

Wyre Scouting



DC's Column

I would like to thank Neil for the hard work he did whilst in the post of DC and wish him well with both his Scouting and his other endeavours. I took over the reins from Neil in April of this year.

Since I have taken over as DC it has been a busy time. We have had a successful Gang Show which was enjoyed by cast, crew and audience. Andi Lees has already started to plan next year's show.

It was good to see that the 16th Fleetwood were able to defend us from both the Dragon and his mother at the St George's Day parade. This year's St George's Day was well attended with approximately 400 on parade. The young people on parade were not only well turned out, but both smart and well behaved. It was good to see that the Young People were a credit to their Groups and the District.

This April saw the Jamboree selection weekend taking place, with nineteen hopefuls attending the weekend. The district has five places on next year's 22nd World Scout Jamboree at Kristianstad in Sweden. The Jamboree theme is "Simply scouting." The completion for places was hard fought, with standards being very high. Congratulations to the following on securing a place:

- Laurance Brand
- Oliver Carpenter
- Sam Dickinson
- Elizabeth Jenkinson
- Joseph Knowles
- Tankensuru ESU
- Dreadnought ESU
- Moose YL ESU(1st Carleton)
- Tenerrimo ESU
- 1st Great Eccleston Scouts

On Sunday 5th June we attended Myerscough College "Open Day". Our presence at this event was to promote Scouting in Wyre District, we did this by handing out leaflets and chatting to anyone that came our way. One of the events of the day sponsored by Cotswold Camping Suppliers was a timed "Pitching & Striking a tent" the lucky winners were two of our very own Explorer Scouts who managed to complete the activity in 4.5 minutes. Well done to both Explorers. My thanks to those who helped out on the day.

I would like to thank all involved within the District, Leaders and Supporters for making these events run smoothly and giving a young Beaver the opportunity to say that he is "proud to be a Scout"

Yours in Scouting

Ian Porteous

District Commissioner for Wyre



District News

- Phil Kendrick and his team have now purchased some new climbing equipment. Did you read his article on Climbing and Bouldering which appeared in the April issue of the Newsletter. Make sure you make your bookings well in advance as this will be a popular activity.
- Wyre District Scout Council AGM is to be held on Tuesday 6th July 2010 at 19:30. The venue is 1st Carleton HQ. Apart from the main business of the evening there will be two short presentations by 1st Carleton and District Explorer Scouts. The evening will conclude with a Hotpot Supper. For catering purposes it would be helpful if you could e-mail Hazel Brindle, hazel.brindle@yahoo.co.uk by 1st July at the latest of numbers from your Group attending. Please make every effort to attend, you will be made most welcome.
- The format of AA and CRB forms is about to change at the end of June. Bob Taylor Appointments Board Secretary will be holding a meeting at the end of June for all GSLs to explain the new procedures.
- Out of date e-mail addresses still remains a problem when trying to send out information. Can you please check the current year book to ensure that your e-mail address is entered and or correct? It will not take a moment to e-mail hazel.brindle@yahoo.co.uk with any additions/corrections.
- Some Groups have held their AGMs whilst others are yet to follow. Can you please ensure that you send an electronic or hard copy of your AGM and Financial Report to Hazel Brindle, hazel.brindle@yahoo.co.uk Hazel will then forward the Financial Report to David Simpson District Treasurer.

St George's Day Parade Sunday 25th April 2010

Over 400 Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders paraded from Garstang Headquarters to St Mary & St Michael's Church. This year the service focused on the young people with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts of 16th Fleetwood leading the major part of the service with a St George and the Dragon pageant, readings and prayers which led up to the renewal of the Promise by a Beaver Scout, Cub Scout, Scout and Guides. Well done 16th Fleetwood, you were excellent.



The parade was joined by the Mayor & Mayoress of Wyre, the Mayor & Mayoress of Garstang, Representatives of Lancashire Constabulary and Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service, ACC Explorer Hugh Miller and County Secretary David Thornton.

The salute was taken by DC Ian Porteous and dignitaries outside the Royal Mail Sorting Office Garstang. It was a wonderful sight to see members of 16th Fleetwood parading in their St George tabards, shields and swords which they had made whilst on camp. Not to mention the Dragon outfit this was superb.

