS Map and use a compass.

An Information Booklet giving full rules & details of requirements for each event will be sent to you upon receipt of your completed Entry Form and full Entry Fees (by cheque please).

Full information can be found on the Beavan Website at -

<http://www.beavanchallenge.com>

The Feast of the Lanterns –

(Weekend of 14-15 October 2017)



The Feast of the Lanterns is one of the main highlights in Merseyside Scouts yearly calendar, providing an opportunity for Scouts and Explorers to really get creative and messy creating a fantastic display of lights and colour.

How is the Event Setup?

The Feast comprises of 4 sections, which your team will be entered into depending on the nature of your display and group:

- Traditional - Made of completely traditional methods
- Fantasia - All Displays using electrical lighting or sound
- Novice - anyone who has not entered the previous 10 years
- Explorer Scouts - Pretty self explanatory

How does the competition run?

The camp is held during the 2nd weekend in October each year, over a full weekend. Each group arrives on site (pre-booking is required) and randomly selects an envelope containing their site for the weekend.

The groups are then left to create their masterpieces during the Saturday. Judges will view the groups during the day on the Saturday to get an idea of the amount of work and effort that has been put into each display.

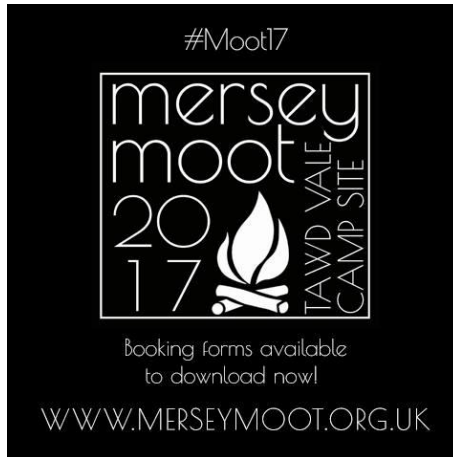
The real judging then starts after the last minute rush to get the displays lit on Saturday evening when dark falls. Each display is judged by our panel and award scores on creativity, hard work, ingenuity and originality. The displays are then also open to other Scouts, leaders, parents to come to the site to take a walk around. The much coveted title is then awarded to the winning groups on the Sunday morning at our Scouts Own service.

MERSEY MOOT 2017

Ladies and gentlemen, the moment you've all been waiting for... we're very excited to announce that bookings are now OPEN for this years Mersey Moot **#Moot17** !

Get your bookings in early as it's set to be our biggest year yet, who's going to be joining us?

<http://www.merseymoot.org.uk/#forms>



Bands & Singers wanted!

This year we're bringing back the 'Van Stage' (Hardly the Pyramid Stage we know, but everyone has to start somewhere!) and we're looking for more bands and singers to play on our stage during the day time. If you'd be interested in playing a set then send us a private message via the link on the website www.merseymoot.org.uk



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

West Wirral Young Leader Training for 2017



Dates / Venues for 2017:

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

From September 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.

- **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



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CHRISTMAS POST

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOV 6 TH	DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS POST EQUIPMENT FOR WEST WIRRAL GROUPS — WEST WIRRAL HQ - ROYDEN PARK 7.30PM
NOV 18 TH	STAMPS ON SALE
DEC 3 RD	WEST WIRRAL SORTING OFFICE SET UP
DEC 4 TH	WEST WIRRAL SORTING OFFICE OPENS
DEC 9 - 10 TH	FIRST DELIVERY OF MAIL
DEC 13 TH	LAST POSTING DATE
DEC 14 TH	MIS-SORT NIGHT - SORTING OFFICE CLOSES
DEC 16 - 17 TH	SECOND DELIVERY OF MAIL

Any help is very welcome and much appreciated



DISTRICT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:



SEPT:

- 08-10 Belgium Contingent Second Camp - Hawarden
- 13 District Cub Leader Meeting – 3rd Heswall – 7.15pm
- 14 District Scout Leader Meeting – Hilbre HQ - 7.30pm
- 14 District Beaver Leader Meeting – District HQ - 8pm
- 17 Scout District 5 A Side Football – Thornton Hough
- 22-24 District Cub Camp, Queen Charlotte Wood
- 29-1/10 Scout & Explorer Beaver Challenge
- Beaver Sleepover at Chester Zoo – Date/Info TBC

OCT:

- 6-8 Scouts Feast of Lanterns, Tawd Vale
- 6-8 Scouts Chariot Race, Bispham Hall
- 07 Scout District Patrol Leader Training
- 14 Cubs District Outing to Greenwood Forest Park
- 28-29 Scouts Tawd25 – see link in section news

NOV:

- 04 Beaver Christmas Craft Day, St Chads, Irby
- 18 Cubs Children in Need Splash Party – details TBC

DEC:

- 03 Beaver Carol Service / Xmas Party, St Andrews
- 05 Cub Carol Service – St Michael's, Pensby
- 14 Cub Bowling at New Brighton

2018 – Planning Ahead:

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

17 March – Scouts Merseyside Lord Derby Competition

23-25 March – Scouts Great Escape – Tawd Vale