Thanks must go to GSL Anne Shipway, her Leaders, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for a great performance. To quote Fr Norman the Scout Chaplain who conducted the service along with Fr David (St Mary & St Michael's Church) "16th Fleetwood will be a hard act to follow". How right he was, everyone seemed to enjoy the service. Thanks must also go to Keith Rawcliffe, Councillor Mayor Gordon Harter, Tony Banks, for their hard work and to the Explorers and ex DC who did a great job of marshalling.

To quote a Turquoise Beaver from Wyre District who took part in the parade and wrote on the Scout association "Share your St George's Day Adventure" "It made me very proud to be in Scouting" What more can be said, except thank you to all GSLs and Leaders for bringing the Sections. It was an excellent turn out, without your attendance the day would not have been so successful.

Open Letter to Wyre District

Dear Wyre Scouters and Supporters,

Thank you for your incredibly generous donations to my parting gift. I felt incredibly honoured to receive it.

I thought long and hard over how to use it, and have ended up purchasing a Garmin GPS (Global Positioning System, NOT Grass Positioning System) and some areas of Memory Map software, neither of which I would have bought in the normal scheme of things – but both of which are already proving useful and interesting. To me this makes it a true “present” and something that will remind me of Wyre and my time as DC each time I use it. Thank You.

It was great to see you all on St George's Day parade - it felt good to get back to my natural position in Scouting.

As you will realise, I am still around - and likely to be so at least until the end of July, at which point I am currently planning on fitting in 3 weeks hill walking on various Scout camps during August before hopefully finding a new job in early September - which may take me who knows where in the country. Of course, having been extended twice there is always the possibility of a further extension - but that is for the future. In Scouting terms, Ian Porteous and Carl Hankinson are managing to find small jobs to keep me occupied and stop me from getting bored, but more importantly, ones that won't leave a gaping hole if I do have to move away.

Once more, thank you very much for your generosity, help and support.

Yours in Scouting

Neil Roberts
ex-DC now DSL.

Mountain Adventure Challenge

On the 10th and 11th of April 2010 eight silver and four gold teams took part in the Mountain Adventure Challenge (MAC). MAC is a competition held in Cumbria, this year in Coniston and the surrounding area, where the teams test and build upon their navigation skills and physical ability.

This year my team and I took part, for the first time, in the silver section of the competition. The competition started on the Saturday when we arrived we had our equipment checked and planned our route. Then we set off!!

The walk went well; I'm not saying that we did not get lost a few times/take the wrong path! But we all had a great time getting to know each other better and the views from the check points were stunning! Our only BIG error was deciding to go the shortest route round the reservoir; we took the path that was full of cliffs and big, well huge, rocks! The (by far) best part of the hike was the view from the top of the mountain on the second day of walking.

We all had an amazing weekend and would like to thank the Leaders for making it happen!

Alice Bradshaw

Tennerimo ESU



Jamboree Selection Weekend

On the sixteenth of April I set out to Waddecar Scout Camp. It was the Wyre selection weekend for 22nd World Scout Jamboree to Sweden. I had high hopes but I knew that chances were slim. There were 18 other young people from Scouts to Explorers to Young Leaders all hoping to make a good impression and make it through to the selection process. We were to be judged on a variety of skills such as teamwork and how well we interacted with other people. There were about 10 Leaders who would be judging us across the weekend. The World Scout Jamboree is a once in a lifetime opportunity that is not to be missed. From the words of those who have been you meet new people and learn new things that you will never forget. You make friendships that will last a lifetime and have experiences like no others.

So, on Friday the 16th of April I set up camp in Waddecar only knowing one other Explorer Scout. We started the weekend with some "ice breaker" games organised by one of the Leaders who would be judging us. Then we watched a five minute slide show on what we were to expect if we were to get chosen for the Jamboree. We were put into Patrols for the weekend and one Patrol made supper. After being given all the information we were left to socialise and make new friends. This went on late into the night with the conversation generally speculating on what lay ahead.

My Patrol, Holland, was given the untimely task of getting up early and making breakfast for everyone, which wasn't as bad as I expected it to be. This duty also included making brews for the Leaders. Through this I realised just how much tea Leaders drink. The day formally began with flag break. During the day we completed many activities such as, making a gateway, setting up our Scouts Own (a short church service on a topic of our choice), getting ready for the camp fire, making woggles and a teamwork game called "wibble wobble". Throughout all of these challenges we were being watched and though it felt as though there were constantly eyes on us we just had to pretend we didn't feel them.

As the day went by it drew nearer and nearer to my "interview" with two of the main Leaders. As my time came I was nervous but I soon came to realise that I had nothing to worry about as it was more of a chat with some questions than an interview. We were asked some questions which included things from our ideas for fundraising to reciting the Scout Law.

After a full day of activities and filling tea made by the England Patrol, we were treated to a campfire which included a small sketch from each patrol and one by the Leaders.

Then the big day came. The day we were all dreading but hoping for at the same time. It started with the Scouts Own. Our theme was friendship and almost everyone took part in some way or another, from acting as a donkey to reading a story about an owl to reading a prayer. Though we had our doubts it was a success and everything ran smoothly. Afterwards we began to strike camp and as the tension was mounting the Leaders set up a game of rugby to try and ease everyone's minds. After striking camp and doing flag down the time had come. Everyone was on edge, and as the Leaders called out my name along with the four others who would be joining me I felt a rush of happiness and excitement for what lay in store.

Although it is going to take a lot of hard work and time I know that I am extremely lucky to be chosen as one of only five to be going to Sweden as part of the 22nd World Scout Jamboree.

Elizabeth Jenkinson 14
Tenerrimo Explorer Unit



Scout News

The trial of Pilling Scouts started, appropriately enough, on the first anniversary of the Group's restart. It was made clear right at the start that this was a 6 week trial with a view to recruiting an ongoing leadership team who could be supported by the District. A small Troop of 9 potential Scouts (5 ex-Cubs and 4 from outside) have been attending regularly, carrying out normal Scout activities such as fire lighting and cooking on wood, walks in the local area, tent pitching and silly games. Unfortunately with 2 weeks to go before we close the section, no names have been forthcoming. My thanks, and those of the Group, and the parents, have to go Keith Parkinson, Ian Porteous and Alan Campbell, and their section leaders, without whom, it would not have been possible to carry out this trial. The Scouts have had enough enormous fun, and the feedback from the parents is that it has been a great success and was well worth doing, even if we don't achieve our aim of getting new Scout Leaders into Pilling.

Neil Roberts
DSL



Cub News

Superteams was a successful event, although we had fewer number of Groups attended. However the thirteen teams that did attend brought more Young People. The winners were 2nd Clevellys with Calder Vale second. Well done to all concerned.

St George's Day saw a reasonable turnout of Cubs, though some Leaders were let down. Those who did attend were smart and presented a good appearance, and enjoyed the day.

There are approximately 100 Cubs from 10 Groups attending The County Camp at Waddecar over the weekend of 18th -20th June. We are hoping to run eight bases themed from TV programmes with each base relating to badges. Any helpers are welcome.



Beaver News

The Beavers had a fantastic day at the recently held Superteams event with a wide variety of activities all based on "Fitness". The event closed with 72 Fitness Badges being awarded. Well done Beavers.

The next event to take place for Beavers is the Sandcastle Competition on Tuesday 15th June 2010.



Fellowship News

Fellowship Members continue to actively support Scouting in Wyre. During April they were busy helping at the Gang Show followed by St George's Day Parade. Their continued help and support is much appreciated. Fellowship are busy planning a Treasure/Town Trail around Garstang and the annual Sunday Lunch at Garstang in August. Watch this space for further details.

Group Newsround

16th Fleetwood

What is left to say about 16th Fleetwood's performance on St George's Day, you were superb, a credit to the District and the Scout Movement. Your lead made the Church service a memorable and enjoyable occasion for all that attended. Well done to all the Young People who played their part so well and to the Leaders for all their hard work. The Young People could not have achieved what they did without your input.



Gang Show 2010 - Around the World in 80 Songs

This year's cast thoroughly themselves on stage performing a wide variety of songs from differing parts of the world. The Producer "Andi Lees" stated that he is amazed at how each year "The Cast" give up their time freely. The Gang Show is that part of Scouting that demands dedication, with rehearsals starting in December and the show being on the stage 15 weeks later. He is impressed with members of The Gang who manage to fit Gang Show in with other aspects of Scouting, especially with all the events that are taking place in 2010.

Plans are already in hand for next year's show.

Caption Competition

Can you suggest a suitable caption for this photograph of Fiona and Tracy taken at St George's day parade? The prize - a box of chocolates. E-mail your captions to Colin Garner colin.garner6@btinternet.com



Snippets of Information

- Beaver Scouts completed their Fitness Challenge at the District Superteams Competition with 72 badges awarded.
- Wyre Scout Fellowship will be losing their Minute Secretary Christine Coombs who will be leaving the area in July. Our good wishes and many thanks to Christine for all she has done for Scouting.
- Over 1100 West Lancashire Scouts celebrated the County Rally
- West Lancashire Scouts are currently looking We are currently in the process of planning a trip for Explorer Scouts to Ieper (Ypres) in Belgium for approximately 6 days/5 nights. The aim of the trip is give Explorers (approx 20) a new perspective and experience of the First World War, visiting the cemeteries and paying our respects to scouts from West Lancashire who served and fell during the conflict. We are currently looking for two assistant leaders to complete the team for this exciting yet informative trip, if you are interested in applying please see the job description via the link above and complete the accompanying application form.
Read more at <http://www.westlancashirescouts.org.uk/downloads/view/119> For further details or any questions contact Matt Harwood 07739 896847.

As we approach the closure of Groups for the Summer Vacation the Editing Team wish you all a very good summer and a well earned rest. The next edition of Wyre Scouting will be published at the end of September. Please keep your articles coming in, it is your opportunity to showcase your Group and the young people's achievements.

Jamboree Selection Weekend Reports

Holland Patrol

We arrived at Selection Weekend, well ok some of us got a little lost but we made it all the same. As we set up the tents – eager to impress, we wondered what was to come. Before the weekend had started we had attempted to gain even the slightest insight into the activities, but the Leaders were holding the cards close to their chests.

The weekend proved much more informal than we, and doubtless many others expected. We were informed we'd be marked positively and would be under observation most of the time.

Friday night was the time we spent getting to know each other and the staff. Yet, it was Sunday where the real surprises lay in store. Little did we know how many activities were planned? To describe the day as full is unjust – it was overflowing. Holland was selected to cook breakfast, sixty slices of bacon and two loaves of bread later and it was finished, well excluding the washing up.

Then followed crafts, quizzes, pioneering and far too many activities with limited speech!. Then followed the interviews – the most dreaded part of the weekend which frankly not all that scary.

We enjoyed the experience and for the lucky five we are certain they will enjoy the Jamboree.

England Patrol

We all embarked on this Selection Weekend not having a clue what was in store. 24 hours later, and we have made new friends, learnt new things and had a fair few laughs.

This morning none of us were too enthusiastic having had a bad nights sleep and waking up to freezing temperatures. But, its now teatime and spirits are high. The smell of mince and onions is in the air and we are all eagerly awaiting food with hungry tummies! Today we've made woggles, erected a gateway and learnt lots about the history of Scouting.

Our teamwork skills have been enhanced and we've had lots of fun with people who were strangers only yesterday. Everybody is excited by the prospect of the Jamboree and are eagerly awaiting the results.

Chile Patrol

We have all joined together on this weekend to try and get into the 22nd World Jamboree in Sweden, but most of all to have fun. Shortly after arriving we pitched our tents and did an activity to break the ice. For the rest of the evening we played a few games, watched an interesting presentation informing us of the basics of the Jamboree. At supper we chatted with our new friends.

Today, we wokeup and waited for our "yummy" breakfast made by Holland. We then got our uniforms on and went to Flag Break. After a short speech we were dismissed to get ready for our activities. We had a great time doing our activities such as: wibble wobble, pioneering and a quiz.

We are very glad we came on the Camp because we had great fun, met new friends and met old ones again. Later, we will also be having a campfire where we will be presenting our sketch. Tomorrow we will take camp down, and find out who is in the five places. I can't wait!

Calendar of Events

15 th June	Beaver Sandcastle Competition
18 th -20 th June	County Cub Weekend
29 th June	Barring & Vetting meeting (GSLs only)
6 th July	Wyre Scout District Council AGM
13 th June	First Response (fully booked)
9 th July	Appointments Board
1 st August	Fellowship Annual Sunday Lunch



Adult Training Dates

Modules 1 – 3 Contact Don Ashworth

Modules 5 – 9 dates available on <http://www.training.westlancashirescouts.org.uk/coursedates2010.htm>

Modules 11 -19 dates available on <http://www.training.westlancashirescouts.org.uk/coursedates2010.htm>

Manager Modules dates available on <http://www.training.westlancashirescouts.org.uk/coursedates2010.htm>

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